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Boyer-Yingling House
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1847-1854

The Boyer-Yingling House was probably built between 1847 and 1854 and is a two-story brick dwelling with a 1-1/2 story rear wing which may have an earlier log structure under a covering of brick veneer possibly added when the brick main section was built. The three-bay main elevation faces north and has a reproduction of a one-story entry porch at the center entrance, although no evidence remains of an original in this style. The corbeled cornice has a dog-tooth course and the roof is slate. The interior has been considerably altered for its use as the corporate offices of the Lilypons Water Gardens, but the simple vernacular staircase and the basic two-parlor and central hall plan remain intact. The house is minimally significant for the remaining details of its mid-19th century origin, which are the cornice detailing, the staircase, and the plan. No outbuildings remain of the original farmstead, which once included a barn, meat house, and ice house, as well as other structures. The house was possibly built by Jacob Lewis about 1847 or by Samuel Boyer about 1854. One of the first floor parlors originally had painted running decoration and a ceiling medallion, which have been painted over. By 1873, the Yingling family had acquired the farm, and retained it until 1911. In 1918, Harry E. Wolfe, an African-American raiser of gold fish, attempted to start his own business on the farm, but by 1923, the property was sold in an equity sale to the Thomas Fisheries, the predecessor of Lilypons Water Gardens.

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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:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Boyer-Yingling House (preferred); Green Meadow Farm

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 7000 Lily Pons 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	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 Charles B. and Sally S. Thomas

street & number P.O. Box 10 telephone no.:

city, town Buckeystown state and zip code MD 21717-0010

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1045

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 244

city, town Buckeystown state MD 21717-0010

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-46

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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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 Boyer-Yingling House is a two-story brick dwelling with a 1-1/2 story log or brick rear wing built about 1847-1854 on the south side of Bennett Creek with its rear elevation currently facing Lily Pons Road near the intersection of Park Mills Road near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation of the house faces north. The original outbuildings associated with the house have been demolished and a non-contributing barn is located north of the house, which is currently being used as the administrative offices of the Lillypons Water Gardens. The date of the building was estimated from architectural details, land records, and historical maps.

The house has a three-bay north elevation with a modern one-story entry porch based on the design of porches dating from the first half of the 19th century found on several houses in the southern part of the county. There is no visible evidence that a porch of this type existed, but the rehabilitation of the house in the 1970's required a porch at this doorway. The walls are 7:1 American bond with a corbeled and dog-toothed cornice. Interior end chimneys rise at each end of the slate roof. The windows are 6/6 with slightly peaked wood lintels and wood sills. Shutter braces are still in place, but the shutters have been removed. The door is a six-panel type with a 7-light transom and sidelights. The 1-1/2 story rear wing may be log in its original structure, since a reference in a 1976 local history of the Urbana area refers to the wing as possibly being an earlier clapboard structure with a brick veneer added when the main section was built. On the west elevation, the wing has a pair of small windows just below the eaves. The roof of the wing is covered with composition material and an exterior brick chimney, possibly built later in the 19th century, is on the south end of the wing. The east side of the wing has been extended and remodeled, incorporating a late 19th century porch with brackets and a dentil cornice. The porch is now enclosed with a modern sliding door and windows and cross-braced panels below the windows.

The interior of the house has been considerably altered, but retains its center hall plan with flanking parlors, which are now offices. Simple unadorned mantelpieces with triangular blocks below the shelf on each are in each parlor. These mantels appear to be late 19th century or early 20th century replacements. The board floors are original, although some original plaster walls are covered with wallboard. In the 1976 Urbana history, a reference is made to stenciled designs on the walls of the west parlor. Mr. Charles B. Thomas, the current owner of the house, confirms that painted running scroll decorations in red and blue were on the upper part of the walls and a central medallion was on the ceiling. These were painted and plastered over in the 1970's. A template of the ornamentation was made by a local artist, Robert Nikirk, but it was not returned to the Thomases prior to Nikirk's death and remains unlocated. The staircase has simple scroll closers and a possibly chestnut rail with simple turned balusters at each landing. In the rear wing is the fireplace opening at the south end of the present single space and an enclosed corner stairway in the southwest corner. The fireplace opening only had a shelf above it and the surround is plastered and painted.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1847-1854 **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 Boyer-Yingling House is minimally important in architecture for its central hall plan and details, principally the ornamental dog-tooth cornice, the vernacular staircase, and the slate roof. In spite of recent remodelings related to its change in use from residential to commercial offices, the building still has the exterior appearance of a dwelling of the second quarter of the 19th century. Its date and original owner are still unclear; however, the architectural details and land records strongly suggest a date of about 1847 to 1854. In 1847, Jacob Lewis leased a large parcel of "The Hope" from William Frick. In 1852, Lewis purchased the property outright from Frick and in 1854 sold about 385 acres of "The Hope" to Samuel Boyer. Boyer's name appears on the 1858 Isaac Bond map. In 1873, William G. Yingling bought the farm from Boyer, apparently in joint tenancy with Zadoc A. Yingling, whose name is on the Titus Atlas map of that year. An equity sale which took place in 1881 included the following description of the farm, which the Yinglings named Green Meadow Farm:

" . . . a two-story brick dwelling house with frame back building, a bank barn 35 by 60 ft., meat house, ice house, and other outbuildings, with running water in the barnyard and a good well of water in the house yard. This farm is divided into six fields with running water in five fields and deposits of limestone. . . "

After the equity sale, Zadoc Yingling retained ownership and his heirs sold the property in 1911 to William G. Baker. Baker sold 121 acres of the property including the house in 1918 to Harry E. Wolfe, an African-American who attempted to run a goldfish propagation facility on the property. Baker, a well-known philanthropist, took only \$1.00 for the farm, reserving a vendor's lien for \$6,000, apparently in an effort to give Wolfe the opportunity to make a success of his business. However, by 1923, a second equity sale was ordered, and the sale description then referred to the "two-story brick dwelling house and . . . ponds for the propagation of gold fish." The subsequent buyers were G. Leicester Thomas and Clarence C. C. Thomas, who were the founders of the Thomas Fisheries, Inc., which was the parent corporation of the present Lilypons Water Gardens. The gardens are located west of the Boyer-Yingling House and extend to the Monocacy River.

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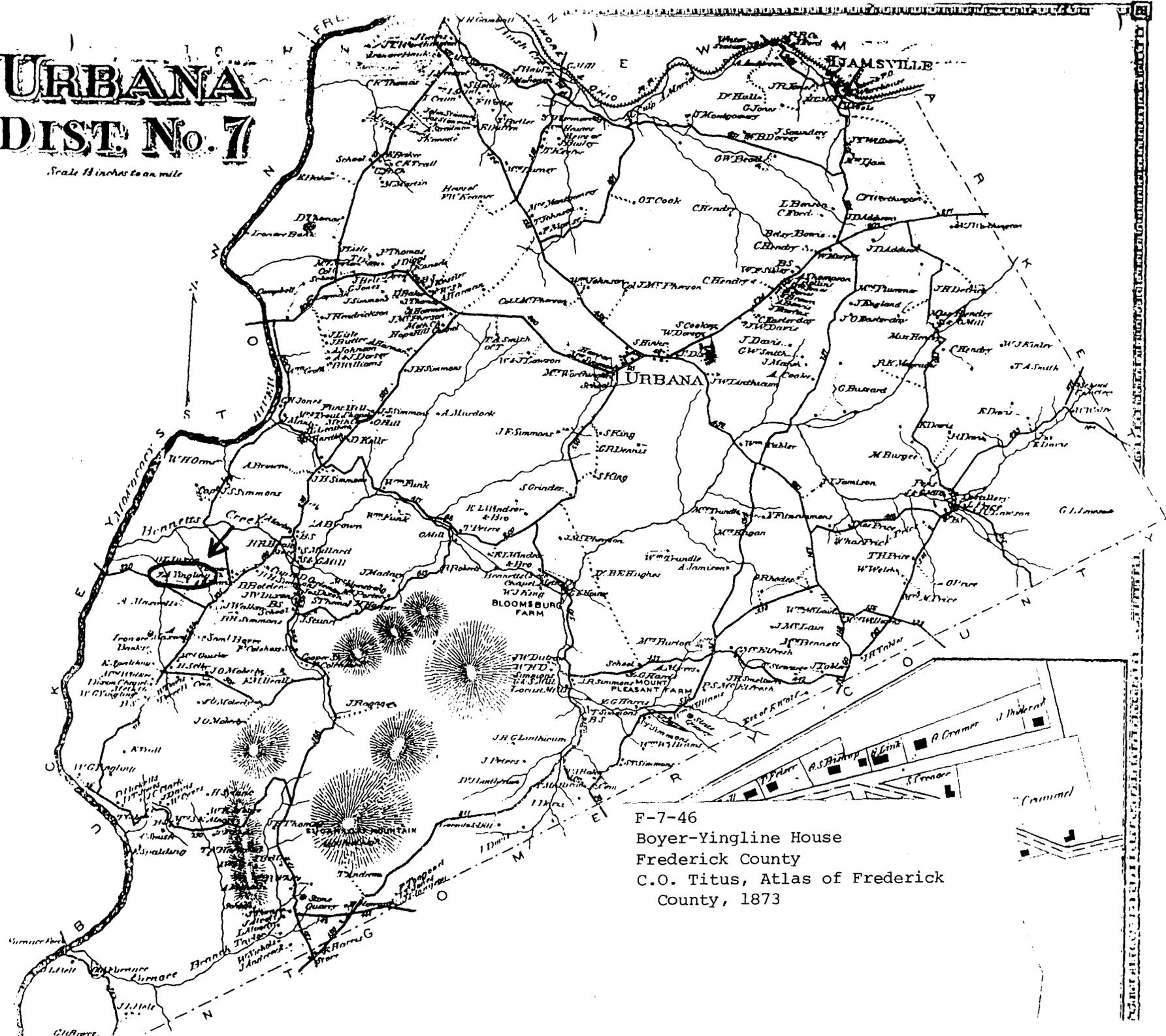
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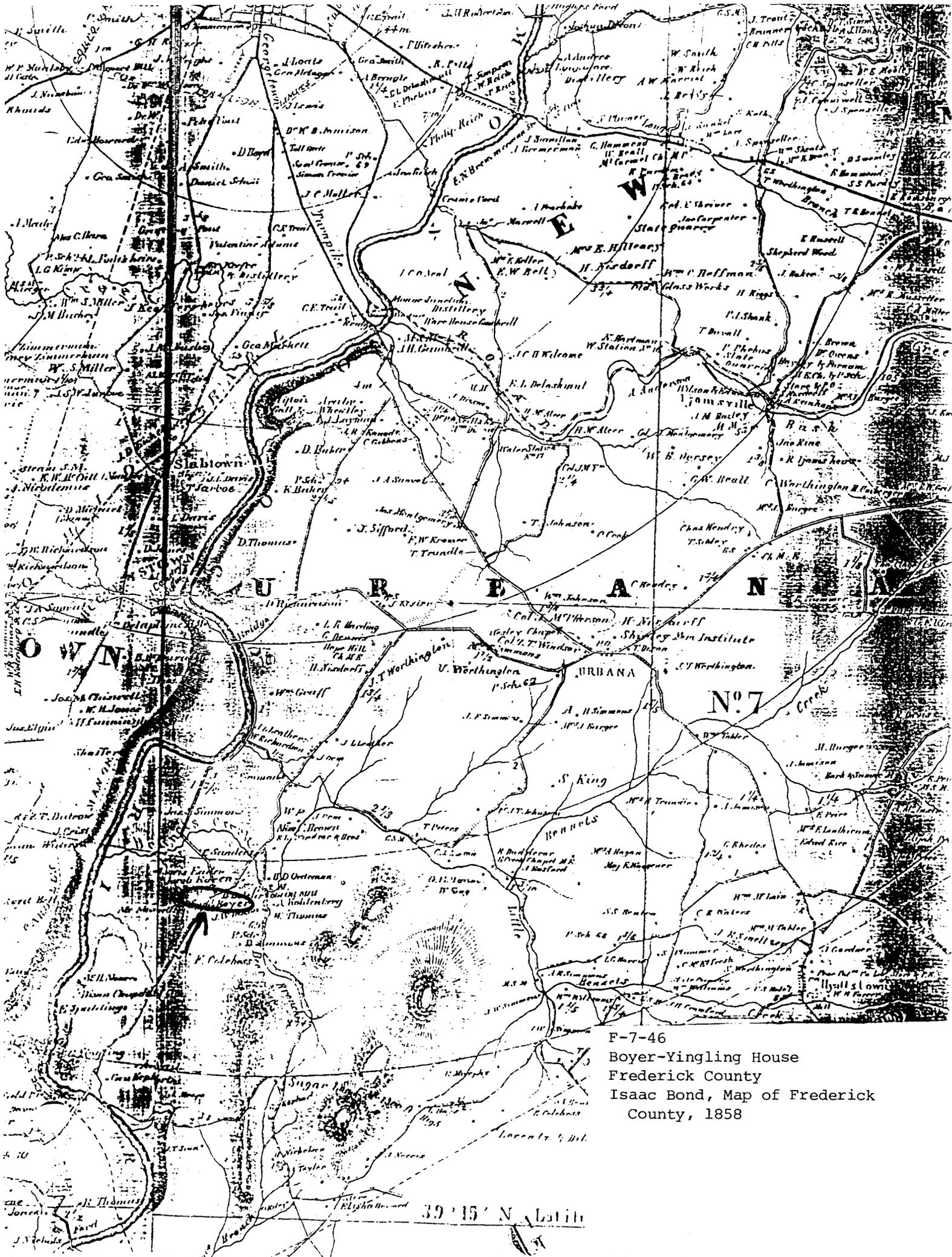
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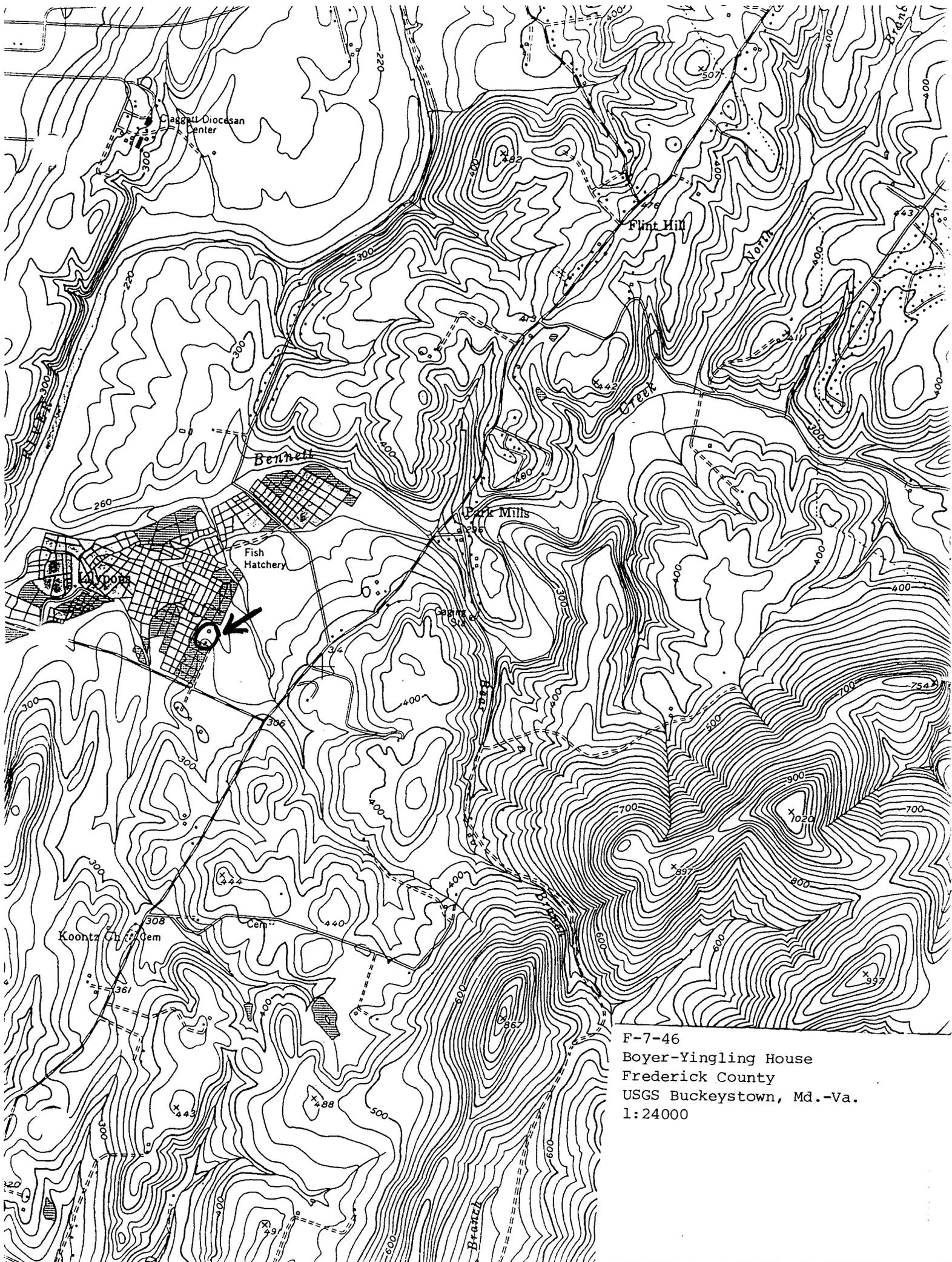


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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

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