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## Worman's Mill, site

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Wormans Mill  
Frederick  
Private

C. 1790  
Demolished 9/1978

Wormans Mill is a four story gable-roofed structure of stuccoed random coursed stone, three (3) bays wide and one room deep. The main entrance located in the second bay on the west side is a paneled door, with three light transom. Some of the double hung 9/9 windows are intact as well as paneled doors with H L hinges on the east and north sides. Located on the south end of the mill is an arched brick raceway.

Until 1978 the mill was part of a farm complex which included a large brick residence, frame barn and corn crib all of which have been demolished.

The first documented mention of Wormans Mill is on July 22, 1804 in the will of Hugh Reynolds who left to his son William Reynolds "100 Acres . . . together with the mills and other buildings there on erected." The mill and property were then sold to John Reynolds, Jr., who in 1822, sold it to Moses Worman for \$8,500.00. According to the 1858 Isaac Bond Map of the county, the building was known as "the old mill" even at that earlier date. The mill was owned by the Worman family until 1915.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATE ENTERED

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Worman's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West side of North Market Street extended, about one-half mile NE of  
intersection with Penn Central tracks

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY/TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

VICINITY OF Harmony Grove

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Frederick

021

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: Not in Use

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas and Richard Kline

STREET & NUMBER

423- C East Patrick Street

CITY/TOWN

STATE

Frederick

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY/TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY/TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Worman's Mill is a four-story, gable-roofed structure of stuccoed random-coursed stone which faces west from the west side of North Market Street extended just north of Frederick, Maryland.

The mill is three bays wide and one room deep. It has been vacated for over twenty years and has deteriorated badly from vandalism and flooding. Some of the double-hung, 9/9 windows are intact as are paneled doors with H-L hinges on the east and north sides. The main entrance, located in the second bay on the west side, is also a paneled door, with three-light transom. Located on the south end of the mill is an arched brick raceway now almost buried with silt from the nearby stream.

The interior of the structure is in extremely poor condition with large sections of the floor missing. An array of broken and rusted 19th century milling machinery is scattered throughout the building.

Until recently the mill was part of a farm complex which included a large brick residence, frame barn and corn crib, all of which have been destroyed.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Probate Records of Frederick County, Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF DESIGNATED PROPERTY One Acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

1 km

NAME/TITLE

Cherilyn Widdell/ In cooperation with Frederick County Landmarks Foundation

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

January 17, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall; 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 663-8300

CITY/TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Davidson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Worman's Mill, located just north of the City of Frederick, Maryland, has long stood as a historical landmark to people of Frederick County. It is one of few stone mills still standing in the county.

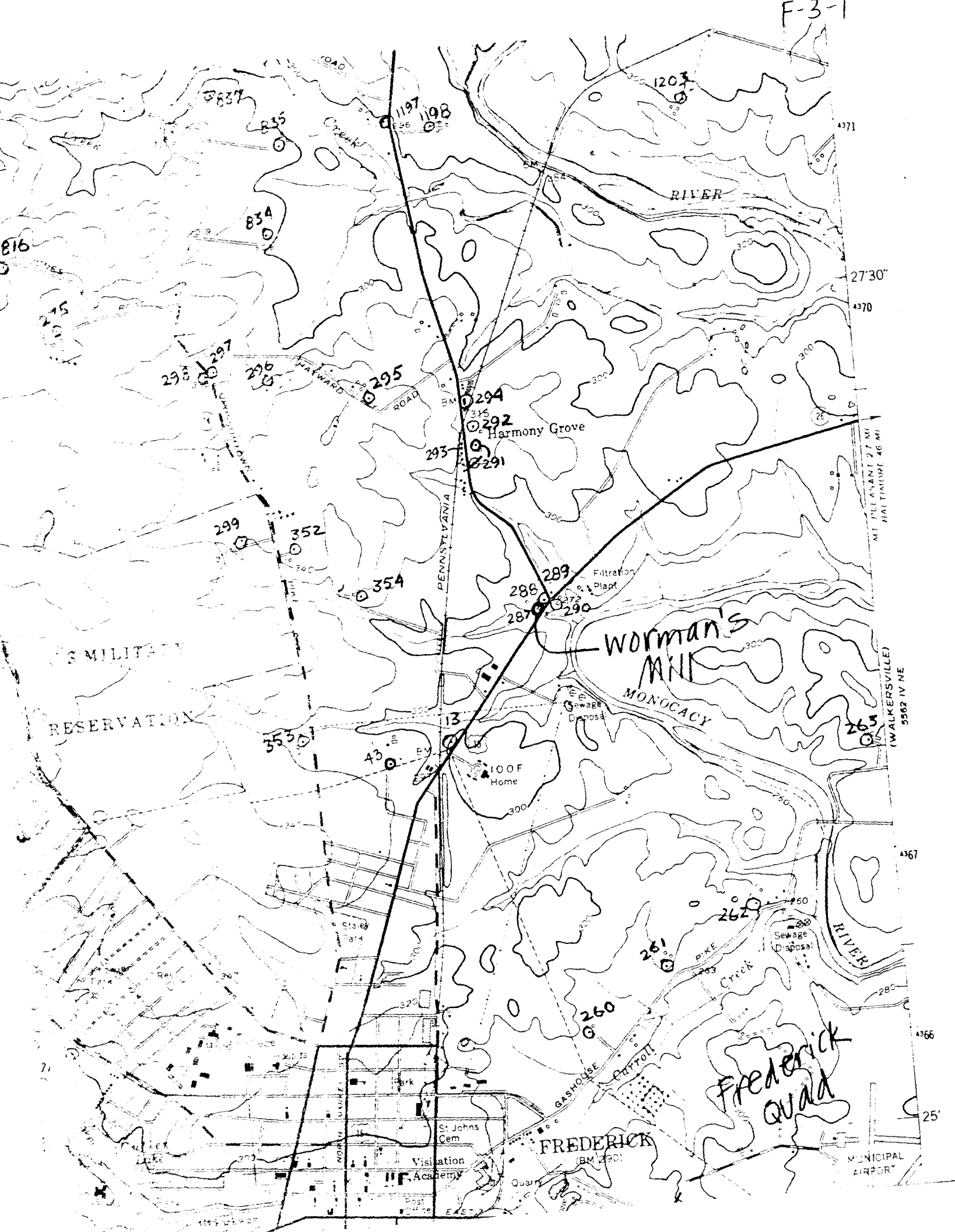
Originally the land on which the mill was built was part of the "Taskers Chance" tract, which belonged to Daniel Dulaney until the "commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British Property" sold Lot #27 consisting of 354 acres to John Davidson, Merchant, from the City of Annapolis on October 10, 1781.<sup>1</sup> The cost of the transaction, which included two other smaller properties, was 3,550 pounds. It is not known whether Lot #27 included a mill, but by 1796 when the trustees of John Davidson's estate sold the same lot of 354 acres to Hugh Reynolds for 5,310 pounds, it seems likely that it included a mill.<sup>2</sup> First mention of the mill is made by Hugh Reynolds in his will written July 22, 1804, in which he leaves to his son William Reynolds "100 acres... together with the mills and other buildings thereon erected."<sup>3</sup> The mill and property were then sold to John Reynolds, Jr., who in 1822 sold it to Moses Worman for \$8,500.00. According to the 1858 Isaac Bond Map of Frederick County, the building was known as "the old mill" even at that earlier date. Worman's Mill also had a role in the Civil War. In June of 1863, when the Eleventh Army of the Union Army of the Potomac was enroute to Gettysburg, the troops camped in the fields surrounding Worman's Mill.

The mill was owned and operated by the Worman family until 1915 when William J. Worman died and the estate was sold.

The complex, which once also included several outbuildings, a barn and a beautiful, large brick residence belonged to the Clemson family until the 1970's, at which time it was purchased by a developer, who destroyed all buildings but the mill.

Frederick County Landmarks Foundation would like to acquire this mill, and restore it.

- 1 Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 4, folio 323, October 14, 1793.
- 2 Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 20, folio 330, June 4, 1800.
- 3 Frederick County Probate Records, Liber GMRB 1, folio 46, August 31, 1804.



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ROAD

Creek

RIVER

816

834

295

295

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Harmony Grove

293

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352

354

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Filtration Plant

287

290

MILITARY RESERVATION

WORMAN'S MILL

MONOCACY

100F Home

27'30"

4370

MT. PLEASANT 27 MI  
BALTIMORE 46 MI

(WALKERSVILLE)  
5562 IV NE

13

43

4367

RIVER

Frederick Quad

FREDERICK

BM 290

Visitation Academy

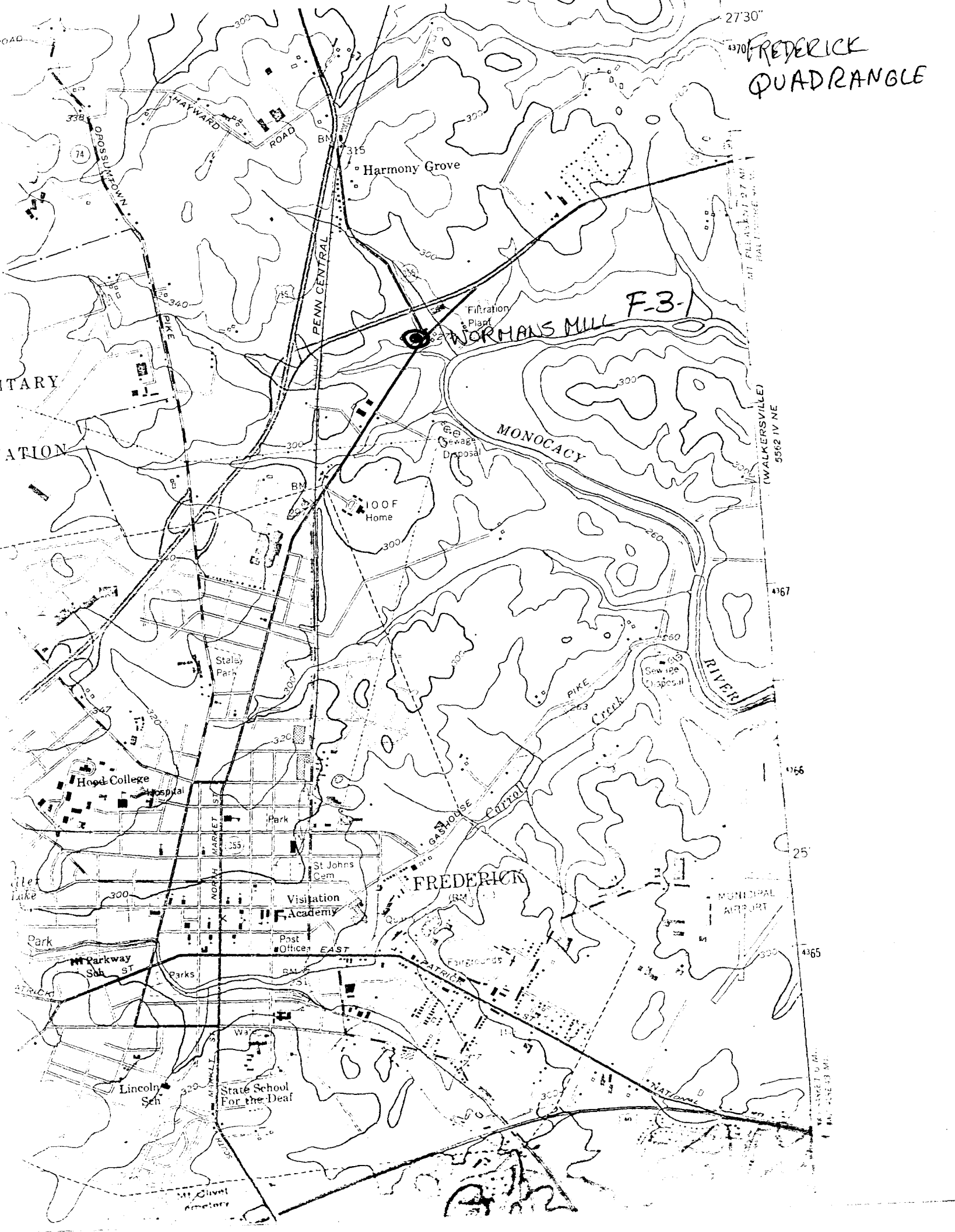
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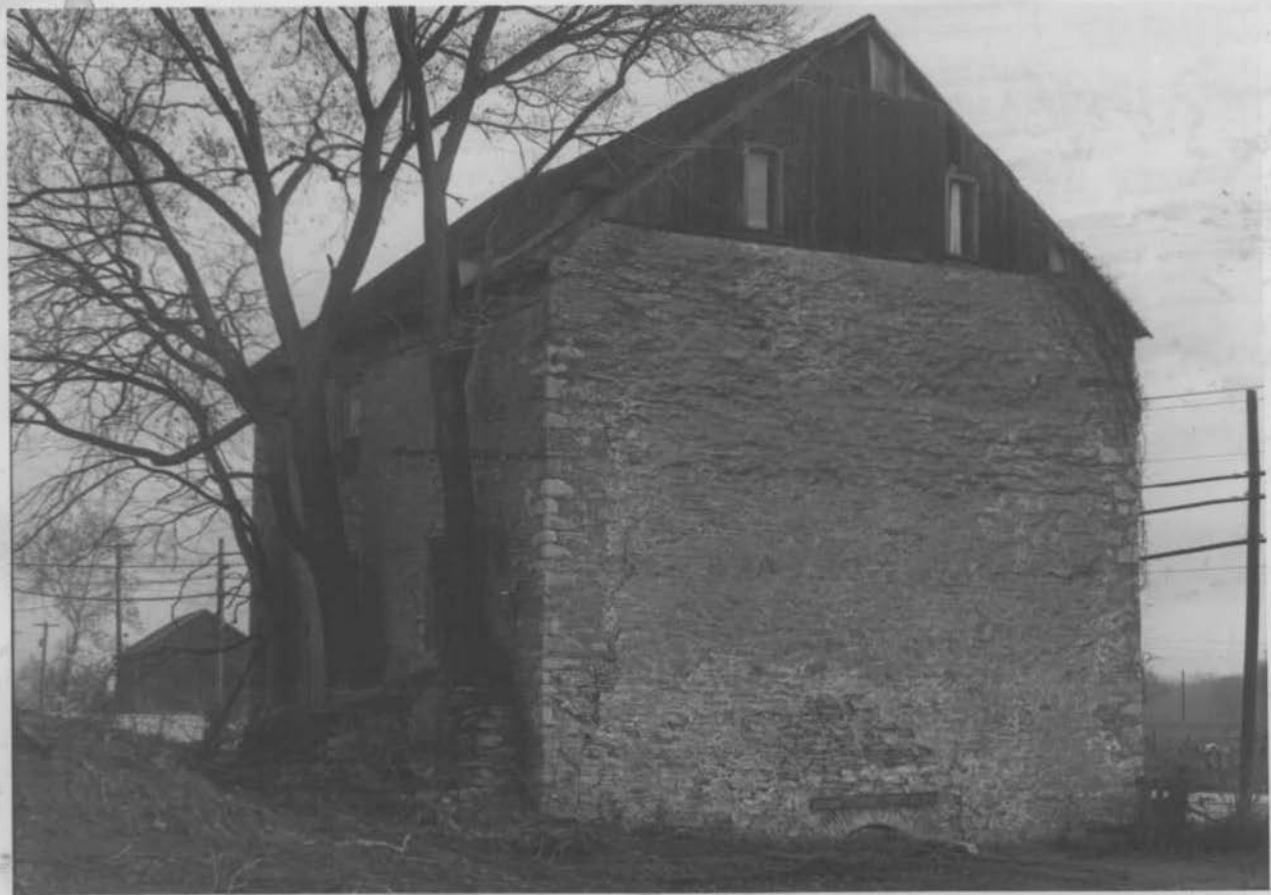
4366

25'

FREDERICK  
QUADRANGLE







WORMANS MILL

NORTH MARKET STREET EXTENDED

SOUTH WEST ELEV

CEW 10/77

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