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Koontz Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church  
Buckeystown vicinity  
Private

1893

The Koontz Chapel was built in 1893, replacing an earlier building which was probably the original 1847 chapel on the site. The present building is a one-story frame church with Gothic arched windows and door transom. The corrugated metal roof may cover evidence of a removed belfry above the east gable. The interior of the church has diagonal tongue-and-groove paneling. Currently, the building is not in religious use, but scaffolding inside suggests that repair work may be in progress, although it also appears to be used for storage. The chapel was part of the Buckeystown Methodist Episcopal Circuit, then the Urbana Circuit by the late 19th century. The original lot was purchased from Abraham Koontz, but one of the important trustees was Thomas Dixon and the 1847 church bore his name on the 1858 and 1873 maps. However, by the late 1860's, the name Koontz Chapel was being used in church records and when the present building was erected, the name was inscribed on the datestone at the northeast corner. The church is minimally significant as an example of a late 19th century rural church, largely because of its generally fair condition, reflecting its lack of regular use in recent years, and the probability of missing features such as a belfry and the louvred shutters which were still in place in 1977. The cemetery associated with the Koontz Chapel is located immediately north of the church.

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Koontz Chapel  
Buckeystown  
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  
Religion

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Religion/religious facility/church

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 Koontz Chapel (preferred); Dixon Chapel

and/or common Koontz Chapel United Methodist Church

### 2. Location

street & number 1646 Park Mills Road  not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown  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 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: not in use

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

name Earl M. Mackintosh Jr. et ux

street &amp; number 1235 Park Mills Road telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1292

street &amp; number 100 West Patrick Street folio 712

city, town Frederick state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Brinkman Survey of Frederick County #1000

date 1968  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-4

<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 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: 1

Koontz Chapel is a one-story frame church built in 1893 on the west side of Park Mills Road about 50 yards south of the intersection of Ira Sears Road in the vicinity of Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. The church faces east toward the road and a small fenced cemetery is located immediately north of the building. A non-contributing concrete block building of one story adjoins the southwest corner of the church. Apparently built as an education building, it is currently a private residence. The church is not in use and its interior, while not accessible for this survey, is cluttered with scaffolding and miscellaneous items, apparently indicating intermittent restoration work and storage uses. The general condition of the building is fair. The date of the building is taken from a stone located at the northeast corner of the stone foundation.

The church is covered with german siding and has three bays on the east gable end. The entrance is in the center bay and has double 3-panel doors under a Gothic arched transom with tracery muntins. The flanking windows are also Gothic arched, with clear 4/4 windows with tracery. These two windows show broken panes and some deterioration of the frames. Above the doorway is a Gothic arched opening which is closed off with plywood. The north and south elevations both have three bays with 4/4 windows with Gothic arches as on the east elevation. In the original survey of Koontz Chapel in 1977, the windows were flanked by louvred shutters; these have been removed from the side elevations and the remaining shutters on the east elevation are in deteriorated condition. The roof of the church is covered with corrugated metal. The interior as glimpsed from the windows has diagonal tongue-and-groove paneling. The cemetery on the north side is encircled by a chain link fence.

# 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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1893 **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.

Koontz Chapel is a fair example of a rural late 19th century church, retaining its original siding and Gothic arched windows and doorway. The interior, although not fully evaluated, appears to have original diagonal paneling. In the context of rural churches of the period in Frederick County, Koontz Chapel is of minimal significance, lacking the usual open belfry found on others of the same general type. The corrugated roofing may conceal evidence of a belfry which was removed in the past. The current church was built in 1893, according to the dated stone in the foundation. According to land records and historical maps, the original building on the site was built about 1847 on land purchased by the trustees from Abraham Koontz. Among the trustees was Thomas Dixon, after whom the original church was apparently named. It appears on both the 1858 and 1873 maps as Dixon Chapel. However, the name of Koontz Chapel was probably used as well. Records of the Urbana Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church state that in 1867 "the school of Koontz Chapel has been greatly damaged by the organization of a rebel school nearby." In 1874, the circuit records indicate that Koontz Chapel was an incorporated entity. When the present structure was built, the name was inscribed on the datestone of the foundation. However, by 1933, services were discontinued at Koontz Chapel and the membership was transferred to Urbana Methodist Church. Services were held once a month and were intermittent by 1977. In 1985, the church was sold to the present owner, with an easement for access to the cemetery retained by the Koontz Chapel Cemetery Corporation.





INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Koontz Church  
AND/OR COMMON  
Dixon Chapel

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
W/S Park Mills Road  
CITY, TOWN  
VICINITY OF Frederick  
STATE Maryland  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th E D 7  
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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Koontz Chapel of M.E. Church  
STREET & NUMBER  
Route 2  
CITY, TOWN  
Frederick  
VICINITY OF  
STATE, zip code  
Md. 21701  
Telephone #:

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Frederick County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
N. Court St.  
CITY, TOWN  
Frederick  
STATE  
Maryland  
Liber #:  
Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Koontz Chapel is a one and a half story gable roofed frame building which faces east from the west side of Park Mills Road near the intersection of Ira Sears Road. It is a functioning church which is related to a small cemetery north of the church and a cinder block meeting hall southwest of the building.

The principal facade is three bays wide, the main doors are double three panel doors with a dentiled frieze. A decorative three part gothic window serves as a light transom over the door. Occupying the first and third bays are unusual double hung 5/4 gothic windows with architrave trim and louvered shutters. A small three part gothic window is located in the center of the east gable.

A replaced tin roof is finished by a plain cornice. The entire building is constructed on a low random stone foundation.

The north and south sides of the building are identical; each is three bays wide with 5/4 gothic windows and louvered shutters identical to those on the east side of the building. One shutter in the northwest corner of the building is damaged.

There are no windows on the west side of the building. A small cinder block chimney is located in the southwest corner.

Services are held at the church intermittently.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<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			

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SPECIFIC DATES- Built by 1867 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dixon Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church operated as part of the Buckeystown Circuit until 1899 when it entered the Urbana Circuit with Urbana and Ijamsville. Reverent William Koontz acted as pastor in 1867 and the church must have renamed the building after him sometime after 1873.

The building was also used as a school during the 1860's as evidenced by a pastor's report of July 1867 which stated "the school of Koontz Chapel has been greatly damaged by the organization of a rebel school nearby; while the school at Urbana remains about the same."<sup>1</sup>

The church today is still closely related to the Wesley Chapel in Urbana.

1 Koontz Chapel Church Records, 1867.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Frederick County Maryland - Williams, T.J.C., Publishing Co., Balt. MD.  
p.463

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 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 Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

9/7/77

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church Street, Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

1-301-663-8300 Ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

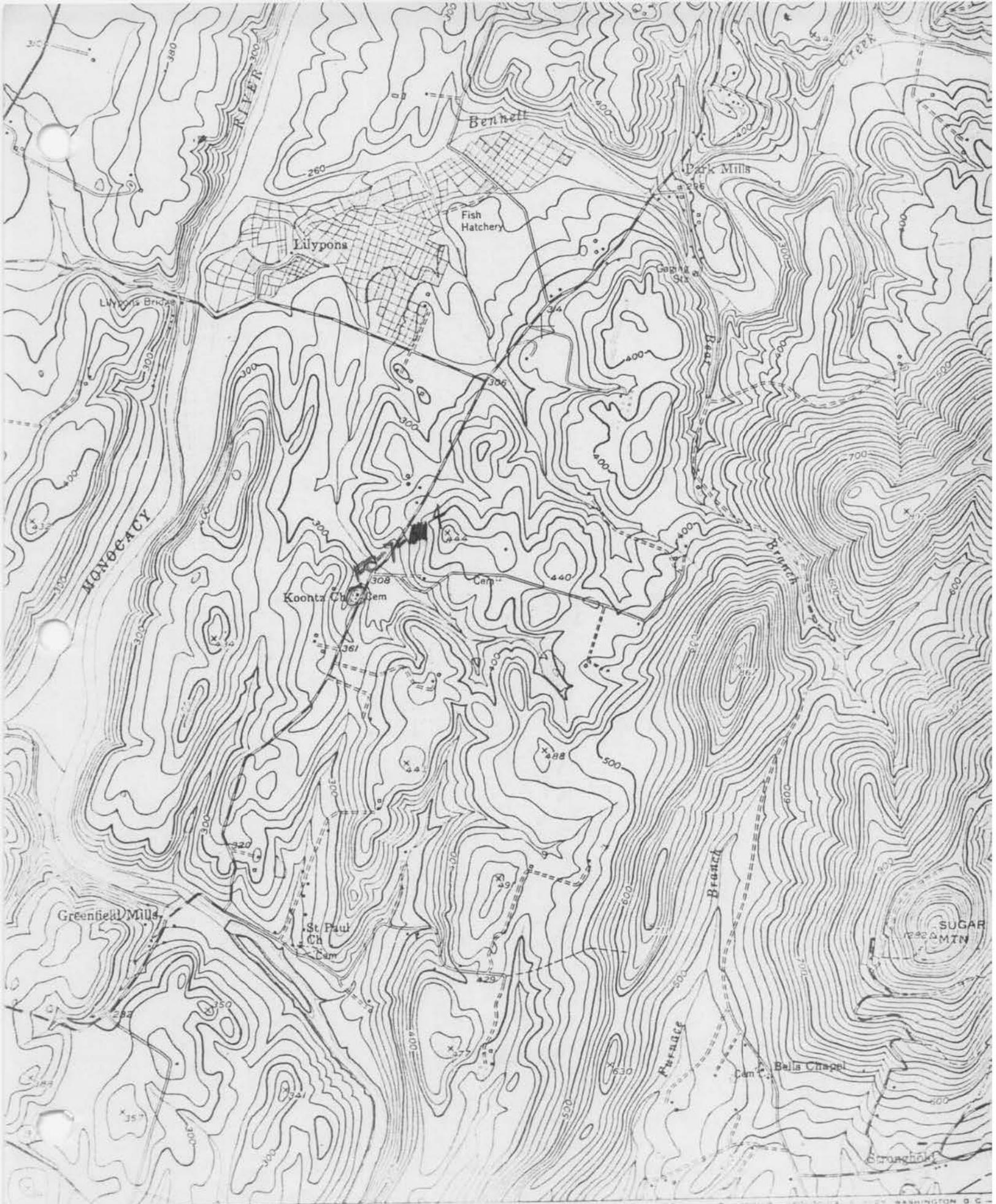
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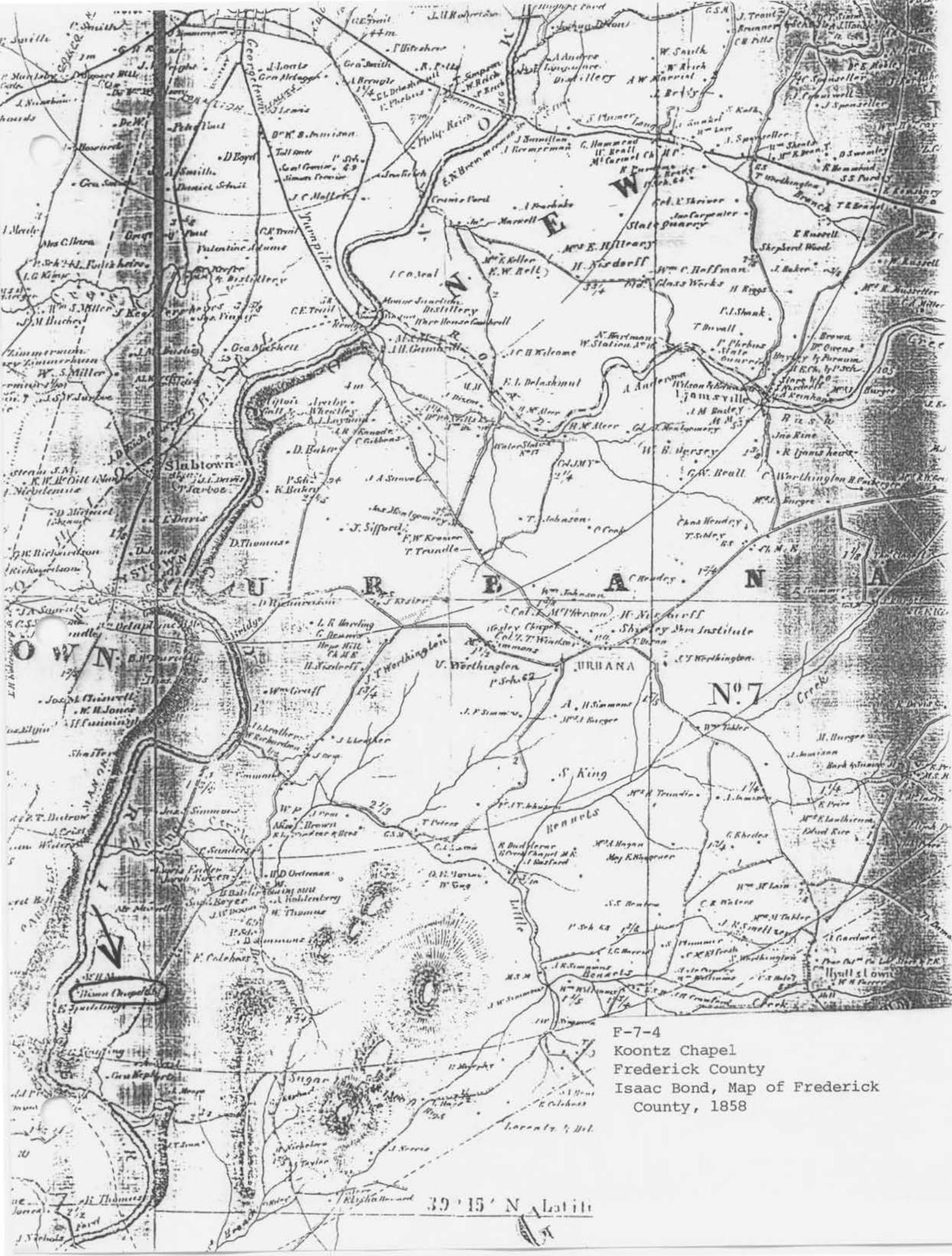
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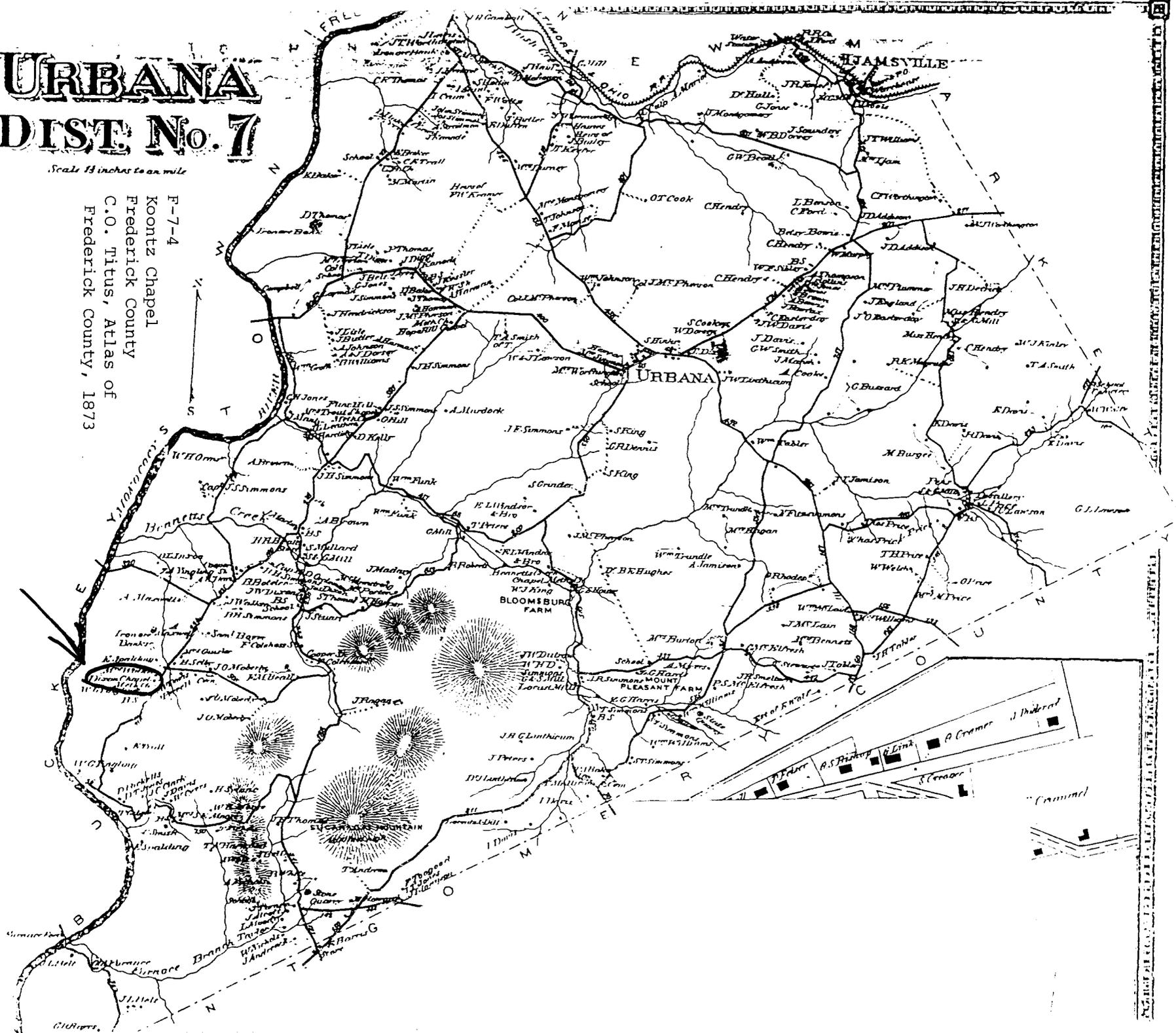
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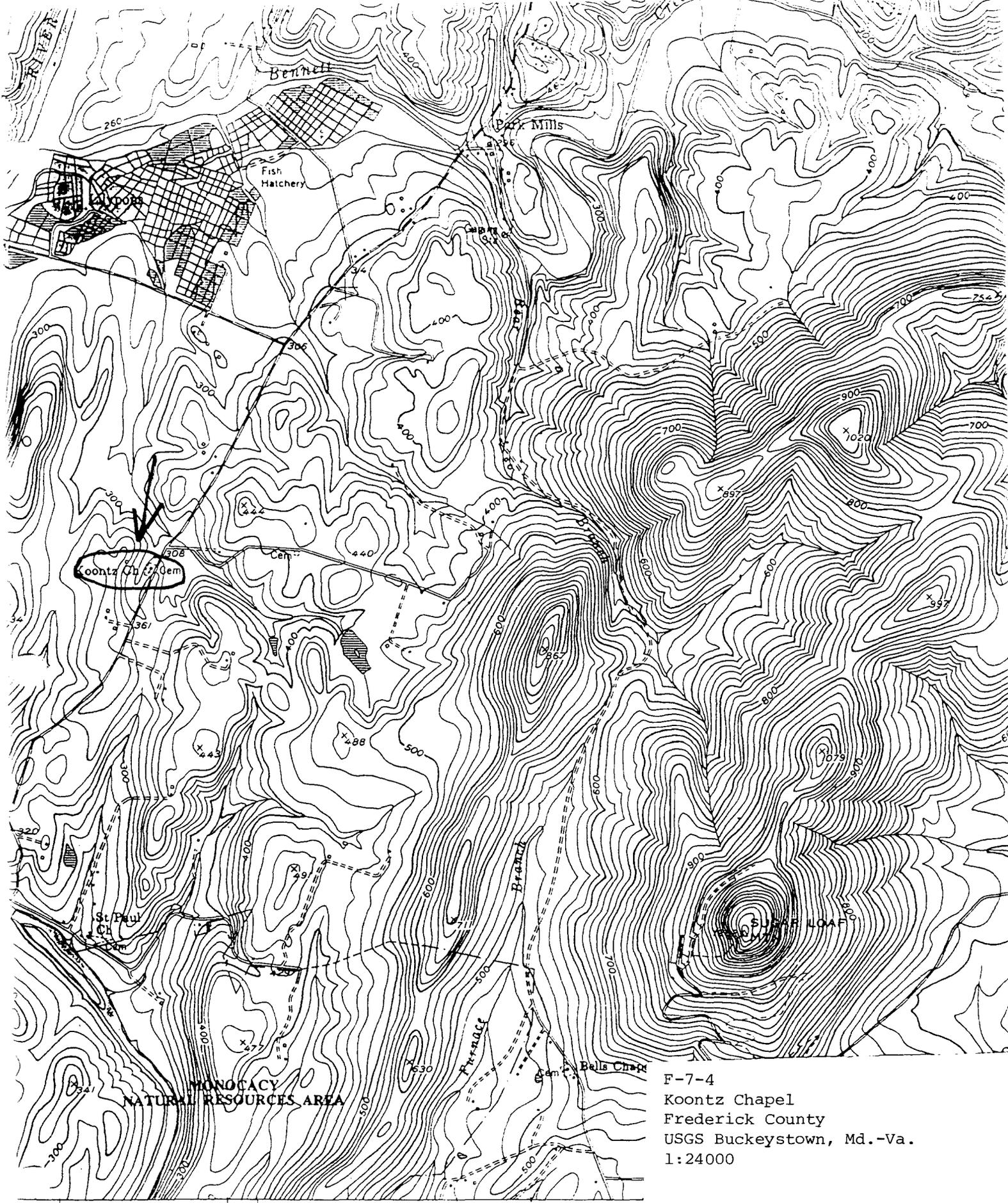
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Frederick County, 1873





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 Frederick County  
 USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.  
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Koontz Chapel

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

September 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

North east corner view

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Koontz Chapel

Frederick County

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South elevation

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Koontz Chapel  
Frederick County

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North elevation

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Koontz Chapel  
W/S PARK MILLS ROAD  
North View

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Koontz Chapel  
W/S PARK Mills Road  
NR. IRA SEARS ROAD

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