

F-7-94

William H. Horman Farmstead  
Urbana vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1892-1915

The William H. Horman Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling built in 1894 and its associated outbuildings which include an 1892 bank barn, a frame wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame garage. The house has a cross-gable east elevation with segmental arched windows and doorways and a scroll-sawn bargeboard and porch trim. A two-story rear wing extends to the west from the main section. The house is moderately significant as a fair example of the late 19th century vernacular house with stylistic influences of the 18th century German building tradition in its L-shaped plan and the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles in its window and door trim. The scroll-sawn trim is a common feature of late 19th century buildings. The farmstead was established in the late 1850's by Augustus Horman, but the buildings were erected by his son William H. Horman (1847-1933) in the period 1892-1894, the bank barn being the first of the surviving structures erected and the house being built in 1894. The wagon shed/corn crib was probably built at the same time and the small frame garage behind the house appears to have been erected by about 1915.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William H. Horman Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 3630 Park Mills 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 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	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Kiplinger Washington Editors

street &amp; number 1729 H Street N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. state and zip code 20006

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1428

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 906

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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<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 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: 4

The William H. Horman Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1894 vernacular frame dwelling and its associated outbuildings which include an 1892 frame and stone bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame garage, all dating from about 1892 to 1915. The farmstead is located on the west side of Park Mills Road about 1/4 mile north of Fingerboard Road (Md. 80) approximately two miles west of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The site of the farmstead is generally flat and the buildings are clustered near the road, with the principal elevation of the dwelling facing east. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural details, land records, and a biographical sketch of the Horman family in the 1910 History of Frederick County.

The dwelling has a five-bay main section facing east and a perpendicular rear wing extending to the west. The exterior of the house is covered with vinyl siding, probably concealing german siding, and the roof is standing seam metal with interior end chimneys with corbeled tops. Two additional interior chimneys are in the rear wing. The east elevation has segmental arched openings and a center cross gable with a Gothic arched window. A scroll-sawn bargeboard extends around the eaves of both the main and rear sections. A one-story porch shelters the center three bays of the east elevation. The porch has turned columns on brick bases and scroll-saw brackets. The sash is 2/2 with louvred shutters. The entrance has a segmental arched, two-light transom and sidelights. The door has a glass panel in the upper section. The north and south elevations have two bays each and 2/2 attic windows. The rear wing has a two-story integral open porch on the south elevation. The first level also has an extra enclosed section, an alteration possibly made in the mid-20th century, as the foundation under this section is concrete block. The window and door openings on the rear wing reflect the same configuration as the east elevation, having segmental arches and two-light transoms over the doors and 2/2 windows. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Garage: The one-story frame garage is located just west of the rear wing of the house and is a shed-roofed structure with german siding and vertical board swing doors and sliding doors on the south elevation. The roof is corrugated metal. The garage was probably built in the period 1900-1915.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed is located south of the house and has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof. A shed-roofed addition on the west side also has vertical boards and is in deteriorated condition. The drive-through passage is on a north-south axis and has doors on the south end. The wagon shed was probably built about 1892.

Bank barn: The bank barn was built in 1892, according to the Horman family biographical sketch in the 1910 county history. It has a stone foundation, tongue-and-groove vertical siding with a standing seam metal roof. Tongue-and-groove sliding doors are on the north elevation. A non-contributing concrete silo is located near the northeast corner.

# 8. Significance

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** C. 1892 - 1925      **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.

The William H. Horman Farmstead is moderately significant for the vernacular architecture of the dwelling, a fair example of the late 19th century domestic structure which incorporates influences of several styles and building techniques. The two-section plan is based on German building types used in Frederick County since the mid-18th century. The segmental arches and Gothic arched gable window reflect the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles of the mid-19th century and the scroll-sawn bargeboard and porch brackets are commonly found on vernacular eclectic buildings of the last quarter of the 19th century. While the house has modern vinyl siding, the general exterior appearance is essentially little altered from its original construction.

According to the 1910 History of Frederick County, the stone and frame bank barn was built in 1892 by William H. Horman (1847-1933), who, in about 1870, took over the farm established by his father, Augustus Horman, in the late 1850's. The house was built in 1894, but the title research and historical maps indicate that a previous dwelling was on the farm at or near the same location as the 1894 building. William Horman retained the farm until 1921.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-94

Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.  
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted:  
Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1454.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 96, Parcel 164.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date January 1994

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city or town Frederick state MD 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.

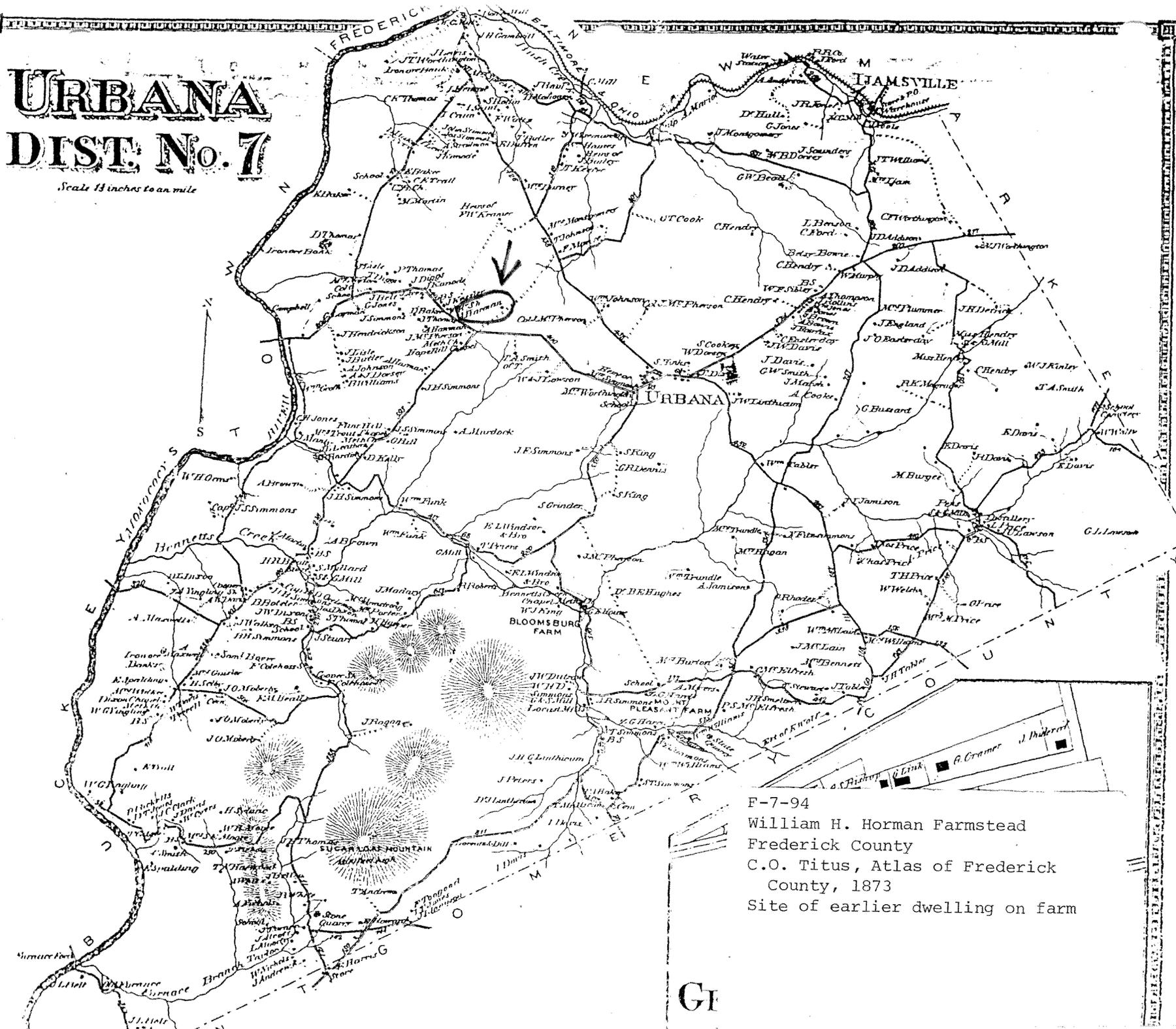
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1428/906 29 June 87	Kiplinger Wash Editors, Inc.	Abner's Choice		
923/275 18 Sept 73	Abner's Choice	Louise S. Sout & Lena S. Renn	1. "Herman Home Farm" 204a., 335/281 2 Apr 21 2.	
	Louise S. Sout & Lena S. Renn daughters of Dora Shry	Dora V. Shry widow		
	<del>Dora V. Shry</del>	<del>Ernest W. Shry</del>		
335/281 2 Apr 21	Ernest W. & Dora V. Shry	William H. & Mary E. Herman	204a., known to the Hermans as the "Home Farm"; acquired in 3 deeds	
1) TG 6/476 27 Nov 1876	William H. Herman	Augustus Herman & Ann Herman	97 1/2 a. "part of Abner's Choice" "The Resurvey on Wilson's Lot" & "Sons Brothers"	\$3000
2) WIP 1/283 6 Apr 1886	William H. Herman	Henry W. Rogers et al	108 1/2 a. WIP 1/516	
3) 302/498 14 Jan 13	William H. Herman	H. D. Summers et up	13 a.	
→ DSB 1/283 18 Apr 1867	Augustus Herman	Lewis M. Nirdorff & Henry Nirdorff admins of Henry Nirdorff, dec.		\$2,000
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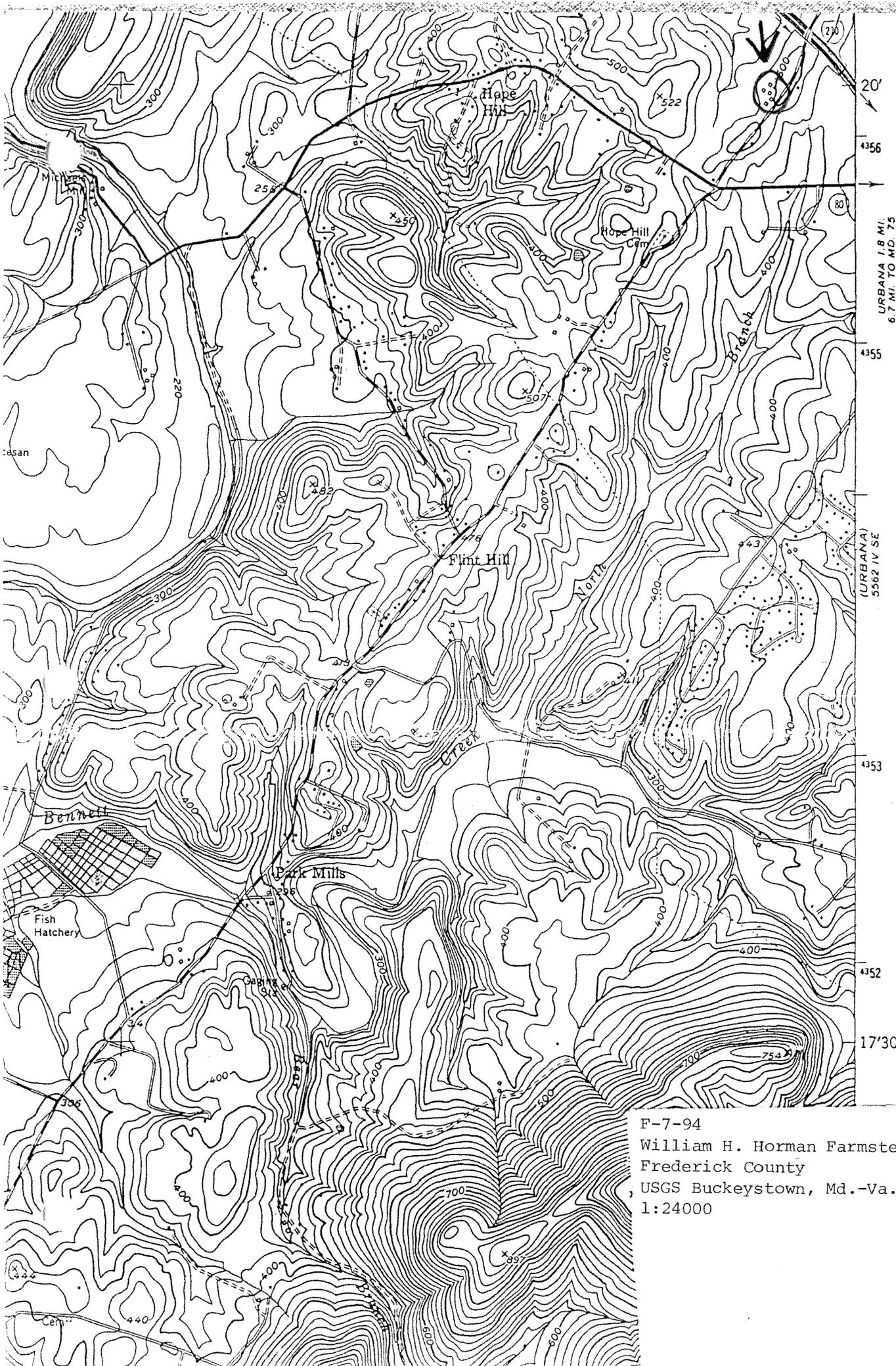
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Scale 1/8 inches to an mile



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Frederick County  
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
County, 1873  
Site of earlier dwelling on farm

GE



ROCKVILLE (UNCL. MD. 26)  
WASHINGTON, D. C. (WH17)

20'

4356

URBANA 1.8 MI.

6.7 MI. TO MD. 75

4355

(URBANA)

5562 IV SE

4353

4352

17'30"

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Frederick County  
USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.  
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