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J. W. Linthicum Farmstead
Urbana vicinity
Public

Ca. 1890-1942

The J. W. Linthicum Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1890-1900 frame dwelling with considerable alterations in the 1920's and 1940's with two surviving domestic outbuildings, a frame smokehouse of about 1900 and a terra cotta block garage dated 1918, and an agricultural group with a dated 1853 bank barn probably rebuilt in the early 20th century, a 1942 concrete block dairy barn, milk house, and two silos. Considerable alteration has also taken place in the agricultural group, with post-1945 loafing sheds, a machine shed, and a non-contributing concrete block tenant house built in 1950. The farm has been in use since the late 18th century, but the existing farmstead buildings are typical of the latter 19th century and early 20th century. The house has Colonial Revival details of the early 20th century and 1940's trim of the same style on the interior. Compared to other farmsteads of the period, the Linthicum Farmstead has low to moderate significance as a representative of the agricultural group and of the vernacular/Colonial Revival style. The house was probably built by John W. Linthicum, a Civil War veteran and Urbana native who owned the property from 1869 to 1911. The most important information provided by the farmstead is the possible identification of a mid-19th century barn builder, Jacob Dronenburg, who may have signed the 1853 datestone in the foundation of the bank barn. Few other barn builders have been identified in Frederick County.

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: John W. Linthicum Farmstead Survey Number: F--7-121

Project: Urbana High School (9203276) Agency: PSCP

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The Linthicum Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a frame, two-story dwelling built about 1890-1900 with substantial exterior and interior alterations during the 1920s and 1940s. The complex is located at 3301 Urbana Pike, Urbana, and consists of two contributing domestic outbuildings and six agricultural outbuildings. The Linthicum Farmstead has low to moderate significance as an example of the development of the 19th century farmstead in Frederick County. Many of the buildings have been altered in wall and floor finishes and by the removal of the original fireplaces and mantels. The relationship of the domestic and agricultural groups within the complex and the basic floor plan of the house are typical of the late 19th century. The integrity of the resource has been compromised due to the twentieth century alterations. The complex does not embody distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction. Because Frederick County retains numerous domestic/agricultural resources with higher levels of integrity, we believe that the property is not eligible for the Maryland Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: project file, "Urbana High School"

MHT Inventory

Prepared by: Janet Davis

L. Bowlin Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services January 7, 1992 Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
[Signature] Reviewer, NR program [Signature] Date

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John W. Linthicum Farmstead

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:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes

Agriculture

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Domestic/secondary structure/garage

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John W. Linthicum Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3301 Urbana Pike 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 Montgomery County Humane Society, Inc. & Frederick County Humane Society, Inc.

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1607

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 885

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County F-316

date C. 1968 federal state county local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-121

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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: 9

The J. W. Linthicum Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a frame, two-story dwelling built about 1890-1900 with substantial exterior and interior alterations during at least two periods, about 1920-1925 and 1942-1945, with two contributing domestic outbuildings and 6 contributing agricultural outbuildings. The farmstead is located on the northeast side of Urbana Pike about 1/4 mile southeast of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The outbuildings include a stone and frame bank barn, dated 1853 in the foundation, a concrete block dairy barn and milk house with two adjoining concrete silos built about 1942, according to the farm tenant, a terra cotta block garage with an interior date of 1918, and a non-contributing concrete block tenant house built in 1950. The date of the main dwelling was estimated from its architectural features. The dwelling is currently unoccupied and in fair condition due to neglect, but is restorable. The tenant house is occupied and most of the agricultural buildings are currently in agricultural use or have been converted to storage.

The main residence is a frame, two-story house located at the head of the principal driveway into the farmstead from Urbana Pike. The drive is flanked at the entrance by concrete block piers and lined with mature trees. The drive circles the house on both sides and continues toward the northwest past the garage and smokehouse into an allee of trees leading toward the agricultural group and the tenant house. The principal elevation of the house faces southwest and has five bays with a center bay entrance under an entry porch. The exterior is covered with german siding, painted white and currently in a somewhat weathered state. The five-bay main section has a two-story rear wing, a one-story sun porch on the northwest gable end, and a one-story frame addition on the southeast gable end, built in 1942-1943. Interior end brick chimneys rise from each gable end and from the northeast end of the rear wing. The chimneys have corbeled tops. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The eaves are extended and there are cornice returns on the gable ends. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. The main entrance door is a circa 1945-50 replacement with four panels and arched lights near the top. The entry porch has plain square posts and a plain balustrade on the flat roof. The porch base is brick. The entry porch in all respects appears to be a 1940's addition. The sun porch is enclosed by screens and aluminum awnings are attached to all elevations. The southeast addition is covered with german siding and has banks of 6/6 windows on all elevations. The low, sloped roof is edged by a Chippendale style balustrade. Both the sun porch and the addition probably were added at the same time, in 1942-1943. The gable ends have small square attic level windows and a door with a metal hood awning opens from the second story onto the roof of the addition on the southeast. The rear wing has an irregular window arrangement and varied sash styles, including 2/2 and 4/4 on the second story and 6/1 and 2/2 on the first story. A two-story enclosed porch was added to the northeast angle between the wing and the main section, probably in the 1920's as an extension of an existing porch on the wing. The first story is enclosed by glazed louvred panels and the second story is enclosed with wire screens and a german siding base, probably as a sleeping porch during the 1920's. During the 1940's,

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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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1890-1900; C. 1920 Builder/Architect - 1925; C. 1942

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 J. W. Linthicum Farmstead has low to moderate significance as an example of the development of the 19th century farmstead in Frederick County during the period about 1890-1942. The farm has existed since about 1770, according to land record research, but its current buildings date from the late 19th century and early 20th century. Many have been altered in plan and use and the interior of the main dwelling was altered in wall and floor finishes and by the removal of the original fireplaces and mantelpieces. The relationship of the domestic and agricultural groups within the complex and the basic floor plan of the house are typical of the late 19th century. Architecturally, the residence shows the influence of the Colonial Revival style of the early 20th century, with considerable alteration in the same style of the 1940's-1950's period. The signed and dated stone in the barn is notable because of its rarity, although the foundation may be the only surviving 1853 part of the building. If the identification of Jacob Dronenburg as the builder can be confirmed, this would be one of the few barns for which this information is known.

Land records refer to the "Resurvey on Daniel's Small Tract" granted to John Worthington, Jr. on September 18, 1770. The Worthington family owned the property until 1869, when it was purchased by John W. Linthicum, in whose family the property remained until 1911. Linthicum was born in 1836 in Urbana and was a Confederate Army veteran, having served time as a prisoner of war in Boston in 1864-65. Various owners through the early 20th century apparently made the changes to the rear wing and earlier buildings in the farmstead disappeared over many years. The date of the barn places it in the ownership of the Worthington family and the apparent date of the main dwelling links it with the J. W. Linthicum period. In 1942, Blake D. and Mabel Merson purchased the property and made most of the interior changes to the property. It was never a full-time residence after about 1950 with the building of the tenant house occupied by the Earl Nicholson family, being a weekend and summer house for the Mersons. The agricultural use of the property has remained continuous since the late 18th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-121

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County
Nicholson, Mr. Earle, personal interview, Oct. 12, 1992
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the main house on Tax Map 96, Parcel 49

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. **date** October 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street **telephone** 696-2958

city or town Frederick **state** Md. 21701

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.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

two-story fully enclosed addition was built on the northwest side of the wing, to provide an enclosed separate entrance to a second-story apartment. This addition has 2/2 windows and a partially enclosed, projecting entrance foyer on the northeast end of the addition.

The interior plan and finishes have been considerably altered during the period about 1942-1950. The basic plan is that of the vernacular two-room house common in Frederick County, but a wall setting off a central hall and the staircase may have been removed. The existing staircase and newel post are paneled in a circa 1900 Colonial Revival style. The newel cap is a decorative urn. The turned balusters are in the Georgian Revival style. The door and window frames are molded with shallow bull's-eye corner blocks, a feature often seen in other Frederick County houses of the late 19th and early 20th century Colonial Revival style. The walls in the first floor rooms are covered with 1950's period wallpaper and the hardwood floors appear to be of the period 1940-1950. The southeast room, the living room of the 1940's to the present, has knotty pine paneling on the gable end wall with a brick fireplace surround and built-in shelving. A flanking door leads into the 1942-1943 addition, which is also paneled in knotty pine. The northwest room is the 1940's dining room, where the original fireplace has been removed, although the chimney remains visible on the roof. The entire first story of the rear wing is occupied by the modern kitchen. An enclosed corner staircase, another vernacular feature, is located in the northwest corner of the kitchen. Part of the porch on the northeast side of the wing is enclosed as a pantry, visible on the exterior as a german-sided section. The second story apartment, created in the 1942-1943 alteration, has similar details and finishes as the first story rooms. The front section of the second story has two bedrooms and a 1940's period bathroom near the top of the staircase.

Domestic outbuildings:

Smokehouse: The frame smokehouse appears, from its materials and design, to date from the late 19th century. The small rectangular building is located northwest of the house and has tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal roof. A single vertical board door is located in the southeast elevation.

Garage: The square plan terra cotta block garage is located immediately north of the smokehouse. Built about 1915-1920, it has a painted date of September 30, 1918 on an interior wall. It has a hipped composition roof with a metal finial at the peak. During the 1940's, a deteriorated south and west wall was rebuilt with concrete block. Also during the period 1940-1950, a non-contributing concrete block extension was added to the west wall. The extension has an open side on the north and is used as a machine shed. It has a modern metal roof. A second extension is located on the west end.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Bank barn: The bank barn is located northwest of the domestic group at the end of the allee of trees along the farm lane. The stone foundation of the barn has a dated and inscribed stone at the southeast corner. The date is 1853 and

7.2 Description (Continued)

the name appears to be "J. Droning". A possible identification may be Jacob Dronenburg, a mason and plasterer who had a farm near Urbana and was also postmaster at Urbana. Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910) states that Dronenburg was a skilled workman and was responsible for stonework and plastering on several fine buildings in the County. The upper frame structure shows circular and other machine-sawn structural and exterior siding materials, which place it in the late 19th and early 20th century. The roof is standing seam metal. Double sliding doors are located in the center of the northeast elevation and a circa 1950's non-contributing concrete block silo is located on the north side of the ramp. Non-contributing loafing sheds are attached to the southwest side of the barn and shelter the stall level of the barn. The exposed wood supports of the barn also appear to the 20th century in date as the barn progressed from general to dairy use and finally to horse stalls. The barn is currently used for hay storage and as a cow barn.

Dairy barn, milk house, and adjoining silos: The concrete block dairy barn was built just northeast of the bank barn in about 1942-1943, according to Mr. Earl Nicholson, the tenant farmer who has worked the farm since 1950. The barn had a gambrel standing seam roof with two ventilators on the ridgeline. The gable ends are covered with german siding and a lift-type garage door is located in the northeast gable end, below loading doors on two levels. The windows are 6/6 pivoting sash. The small rectangular milk house is located on the south side of the dairy barn and has a standing seam gable roof with vents and an interior brick chimney on the northwest end. The milk house is linked to the dairy barn by a frame connection. Two concrete block silos are located near the northeast corner of the dairy barn. The dairy barn is currently used for storage.

Frame shed near non-contributing tenant house: Just southeast of the non-contributing 1950 tenant house is a frame shed built about 1940 which was relocated to the Linthicum farm during the 1950's. It had been built in the village of Urbana and had a minor use in defense facilities in the area. It has a rectangular plan with 3/3 windows in each elevation and german siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A panel door with a glazed 4-light upper section is located in the east elevation.

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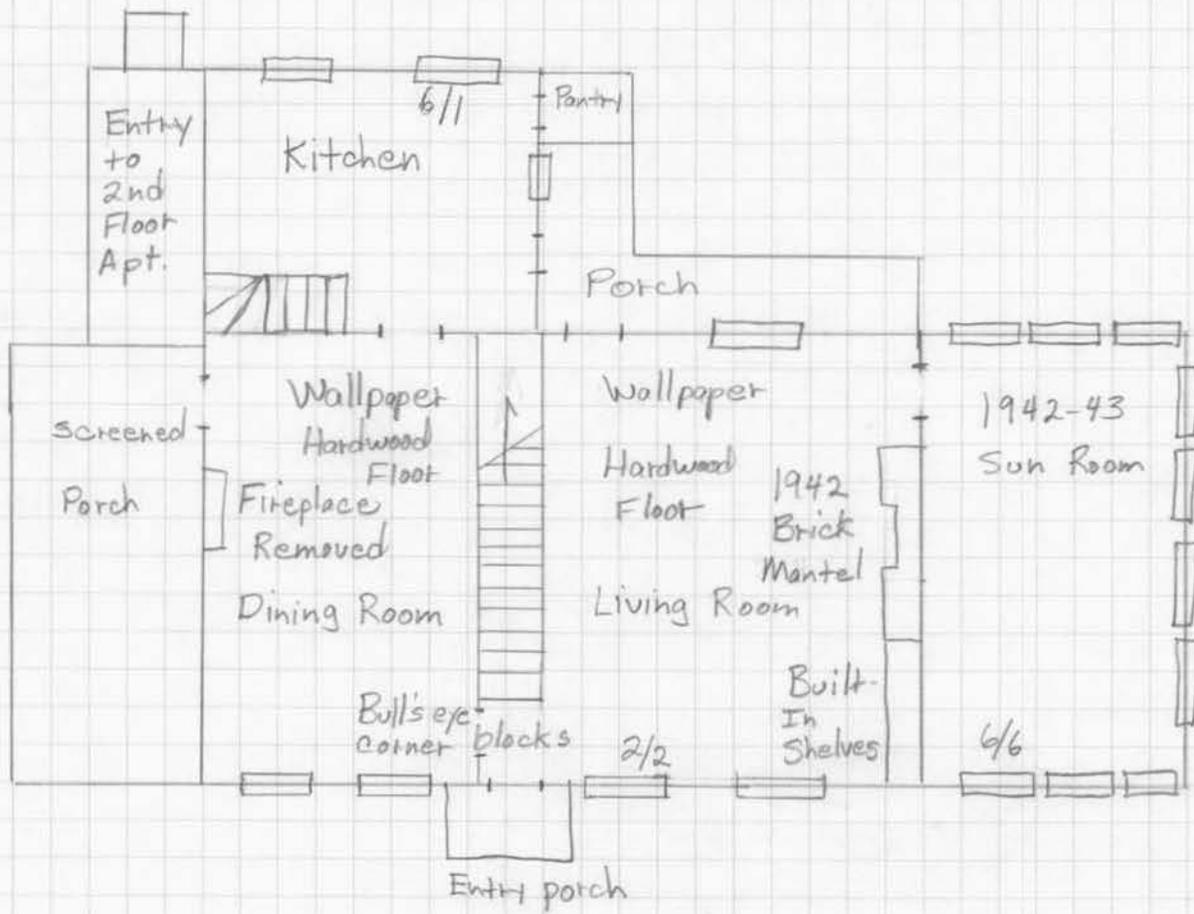
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Northington Farm (Wilbur H. S. site)

LIBER/FC	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1607/885 9 Oct 89	Montgomery + Frederick Co. Humane Societies Inc.	William M. Moore + Joseph D. O. Connell Co-personal reps. of the Estate of Blake D. Merson	167.69 a. in P's 1+2 of Parcel 1 1. 434/585, 1 Sept 42 2. 441/170, 6 Jan 44 30.27a. 3. 450/177 6 Sept 45 26.95A. in 2 tracts		
1) 434/585 5 Sept 42	Blake D. + Mabel Merson	Sylvester Mettenburg	167.69 (Resurvey on Daniel's small tract granted to John Northington, Jr. on 18 Sept 1770)		
1) 434/57 25 Aug 42	Sylvester Metten- burg	Commercial Bank of Maryland	see also 2nd parcel at 428/417, 15 May 41		
1) 390/450 10 Jul 33	Commercial Bank of Maryland	Frederick Mortgage + Investment Co.	169 a.		
1) 376/40 19 Aug 30	Frederick Mortgage + Investment Co.	John L. + Caroline M. Beall			
1) 360/67 1 Oct 26	John L. Beall	Bradley H. Dudrow + Binnie G. Dudrow, his wife	169 a.		
1) 344/33 18 Apr 23	Bradley H. Dudrow	William Cadle	169 a.		

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1) HWB 296/152 1 Apr 11	William Cadle Linthicum	Thos. S. & Elizabeth C. Linthicum			
1) DHH 13/3 15 Nov 01	Mamie E. Davis & Thomas S. Linthicum	Charles C. Waters & Edward S. Eichel- berger, trustees in Equity 7394.	169 A.	\$ 8,176.76	
1) CM 4/57 31 Aug 1869	Amanda S. Linthi- cum wif of John W. Linthicum	Allen M. Young & Ann P. Young, his wif	"Resurvey on Daniel's Small Tract" 169 A.	\$ 6,767.75	
1) JWLC #1/50 28 Dec 1863	Allen M. Young	Nicholas & Nettie A. Worthington	"Resurvey on Daniel's ... formerly owned by John H. Worthington 169 A.	\$ 5,921.94	
1) BGF 8/603 21 Apr 1863	Nicholas Worthington	John J. Worthington et al	"Resurvey on Daniel's ..." 169 A. CR BDI/452 24 Apr 1775 L 367 22 Apr 1768 K 194, 196 28 Oct 1765	\$ 4,229.84	



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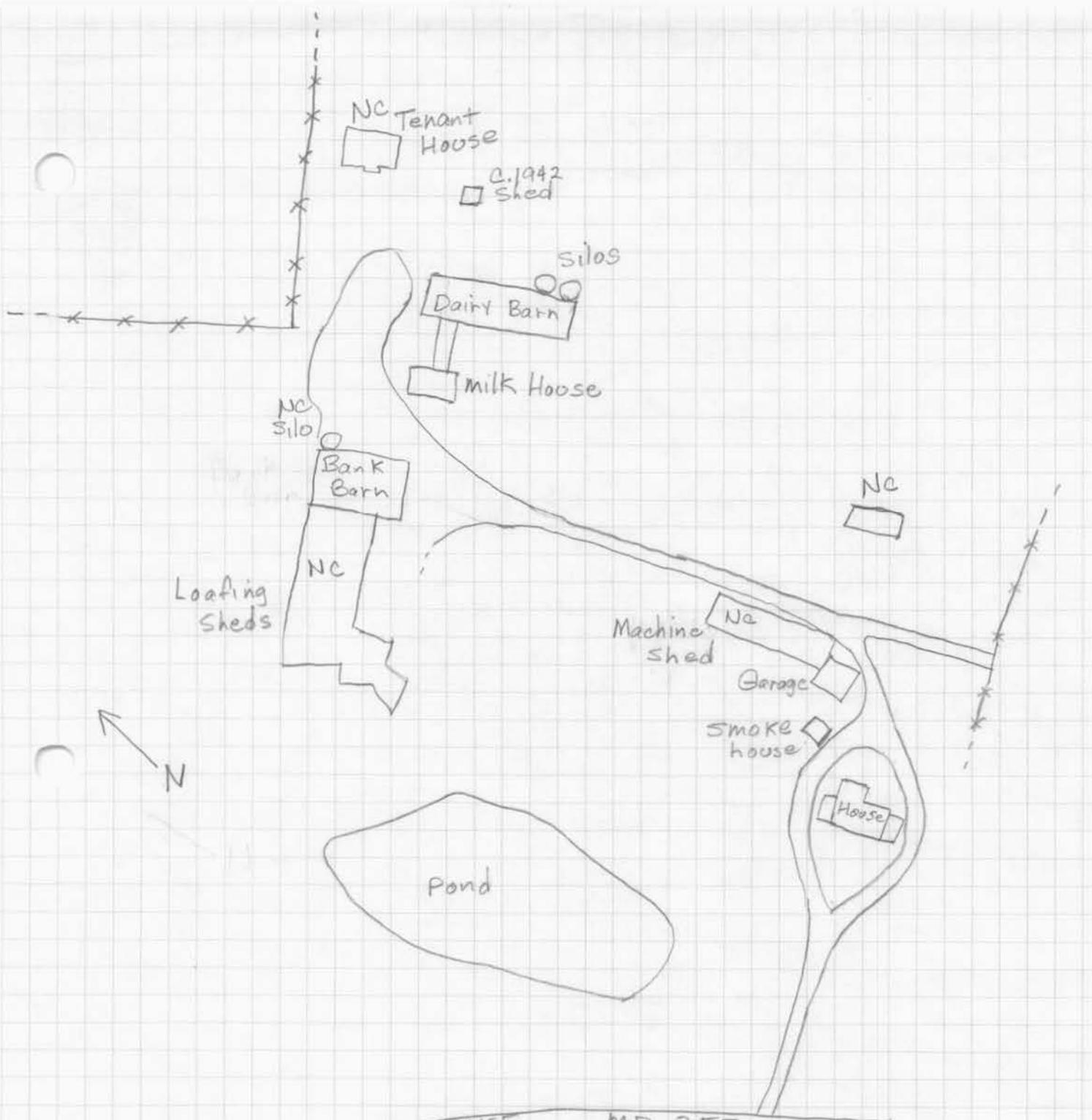
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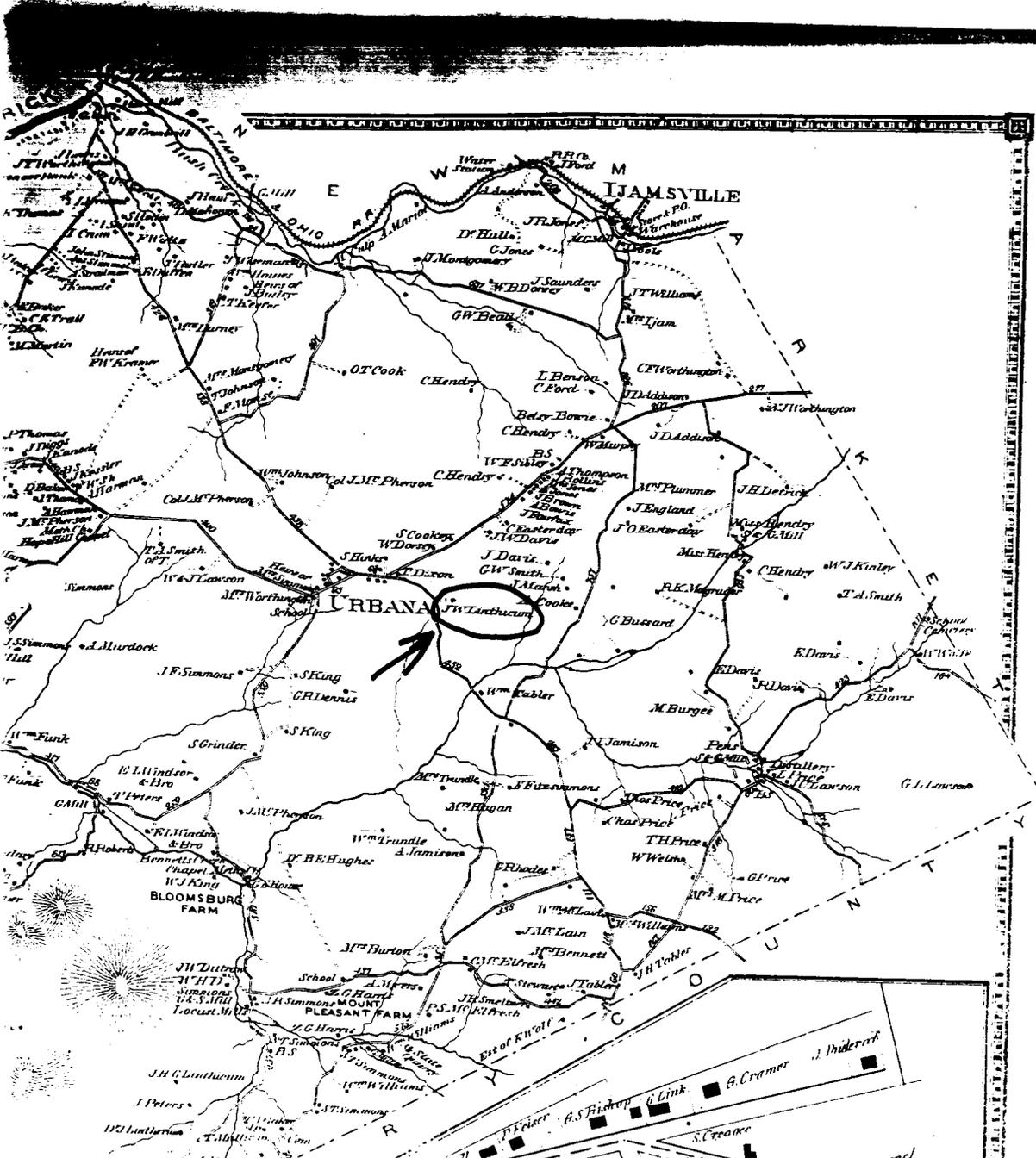
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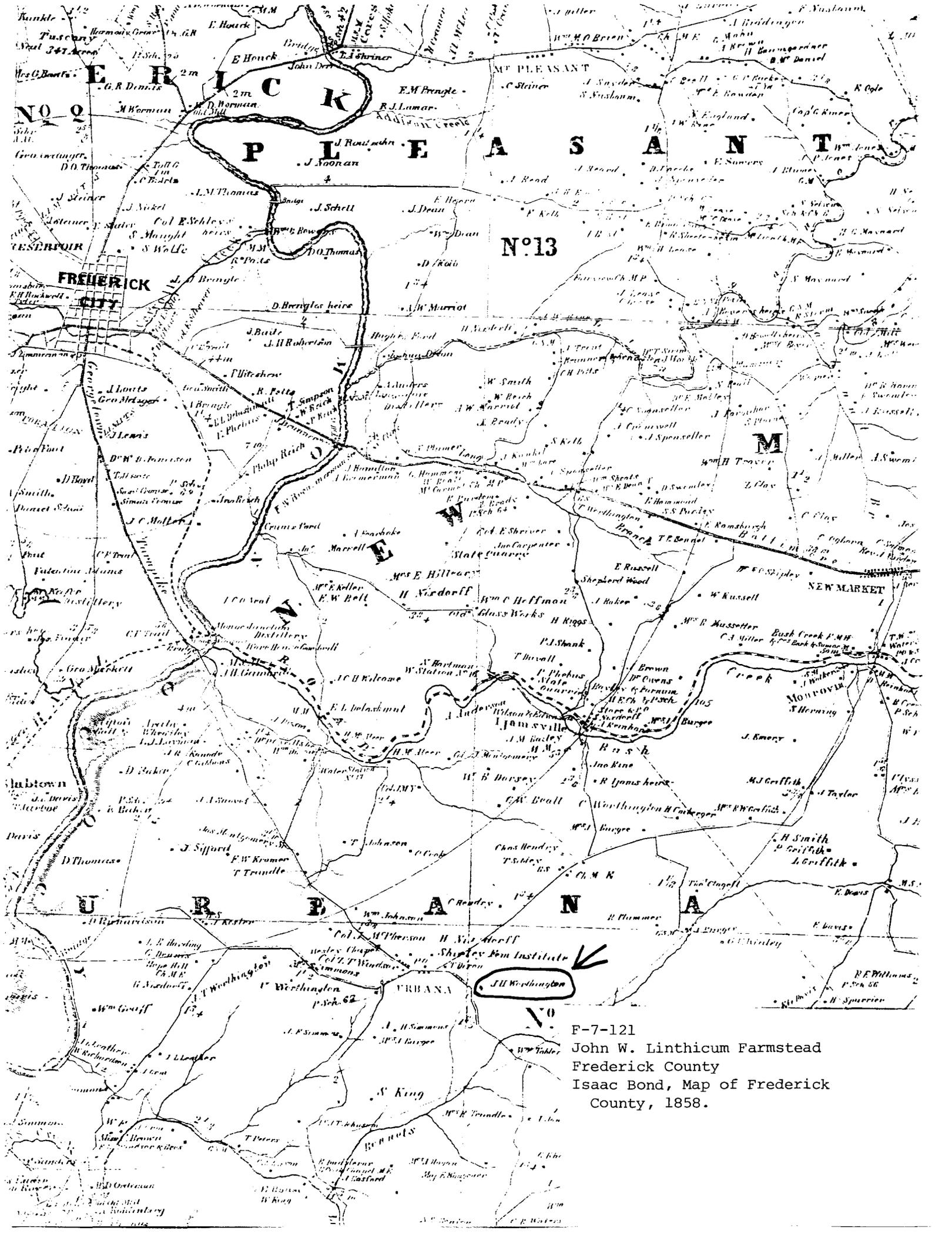
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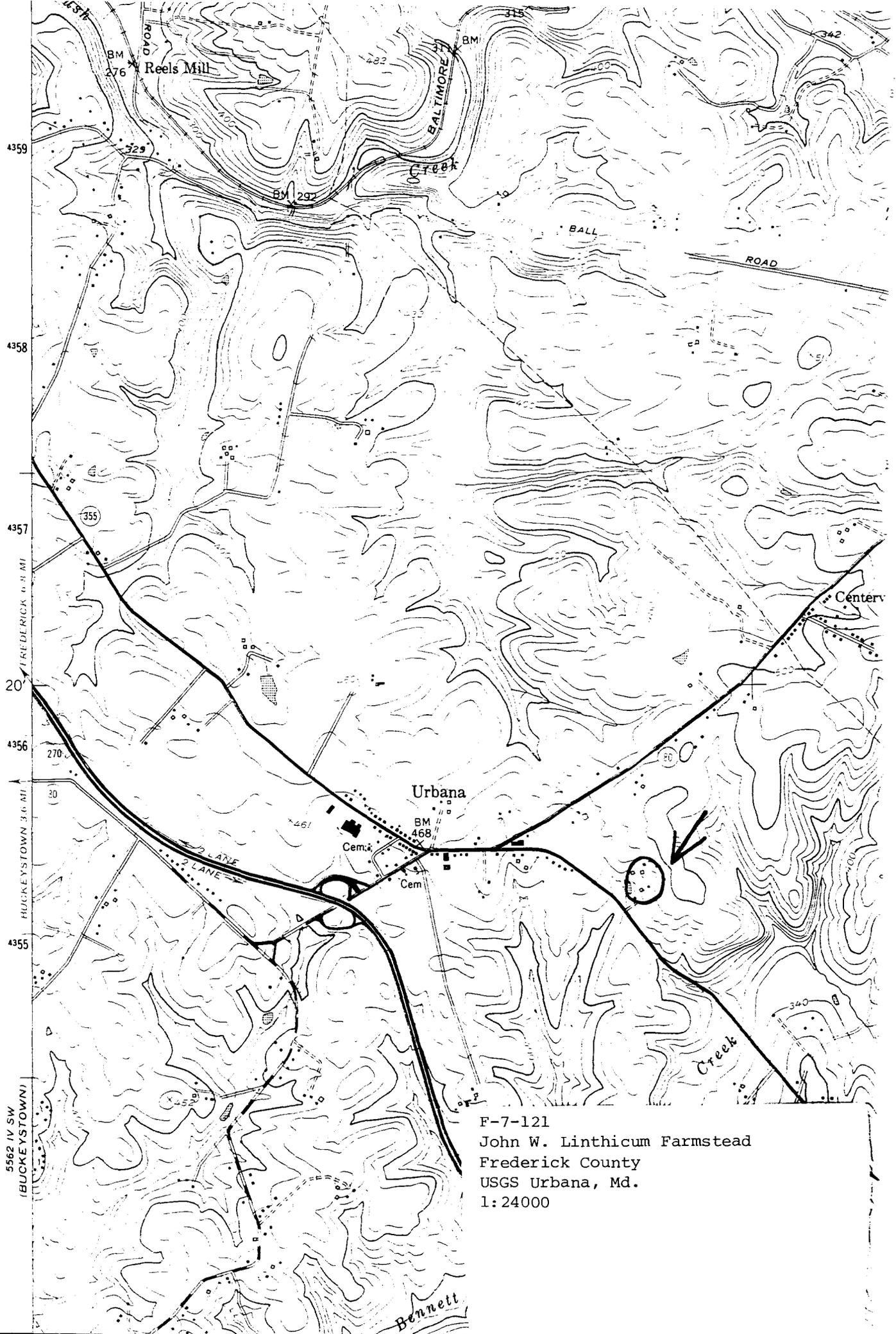


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 Woodsborough & Mt Pleasant Dist.



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USGS Urbana, Md.
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Map below is of John Brown's site

Northeast corner view

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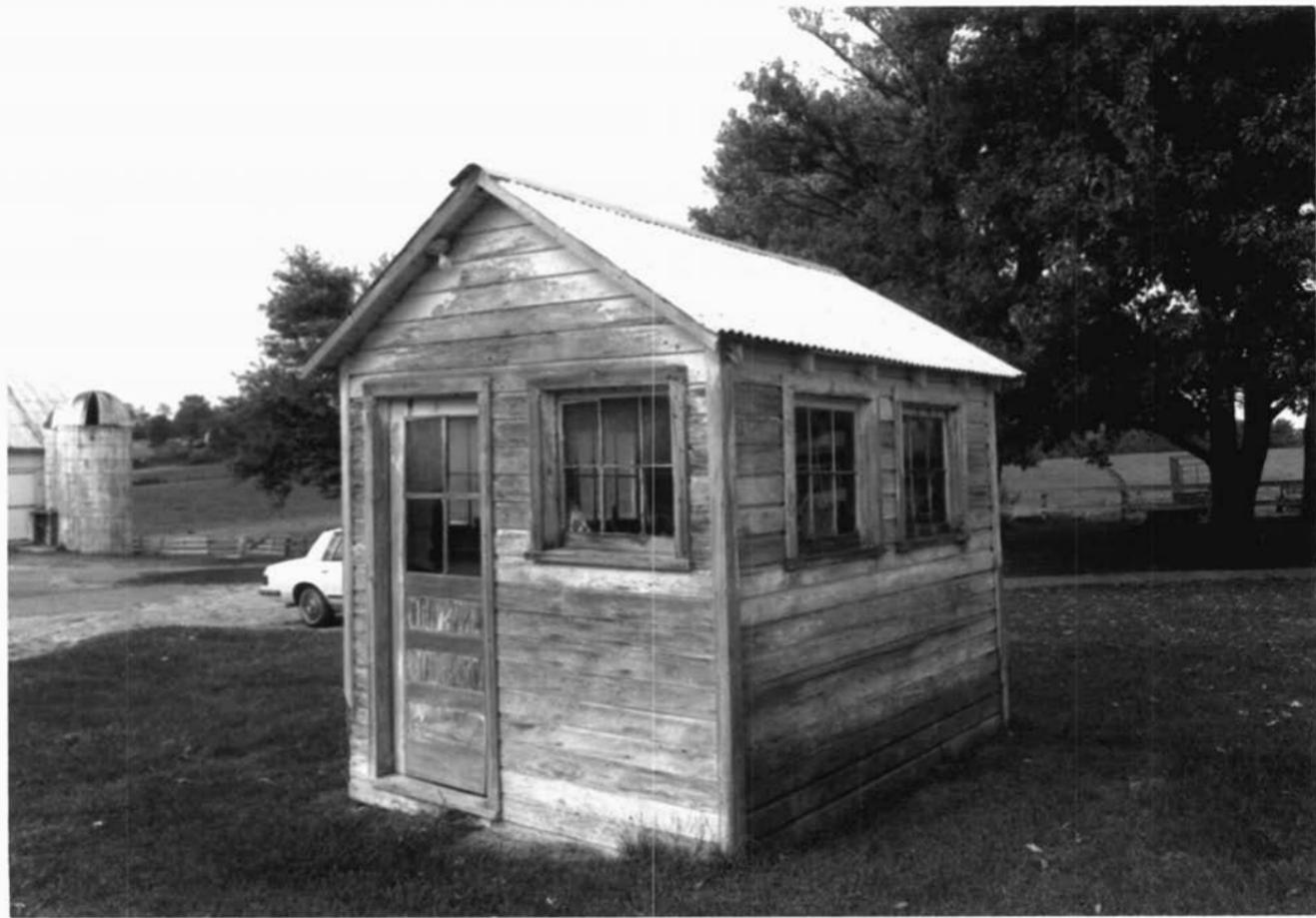














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J. W. Livingston Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: T. 1-1-10

October 1912

Neg. loc: Mt. St. John, Newmarket, Va.

View of farmstead from north, approx.
location of proposed school

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