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

Property/District Name: Andrew Strube House Survey Number: F:7-20

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

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

Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility **not** recommended _X_

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 Andrew Strube House is located at 8731 Fingerboard Road in the vicinity of Urbana, in Frederick County, Md. The property, including a late 19th-century dwelling and a 20th-century dairy barn, is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The main dwelling on the site, a 2-1/2-story late Victorian frame dwelling, was erected about 1896 for Andrew Strube, by local builder Charlie Dudderar, "a well-known Urbana builder and [possibly] the cousin of Andrew Strube. The house is set upon a low foundation, is covered with a gable roof and features a central gable with bargeboard detailing. A wrap-around porch with turned columns extends across the front and side elevations. The house is in deteriorating condition.

The property is presently owned by Kiplinger Washington Editors and stands in deteriorating condition. The house no longer retains sufficient integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have had associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: Janet L. Davis, MHT Form (1994)

Kimberly Prothro Williams September 26 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Kurtze 10/2/9
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
____	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
__X__	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
__X__	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
____	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
__X__	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Andrew Strube House Ca. 1896
Urbana vicinity
Private

The Andrew Strube House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1896, with Queen Anne style details in its shingled cross gables, decorative bargeboards, and interior mantelpieces. The house has asbestos shingle siding, a slate hipped roof, and a veranda extending across two elevations. The windows are 2/2 and most have louvred shutters on the principal east elevation. The five bays are dominated by the center bay, where the entrance has a transom and sidelights, and the second story window has a round arched top, with the central cross gable above the cornice line. The house is in generally fair condition, although evidence of deterioration due to neglect is found on both the interior and the exterior. Two columned mantelpieces with incorporated beveled mirrors are in the two principal first story rooms. The house was built for Andrew Strube (ca. 1840-1907), possibly by Charles Dronenburg, whose family was known in the Urbana vicinity as skilled builders. The Strube House has minimal significance in architecture, having been altered by the addition of modern siding materials, the partial enclosure of a rear porch, and by deterioration due to neglect.

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Andrew Strube House
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)

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

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE __yes x no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew Strube House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8731 Fingerboard Road ___ not for publication

city, town Urbana x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Kiplinger Washington Editors

street & number 1729 H St. N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. state and zip code 20006

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1201

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 875

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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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	_x_ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
_x_ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Andrew Strube House is a two-story frame dwelling with Queen Anne exterior details built about 1896 on a farmstead located on the south side of Fingerboard Road (Md. 80) with its entrance just west of the intersection of Fingerboard Road and Urbana Pike (Md. 355) in Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead consists of the dwelling, a rusticated concrete block dairy barn, a milk house, and a terra cotta silo, all dating from about 1936. The buildings are located at the end of an approximately 1/2 mile long driveway and are surrounded by mostly open agricultural fields. Interstate 270 runs north-south about 750 feet west of the dwelling. The principal elevation of the house faces east and a two-story rear wing extends to the west. A non-contributing concrete block meathouse and two very deteriorated frame sheds are located near the house.

The house has a generally rectangular form with a central cross gable on the east and a one-story porch which extends across the east elevation and part of the north elevation. The rear wing projects from the northwest corner of the main section. This form is a traditional plan common to vernacular houses in Frederick County since the mid 18th century. The exterior cladding is asbestos shingles, which probably conceal german siding. The hipped roof is slate with cross gables at the north, east, and south slopes. Each gable is faced with diamond patterned shingles and the extended eaves have decorative bargeboards. The interior chimne rise near the center of the main section and a third interior chimney is located in the gable roof of the rear wing. The east elevation has five bays with the entrance in the center bay. The five-panel door has a transom and sidelights. The windows are 2/2 and are flanked by louvred shutters, some in deteriorated condition and several windows on the second story have replacement solid shutters. The second story center bay has a round-arched window with corresponding arched shutters. In the center of each cross gable are other arched windows.

The rear wing originally had a two-story open porch on the south side, another common feature of 19th century vernacular houses in the County. The first story of the porch was enclosed in the early 20th century and has the same asbestos shingle cladding of the rest of the exterior. A section of the shingles is missing on the exterior, revealing german siding on the porch enclosure. A group of four 6/6 windows and a modern door open from the porch to a concrete paved terrace south of the wing. The second level of the porch remains open and has a deteriorated balustrade of square posts and railings. A four-panel door opens from the second story on the open porch.

The interior of the house has molded architraves and bull's eye corner blocks at the door and window surrounds. The staircase in the center hall has a square newel with fluted surfaces. In the north and south parlors are two oak mantelpieces, each with an overmantel featuring a beveled mirror flanked by columns. The frieze panel has applied floral trim. Surrounding the fireplace opening in the south parlor mantel are green glazed ceramic tiles. According to oral family information supplied by Ms. Sandra Miller, a Strube descendant, the green tiles were supposed have been brought from Germany. However, there is no visible distinguishi..,

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates C. 1896 **Builder/Architect** Charles Dronenburg

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

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

The Andrew Strube House has minimal significance in architecture as an example of the late 19th century vernacular dwelling with Queen Anne features. Its historical integrity has been lowered by alterations which include the application of asbestos shingle siding, the partial enclosure of the rear porch, and by deterioration caused by neglect. The house was built for Andrew Strube (ca. 1840-1907) about 1896, according to family information provided to the current owner of the property, Kiplinger Washington Editors, by Mrs. Mary Constance Strube Mason in April 1989. This date appears to be consistent with the land records and architectural features of the house. However, Mrs. Mason identified the builder of the house as Charlie Dudderar, "a well-known Urbana builder and possibly [the] usin [of Andrew Strube]." Mrs. Mason has since passed away and Ms. Sandra Miller, another Strube descendant, believes that Mrs. Mason confused the builder's last name with that of his wife, the correct name being Charles Dronenburg (1823-1914). Dronenburg was married to Ann Rebecca nee Dudderar. Ms. Miller also speculates that the house was built by Dronenburg in partial repayment of Strube's assumption of a debt owed by the Dronenburgs in 1895. Information about Dronenburg is sketchy, but other members of the Dronenburg family were known in the Urbana vicinity as skilled masons and builders. The bank barn at the John W. Linthicum Farmstead (F-7-121) east of Urbana was inscribed in the stone base by "J. Droning" in 1853, thought to be identical with Jacob Dronenburg, a mason and plasterer in the area according to the 1910 History of Frederick County. Andrew Strube and his wife Rosanna immigrated from Germany and were naturalized in 1859 in Frederick City, subsequently moving to Urbana. The farmstead was owned in 1858 by Abraham Simmons, who sold the property to George R. Dennis in 1864. Andrew Strube acquired the property in 1881. An earlier set of buildings, which were probably those shown on the 1858 and 1873 maps, once stood southwest of the present structures near I-270. Only a few foundation stones remain visible, according to Mr. Main.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966
Land Records of Frederick County
Miller, Sandra. Telephone interview
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md. **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 96, Parcel 113.

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 1994

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

characteristic that differentiates them from other examples of glazed fireplace tiles of the late 19th century found in contemporary houses in Frederick County. By the 1890's, similar tiles could be ordered from building supply catalogs in most areas of the United States. A third mantelpiece in a much simpler design was removed from the dining room of the house.

The rusticated concrete block dairy barn and milk house located just south of the dwelling were built about 1936, according to the farm's current tenant, Mr. Francis Main. The barn as a metal gambrel roof with ventilators on the ridge. German siding covers the gable ends. The barn is in very deteriorated condition, especially at the west end. The milk house is a square plan structure on the north side of the barn, with exterior walls of the same rusticated concrete blocks as in the barn. The roof is hipped and covered with metal. Adjacent to the east end of the barn is a terra cotta block silo with a metal roof. The silo was presumably built at the same time as the barn and milk house.

8731 Fingerboard Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1201/875 21 apr 83	Kiplinger Washington Editors	James McSherry et ux, Paul B & Marjorie M. Hanley,	P.1: 16.83 a 1065/30 686/663 1152/859	
		UBA Ltd. P'ship	P.2: 4.60 a. 1065/30 et al	
			P3: 1.29 a. } 714/314, 4 Dec. 61	
			P.4: 1.84 a. }	
686/663 Jul 63	Woodrow W. & Ola J. Neal (1/2 interest)	Mary Constance Shaeffer, widow	P.1: Parcel lying SW of I 70 (now 270) 37.83 a.	
	James & Marian S. McSherry (1/4 interest)		P.2: Land with improvements S of I-70 (now 270) 204.53 a. Total 242.36 a. Plat Book 4/62	
	Paul B. & Marjorie M. Hanley (1/4 interest)			
686/660 28 June 61	Mary Constance Shaeffer	Helen F. Mock		
686/658 28 June 61	Helen F. Mock	Albert Struble, comm. & Mary Constance Shaeffer, widow	P.1: 501/530 P.2: 275 a., 0 R., 38 p. 4 a., 2 R., 27 p. 450/84	
450/84 24 Sept 45	Mary Constance Shaeffer & Albert Struble	Dorothy E. Keyes	275 a., 2 R., 38 P.	

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P. 2: 8731 Singerwood Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
450/83 24 Sept 45	Dorothy E Kegels	Albert Stuble	(wife Bertha M Stuble died 22 Apr 34) (2nd wife Nellie married 1944 separated 1945)	
WBC 1/428 20 Apr 03 Will Record	Albert Stuble & Burt Stuble	Andrew Stuble (died 1907)	wife Rosannah Stuble received all real & personal property during her life 9 sons, 1st 5 received small amounts of money, last 4 received property after wife's death	
		deeds to Andrew Stuble in 1867-1916 index	CM 3/685 - stuin Frederick City 1868 sold 4th St. AF 3/139 JLJ 11/420 Eq 6432 4 a, 2R. 27p. JLJ 16/97 Eq. 6696, lot in village	
AF 3/139 26 Mar 1881	Andrew Stuble	John J. & Cachamie C Sinn	part of "Many Mansions One", part of "The Resurvey on Choice Improved" part of "Bloomberg" 300 a., 1p.	$3,000
			except 24 a. conveyed by G. R. Dennis to Singleton King (JWLC 1/528) 275 a., 2R., 38p.	
TG 11/409 11 Apr 1879	John J. Sinn	Wm. P. Maulsby, Jr., trustee	Equity 4424 - Equity Record ~~TG 7/447~~ TG 7/~~571~~ 511	$9,687.60
JWLC 1/579 17 May 1864	George R. Dennis	Abraham & Elizabeth Ann Summers		$10,000
Equity Record TG 7/511 1878-79	- no description of bldgs.	on farm in 1878-79		

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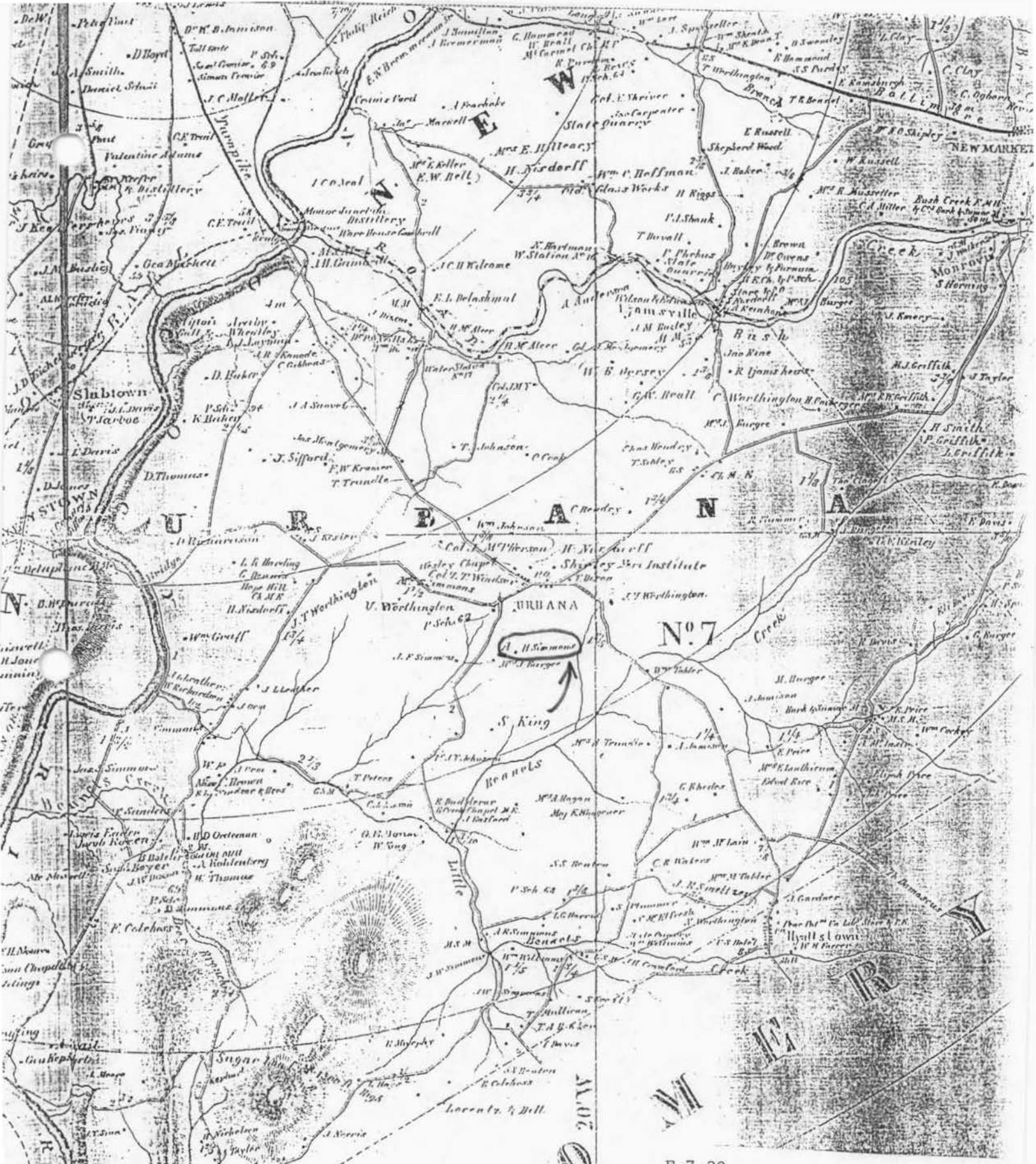

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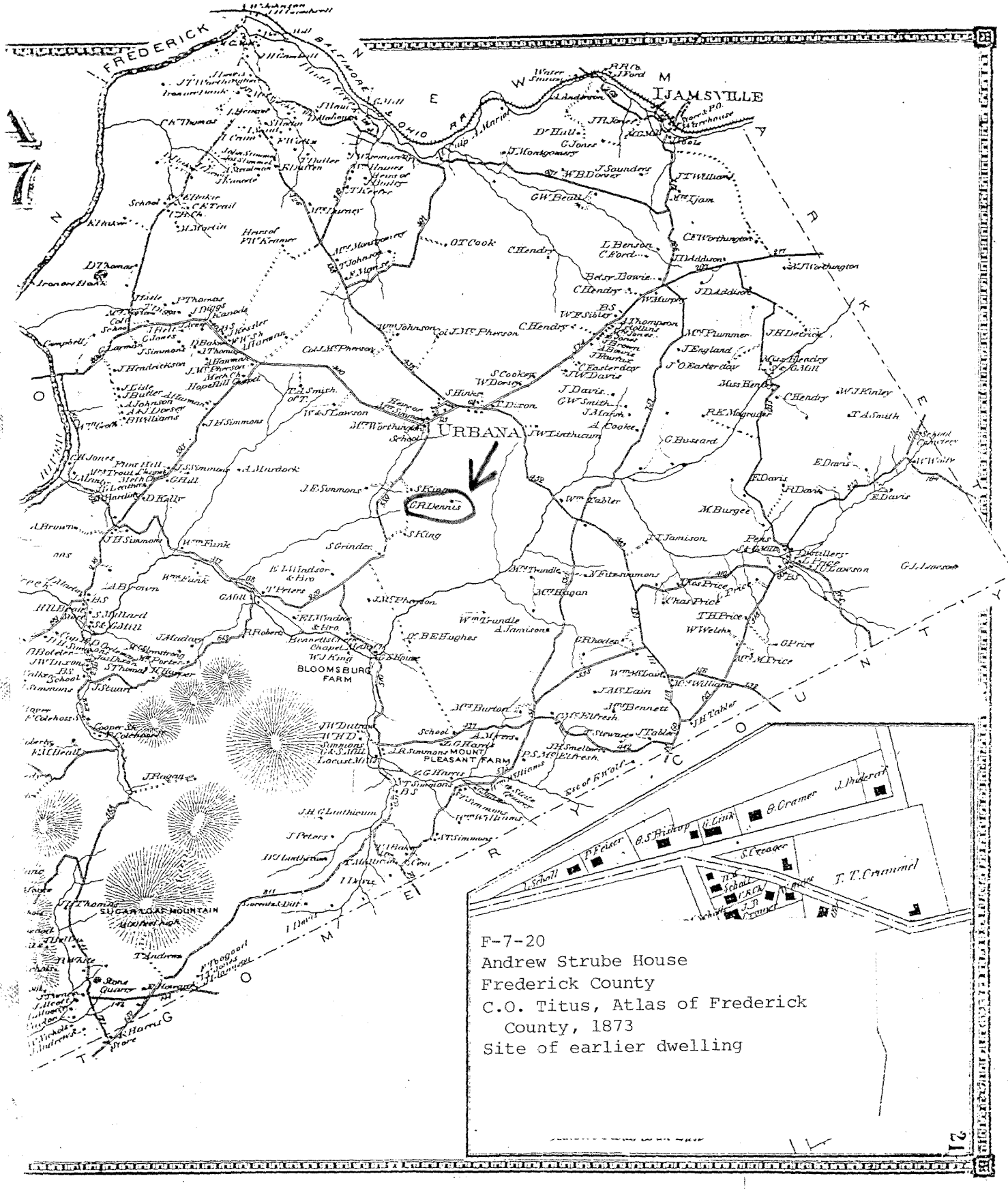
Andrew Strube House
Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858
Site of earlier main dwelling



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Andrew Strube House
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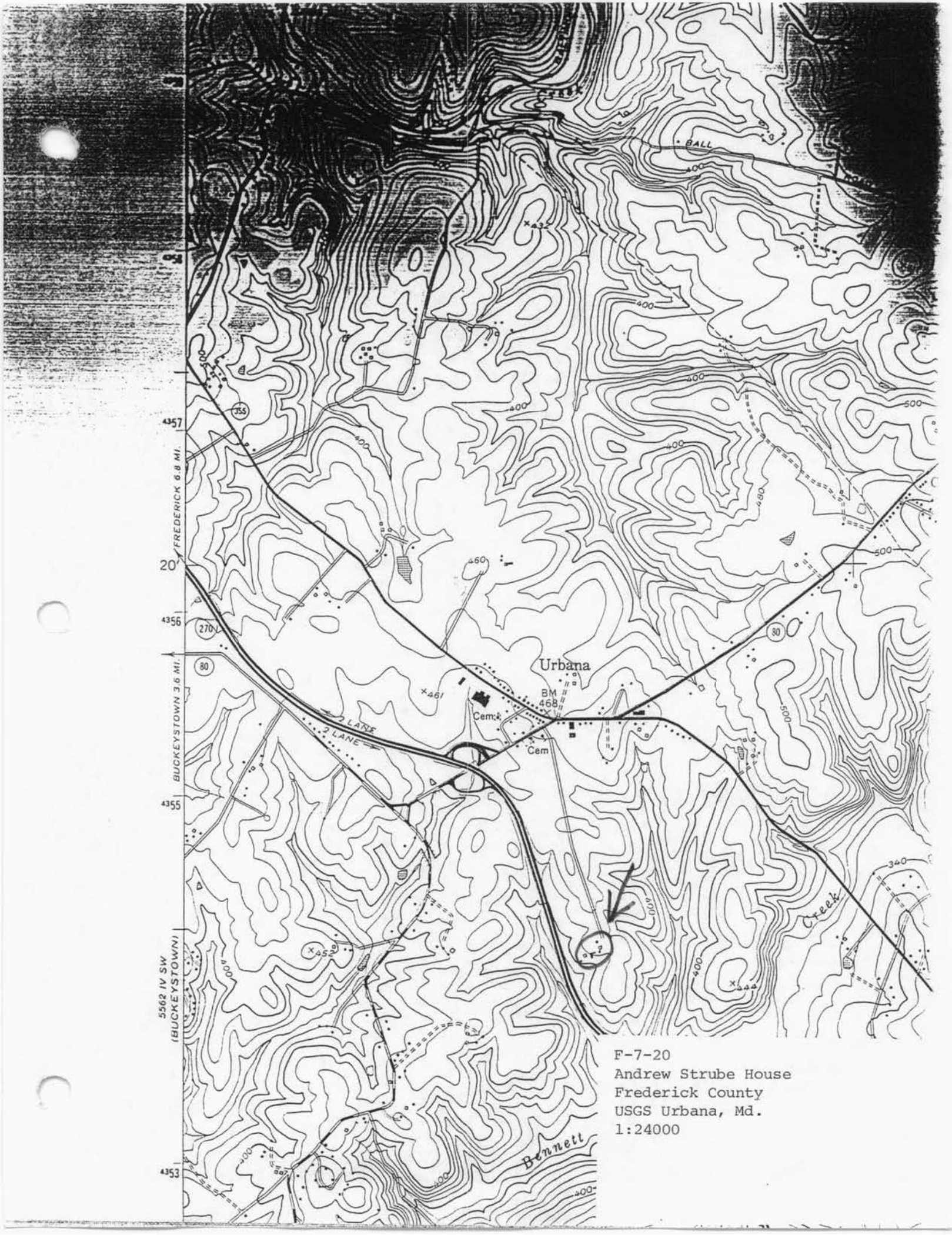
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873
Site of earlier dwelling



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