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Knoxville
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Edward Garrott's Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Intersection of Route 180 and Route 28

CITY, TOWN
Knoxville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER: Rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ronald Miller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 399
Folio #: 78

STREET & NUMBER
North Court St.

CITY, TOWN
Frederick

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Edward Garrott's Hotel is a very large three story ell shaped brick and stuccoed stone structure which dominates the center of Knoxville facing west at the intersection of Route 180 and 28. It is located just south of the stream which flows through the center of town and once powered Garrott's Mill which once stood just southeast of the hotel.

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The principal facade is eight bays wide on each level except the third which is seven bays wide. A replaced one story frame veranda with frame balcony extends completely across the front of the building.

An entrance door is located in the third and seventh bays on the first and second levels. All doors have been replaced. Both doors located on the first level are horizontal panel doors with upper lights and single light transoms. The doors on the second level are four panel doors with upper glass panes and single light transoms.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first level and each bay on the third level are replaced 1/1 windows. The original double hung 6/6 windows occupy each bay on the second level and all bays on the rear and addition of the building.

A two story frame porch which once extended along the south side of the rear ell of the building has been removed. The wall fabric along this part of the addition has been stuccoed and pointed a gold color. This rear ell is four bays wide. Original four panel doors which once entered onto the rear porch alternate with double hung 6/6 windows.

Two replaced entrances used for restrooms are located in the cellar level of the north side of the building in the rear addition. No windows except for small gable lights are located on the north and south gable ends of the building. Two circular stays are located at the south gable end of two bracing rods running partially through the building.

The south three bay wide addition is constructed of common brick laid in common bond.

The entire structure is constructed on a slightly banked coursed random stone foundation and is covered by a replaced standing seam tin gable roof with boxed cornice. Four brick chimneys rise from the building. Twin interior chimneys straddle the gable on the north gable end and center of the building and a single brick chimney is located at the east gable end of the addition. A newer single brick chimney rises from the south gable end of the building.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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The Garrott family of Scotch-Irish descent had owned most of the land known as the Maryland Tract in the vicinity of Knoxville as early as the third quarter of the eighteenth century.[2] By 1840, when the town was laid out a "P. Garrott" owned the land where the hotel now stands. It is assumed that he or D. E. Hilleary, indicated on the 1858 Bond Map, was the builder of the hotel. By 1873, the establishment was again under the supervision of the Garrott family, Edward Garrott.

In 1884, a description of Knoxville states, "This would be a most excellent spot for persons in seek of recreation as the bass fishing is very fine and hotel accommodations good."[3]

In 1886, the "hotel property" was sold by James and Martha Reely to James and Sophia Biser and subsequently to Charles F. Willard for the same price in 1891.[4]

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[1]Frederick County Plat Records, Book #9; Page 185.

[2]Frederick County Probate Records, Liber A 1; Folio 571.

[3]Post Offices of Frederick County for the Year of 1887. p. 35.

[4]Frederick County Land Records, Liber WIP 1; Folio 178 and Liber WIP 13; Folio 176.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Edward Garrott's Hotel

According to Williams' History of Frederick County Maryland written in 1910: "Willard is a prosperous businessman of Knoxville where he manages the Willard Hotel, a well known hostelry."

In 1922, the building was sold to a Knoxville Home Corporation which subsequently forfeited the property which was sold at a sheriff's sale.

The Bank of Brunswick purchased the building for $2,500.00 in 1929 selling it to the current owner in 1935. Except for a few tenants the building has remained vacant since that time.

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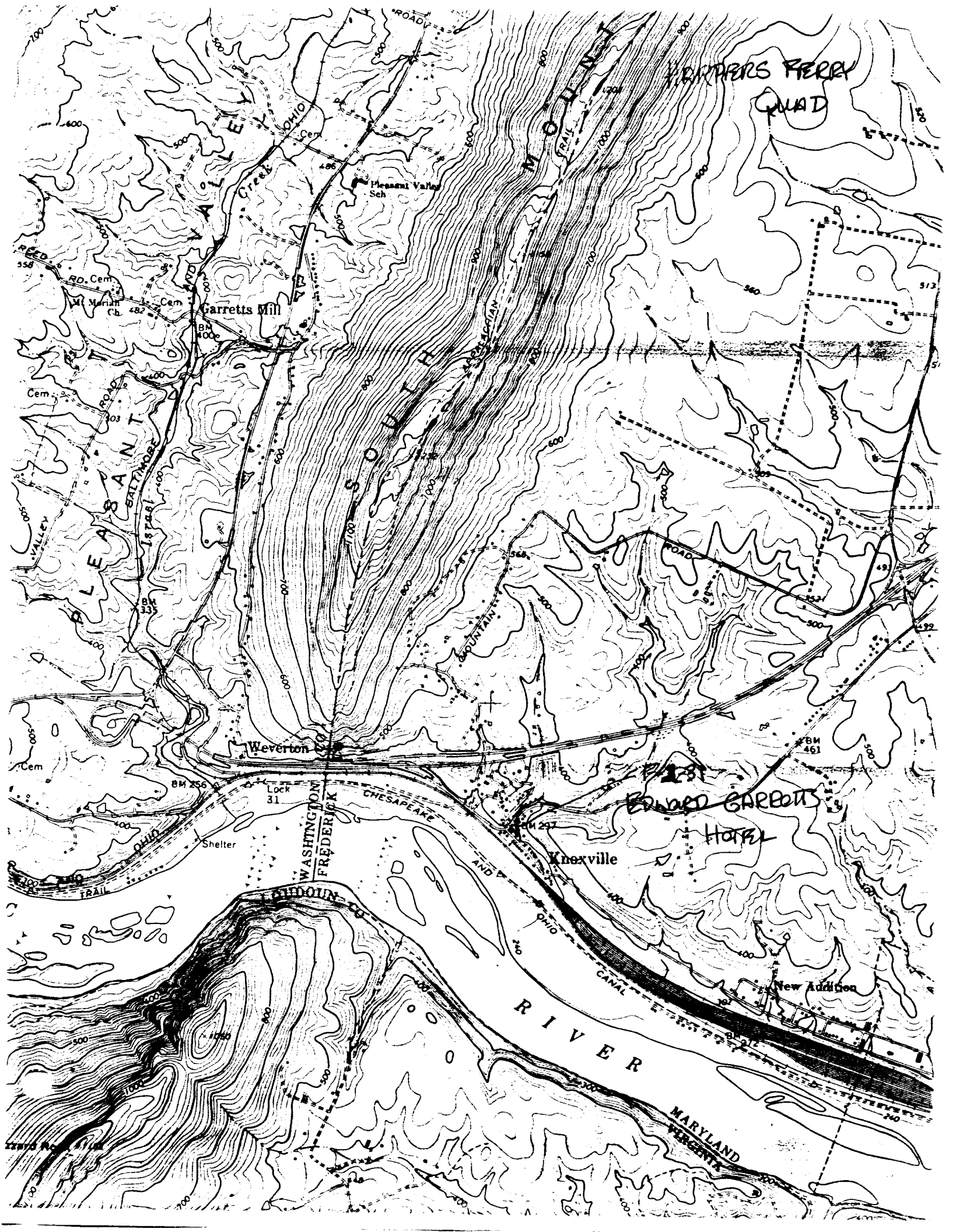
[6]Williams, Vol. II, p. 1093.

[8]Frederick County Land Records, Liber 376; Folio 335.

[7]Ibid., Liber 399; Folio 78.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