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Samuel Clem House
Utica
Private

C. 1769

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Samuel Clem House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side Old Frederick Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Utica

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 40 P 166

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Henry R. Plunkett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 553

Folio #: 346

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Samuel Clem Hse. is a small two story stone and cinder block building banked against a hill which faces west from the east side of Old Frederick Road in Utica. The house has been added to several times during its life which changed its original appearance.

The main block of the building is a small square banked two story stuccoed stone residence which has vernacular German styling. The original principal facade of the building faced south which faced an old road located just south of the existing building. The present main entrance faces the modern Old Frederick Road on the west side of the building.

The main block of the building is rectangular and two bays wide on each side except for the principal facade. The old principal facade is three bays wide and two stories high. A replaced frame open porch with tin shed roof, square wood supports and plain horizontal railing extends along the second level of the building continuing around the east side of the building. Located beneath this porch on the first level, an enclosed area constructed of whitewashed stucco over stone extends forward of the main block of the house. The enclosed area which shelters a spring is two bays wide with six pane sash with wood lintels. A vertical plank door enters the area from the east side. A double hung six over six window is located in each bay on the second level of the building.

The east gable side of the house is dominated by a massive stuccoed stone exterior chimney with replaced brick cap. One double hung six over six window with replaced louvered shutters is located in the northeast corner of the building.

The rear (north side) of the building has been substantially changed by the addition of a one story cinder block kitchen addition with corrugated tin shed roof. Two six over six windows are located along the north side of the addition. Part of the addition appears to have incorporated a stone wall of an outbuilding. The addition extends east of the main block of the building. One double hung six over six window with ranch style shutters is located on the east side of the addition.

Two double hung six over six windows with ranch style shutters are situated in the main gable of the east side of the house. The modern entrance to the house, a replaced paneled and multipaned door, is located directly below the gable window on the north side.

The house is covered by a standing seam flank gabled roof with exposed rafters. A second chimney rises from the north center of the house.

A small roofed German siding outbuilding stands in the southeast corner of the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house was owned by William Todd, entrepreneur of the Utica Mills located on nearby Fishing Creek by the second quarter of the nineteenth century.¹ Todd made his residence at the "mansion house" located across the street and willed that the proceeds of the "house and lot of about two acres on the east side of the main road benefit his daughter, Rebecca."²

William Todd, the son, acquired the property from the trustees of his father's estate selling it to Rebecca Wachter in 1863 for \$600.00. Subsequently, the house was sold to Samuel Clem, who lived there as indicated on the 1873 Titus Atlas until his death in 1895.

George W. Leather bought the house for \$501.50 from Clem's heir and lived there with his wife, Mary, who later acquired the property from his estate.³ At her death in 1948, the house was sold and has had three subsequent owners.

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¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber STH 271; Folio 72.
²Frederick County Probate Records, Liber G.H. 1; Folio 174.
³Frederick County Land Records, Liber JLJ 11; Folio 475.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

clh

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

7/22/80

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

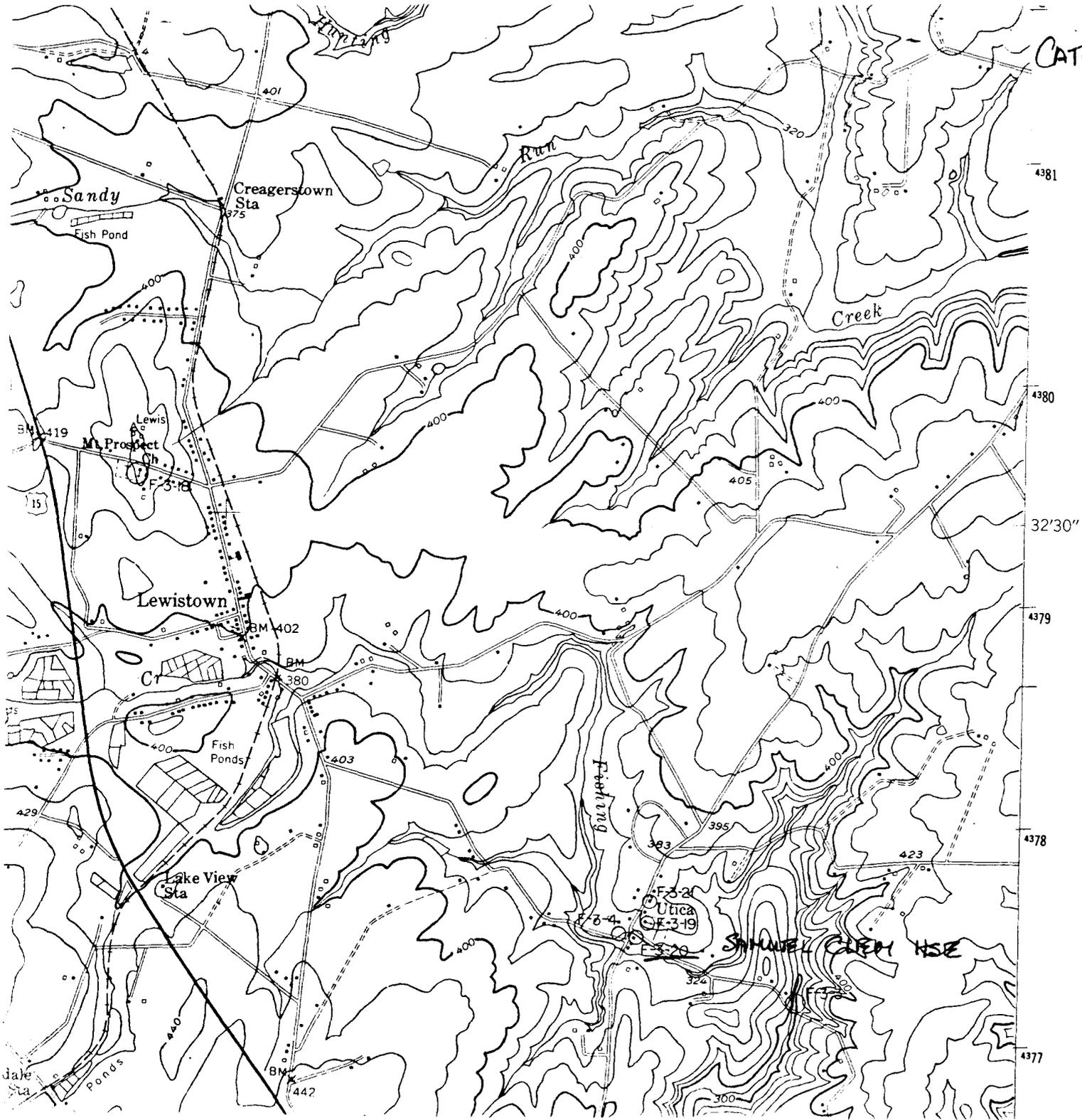
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

CATOCTIN FURNACE
QUAD



F-3-20



P-3-20 Public School
Samuel Clemens #28
HSE

R/S OLD FREDERICK
RD

UTICA

(Pen) 3/80

NW ELEVATION



P.3-20 ~~PUBLIC SCHOOL~~
SAMUEL CLEM HSE #28
E/S OLD FREDERICK RD
UTICA
CEN 3/80
NE PENNSYLVANIA