

F-7-105  
Riverside Tenant House  
Urbana vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1880-1890

The Riverside Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1880-1890, with a two-room plan and a central chimney, and a one-story rear wing. The exterior is covered with german siding and the foundation, which is exposed on the south, west, and east elevations, is plastered with concrete. The house has a 3 and 2 bay configuration on the south elevation, three on the first story and two on the second. The center entrance has a glazed panel door and a simple canopy hood. The windows have plain architraves and 2/2 sash. The roof is corrugated metal. The house was probably built after the 1877 purchase of the 306-acre farm property by Charles E. Trail, who renamed the property "Riverside" and made extensive improvements to the main dwelling on the farm, visible northeast of the tenant house across agricultural fields. The house is minimally significant for its architecture, being a fair example of the late 19th century vernacular dwelling. Its plan and bay configuration are based on the typical German vernacular dwelling common throughout Frederick County in the late 18th and 19th century. The lack of decoration and simple plan reflect its functional role in the larger farm property.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

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

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Riverside Tenant House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 7330B Fingerboard Road  not for publicationcity, town Urbana  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ariana T. Arnold Kenetz

street &amp; number 126 Ivy Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Cockeyville state and zip code MD 21030

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1085

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 66

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. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 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 Riverside Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1880-1890 on the north side of Fingerboard Road (Md. 80) about 150 yards east of the Monocacy River bridge near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces south and has a one-story rear wing. The outbuildings consist of several small non-contributing sheds. The house is on the same parcel as, and is a tenant house of, Riverside (F-7-43), a large stone mansion built about 1845-50 with major alterations in 1878. The mansion is visible across the agricultural fields to the northeast of the tenant house. The date of the tenant house is based on architectural details and the 1873 Titus Atlas map, which confirms that the house was built after that date.

The house has german siding and a corrugated metal roof with a center brick chimney. The stone foundation is raised slightly above ground level and plastered with concrete on the exterior. The south elevation has three bays on the first story and two bays on the second. The center entrance is sheltered under a small hood with plain bracket supports. Modern concrete steps with a wood railing lead up to the doorway. The door has a glazed upper panel. The window frames have plain architraves and the sash is 2/2. The east and west gable ends have single center bays with 2/2 windows and small square 2/2 attic level windows. The plain cornice returns on the gable ends. The one-story rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the house and has an interior end chimney on the north end. It has 1 bays on the east side under a slightly extended roof supported on plain brackets. A glazed panel door is flanked by a 2/2 window. The west side of the wing has a single window bay. The interior plan has been somewhat altered, but basically was built with a two-room plan and a center staircase.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input 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** C. 1880-1890      **Builder/Architect**

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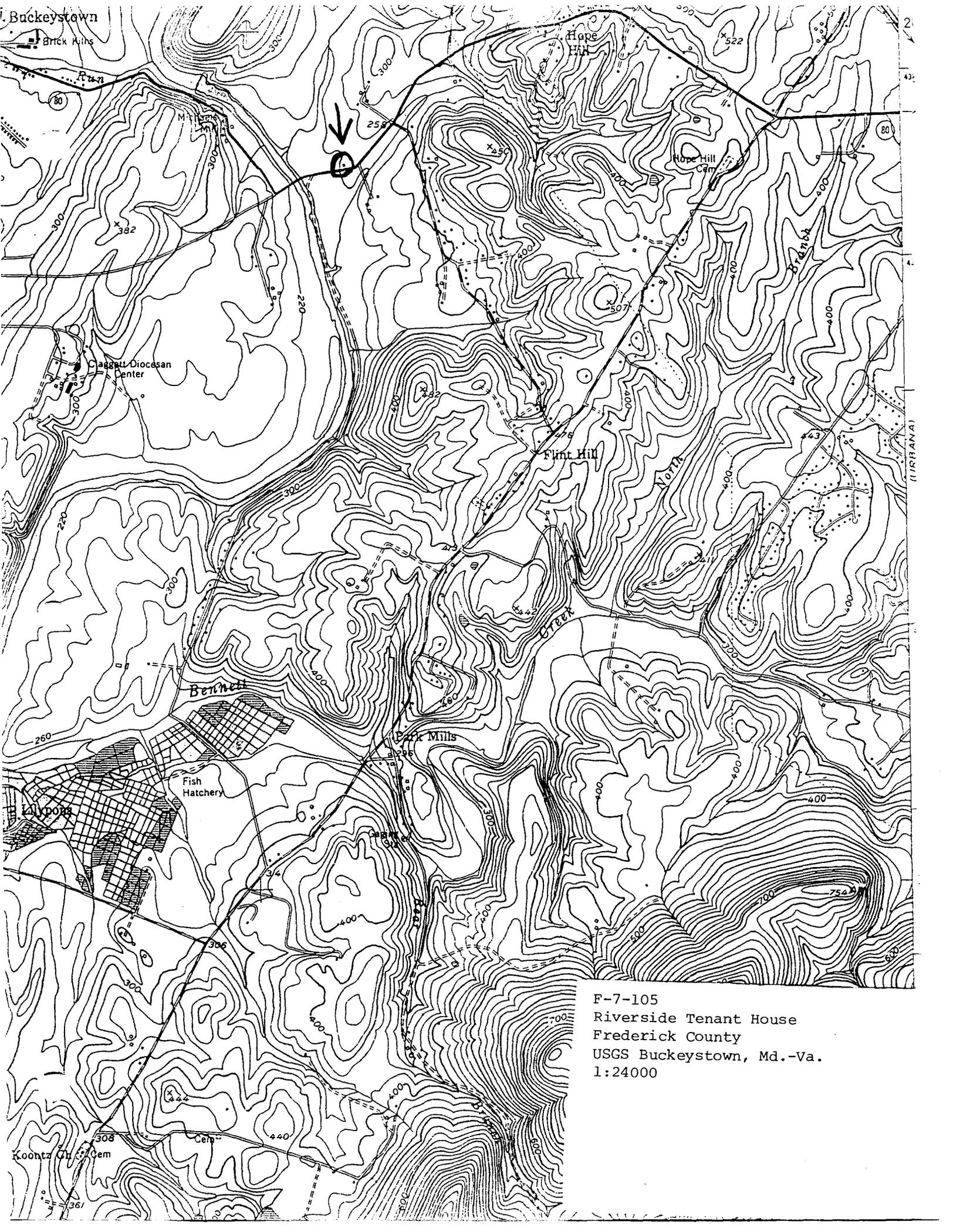
check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The Riverside Tenant House is minimally significant in architecture as a fair example of a late 19th century vernacular dwelling. The exterior appearance is only slightly altered by the plastering of the stone foundation and a modern door hood and stairs. The bay configuration, window type, and exterior cladding and roofing are representative of the period. The house was built after the 1877 purchase of the 306-acre farm on which it is located by Charles E. Trail. He remodeled the main residence and named it "Riverside". The tenant house was apparently built about 1880-1890, based on its materials and design. The form of the house is derived from the prevalent German style house found throughout Frederick County in the late 18th and 19th century. Its functional plan and lack of decoration reflect its utilitarian nature in the context of the larger farm property.





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