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Samuel Schwartz Farmstead
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1883-ca. 1930

The Samuel Schwartz Farmstead is centered on a circa 1883 frame dwelling with exterior details in the Queen Anne style and its outbuildings, which include a log springhouse contemporary with the house and frame agricultural outbuildings, among which are a bank barn, a carriage house, a wagon shed/corn crib, a hog barn, a tool shed, and a dairy barn and milk house. The farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the exterior integrity of the house, which retains german siding, a shingled cross gable and a bargeboard decoration, and for the variety of agricultural outbuilding types ranging in date from 1883 to about 1930. Although most of the outbuildings are deteriorated, their exterior form and appearance has not been significantly altered. Samuel Schwartz bought a 117-acre parcel of "The Resurvey on The Hope" from the Murdock family in 1883 and the farmstead was established about the same time.

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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:

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Schwartz Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2923 Roderick 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
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<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 Richard, Jr., and Suzanne Waterman

street & number 2923 Roderick Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 999

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 613

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 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: 10

The Samuel Schwartz Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now principally a private residence centered on a circa 1883 frame dwelling of two stories with Queen Anne style details and its associated agricultural outbuildings built from about 1883 to 1930. The farmstead is located on the east side of Roderick Road about two miles west of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces west and the outbuildings are located in a scattered semi-circle along a lower slope and gently rolling open pasture south and southeast of the house. The outbuildings include two barns, a wagon shed/corn crib, a deteriorated stone springhouse, a carriage house, a probable shop or tool shed, a hog barn, and a dairy barn and milk house. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural details and land records.

The dwelling has a three-bay west elevation with a central cross gable and a one-story porch. The exterior is covered with german siding and the surface of the cross gable is patterned wood shingles. A scroll-sawn bargeboard ornaments the gable. The roof is standing seam metal and interior end chimneys rise at the north and south elevations. The windows are 2/2, including a round-arched gable window on the west elevation. The second story center bay has a pair of 1/1 narrow windows. The center entrance has a glazed panel door with sidelights. The porch has chamfered posts and scroll-sawn brackets. Plain square balusters link the posts and the deck is wood. The north elevation has two bays with 2/2 sash and single pane attic windows. Extending from the east elevation of the house is a two-section rear wing, the center section of which has two stories and the eastern section has 1-1/2 stories. The lower section has a corrugated metal roof. On the north side of the two-story section is a one-story projection with asphalt composition siding and a 4/4 window, probably built as a pantry off the kitchen. The south elevation of the wing has a two-story open porch crossing the two bays of the center section and extending over the south elevation of the 1-1/2 story section. The porch has a plain railing on the second level. The 1-1/2 story section has a four-panel door and a flanking window bay. The wood deck of the porch on this section has been replaced. The interior of the house retains much of its original door and window trim and a Renaissance Revival staircase and newel of the type found in many late 19th century builders' supply catalogs. The originally narrow center hall has been altered by the removal of the wall on the south side of the house.

Outbuildings:

Carriage house: A frame building located south of the house appears to have been built in the 1880's as a carriage house. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof with an open gable end on the east. A side shed appears to have been the harness room or the buggy shed. A stair at the rear of the main section interior leads up to a loft probably used for feed and hay storage.

Tool shed or shop: Located immediately south of the carriage house is a deteriorated frame shed, also dating from about the 1880's. Its location and

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates Ca. 1883-Ca. 1930 **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 Samuel Schwartz Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the generally intact exterior of the main dwelling, a typical example of the vernacular house with Queen Anne details, and for the variety of outbuildings associated with the house. The house has the three-bay, cross-gabled facade with shingled surfaces and gable ornamentation which are common elements in rural houses of the last quarter of the 19th century. The outbuildings are mostly in deteriorated condition, but most retain their original form and materials and illustrate the functions of the rural farmstead in the late 19th century.

The property was part of the Murdock family holdings, a large tract of the "resurvey on The Hope" and was purchased in an approximately 117-acre parcel by Samuel G. Schwartz in 1883 as a result of an equity case involving the Murdock property. Schwartz and his descendants retained the farm until the mid-1950's.

7.1 Description (Continued)

general form suggest that it was a tool shed or work shop, the equivalent of a blacksmith shop, although no evidence of a forge or exterior chimney was observed. It has vertical siding and a door on the east elevation. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The interior has work tables and shelves along the walls.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib located down slope south of the house and in a pasture which contains the rest of the outbuildings. The structure was built in the 1880's or 1890's. The exterior siding is board and batten on the north elevation with vertical laths on the east and west sides of the cribs. The roof is corrugated metal.

Springhouse: The deteriorated log springhouse is located at the southernmost edge of the agricultural outbuilding group. It has an extended gable roof over the southwest elevation, and a window opening is visible on the north elevation. The roof is corrugated metal. The log structure suggests an earlier date than the other buildings in the complex, which are all frame; however, no documentary evidence to support this theory has been found. A possible explanation may be that the springhouse was built with available materials as one of the first and most important buildings in the farmstead, fulfilling the need without the expense of milled lumber.

Bank barn and English barn: The frame bank barn has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. On the east elevation, adjacent to the stalls is a non-contributing loafing shed. The barn was probably built during the period 1883-1890. The English barn, a second barn structure without the overshot forebay of the German style bank barn, also has vertical siding with battens on the west elevation and a corrugated metal roof. Its date is not certain, but it was most likely built in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Hog barn: The deteriorated structure is located east of the bank barn and was not closely observed. However, its location in relation to the other agricultural buildings and general form strongly suggest that it was built as a hog pen. It has vertical and board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. It was probably built about 1920-1930.

Dairy barn and milk house: The frame dairy barn and rusticated concrete block milk house are located south of the bank barn. The date of the structures is unclear; however, the milk house is typical of the 1920's. The dairy barn with a frame structure is unusual because most of the separate dairy barns built in the 20th century were concrete block or terra cotta tile. The two structures were not closely examined and further information on dates may be revealed by interior observation. A non-contributing concrete block silo is located next to the dairy barn.

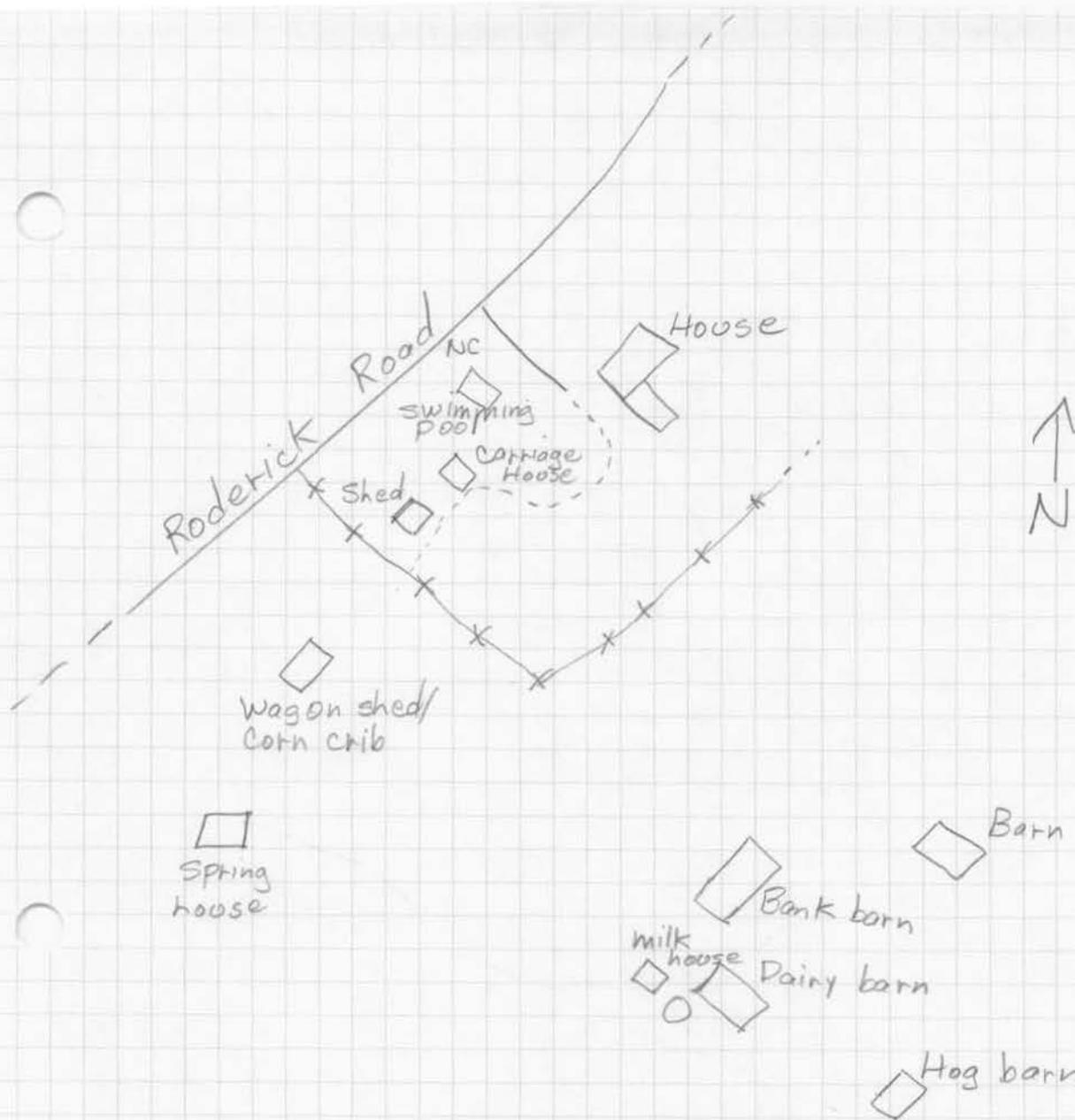
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
999/613 30 Sept 76	Richard, Jr. & Suzanne M. Waterman	Harry E. & Margaret B. Lawson	9.5A.	
688/494 30 Jul 63	Harry E. Lawson et ux	Frank L. Hewitt Real Estate Co.	9.5A.	
684/696 15 May 63	Frank L. Hewitt Real Estate Co.	Elizabeth Souling Cook, et al	185.62A. known in the Schwartz family as the "Home Farm"	
609/416 10 Oct 58	Elizabeth B. Cook, James & Margaret Hunt	Helen Stewart		
609/412 10 Oct 58	Helen Stewart	Allen K. Rome et ux, James J. Cavanaugh, Elizabeth B. Cook		
568/470 17 Aug 56	Allen K. Rome et al	Edgar L. Schwartz		
441/29 4 Nov 43	Edgar L. Schwartz & Pearl Schwartz	H. Kieffer DeLanter	185A, 2 R., 29 sq. ft.	
441/28 4 Nov 43	H. Kieffer DeLanter	Pearl Schwartz Edgar L. Schwartz et al		
378/8 2 Feb 31	Pearl Schwartz et al	Charles R. Schwartz et al		
AF 7/11 8 Mar 883	Samuel S. Schwartz	B. Ames Cunningham	"The Residence on The Hope" 117A, 12. 33 ft.	#3675

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AF 4/705 14 Mar 1882	B. Amos Cunningham	Edward J. Eichelberger, Trustee in Equity 4751	Equity Record AF 3/478; no mention of structures in sale ad, only growing crops	
TG 2/373 15 Dec 1874	B. Amos Cunningham	Benjamin H. Duvall et al		
TG 2/64 17 Aug 1874	Benjamin H. Duvall	Richard H. Mudock		

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Janet Davis
November 4, 1993

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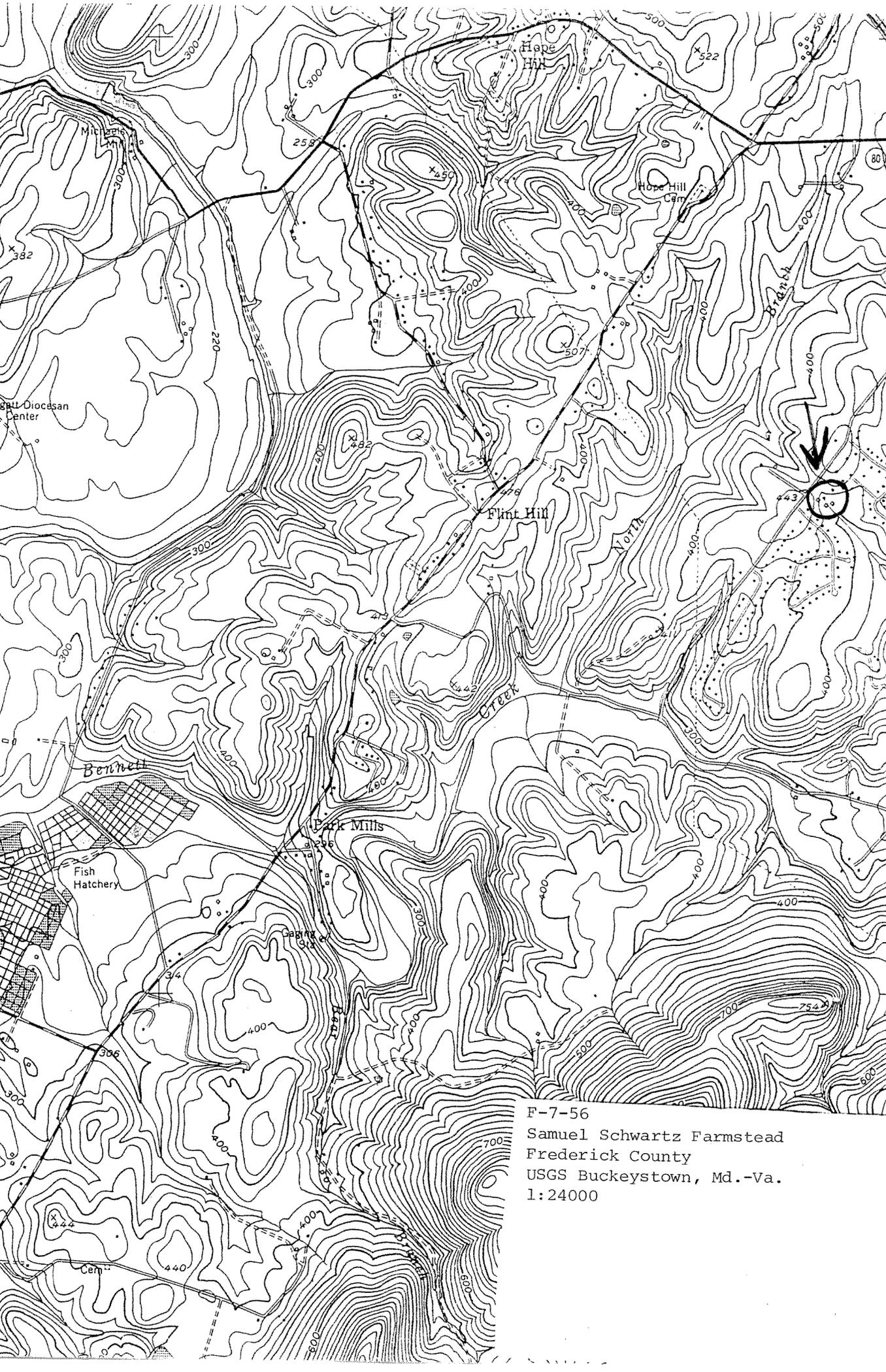
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