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Governor

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Leaman Farm, 13820 Clapper Rd Survey Number: 19/17 + 19/17-1
Boyd's, MD - Montgomery Co.
Project: MD 117 from MD 121 to MD 124 Agency: FSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
*As documented in the Maryland Historic Trust Inventory form,
1. The farm does not meet the criteria for listing on
the National Register of Historic District.*

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Form # 19/17 + 19/17-1

Prepared by: Andrea Robate - Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Commissioner
Jibeth Hannold 1/27/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
[Signature] _____
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore
 - Western Shore
 - Piedmont
 - Western Maryland
- (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
 Prince George's and St. Mary's)
 (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
 Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
 (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C.- A.D.900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: _____

Historic Environment: _____

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): _____

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. 19/17-1

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common John Leaman Farm

2. Location

street & number 13820 Clopper Road not for publication

city, town Boyds vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John V. Jr. & Idella J. Leaman

street & number 13820 Clopper Road telephone no.: 301-428-3389

city, town Boyds state and zip code MD 20841

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 1179

street & number folio 324

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. M:19-17-1

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Leaman farm is a functioning dairy farm with a relatively new dairy barn and several earlier outbuildings. Built in 1944, this concrete block, gambrel roof barn resembles the barns of the 1930's in its form. Concrete block walls enclose the first level, with weatherboarding covering the gables above. On the southeast (front) elevation, double doors slide horizontally on a track to close the main opening into the central driveway. On either side is a wood-framed window with a 12-light sash that tilts inward to rest on triangular side pieces mounted on the inside jambs of the windows. Above the center doors is a single, hinged door giving access to the hayloft. Above this is a pair of large, vertical board doors that ride up diagonally to close the opening to the hayloft. Small rectangular louvered openings flank this upper doorway. The gambrel roof is extended to form a triangular peak over the top doorway. Four lightning arresters are mounted on the ridge of the metal-covered roof. The northwest (rear) elevation is similar to the southeast, except that in place of the large upper opening there is a third small, rectangular, louvered opening.

The dairy directly to the west of the barn is connected by a covered passage. It has a gable roof covered in sheet metal with two small ventilators on its ridge. It was built at the same time as the barn. The concrete stave silo was built in 1950.

The only element which distinguishes this barn from those built in the 1930's is the concrete block. Although the color has been obscured by white paint, it is still apparent that the blocks are plain, flush, and moderately rough-textured. They are far less sophisticated than the blocks used in the early 1930's, and bear a close resemblance to blocks manufactured in the 1950's.

The interior of the barn has two rows of stanchions on either side of a central driveway. The floor is concrete, the walls are plastered, and the ceiling is covered with narrow, tight fitting boards. Walls and ceiling are painted white.

Other structures on the farm include a small wood pump house, built in 1944; a corncrib, possibly late 19th century; a shed, built 1929, which is sheathed with the remains of the pressed metal ceiling from the demolished old Germantown schoolhouse; a gambrel roof barn (close to the road) which was rebuilt c. 1960 after a fire; and a 19th century house.¹

FOOTNOTES

1. Interview with John and Idella Leaman, August, 1987.

8. Significance

Survey No. M.19-17-1

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1944 Builder/Architect John V. Leaman & John V. Leaman, Jr

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Leaman barn is a good example of a World War II era farm building. Prior to the war, this farm produced corn, wheat, and potatoes. With the completion of the dairy barn in 1944, the farm switched to milk production. Rather small in size (seven bays long), the barn was built to accommodate 40 cows. Today the farm has 28 cows. The barn was built to plans provided by the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association. Mrs. Leaman has a copy of the blueprints. The concrete block was laid by a Mr. Marlow who laid up the foundation walls for several barns in the area. Mr. Leaman then helped his father build and raise the trusses that formed the gambrel roof, and finished the exterior.¹

Originally the dairy contained a milk cooler, a device consisting of tubes through which cool well water flowed. The fresh milk was poured over these tubes to be cooled down, then stored in milk cans which were kept cool until the collection truck arrived. In 1955 the Leamans installed a large bulk tank. Today the milk goes directly from the milking machines, through glass piping, into the tank, where it is kept cool. The collection truck pumps the milk out of the tank through a hose.

The barn itself is an example of a standardized design at the end of an era. Until the mid-1940's, gambrel roofs were still being built, but by the early 1950's, the preferred roof form was the gable. The emphasis was less on hay storage (for which the large open-loft gambrel roofs worked so well), but on cleanliness and efficiency, both of which could be better accomplished by storing hay in a separate building. Thus the Leaman barn is one of the last of its type to be built in the County. In addition, the Leaman farm is a very visible complex of older farm buildings in the rapidly changing landscape around Germantown.

FOOTNOTES

1. Interview with John and Idella Leaman, August, 1987.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Leaman Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

13820 Clopper Road

CITY, TOWN

Old Germantown VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John U. Leaman

Telephone #: (301)428-3389

STREET & NUMBER

Same as above

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 20874

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1179
Folio #: 324

STREET & NUMBER

Rockville, Md.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Locational Atlas of Historic Sites, Montgomery County, Md.

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN

6700 Needwood Road Rockville, Md. 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Leaman residence, Victorian rural vernacular in style, is a wood-frame, four bay by two, two-story white farmhouse with a stone foundation and a side-gabled roof. Asbestos shingles (added in the 1950's) cover the original clapboard siding. The west end of the building is of log construction, under the clapboard and the asbestos shingles, and is probably the earliest part of the house. A narrow, two-story projecting bay, probably dating from the late 1800's, is attached to the southeast corner of the farmhouse and is capped by a small gable with a boxed cornice and an eyebrow window; the end gables have turned cornices. Windows are two-over-two, set in simple wooden frames. Classical pillars support a one-story porch which stretches across three bays of the front facade.

There is a small one-bay shed-roof addition on the west end of the farmhouse; a small gable-roof shed attached to the east end; another small gable-roof addition in the rear; and a larger shed-roof addition in the rear which includes the kitchen and a laundry room. Alterations to the rear of the farmhouse in the 1950's and 1960's included enclosing a rear porch for use as a laundry room, expanding the kitchen and adding a second bathroom on the first floor, in the rear.

In form, the house was originally an I-house (center entrance, parlor on either side, one room deep) until the projecting bay and another entrance just to the right of the bay were added.

There are several outbuildings on the 37 acre dairy farm, including a gambrel-roof barn with clapboard siding and tin roof, on a stone foundation. The foundation may date from the late 19th century, but the clapboard was replaced in the 1970's after a fire destroyed most of the barn. There is also a 1900's corn crib (of "home-sawed" lumber, according to Mr. Leaman), a wood-frame garage covered with metal siding, built about 1929, and several mid-to-late 20th century outbuildings.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1860's to late 19th C. BUILDER/ARCHITECT -

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In September of 1867 John Frederick Richter, for the sum of \$1,000, Conveyed to Ernestina Rebecca Rhinehart "all that piece of land being part of a tract called "The Second Resurvey on Friend in Need", bounded by the Barnsville-Germantown Road (now Route 117, Clopper Road), Dawsonville Road (now Schaeffer Road) and Hoyle's Mill Road, for a total of approximately 36 acres; An 1897 plat of a survey of the conveyance (approximately the same acreage and location as the present Leaman property) indicates a building existed then.

In June of 1948 this tract, along with an additional 67 acres, was conveyed to John U. Leaman, Jr. and his wife by the other children of John U. Leaman, Sr., who died intestate in January of 1948. Between September of 1867 and the present, the property was owned by a succession of Richters, Rhinehart's, Grusendorf's and Leaman's, the significance being that they were all related in some way. Probably built in the 1860's by a Rhinehart (the oldest section, that is), the farmhouse has been in the same family for almost 120 years.

In addition to the long association with one family and the role played by the members of that family in the settlement of Old Germantown in the mid-to-late 1800's, the Leaman farmhouse and associated buildings are also significant because they represent a period in the history of the County when farming was the dominant industry and land use patterns and buildings reflected its importance. The farmhouse is significant because it is a reminder of the 19th century farmhouses and outbuildings which once were very common in Montgomery County. Increased urbanization has resulted in the loss of many of these early farmhouses and outbuildings and drastic changes in land use patterns in the Germantown area and other parts of the county which were once rural in character.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. (L1179/F324)
Conversations with John Leaman, Jr. and Mrs. Leaman

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 37 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Lois Snyderman DATE October 29, 1984

ORGANIZATION Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

STREET & NUMBER Dept. of Housing and Community Dev. 100 Maryland Ave.

CITY OR TOWN Rockville, Md. 20850 STATE Md. TELEPHONE (301)279-1325

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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ROCKVILLE (JUN



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MD 28



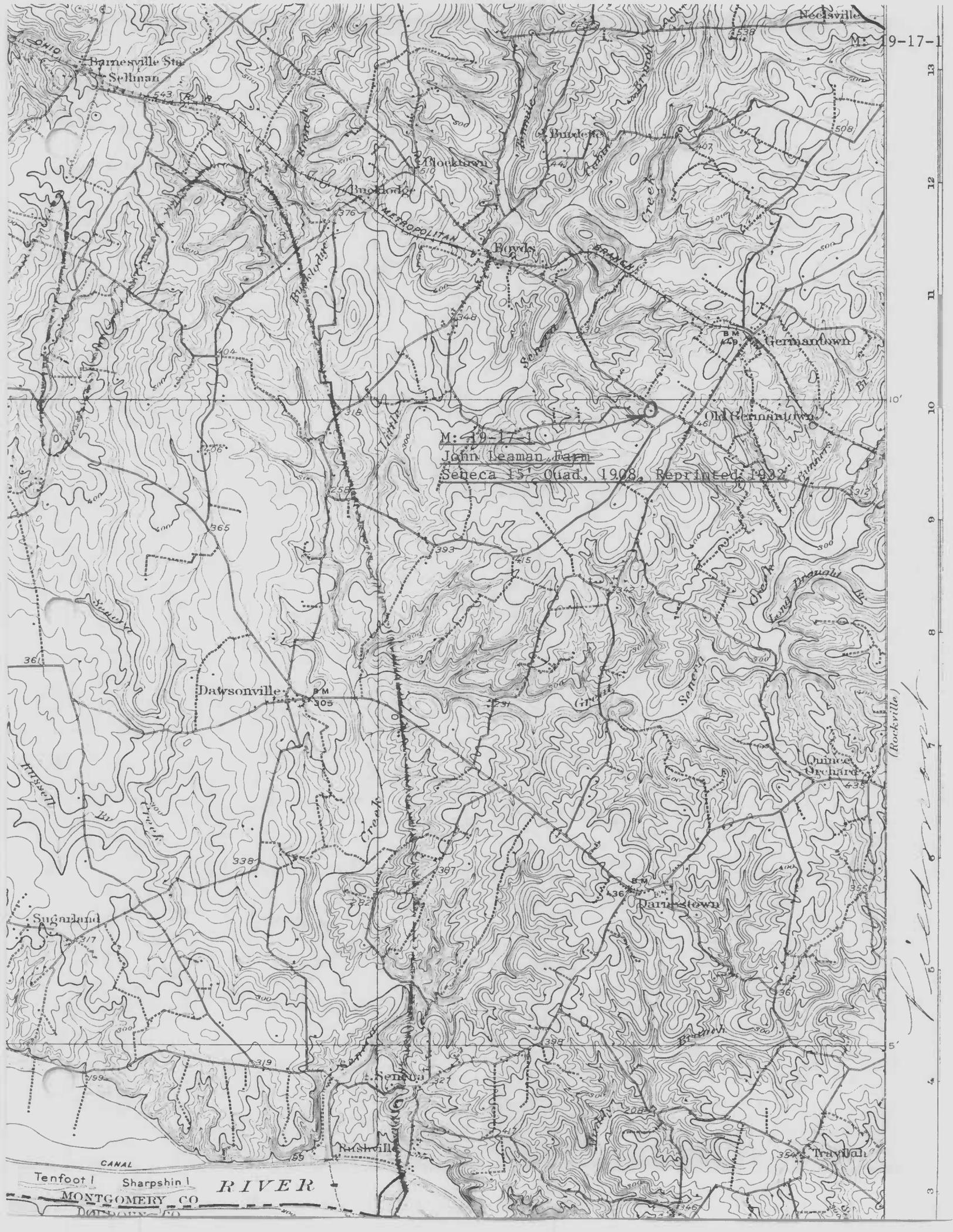
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route



GERMANTOWN MD

(ROCKVILLE)
5562 11 SW



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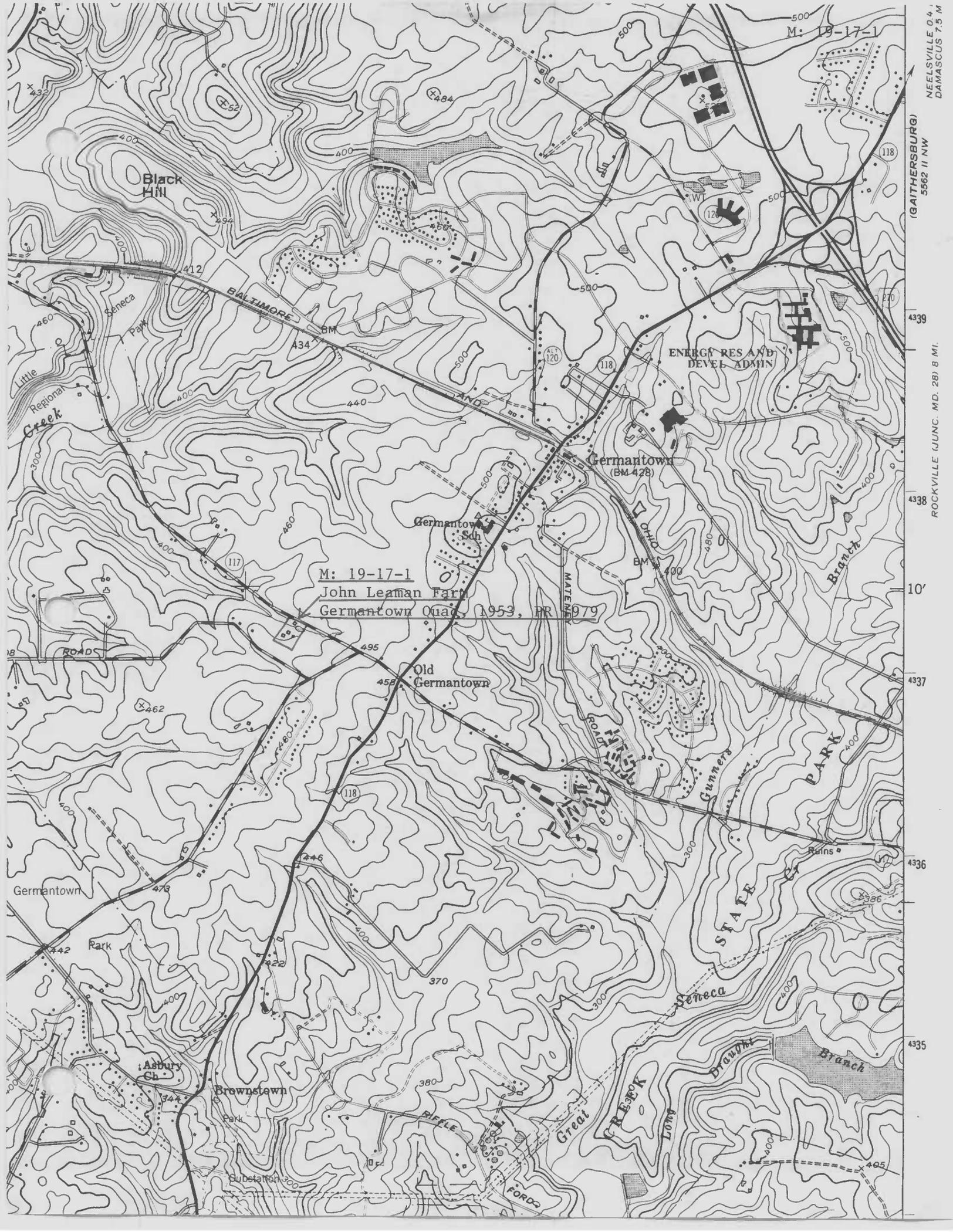
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John Leaman, Farm
Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1998

(Rockville)

Tenfoot | Sharpshin | RIVER

MONTGOMERY CO

DAWSONVILLE



Black Hill

Little Regional Creek

ROADS

Germantown

Asbury Ch

Brownstown

Substation

FORDS

BALTIMORE

Seneca Park

Seneca

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John Leaman Farm
Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979

Germantown Sch

Old Germantown

Germantown (BM 428)

ENERGY RES AND DEVEL ADMIN

OHIO

MATERIALS

Gunners Branch

STAFF

Seneca

Drought

Seneca

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Branch

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DAMASCUS 7.5 M
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OLD GERMANTOWN #19/17/1

LEAMAN FARM

13820 CLOPPER RD.

W

L.S. 9/86



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John Leaman Farm

13820 Clopper Road

Boys, MD

Andrea Rebeck

1987

South elevation



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John Leaman Farm
13820 Clopper Road

Boys, MD

Andrea Rebeck

1987

North elevation



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John Leaman Farm
13820 Clopper Road
Boys, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Corncrib

Looking north