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Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1820-1930

The Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead is centered on a stone two-story dwelling built about 1820 with a two-story enclosed porch covering most of the principal elevation and a one-story rear addition. A lower-height two-story wing adjoins the house on the south. A log smokehouse and a stone springhouse, both built about the same time as the dwelling, are also in the domestic group. An agricultural outbuilding group is located on the opposite side of Park Mills Road from the domestic group. The contributing structures in this part are a circa 1875-1900 frame wagon shed/corn crib and a 1930 concrete block dairy barn, dated by an incised block near a doorway. The farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the dwelling, which retains its slate roof, 6/6 sash with dentiled lintels, and its basic interior floor plan, and the domestic outbuildings, which have been little altered. The house was probably built by Samuel or John Simmons about 1820. James H. Simmons occupied the farm in 1846 and Jacob Royer was a tenant in the 1850's. By 1860, it was sold to Catherine Ordeman, the wife of Capt. H. D. Ordeman, associated with the mills in the nearby village of Park Mills. By 1873, Capt. Ordeman apparently lived on the farm. His son, Frederick A. Ordeman, retained the property until the 1920's, although it was a tenant farm during his ownership.

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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:

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

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2229B Park Mills Road not for publication

city, 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 checked="" 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 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 Perry C. Cosgrave et al

street & number 2027 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 1122

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 718

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-83

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 of move _____
<input 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: 6

The Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead is an agricultural/residential complex centered on a circa 1820 stone residence with two contributing domestic outbuildings of approximately the same period and an agricultural group on the opposite side of Park Mills Road containing a frame wagon shed/corn crib of the late 19th century and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house of 1930. The farmstead is located on the east and west sides of Park Mills Road about 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Mt. Ephraim Road at the former industrial village of Park Mills, near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and domestic outbuildings, along with a non-contributing brick residence, are located on the east side of the road and the agricultural group is on the west side, also with several non-contributing sheds and a barn rebuilt on the foundation of the original bank barn after a fire in 1957. Dates for the buildings are based on architectural details, land records, historical maps, and a dated concrete block on the dairy barn.

The stone residence is a two-story building with a two-story enclosed porch on the principal west elevation. A two-story, lower wing adjoins the south gable end of the main section. The main section has three bays, but only the north bay is exposed, the rest of the elevation and part of the wing being obscured by the enclosed porch. A single bay on the wing is also visible on the west elevation. The porch was enclosed in the early 1950's and was probably a late 19th century addition to the house. The main section has interior end chimneys and a slate roof. Interior observation of the attic revealed that the underside of the slate roof is chinked with clay at the purlins as a waterproofing measure. The cornice is boxed. On the south gable end of the wing is a rebuilt exterior stone chimney. A one-story shed addition is on the east elevation, also extending across the wing and part of the main section. The windows are 6/6 with lintels ornamented with dentil moldings and plain corner blocks. The north gable end has two attic windows with 2/2 sash. The interior plan of the main section has two rooms and the wing has one room. Its floor level is slightly lower than the main section. The interior trim work is very plain and the walls are covered with drywall. No chair rails are visible and the existing mantelpieces are simple wood surrounds. The fireplaces are closed and stoves appear to have been used since at least the early 20th century. The wing has a single room on the first floor which is the remodeled kitchen.

Domestic outbuildings:

Smokehouse: The log smokehouse is located southeast of the stone dwelling. It has a corrugated metal roof and a german sided gable on the north elevation. The vertical board door is on the north elevation. The smokehouse appears to date from the first or second quarter of the 19th century and is probably contemporary with the dwelling.

Springhouse: The stone springhouse is located south of the dwelling and also dates from about the same period as the house. Its entrance faces east, probably to provide a more protected entrance from the prevailing winter wind direction. It

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1820; C. 1375-1930 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 Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the stone dwelling and its domestic outbuildings dating from about 1820 to 1830. The house has substantial exterior alterations in the two-story enclosed porch and the one-story addition on the rear, but the principal exterior walls, the exterior window trim, and sash are also intact, and the building retains considerable exterior integrity. The agricultural outbuildings, dating from about 1875 to 1930, are of minimal significance, being building types frequently found in Frederick County farmsteads.

Tracing the ownership and occupancy of the farmstead is difficult because of the volume of land purchases by two of the principal owners through time, the Simmons and Ordeman families. Following are the facts as indicated by the sources listed in Section 9; however, further research in census and tax records, not possible for this survey, may provide further clarification. The dwelling was probably built about 1820, possibly by John H. Simmons. The land title chain extends to at least 1791, when Abraham Faw purchased 378 acres of "The Resurvey on Right and Good Reason" from Thomas and Roger Johnson, although a later equity record refers to a purchase from the same tract in 1779 by Samuel Simmons. In 1793 John (also recorded in land records as James) Howard Simmons bought part of this tract from Faw. Faw had earlier sold 100 acres to Peter Kemp, a miller, who was probably the operator of a grist mill near the village later called Park Mills just north of the farmstead. The house was certainly in existence by 1846, when James H. Simmons received 128 acres of the property through an equity sale. He was described in the equity records as residing on the farm at the time of the sale. In 1852 Catherine Royer purchased the farm and made an agreement with Jacob Royer (relationship to Catherine unknown) to rent the farm to him for 6 years. Jacob Royer was unable to meet the terms of the lease and the property was again sold in 1860 to Catherine Ordeman, the wife of Capt. Herman D. Ordeman, the mid-19th century owner of the mills at Park Mills. By 1873, Capt. Ordeman may have been living on this farm, as indicated on the Titus Atlas map. H. D. Ordeman's son, Frederick A. Ordeman, bought the property in 1897, probably as part of his extensive holdings in the vicinity of Park Mills, including at least three farms, a general store, and a saw mill in the village. The farm was probably leased during this period, since F. A. Ordeman's residence from about the mid-1880's until 1910 was the former Amelung House or Fleecy Dale Farm (National Register; F-7-50). The parents of the current owner of the farmstead, Mr. Harry C. Cosgrave, purchased the farm from the Ordeman family in 1923.

7.1 Description (Continued)

corrugated roof extends over the entrance, which is below ground level. The spring is located just east of the building and is enclosed by concrete. The north and south elevations have window openings with wood bars. The exterior and interior walls are whitewashed.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located with the other agricultural buildings in a cluster on the west side of Park Mills Road directly opposite the domestic building group on the east side. The wagon shed faces east and has vertical siding with a corrugated metal roof. Stone piers support the cribs. An extension on the west end of the shed was built in the 20th century to shelter other farm equipment. The wagon shed was probably built about 1875-1900.

Dairy barn: The rusticated concrete block dairy barn is located north of the wagon shed with the milk house on the south side. A dated block at the doorway on the south side reads 1930. The roof of the barn is a gambrel shape and covered with corrugated metal. A plain concrete block extension was added on the west end, probably in the late 1940's or early 1950's. A terra cotta silo and a plain concrete block silo are located near the northwest corner of the barn. The terra cotta silo may date from about 1930, while the concrete block silo is probably of the late 1940's.

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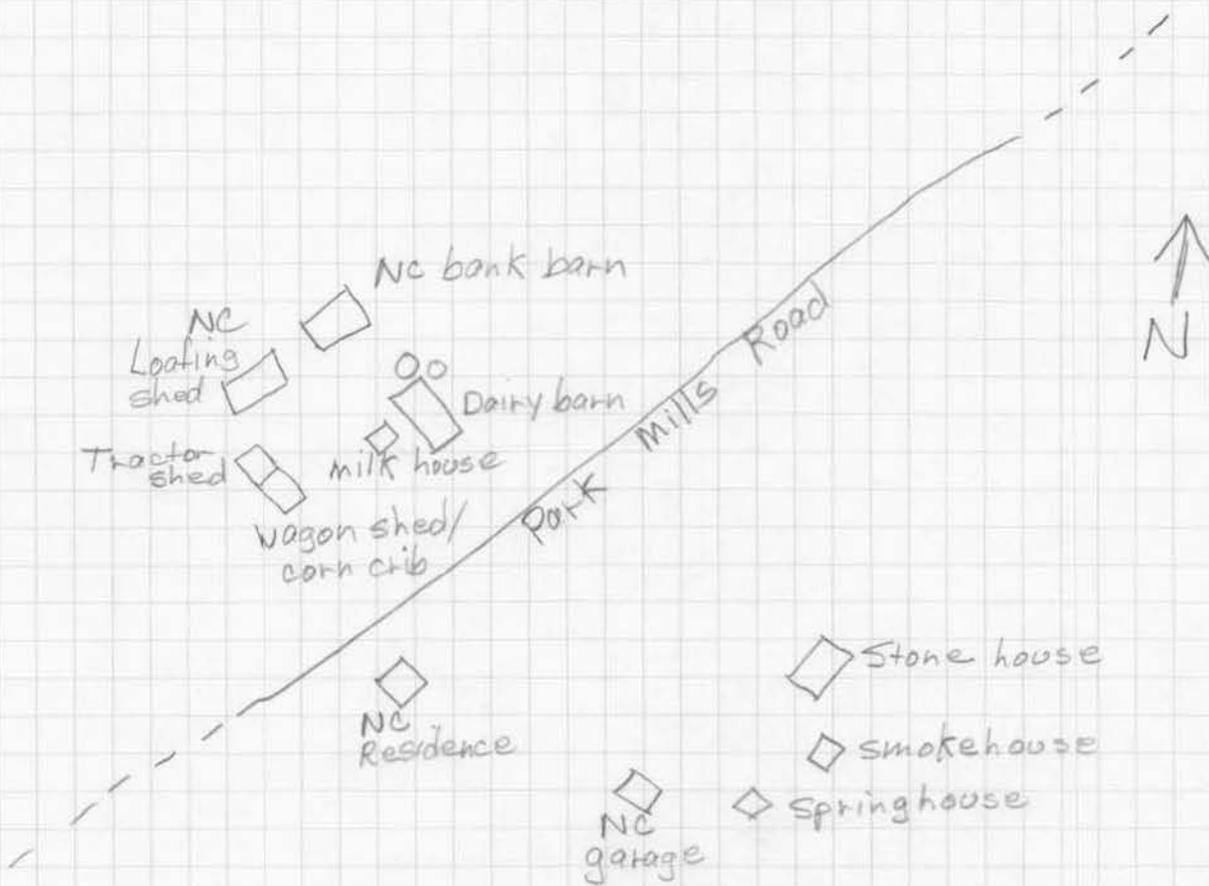
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1122/718 21 Aug 80	Perry C. & Elaine S. Cosgrave	Perry C., James C. Cosgrave & Lois C. Keffner, pers. reprs. of	part of "The Hope", part of "Bloomsluwy" 147.6 A. estate of Annie O. Cosgrave, dec.	#426,500
346/231 30 Nov 23	Harry C. & Annie O. Cosgrave	Frederick G. & Sarah C. Ordeman	part of "The Hope", "Bloomsluwy" 197 A., 3 R., 35 P.	
JLJ 16/90 2 Apr 1897	Frederick G. Ordeman	Paul & Effie A. Hauser	"The Hope" & "Resurvey on Right and Good Reason" 128 A. - BGF 6/240, 27 Oct 1860 "The Hope" 17 A., 3 R., 20 P. - BGF 6/133, 10 Sept 1860	#6,000
			"The Hope" 52 A., 15 P. - TG 4/65, 6 Oct 1875 Total 197 A., 3 R., 35 P., known as the "Home Farm"	
			also 7 A., 11 P. of "Bloomsluwy" BGF 8/202, 12 Jan (mountain land) 1863	
WIP 11/170 1 Apr 1890	Paul Hauser	Daniel S. Ordeman, exec. of LW & T of	197 A., 3 R., 35 P.	#4,281.40
BGF 6/133 10 Sept 1860	Catherine Ordeman	Michael H. Haller, Sheriff of Frederick Co.	17 A., 3 R., 20 P.	
BGF 6/240 27 Oct 1860	Catherine Ordeman, wife of Bernard	Arthur Der Lashmitt, trustee in Equity 2873	128 A.	
Equity Record BGF 1/682 4 Dec 1859	Catherine Royer vs. Jacob Royer: Agreement made 24 Jan 1853 states that 128 A. farm to be rent of by Jacob Royer beginning 1 Nov 1852 for 6 yrs. at \$200 for first 2 years, \$157 in following years. If unpaid, farm reverts to Catherine Royer and children Jacob Royer			
ES 2/626 30 Dec 1852	Catherine Royer	Jacob & Delia Lewis	parts of "The Hope" and "Resurvey on Right & Good Reason" subj. to mortgage of \$2100 in favor of Thos. Perrill	

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
ES 1/397 23 Aug 1852	Thomas & Mary Ann Perill	James H. & Eleanor H. Simmons		
ES 1/397 23 Aug 1852	Jacob Lewis	Thomas & Mary Ann Perill	Parts of "The Hope" & "Resurvey on Right and Good Reason"	\$2600
WBT 7/440 22 Aug 1848	Thos. & Mary Ann Perill	James H. & Eleanor H. Simmons	128 A., the family graveyard or burying ground excepted	\$2200
WBT 3/458 8 Oct 1846	James H. Simmons	Francis Thomas, trustee	Equity 8 Oct 1846, 2022 128 A.	
Equity Record WBT 1/518			James H. Simmons purchased from John E. H. Simmons, acting exec. of John H. Simmons, dec. James H. resided on the farm at the time of sale	
WR 12/453 24 Dec 1793	James Howard Simmons, heir at law of Samuel Simmons, dec.	Abraham Saw	"In the year... Samuel Simmons in his lifetime, to wit on the 18th day of May, 1779, purchased of a certain Abraham Saw all that part of a tract of land being part of "The Resurvey on Right and Good Reason" heretofore purchased by the said Abraham Saw of his excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire on the west side of Bennett's Creek, except that part already sold with the mills, and paid him the said Abraham Saw the purchase money and obtained his bond for the conveyance of same. no total acreage mentioned	\$3,600
WR 9/730 4 Apr 1791	Abraham Saw	Thomas & Roger Johnson	part of "Resurvey on Right and Good Reason" 378 A.	\$264,12 s.

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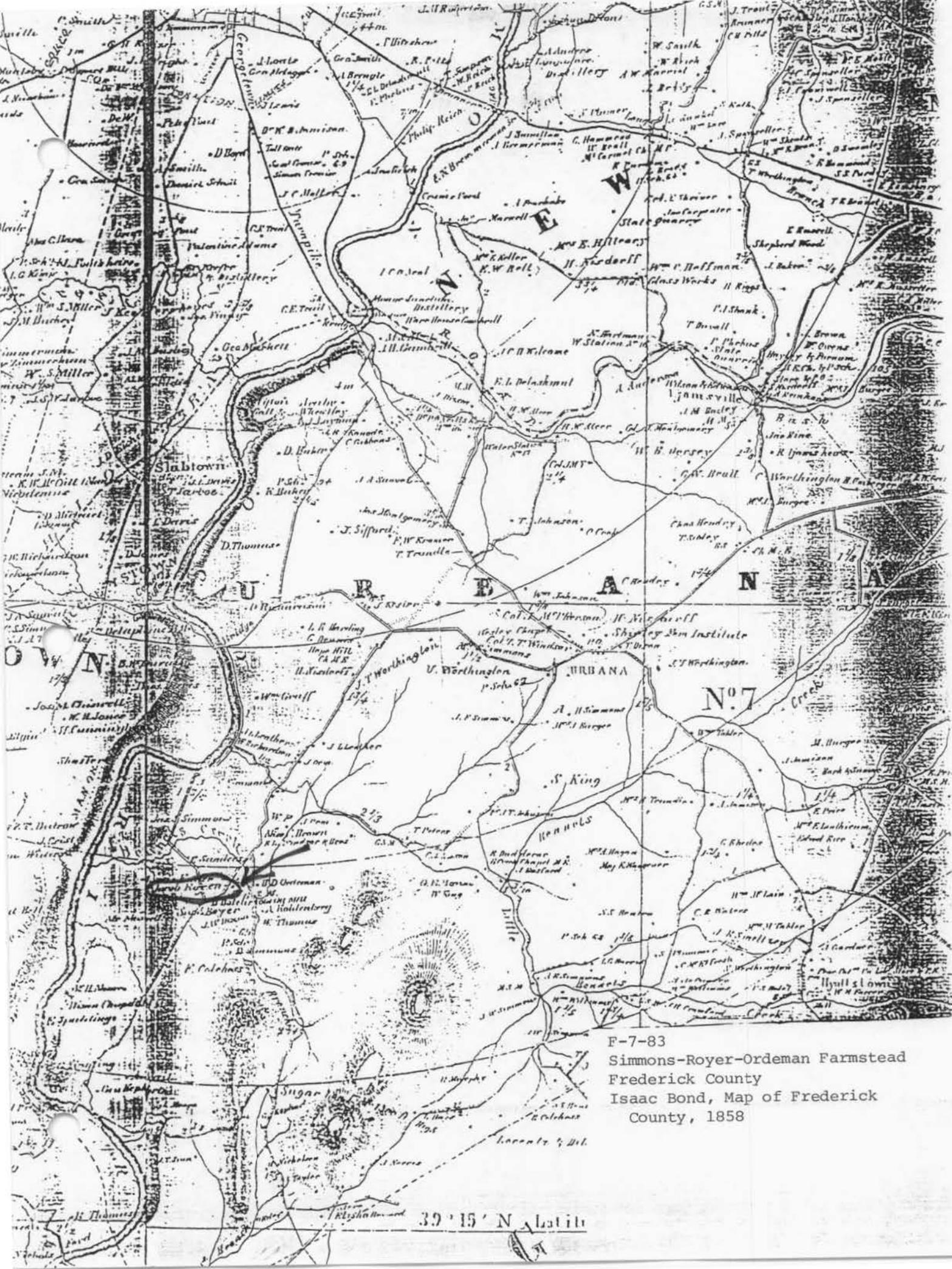
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Farmstead

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Janet Davis

December 1993

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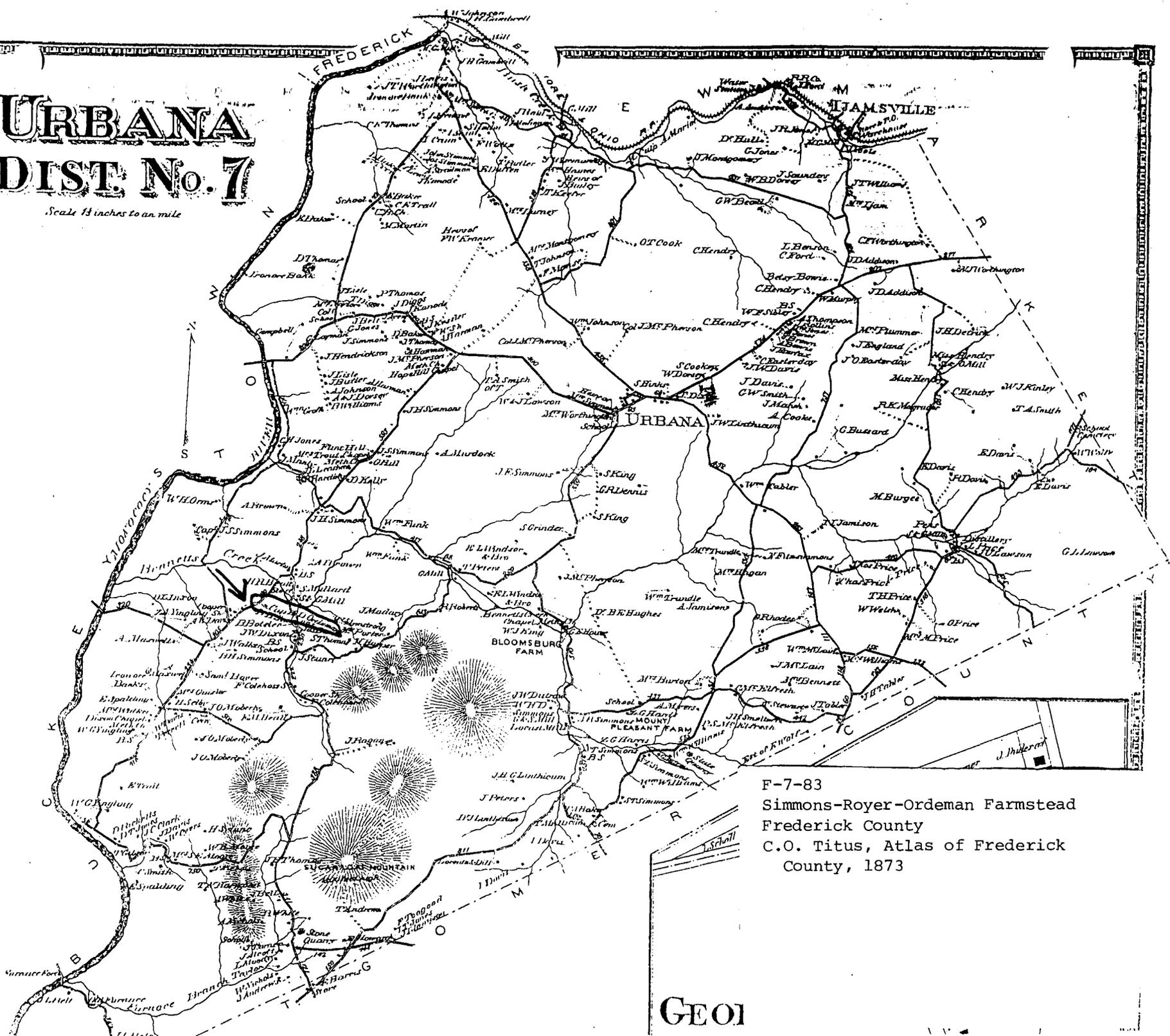


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 Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858

39° 15' N Latitude

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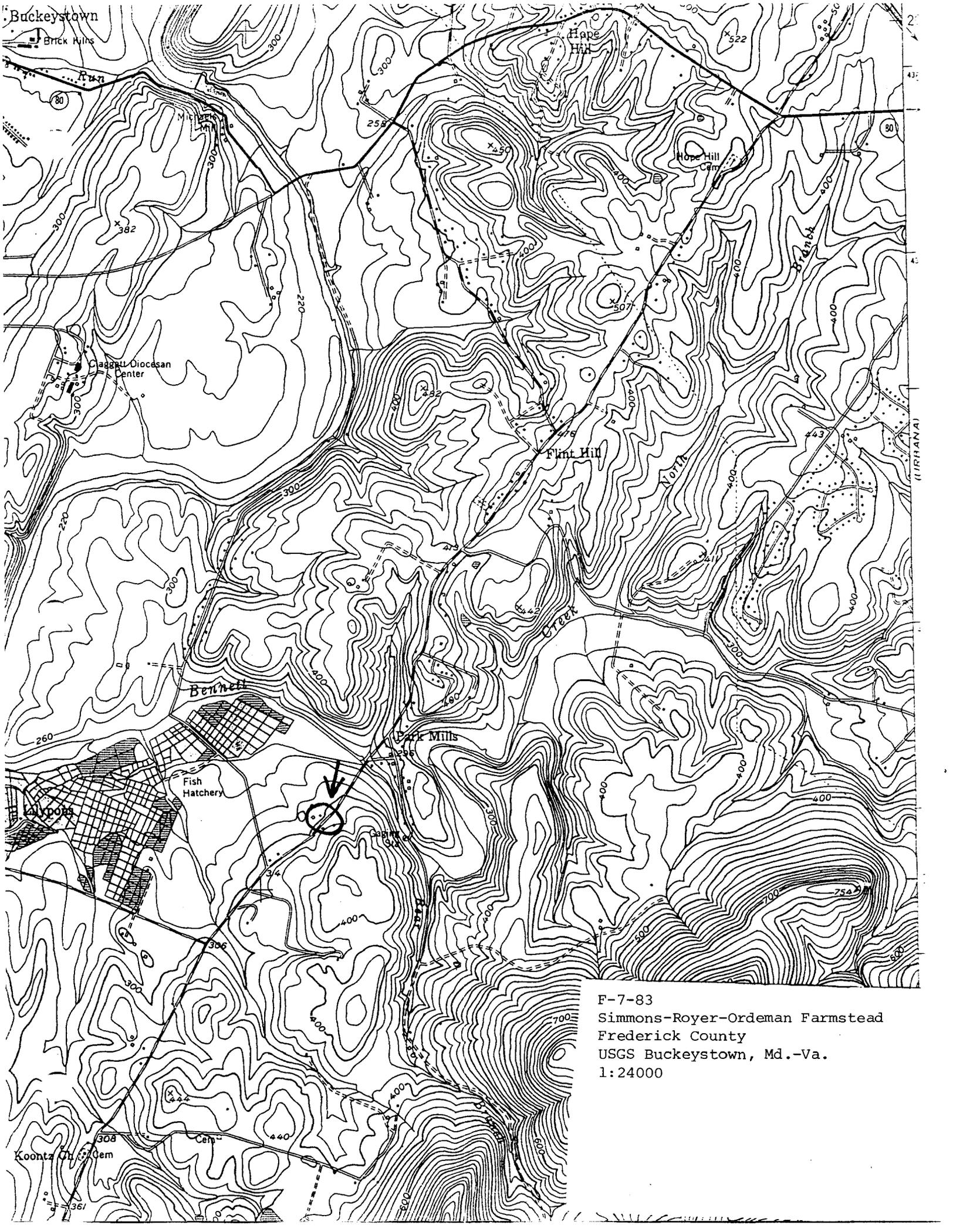
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Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead
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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873

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Simmons-Royer-Ordeman Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.
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Simmons - Royer - Craeman Fairstead

Frederick County

Profr. Janet Pugh

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Nov. 1983 - Mrs. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

West elevation

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Swains - River Ordeman farm land

Fordocet County

Plot: Taint Lane

December 1983

Neg. loc.: Mid. SH10, Crownsville, Md

Springport, northeast corner

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