

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Dixon House and Graveyard

AND/OR COMMON Peter Pan Inn, Crab Claw Restaurant

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Corner of Route 355 and 80 in Urbana

Sixth E.D. 7

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Map 96 P 59

**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	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Baumgardner Foods Corporation

Telephone #: 874-2222

STREET & NUMBER  
c/o Peter Pan, Inc., Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 815

Folio #: 584

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Dixon House is a rectangular two-and-a-half story gable roofed brick structure which is located at the intersection of Route 355 and Route 80.

It is a commercial building that is detached from any other buildings but is related to Route 355 and Route 80.

The principal facade is five bays wide and the entrance door is located in the third bay. This six panel door with recessed panelling and an entablature with layered woodworking has a nine light overhead transom and a three side light transom. Occupying the first, third, and fourth bays on the first level and all of the bays on the second level are 6/6 windows with architrave trim, the second bay on the first level is unoccupied.

An open porch on the front of the building has been added. Modern additions are also located to the east and west and a large cinder block kitchen addition was constructed to the rear. A small cemetery is located to the northeast side of the property.

The building is currently being used as a restaurant and further unsympathetic additions are being constructed to the north and east of the original building.

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**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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			

SPECIFIC DATES      1855                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Thomas Dixon

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Dixon House has been important to the Urbana community as a tavern and Inn since early in the 1800's. By 1822, John Rine, the son of Casper Rine, a tenant on one of the Johnson brother farms was operating a tavern in a log structure close to the present Dixon House site.<sup>1</sup>

In 1848, John Rine died (his grave is in the cemetery next to the house) and willed the plantation whereon I now dwell" to his two daughters Mary Dronenberg and Lucy Dixon.<sup>2</sup> In 1850, the land was divided and Thomas and Lucy Dixon obtained the land where the present building now stands.

— In 1855, a new brick building replaced the log structure. According to J.W. Dixon, son of Lucy and Thomas Dixon, Jim Phoebus was the bricklayer, John Gardner, the master carpenter, and John Brengle was the painter.<sup>3</sup> The house remained in the Dixon family until 1906.

In 1926, the Baumgardners bought the building and converted it into a restaurant which still is owned by the family.<sup>5</sup>

1 History of Western Maryland, Scharf, p. 597  
 2 Frederick County Register of Wills, Liber TS 1, Folio 42  
 3 Our House and Environs 1855-1875, Dixon  
 4 Frederick County Land Records, Liber STH 280, Folio 160  
 — 5 Frederick County Land Records, Liber 372, Folio 263

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

History of Western Maryland, Thomas Scharf, P. 597  
Washington Post, Potomac, July 12, 1970, "Where Middle America Dines"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 19.75

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

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



## HOMES IN URBANA VILLAGE

(Please refer to map for numbers and house locations)

Much of the history of the village comes from a handwritten account (1930). "John Rine settled in Urbana about 1804 or 1805. It was then called Wooltown, composed of Zion E. Church, built in 1802, a one story house where Alice Dronenburg lives, a story and a half where Mrs. Stull lives, and John Rine's house and blacksmith shop, later built to, and known as Dutch Rine's Tavern. He bought 200 acres from Major Murdock, which was in the Dixon family till 1908."

1. If one refers to the Titus Atlas (1873) the Urbana map shows that the one story log house noted in the above account is designated Heirs of Z.T. Windsor. Behind this house near the Episcopal Cemetery was located the old Bealls Brickyard. (Baker)
2. This is the story and a half house mentioned above, and it too is made of log. (Burdette)
3. This is another log house, thought by many old-timers to be among the "first." (Hipkins)
4. This house was once located across from Cockey's store, and was moved to its present site, according to local stories. This is where the Civil War gravestone was recently found. (Myers)
5. At some time before 1877, this was one of the buildings comprising "The Urbana Male Institute," at which was taught music, foreign languages, painting, drawing and waxwork. This building was connected to another larger brick building to the east which later burned. A door connecting the buildings via a passage still exists on the second floor. (Stup)



1. Baker Home



8. Tucker Home

6. This house is said to have brick under the wood siding. In the garden, near the house, are remains of what are remembered as a house and blacksmith shop. (Doegan & Myers)

7. This is another log home thought to be old. (Pickering)

8. This building was at one time a store and post office. During the Civil War it was Smith's Saloon. (Tucker)

9. This was once the shop and home of a bootmaker. (Wood)

10. "Many-in-One" - Who built this home and when, is not known, but deeds show it to have been owned by Henry and Susan Nixdorf, who sold it to Richard and Marceller Thompson in 1840. They sold it to Robert Hollingsworth in 1856. He sold it to Dr. Richard MacKall in 1861. He in turn sold it to Dr. Upton Worthington in 1864. In 1872 John T. and Jane E. Williams were the new owners. This seems to make the name most appropriate. Finally in 1877, John Charles Kidd bought it, and it has since remained in the same family.

The smaller section of this house has been office space for many doctors. Later, it housed the Urbana post office, until the latter was moved to Ijamsville in 1910.

This building was also part of "The Urbana Male Institute." In an upstairs room impressions made by a grand piano can still be seen in the floor. During replacement of the flooring of the downstairs front, or east room, many ink wells were found, mute reminders of a busy classroom. They are of light blue glass, have a rounded upper part with opening for a pen, and the bases are octagonal, marked with the raised letters, J & I E M. (Albaugh)



10. Many-in-One



12. Dixon Home

ATTACHMENT 2

F-7-73  
WARD DEV. CO. INC.  
1630/162  
267/15A  
P.67

BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1385/428  
2000 A  
P.226

URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.  
10.76 A. P.198

BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
19.865 A  
P.71

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P.24  
F.62  
D.25  
R.65  
P.66

WARD DEV. CO. INC.  
1030/162  
497/1A  
P.8A

Tuckers Place  
Proposed  
Boundary  
URBANA (TAX  
PARCEL)

URBANA HISTORIC DISTRICT

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F7-3  
Stancoff  
P.189 House

Crablaw Restaurant  
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PETER LTD PA  
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Garage  
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Commercial  
Complex

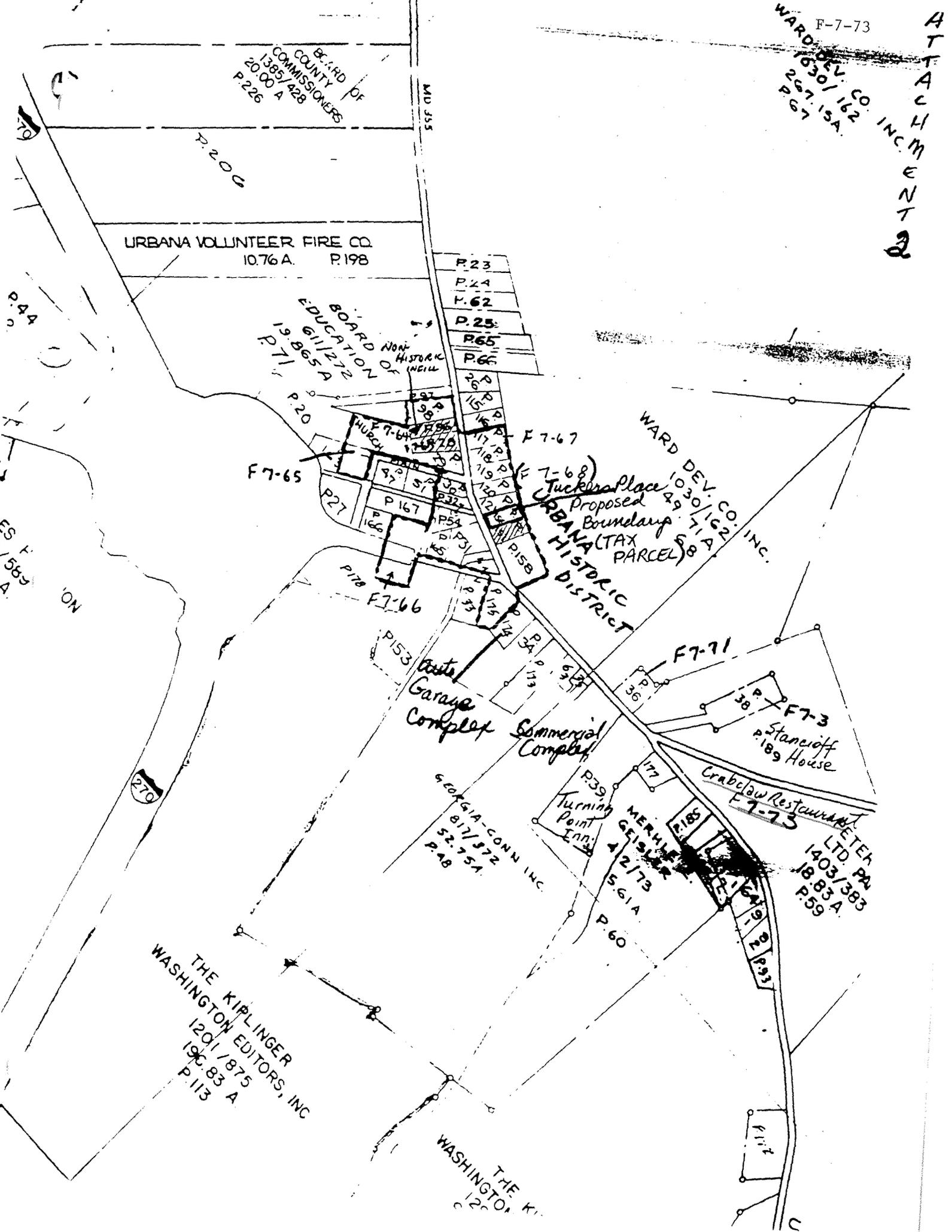
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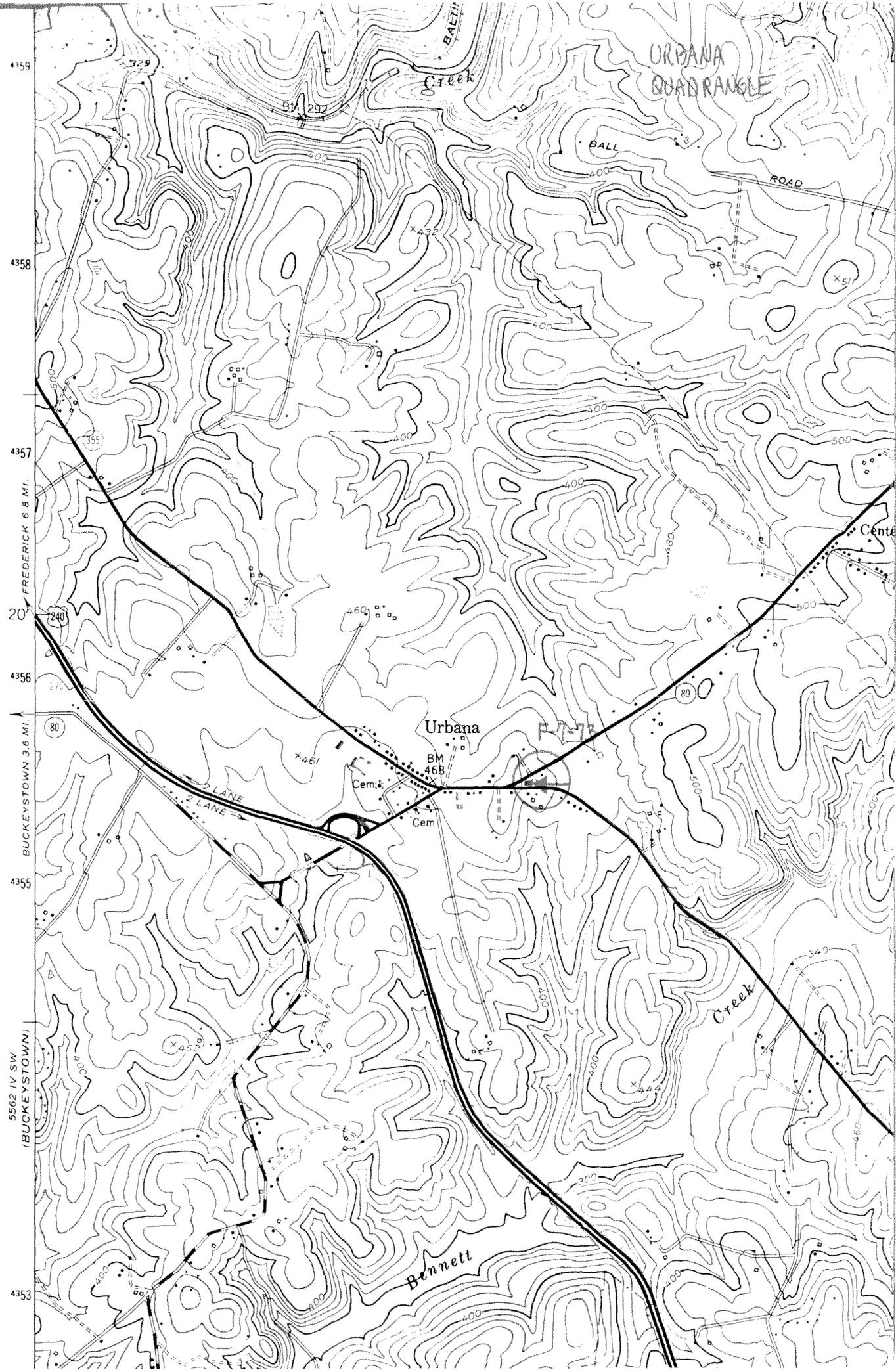
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URBANA QUADRANGLE

BALTI  
Creek

BALL

ROAD

X 51

Cent

Urbana

BM 468

Cem.

Cem.

Creek

Bennett

4359  
4358  
4357  
20  
4356  
4355  
4353

FREDERICK 6.8 MI.  
BUCKEYSTOWN 3.6 MI.  
5562 IV SW  
(BUCKEYSTOWN)





Dixon House (Peter Pan Inn)

F-7-73

Intersection of Rte 80 AND Rte 355

URLANA

South side





Dixon House (Peter Pan Inn) F-7-73

Intersection of Rte 80 and Rte 355

URBANA

Northeast side

A handwritten signature consisting of the letters 'a' and 'b' in a cursive style, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.



Rine Family Cemetery (behind Peter Pan Inn) F-7-73  
Intersection of Rte 80 and Rte 355  
URBANA

