

Survey No. F-8-102

Ca. 1830 - Ca. 1920

Sams Creek Mill Survey District

Unionville, Maryland

Private

Sams Creek Mill is a group of four dwellings and an abandoned house centered on a brick mill possibly built in the last quarter of the 19th century. The earliest mill on the site may have been built in the last decade of the 18th century, as a mill in the vicinity is shown on the 1808 Varle map of Frederick and Washington Counties.

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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 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Industrial)

Resource Type:
Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Industry/Processing/Extraction/manufacturing facility/mill

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sams Creek Mill Survey District

2. Location

street & number Sams Creek Road and Oak Orchard Road at Sams Creek not for publication

city, town Unionville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 Multiple owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

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 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

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates Ca. 1830 - Ca. 1920 **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.

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7.1 Description

The Sams Creek Survey District is a mill-centered district dating from the second quarter of the 19th century in its current state with four dwelling houses, an abandoned dwelling, and a mill, built about 1875. The district is located on the west side of Sams Creek, the border between Frederick and Carroll Counties, at the intersection of Sams Creek Road and Oak Orchard Road, near Unionville, Maryland. This description includes only the resources in Frederick County, but additional contributing resources are located on the Carroll County side of Sams Creek.

The majority of the dwellings are located on the south side of Oak Orchard Road. The abandoned house is on the north side of Oak Orchard Road between the creek and Sams Creek Road. The mill is just north of the abandoned house at the edge of Sams Creek Road which turns eastward around the building. The fourth dwelling, is a log and stone house, west of the mill on a hill above Sams Creek Road. A frame barn at the road level is opposite the mill. Following are descriptions of the structures:

Mill: A Flemish bond brick one-story building with a frame gambrel roof and several frame additions on the south, east and north elevations, the mill in its present form appears to date from the 1870's. A stone foundation is exposed on the creek side. The interior is filled with machinery and mill equipment, as well as wood debris and other materials. Most of the machinery is rusted and scattered. Mill stones are seen around the base of the mill. The roof is sheet metal. The general state of repair is fair.

Log House: The house has several 2-story sections, some of which have exposed log structures. A frame section of the last quarter of the 19th century on the north elevation of the rectangular main section has a conical turret. One section of the house is stone. A standing seam hipped metal roof covers the building. A one story porch extends around the south and east elevations. Associated with the house and located just east of it is a deteriorated frame barn. The house may date from the second quarter of the 19th century in its oldest sections with additions such as the porch from the last quarter. The barn also appears to be of the last quarter of the 19th century.

Abandoned House: A two-story frame house facing south with its stone foundation exposed on the east. It has three bays and an entry porch on the south elevation. An interior end chimney rises at the east end of the standing seam tin roof. The sash is 6/6. The siding is clapboard. Two frame outbuildings are located northeast of the house. All the buildings are in a deteriorated condition. They probably date from about 1850.

3319 Oak Orchard Road: A two-story, three bay original east elevation with a two story extension on the south, the house has a stone foundation, a standing seam metal roof, exterior modern brick chimneys, an entry porch on the east and a one story shed porch on the west elevation. The bargeboard, cornice and entry porch have a stepped scroll sawn decoration. A small barn is associated with the house on the south. Probable date of the house is 1850.

7.2 Description (Continued)

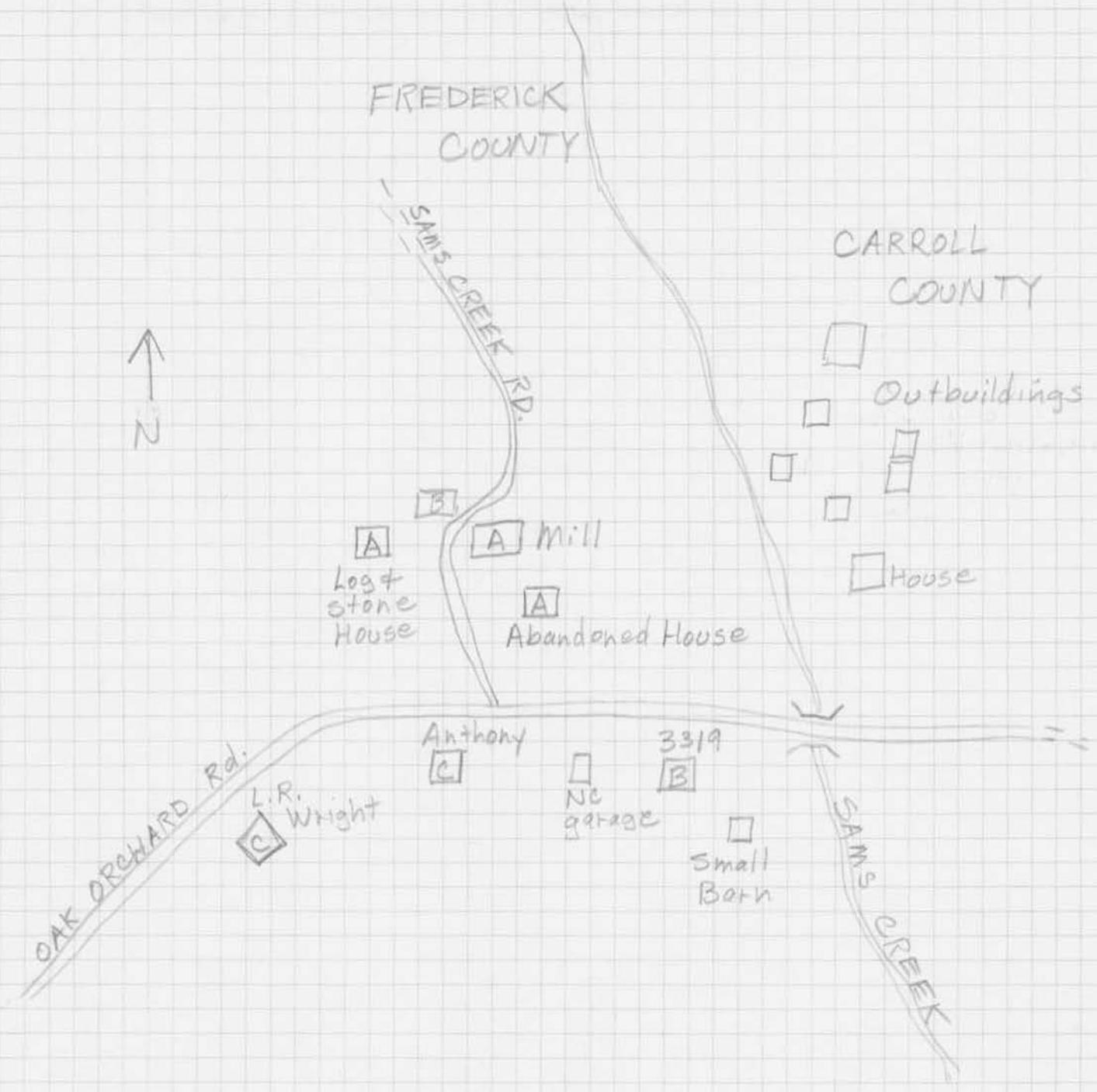
Anthony House: A two story frame house with an exposed brick veneer basement and vinyl and asbestos shingle siding on the upper stories. Many additions have been made to the house. The gable roof has standing seam metal and composition roofing. Possible date of construction may be circa 1850.

Wright House: A two-story frame house with possible log structure under vinyl siding on a stone foundation. The house has a three-bay west elevation with a one story porch and a composition roof. It may have been built about 1850.

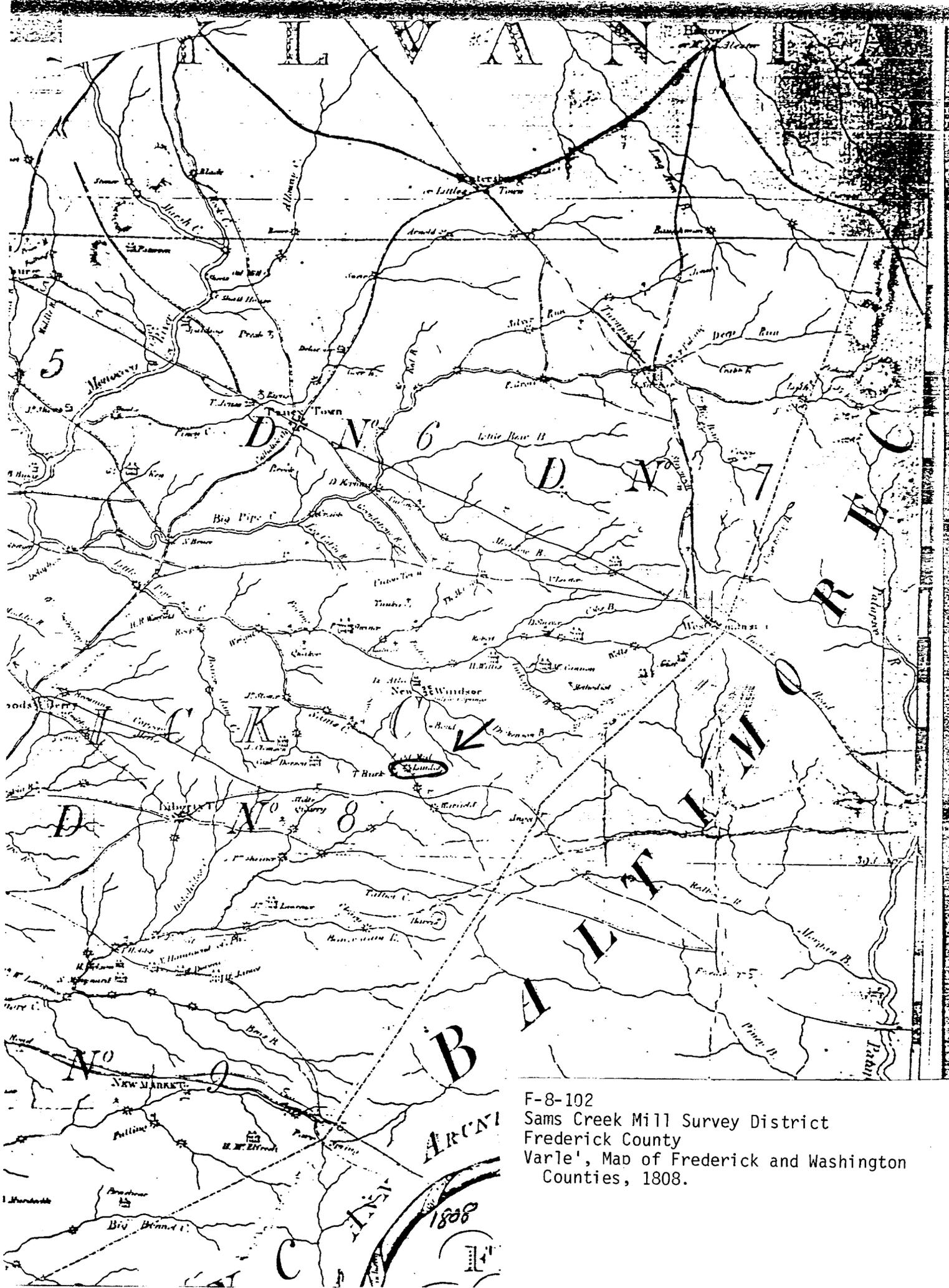
8.1 Significance

Sams Creek Mill developed as a result of the grist mill established in the second quarter of the 19th century. The present mill building may be the latest of several consecutive mills on the site. The associated dwellings were possibly the homes of mill employees and associated tradesmen, such as coopers and blacksmiths. The Sams Creek and Little Pipe Creek areas along the border of Frederick and Carroll Counties has several remaining mill districts such as McKinstry's Mill (CARR - 74, 75, 156, 160) and Englar's Mill (CARR - 149, 326, 327, 328, 329). The Frederick County mills have not been documented; one example which may provide further information is Simpson's Mill on Little Pipe Creek north of Union Bridge. The Sams Creek resources on the Carroll County bank of the creek should also be documented to establish the context of rural industrial districts.

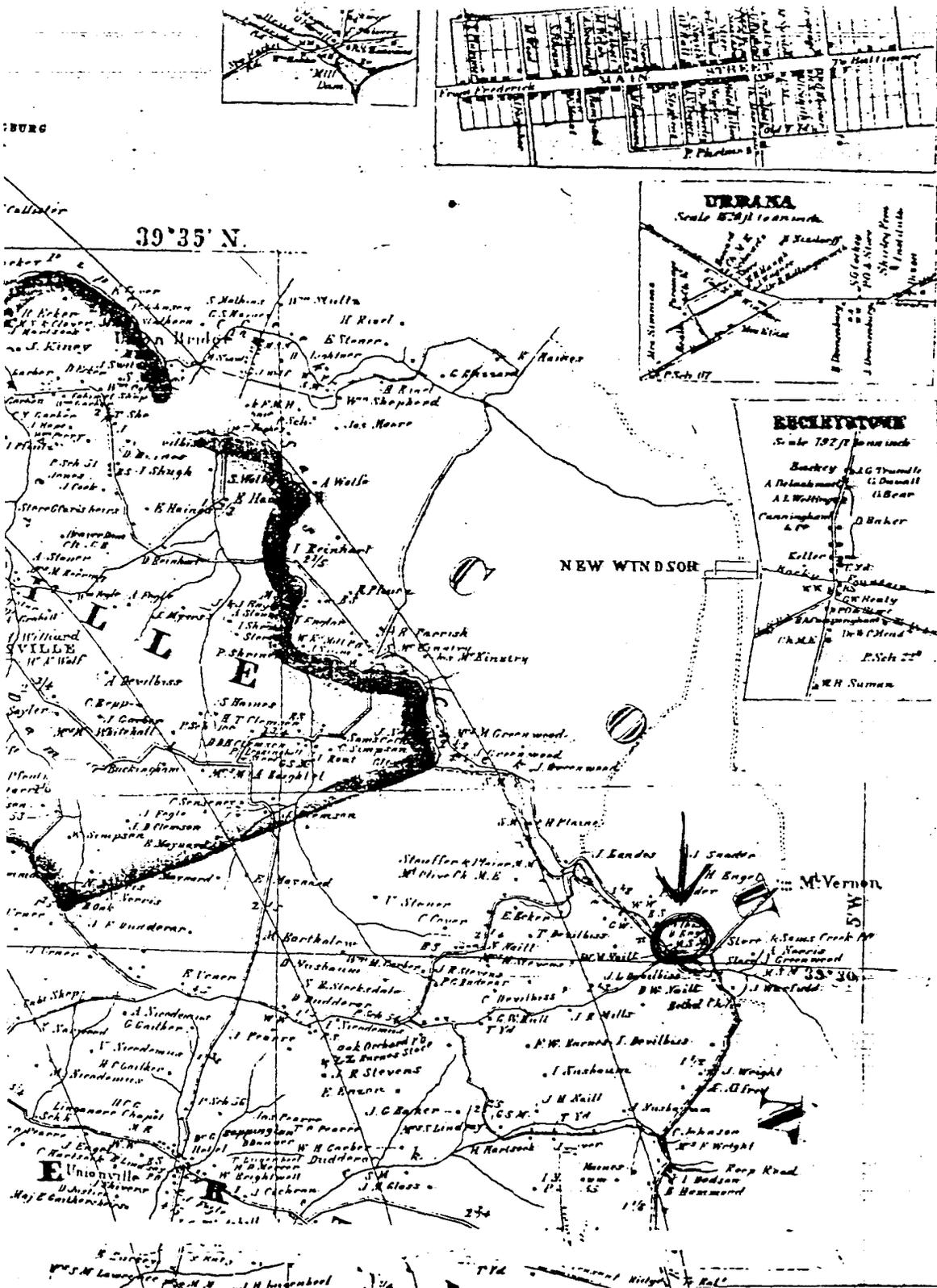
According to the Varle map of Frederick County of 1808, a mill identified as Landis Mill operated in the approximate location of the Sams Creek mill. The connection should be researched and the period of significance possibly expanded as necessary. A full history of the mill operations is also needed.



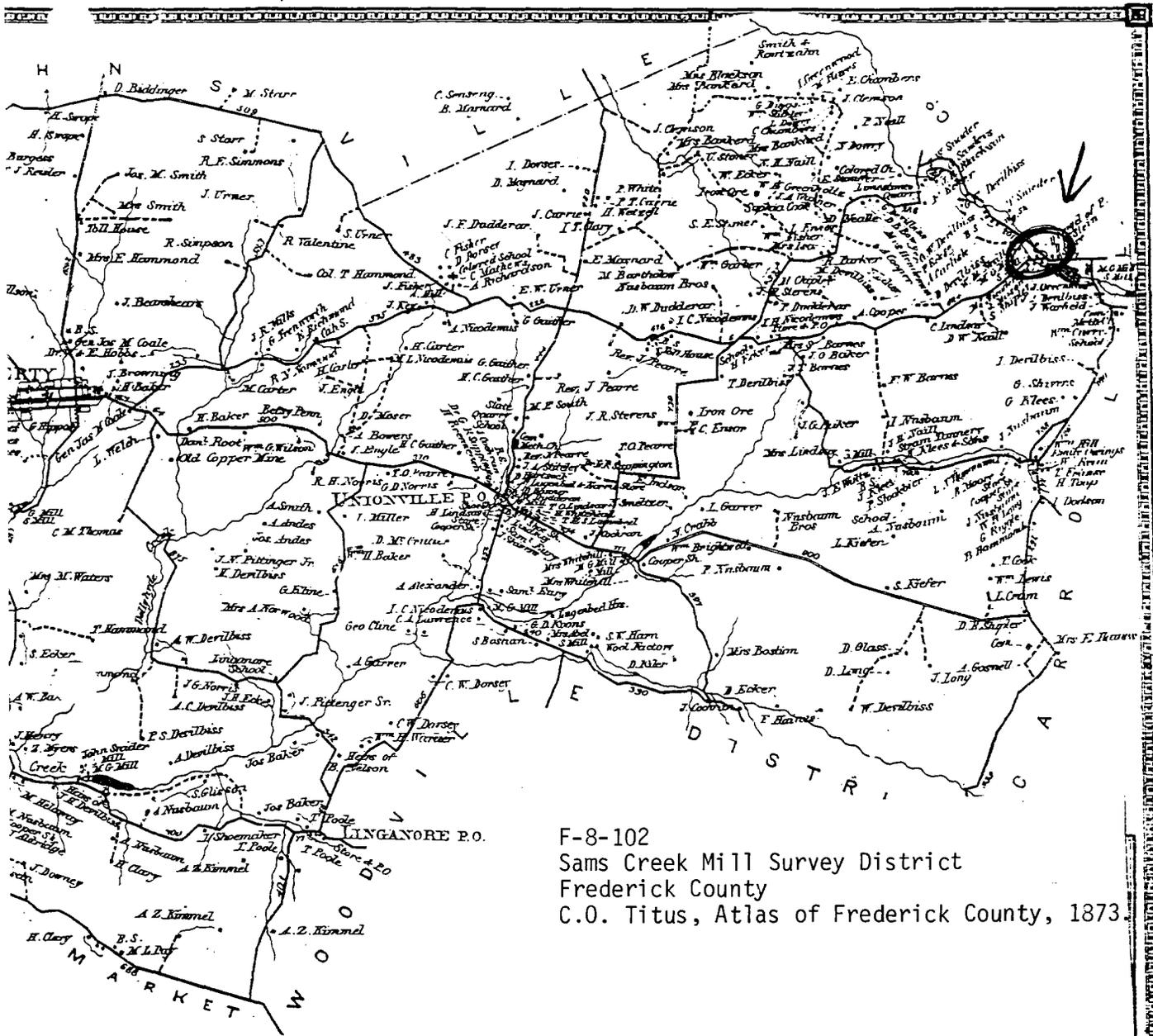
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 Sams Creek Mill Survey District
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 Varle', Map of Frederick and Washington
 Counties, 1808.



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 Sams Creek Mill Survey District
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858.



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 Sams Creek Mill Survey District
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 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

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Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the mile





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General view west from Sams Creek

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3319 Oak Orchard Road, east elevation

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Mill, south elevation

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Log House, east elevation
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Abandoned house, south elevation
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