

F-7-106
Henry Umberger House
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1847; ca. 1925

The two-story frame dwelling with german siding and a 1-1/2 story rear wing probably with a log structure was built by Henry Umberger between about 1843 and 1847. Three frame sheds located behind the currently unoccupied house were built in the first quarter of the 20th century. The house has three bays on the south elevation, with a four-panel door in the center bay under a three-light transom. The windows are 2/2 in plain architraves. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and interior chimneys are at each gable end. The main section may have been added in the late 19th century, although land records show that a structure was on the site by 1869. The main section may also have log structure, but this has not been confirmed by interior observation. The house is a fair example of a mid-19th century dwelling and is minimally significant in architecture.

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Urbana

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:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Umberger House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11600 block Fingerboard Road not for publication

city, 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 Lisa V. Gauer, trustee of Gene F. Murphy Trust

street & number 12020 Old National Pike telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 632

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 115

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

Survey No. F-7-106

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"/> 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: 3

The Henry Umberger House is a two-story frame dwelling with a probable log 1-1/2 story rear wing, built about 1847 with the frame main section possibly added in the last quarter of the 19th century, and three frame sheds built in the first quarter of the 20th century. The house is located on the north side of Fingerboard Road about three miles east of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling faces south toward the road, with the outbuildings located behind the house to the north. A driveway runs diagonally to the northwest off Fingerboard Road, between the house and the sheds, leading to a non-contributing modern residence located west of the Umberger house on the same parcel. The house is currently unoccupied and, although the interior was inaccessible for this survey, it appears that the house is used as a storage building and one of the sheds as a dog kennel. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural details, historical maps, and land records.

The dwelling has a three-bay south elevation with a one-story shed-roofed porch. The exterior of the main section is covered with german siding and the rear wing has both german and pressboard siding. The roof of both sections is covered with corrugated metal. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west gable ends. A third chimney is located at the north end of the rear wing. The windows have plain architraves and 2/2 sash. The center entrance has a narrow three-light transom and a four-panel door. The porch has plain square columns and deteriorated wood deck. The east and west gable ends have a single window bay on the first story and an attic level window. The rear wing has an integral one-story porch on the east side and a doorway on this side is flanked by a single 2/2 window. The north end of the wing has only two small 2/2 attic level windows. On the west side is a single window. The interior was inaccessible for this survey. Information gained from an interior examination may further clarify the building history of the house.

Sheds: The three frame sheds behind the dwelling all have vertical board siding and shed corrugated metal roofs. The northernmost appears to have been a stable or barn, with three openings on the south side. The middle of the three is a chicken house, with a pair of openings on the east side, screened with wire. The southernmost of the three is a garage with a concrete block foundation and sliding doors on the east elevation. This shed apparently is used as a garage and a dog kennel. All are in fair condition and were probably built in the first quarter of the 20th century.

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
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<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"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1847; C. 1925 **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 Henry Umberger House is minimally significant in architecture for its apparent log and frame structure, being a fair example of a typical vernacular dwelling of the mid to late 19th century. The house was probably built between 1843 and 1847 by Henry Umberger, about whom no information has been discovered, although he was probably related to a John S. Umberger, a prominent farmer and a director of the First National Bank of Monrovia in the early 20th century. Land records show that Henry Umberger bought two adjoining parcels in 1843 and 1847 totaling 3-1/2 acres, for \$70. By 1869, Umberger and his wife Elizabeth sold the property to Isaac N. Wood, retaining a life estate for Elizabeth. The sale price of \$300 indicates that a structure was standing on the site and the architectural evidence strongly suggests that the present house dates at least from this period. The rear wing has the proportions and form of log wings seen in other mid-19th century houses, while the main section is probably frame, although this is unconfirmed by interior examination. In 1911, an equity sale of the property described the house as having 6 rooms and a metal roof, with a well nearby and abundant fruit trees. The existing outbuildings were probably built during the period 1901-1925, when the house was owned by Evan and Sarah Gray.

Singerboard Road

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
632/115 29 Jan 60	Gene F. + Lucille R. Murphy	Charles E. + Mamie E. Murphy	253 a.	
632/113 29 Jan 60	Charles E. + Mamie E. Murphy	Mehle W. Murphy, et al	253 a.	
531/516 8 June 54	Mehle W. Murphy et al	Ruth Moleky	253 a.	
531/514 8 June 54	Ruth Moleky	Charles E. + Mamie E. Murphy et al	253 a. (Link from previous deed not verified by title search)	
356/118 30 Dec 25	Mamie E. Murphy	Leslie N. Cobbley + Arthur D. Willard, trustee	Equity 11162	Klmer M. Rollins + George W. Peters vs Frank Peach et al, siblings of Sarah R. Gray \$900
Equity Record EGH 8/568	Sarah R. Gray	Gray, died 1925, leaving outstanding debts and funeral expenses	Ad for sale of real estate: 5 acres improved with a 6-room, metal roof dwelling house and other small outbuildings, with a well of water at the door and with plenty of growing fruit trees	
			Imperfect title noted by purchaser Mamie E. Murphy John W. H. Boyer sold property to Evan + Sarah Gray in 1901 without apparent legal title in his possession.	
DHH 13/21 5 Dec 01	Evan H. + Sarah R. Gray	John W. H. Boyer		\$79.10

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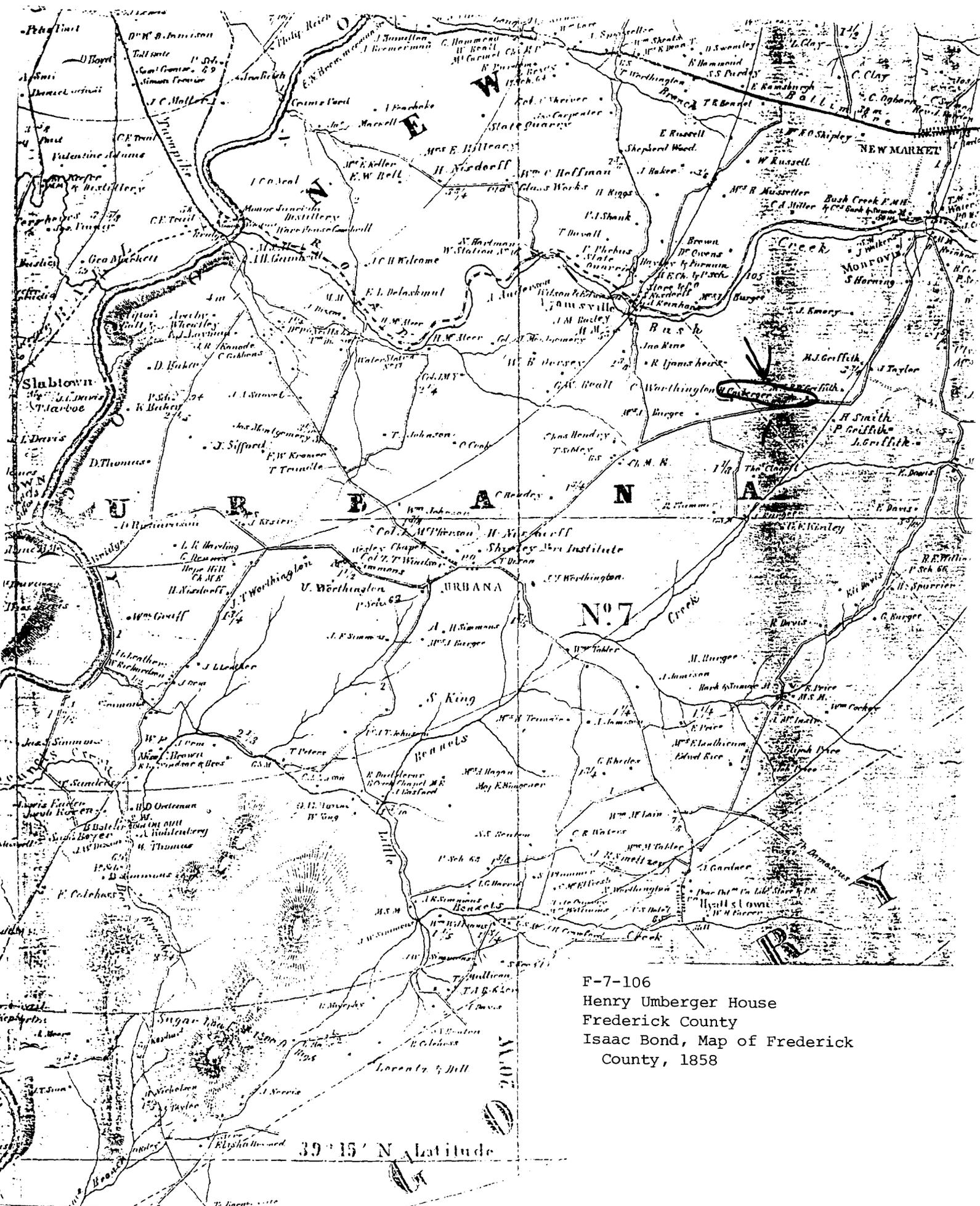
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
WIP 6/401 7 Apr 1888	John W. H. Boyer	John E. R. Wood & Milton S. Turner, trustees	Equity 5261; This case unlocated in Equity Records, but this deed may be the missing deed mentioned in Mamie E. Murphy's purchase in 1925	
WIP 9/44 2 Mar 1888	Augustus S. Boyer	Joseph Wood	John W. H. Boyer & Augustus S. Boyer were brothers sons of James Boyer. known as the Henry Nemberger lot 3 1/2 a. adjoining Mrs Mollie Plummer & others	\$700
WIP 6/23 21 May 1887	Joseph Wood	John J. & Helen A. Bradshaw		\$800
WIP 1/168 14 Sept 1885	John L. & Helen A. Bradshaw	Joseph Wood		\$800
AF 11/127 4 May 1885	Joseph Wood	Lydia A. Wood, widow of Dr. Isaac N. Wood, et al	parcels conveyed to Isaac N. Wood by Henry Nemberger	\$225
Q.M 3/397 20 Apr 1869	Isaac N. Wood	Henry & Elizabeth Nemberger	subject to life estate of Elizabeth Nemberger 2 parcels	\$300
WBT 7/374 26 Mar 1847	Henry Nemberger	Singleton & Elizabeth Wooten	part of "Resurvey on Seth's Folly" 1 1/2 a. adjoining parcel deeded in HS 21/222	\$30
HS 21/222 15 Dec 1843	Henry Nemberger	Singleton Wooten	2 a. being a corner of land adjoining the land belonging to the heirs of Col. Griffith	\$40

MARKET DIST. No. 9

Scale 75 inches to the mile

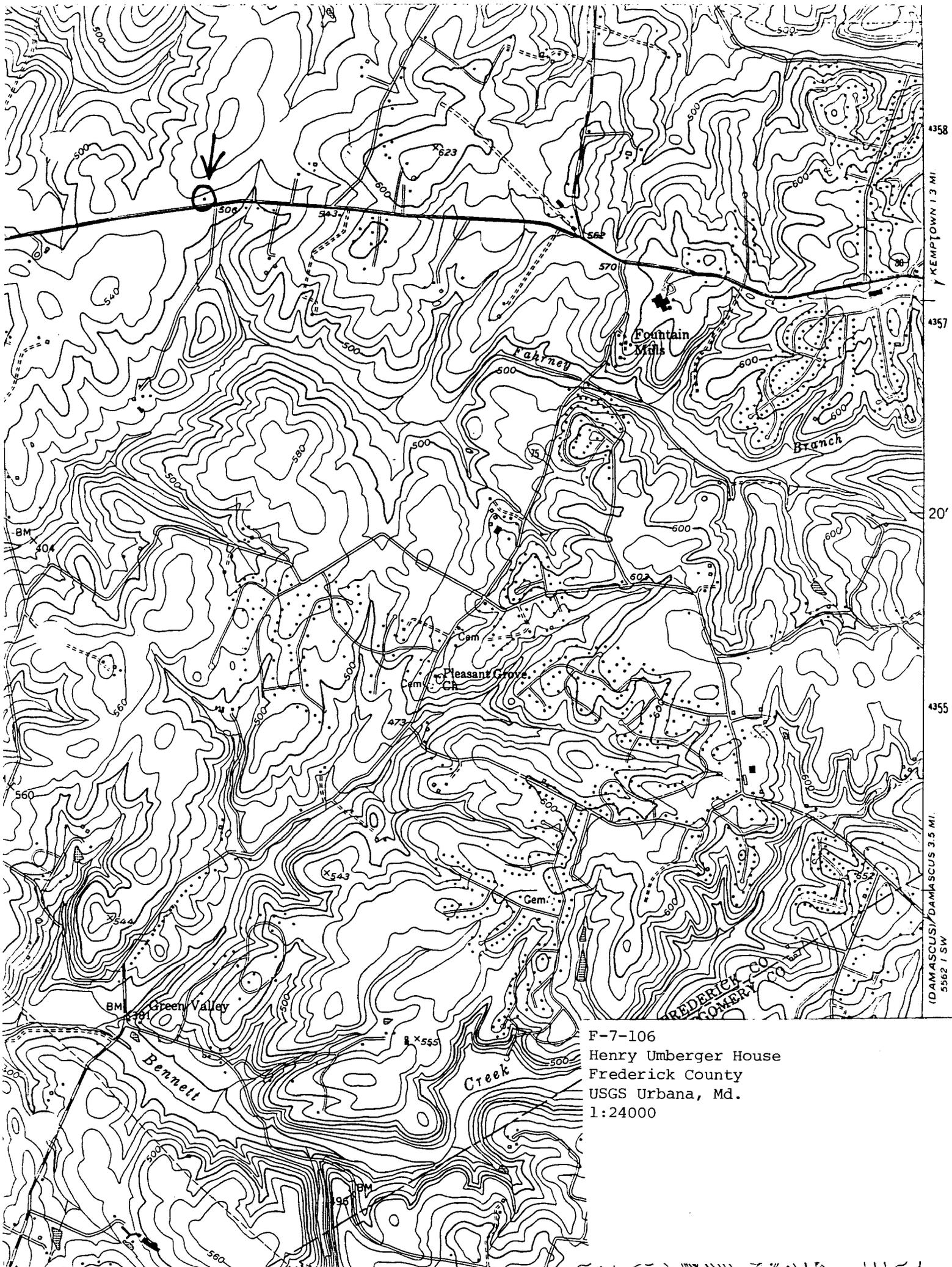


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 Henry Umberger House
 Frederick County
 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
 County, 1873



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 Henry Umberger House
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858

39° 15' N Latitude



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Henry Umberger House
Frederick County
USGS Urbana, Md.
1:24000

KEMP TOWN 1.3 MI.
20'
DAMASCUS / DAMASCUS 3.5 MI.
5562 1 SW







