

Samuel Fleming House; Tuscany  
Frederick vicinity  
Private

1771

The Samuel Fleming House is a two-story fieldstone house built in 1771 with a two-story brick wing probably added in the period 1830-1850 and late 19th century alterations including a porch on two elevations and a slate-faced cross gable. The exterior of the house is painted white. The rear wing has been altered in recent years with a glass-enclosed solarium on the second story of an extended original two-level porch. No outbuildings of the historic period remain of the original farmstead, named Tuscany by a subsequent owner, Caspar Mantz, in the 1830's. The house is significant for the vernacular architecture of the original structure, still evident in spite of the later alterations, and for the date of its construction, 1771, noted in a gable panel on the north side. Among formerly rural country houses in or adjacent to the Frederick city limits, the Fleming House is one of the oldest documented buildings.

F-3-114  
Samuel Fleming House; Tuscany  
Frederick  
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:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification (A.D. 1680-1815)

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function & Use  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Fleming House; Tuscany

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 7127 Autumn Leaf Lane  not for publicationcity, town Frederick  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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Richard E. &amp; Dixie J. Miller

street &amp; number 7127 Autumn Leaf Lane telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21702

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1092

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 422

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County F-297

date 1966-68  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md. 21032

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-3-114

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Samuel Fleming House is a two-story stone house built in 1771, according to a dated panel in the north gable, with alterations made in the 1880's or 1890's including a shingled cross gable and a one-story porch on the east and south elevations. The house is located on the west side of Opossumtown Pike just north of the campus of Frederick Community College near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. Once the centerpiece of a large farm called Tuscany beginning in the 1840's containing 347 acres. The house is now surrounded by modern housing developments in a suburban setting. No contributing outbuildings remain of the original farmstead, but a modern garage, a small shed, and a swimming pool are located west of the house. The exterior of the house has been painted white and the house stands out from its modern surroundings because of its architectural features.

The house has fieldstone walls with a five-bay east elevation. The entrance is in the center bay, which is defined by the late 19th century cross gable above the cornice line. The wide veranda of the same period extends across the entire facade and around the southeast corner on the south elevation. Interior end chimneys rise above the composition roof. A two-story rear brick wing with extensive modern alterations to its south side adjoins the main section at the northwest corner. The windows of the main section are 9/9 and evidence of shutter hardware is visible. The lintels and sills are plain wood. The doorway has double 3-panel doors and plain glazed transom. The porch has fluted metal columns with capitals formed by molding. The north and south elevations each have two bays. At the attic level are two small windows with 2/2 sash. On the south elevation near the southeast corner is a 6-panel door. The cross gable has a patterned slate facing with a 6/6 window in the center. The rear wing is brick, also painted white, in 7:1 bond. The south elevation of the wing, which probably had a two-story open porch as did many mid-19th century dwellings in the area, has been extended to the south on the first story and a modern, glass-enclosed solarium built on the second level. On the north side of the wing are two bays with a second entrance. The windows in the wing are 6/6 with wood lintels and sills. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

# 8. Significance

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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"/> 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	1771	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Samuel Fleming House is significant for its vernacular architectural style of the late 18th century, based on German building techniques in stone, but with the distinct influence of the Georgian style in its five-bay symmetrical elevation. Later 19th century alterations in the form of the wide veranda on two elevations and the center cross gable with slate facing are typical features added to older houses during the last quarter of the 19th century. The age of the house as noted in its dated gable stone is places it among the earlier surviving country houses in the immediate vicinity of Frederick (City). Little information is immediately available other than land records to confirm that Samuel Fleming was the builder of the house; however, more detailed research may reveal additional clarifying data. In 1826, the property was sold to Caspar Mantz, who gave the property its name "Tuscany". This name appears with a boundary outline and acreage on the 1858 Isaac Bond map of Frederick County. Records of deeds are unclear in the period 1847, but by 1852, Tuscany was owned by Jacob M. Kunkel, the owner of Catocin Furnace during the mid-19th century. The brick rear wing of the house was probably added during the period 1830-1850. The Kunkel family retained the farm until 1878. After that date, the 347-acre farm amassed by Caspar Mantz began to be sold off in sections until by 1978, the farm had been reduced to 122.57 acres. The current lot totals less than an acre.

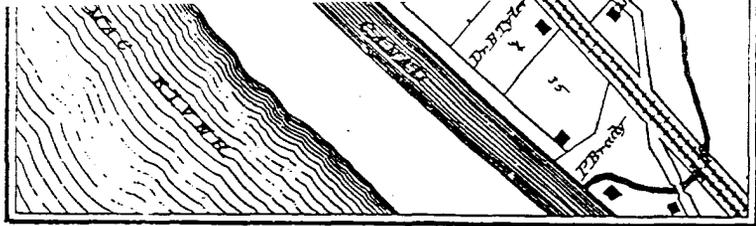
Compared to other early large estate houses in the Frederick vicinity, the Samuel Fleming House has low to moderate integrity. Prospect Hall (NR), possibly a late 18th century house in part, is now a parochial high school and retains vestiges of its formerly rural setting. Guilford (NR), built about 1810, has the best range of intact features and integrity, with much of its agricultural surroundings remaining undeveloped at present, and several original and late historic outbuildings. Most other properties now in the city limits of Frederick have been altered for modern residential, commercial, or institutional use. The Fleming House has remained residential, but its lack of outbuildings and historic setting and the modern rear wing alterations substantially reduce its overall significance.



Susany 7127 Autumn Leaf

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Other Information,  
Original Tracts

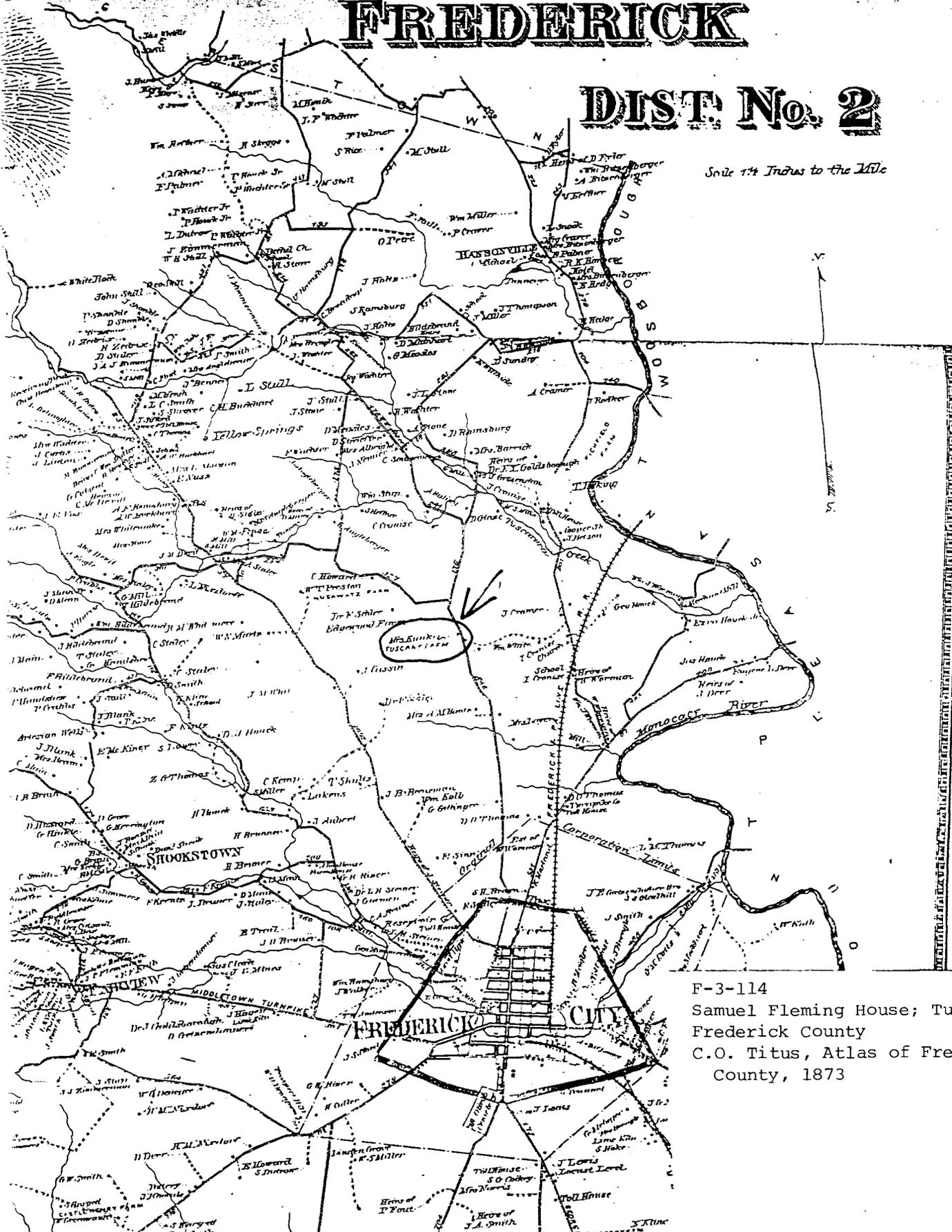
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1092/422 16 Aug 79	Richard E. & Dixie J. Muller	Clower Hill II Ltd. P. ship		\$ 33,500	
1066/1008 2 Nov 78	Clower Hill II	Elizabeth Thomas	122.57 A. Leeth & F. town Bank & Trust Co., pers. rep. of estate of Howard	Olinier Aldridge	(Myra V. Thomas, wife of Clairborn, deced. to her dau. Elizabeth Aldridge, later Ely J. Aldridge)
292/32 1 Apr 10	Clairborn A. Thomas	J. Franklin Thomas & Emily, his wife, and Rebecca Craggett, executress, mortgage holder	115 A. part of "Susany"	\$12,000	
DHH 3/561 1 Apr 1899	J. Franklin Thomas	Celeste Roelkey & Thos. E.P. Muller, et al, execs. of LWT of John Roelkey	"part of Susany" 1228 A. 2 deeds: TG 9/324 & AF 7/586	\$18,240	
1) TG 9/324 21 Mar 1878 2) AF 7/586 27 Nov 1883	John Roelkey John Roelkey	Edward & Alice Virginia Roelkey Edward & Alice V. Roelkey	part of "Susany" 374 A.	\$20,625	
1) TG 9/59 1 Mar 1878	Edward Roelkey	Anna Mary Kunkel			
1) ES 1/530 14 Dec 1852	Anna Mary Kunkel	Jacob M. & Anna Mary Kunkel et al	deed of partition of "Susany", resumed see Equity 2141, WBT 2/168-227 374 1/8 A. Equity Record		for Caspar Mantz & June 1835
Equity Record WBT 2/168 July 1847	Caspar Mantz	Lewis P.W. Bald trustee in equity for sale of real estate of Joseph Fleming & Samuel Fleming, execs	Susany 374 A. see also <del>12 Jan 18</del> 5 May 1828 deed		Caspar conveyed to Theresa McElfresh
JS 25/294 13 June 1826	Caspar Mantz	Samuel Fleming exec. of LWT of Arthur Fleming & son	Arthur Fleming rec'd by deed of partition from father, Samuel Fleming	\$10,746.12 1/2	
JS 29/420 5 May 1828	Caspar Mantz	Lewis P.W. Bald trustee in equity Joseph Fleming			



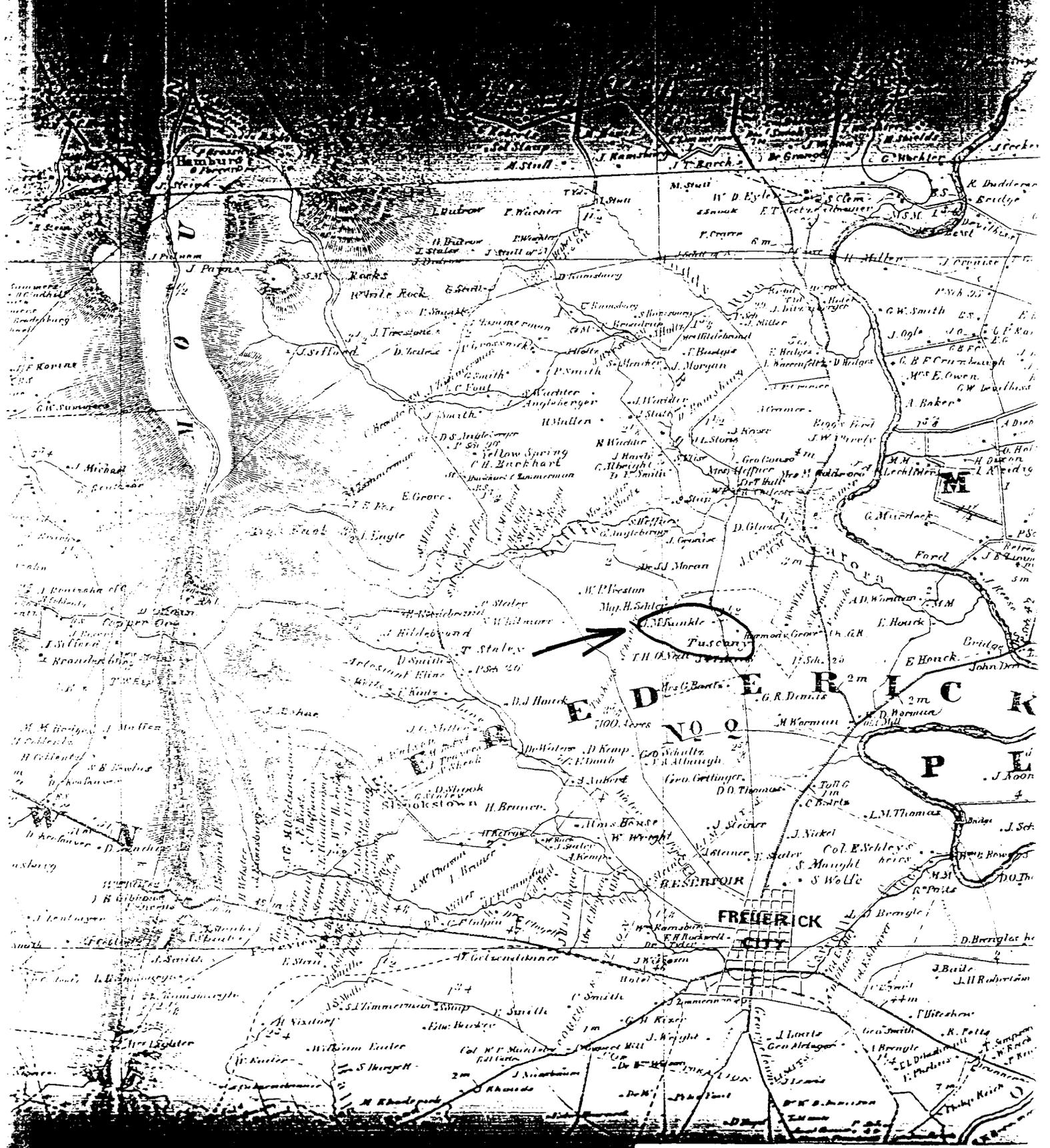
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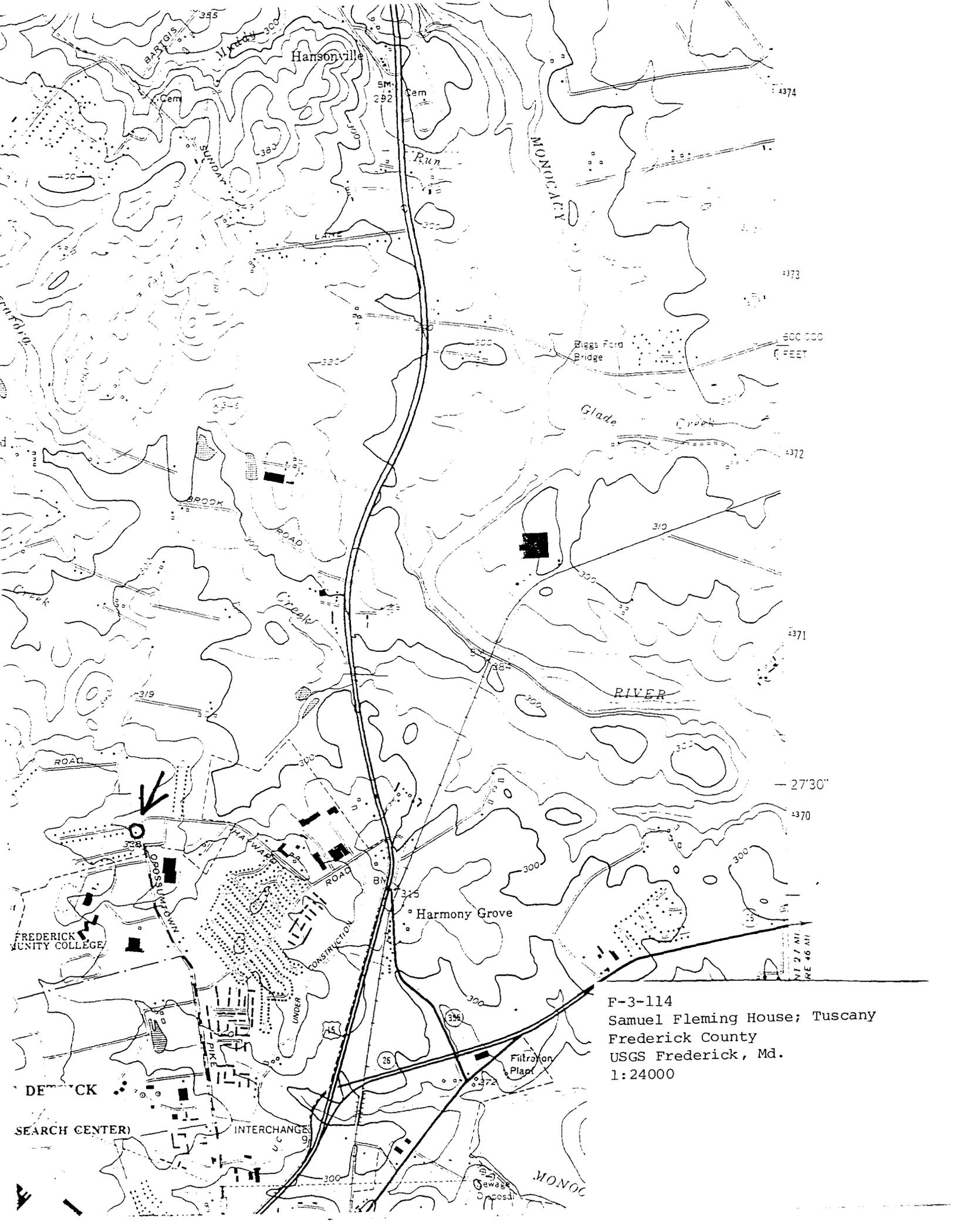
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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
County, 1873



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Frederick County  
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick  
County, 1858



Hansonville

Run

MONOCACY

Biggs Ford Bridge

Glade Creek

RIVER

Harmony Grove

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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SEARCH CENTER)

INTERCHANGE

Filtration Plant

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Samuel Fleming Hoose ; Tuscany

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North east corner view

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South elevation

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North elevation

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West elevation

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