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George W. Myers Farmstead
Adamstown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1845-1930

The George W. Myers Farmstead has a circa 1850 dwelling with vinyl siding and other modern alterations and domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating from about 1850 to about 1920-1930. These include a frame bank barn with unusual ogee arched louvred vents, a milk house, a frame equipment shed, a log smokehouse, a frame chicken house, a summer kitchen, a garage, and a frame tenant house. All except the main dwelling are in fair to deteriorated condition. The farmstead is moderately significant for the variety and number of outbuildings, in spite of their generally low integrity due to deterioration and alteration. The spatial relationships between the buildings are intact and reflect the rural life of the mid 19th century to the early 20th century. The farmstead was probably established by about 1845-1850, but the dates of construction of the principal buildings are given in various sources as beginning about 1862. However, historical maps of 1858 show that the farm was in existence by the map date. George W. Myers (1828-1907) was the likely builder of many of the outbuildings, and is the reputed builder of the house, according to the 1910 History of Frederick County.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use

Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-200

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 1165.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the main dwelling on Tax Map 85, Parcel 5

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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.

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 C. 1845-1930 **Builder/Architect**

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 George W. Myers Farmstead is moderately significant for the variety of structures which survive from the mid and late 19th century, but their integrity is poor. Nevertheless, the general forms of the buildings and their relationships within the farmstead are still clearly defined. The farmstead may have been established prior to 1850, based on the combined information of land records, genealogy of the Thomas family, and the Williams and McKinsey History of Frederick County (1910), by George Jacob Thomas (1778-1845), who purchased the property from Carroll family heirs in 1836. The apparent forms, construction techniques, and materials suggest a date of about 1845-1850, but George W. Myers (1828-1907) was the builder of the house and the barn after the death of George Thomas, according to Williams & McKinsey, but the same reference also says that he occupied the property beginning in 1862, the date which corresponds to land records. In 1862, the property was devised to Myers' wife as one of George Thomas' heirs. The 1858 map also indicates that a structure was extant on the property prior to 1862. The date is therefore not clear, but is likely to be about 1845-1850. Under the ownership of Charles E. Victor Myers (1871-1941), the farm was at its agricultural peak, and had been converted from grain-producing to dairy operation. This was the period about 1908 to 1941.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The George W. Myers Farmstead is centered on a circa 1845-50 two-story frame dwelling with vinyl siding and other alterations and several log and frame outbuildings ranging in date from about 1845 to about 1930 including a frame bank barn of about 1850, a log smokehouse of the same period, a chicken house, a summer kitchen, a frame garage, a frame tenant house, all dating about 1900-1910, and a frame tractor shed of about the same period, and a concrete block milk house dated about 1920-1930. The farmstead is currently a private residence and the agricultural buildings and the tenant house are not in use except for storage. The property is located on the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike about 1 mile north of Manor Woods Road near Adamstown, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are grouped on generally flat, open land with the main elevations of the two dwellings facing west. The tenant house is the northern most structure in the group and most of the other buildings are located in a cluster on the east side of the main house; the barn, milk house, and sheds are located southeast of the domestic group. Dates for the buildings are based on architectural details, local histories and genealogies, historical maps, and land records.

The main dwelling has a three-bay west elevation with a one-story porch. A two-story rear wing extending from the northeast corner of the main section has been considerably altered, almost obscuring the original two-story porch on the south elevation with enclosed sections and modern sash. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding and the gable roof is slate with interior end chimneys. The center entrance on the west elevation has a rectangular fanlight, a feature more common to houses erected in the first quarter of the 19th century. The porch has a wood deck and two Tuscan columns in the center, with plain posts at the corners, a replacement of the original outer Tuscan columns. The interior of the house was unavailable for observation, but Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Bohn, the current owners, state that the interior has been considerably altered and is divided into two apartments.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The frame summer kitchen is a 1-1/2 story frame building with weatherboard siding on the west elevation and an off-center vertical board door. The south elevation is partially covered with corrugated metal and has a second doorway. The roof is also covered with corrugated metal. No chimney is visible, but it was probably located at the north end. The interior was not accessible. The general condition of the buildings is fair. It appears to have been built about 1875.

Chicken house: The chicken house is a frame, shed-roofed building immediately north of the summer kitchen. It has both vertical and board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. A 2/2 window is in the east elevation. A single door is near the northwest corner. The chicken house appears to have been built about 1900-1910.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ___yes no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic George W. Myers Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4315 Ballenger Creek Pike ___ not for publication

city, town Adamstown vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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 checked="" 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 Clarence M. Bohn

street & number 405 Shadynook Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21228

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 898

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 651

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7.1 Description (Continued)

Log smokehouse: The one-story exposed log smokehouse is at the north end of the group immediately behind the house. It has a corrugated metal roof and a vertical board door on the south elevation. It is also in deteriorated condition, but retains some plaster chinking on the exterior. The log building was probably built about 1850.

Garage: The small frame garage was built about 1900-1910 and is a gable roofed building with tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal roof. Double swing doors are located on the south elevation.

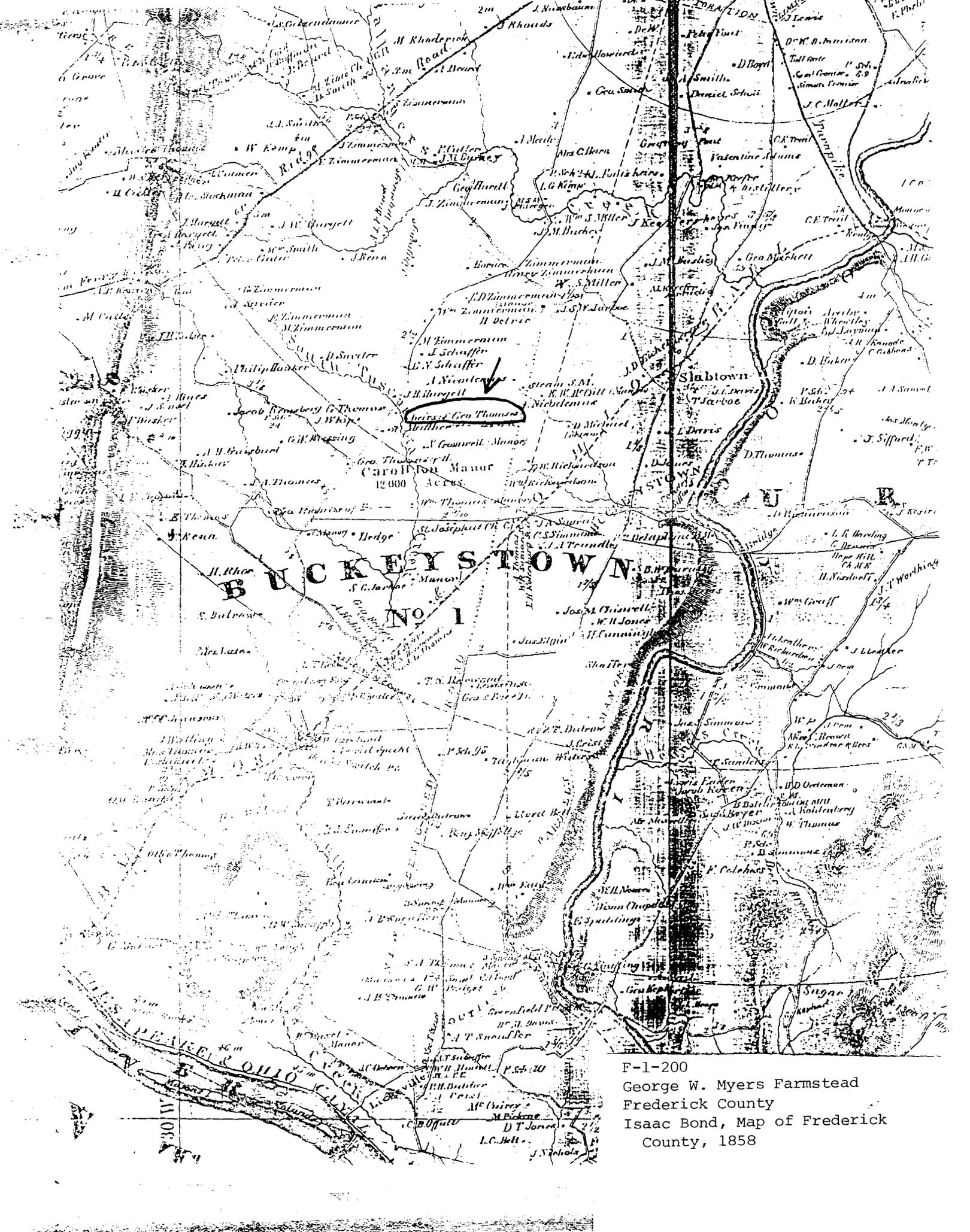
Tenant House: The tenant house is located about 200 feet north of the main dwelling and domestic outbuildings. Currently unoccupied and deteriorated, it is a two-story frame structure with three bays on the first story of the west elevation and two on the second. The one-story porch on the west is partially enclosed. The original siding is narrow weatherboards with the west and north elevations covered with artificial brick-patterned siding. The roof is standing seam metal with interior end chimneys. The window and door openings are empty, although some louvred shutters are still in place.

Agricultural outbuildings: The deteriorated bank barn, milk house, and equipment shed are located in a cluster southeast of the domestic group. The barn's forebay is on the east elevation, with the stall level partially enclosed by stone and wood bars. The upper structure has vertical siding, much of which is missing on the east and south elevations. Louvred vents on the east side have an unusual ogee arch profile. Semi-circular vents are in the north and south gable peaks. On the west elevation are double swing doors. The milk house is a small concrete block structure located near the northwest corner of the barn. Built about 1920-1930, it has 6/6 windows, a standing seam metal roof and vertical sided gables. Immediately west of the milk house is the equipment shed, a rectangular shed in very deteriorated condition, with a sagging corrugated metal roof. The north side of the shed has vertical board swing doors in two sets. The siding on the rest of the shed is vertical boards. The barn was probably built about 1850 and the shed may date from about 1900-1910.

4315 Ballenger Creek Pike

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
89 8/651 27 Dec 72	Clarence M. & Ada A. Bahr	Margaret M. Bell (widow)	103a., 3R., 28 p.		BGF 7/473
599/598 21 May 58	Margaret M. & George R. Bell	H. Kieffer Delanter	103a. ...		
599/597 21 May 58	H. Kieffer Delanter	Margaret M. & George R. Bell	103a. ... part of "Addition to Carrollton"		
575/127 6 Nov 46	Margaret M. Bell Daughter of Ellie	Ellie B. Myers widow	100a. ±		
376/589 24 Jan 31	C. E. Victor Myers & Ellie B. Myers, his wife	Jesse F. R. Neagy	103 a. ...		376/588 Myers to Neagy
282/337 5 Feb 08	C. E. Victor Myers et ux	Jesse F. R. Neagy			
282/337 5 Feb 08	Jesse F. R. Neagy	C. E. Victor Myers et ux	103a. ...		
282/336 3 Feb 08	C. E. Victor Myers et ux	Hammond Wines & Jesse F. R. Neagy trustees in Equity # 8233 Shs.		\$10,002.75	Equity Record SHI # 1398
WIP 9/595 14 Dec 1885	Thomas F. Myers et al	Mary Thomas			
BGF 7/473 11 Apr 1862	Mary Thomas & John M. Myers	Charlotte Thomas, 105 a., 1 R., 6 p. et al, heirs of George Thomas, dec.		\$4,200	

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Heirs of Geo Thomas

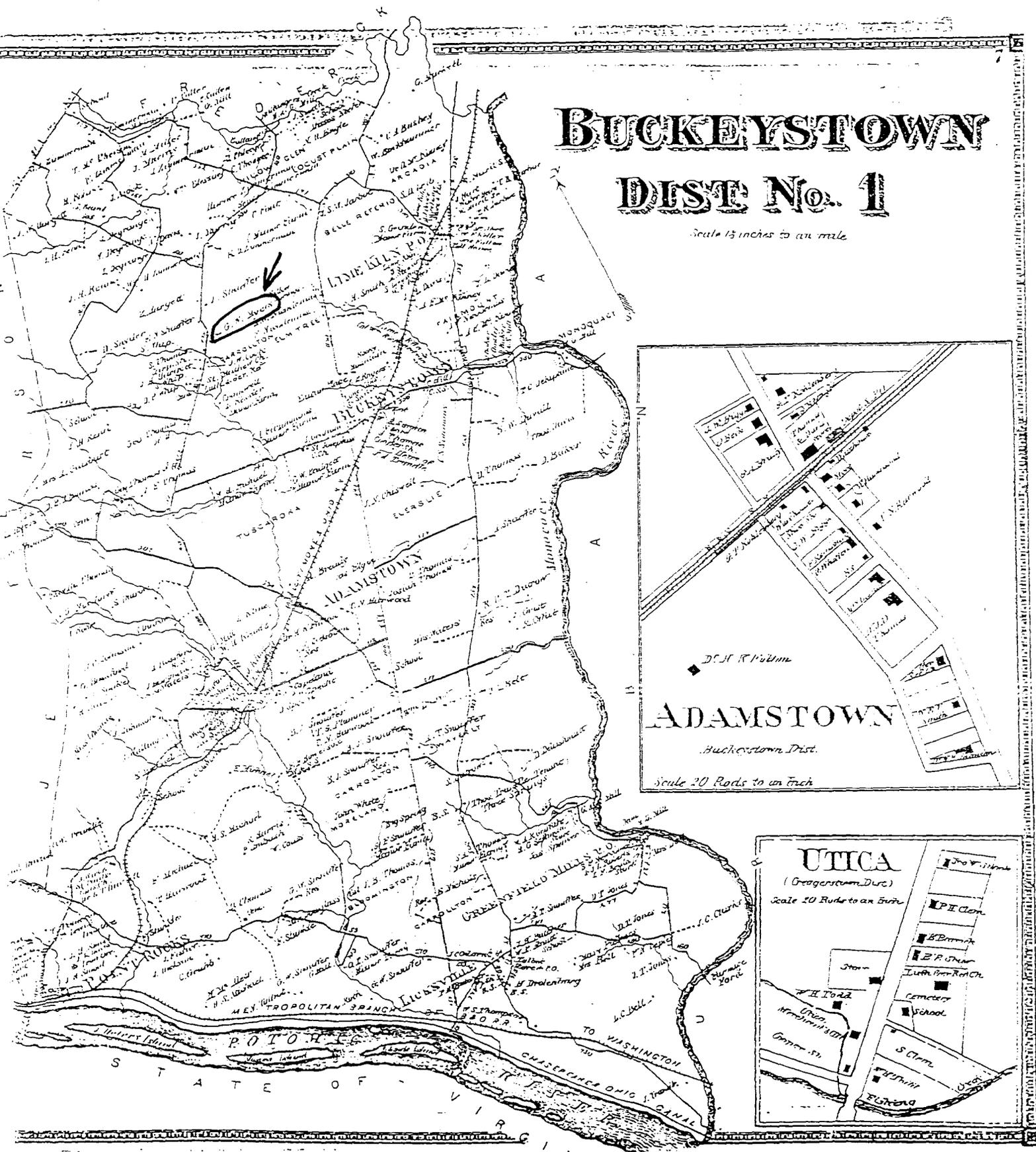
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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858

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DIST No. 1

Scale 15 inches to an mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

West elevation

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Smokehouse and summer kitchen, view
from south

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
Garage, south elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SAPO Cranesville, Md.

Shed, north elevation

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Earn, northeast corner view

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Tenant house, southwest corner view

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