

F-4-57

Harshman-Frushour Farmstead;  
Hagerstown & Frederick Trolley Shelter  
Wolfsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1880; Ca. 1900

The Harshman-Frushour Farmstead is an agricultural complex of about 1880-1935 centered on a circa 1880 frame dwelling with vinyl siding and a modern rear addition with domestic outbuildings contemporary with the date of the original structure including a frame summer kitchen, a smokehouse, a root cellar/ice house, and agricultural outbuildings dominated by a frame bank barn, with a concrete block milk house of the mid-1930's and three frame wagon sheds. A circa 1900-1910 frame trolley shelter, which was originally located on the Hagerstown & Frederick Interurban Electric Railway and moved to the farm at the closure of the Myersville-Middletown section in 1945, is now used as a hay shed in the farmstead. Its significance is related to transportation rather than agriculture and it is probably unique as the only remaining shelter of about 6 of the type which were erected as sub-stations on the trolley line between major stops. The farmstead was probably established by the Harshman family and developed to its historic extent by Charles N. Frushour from about 1898 to the late 1930's.

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Harshman-Frushour Farmstead  
Wolfsville  
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:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Agriculture  
Transportation

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Transportation/rail-related

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Harshman-Frushour Farmstead, H&amp;F Trolley Shelter

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11423 Meeting House Road  not for publicationcity, town Wolfsville  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 Theora W. Jones

street &amp; number 11423 Meeting House Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1623

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 701

city, town Frederick state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-57

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	<u>C. 1945</u>
<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: 11

The Harshman-Frushour Farmstead is an agricultural grouping centered on a circa 1880 frame two-story dwelling with vinyl siding and a modern rear addition with associated domestic outbuildings including a frame summer kitchen, a frame smokehouse, a stone root cellar or ice house, and an agricultural outbuilding group which includes a frame bank barn altered for use as a horse barn, two frame wagon sheds, a concrete block milk house, and several non-contributing concrete block and metal buildings. Also included in the agricultural group is a frame hay shed originally built as a passenger shelter for the Hagerstown & Frederick Interurban Railway in the early 20th century; it was moved to the farmstead about 1945. The farmstead is located on the north side of Meeting House Road about 1/4 mile west of Wolfsville Road near Wolfsville, Frederick County, Maryland.

The circa 1880 dwelling is located on a slope with the principal elevation facing west and the rear part of the house following the slope downward to the east. The west elevation has three bays with a center entrance. A two-light transom tops the doorway and the door has four panels. The siding was probably originally german, but is now covered with vinyl. In the south bay is a modern bay window. The rest of the sash is 2/2 with replacement shutters. The roof is composition and the original chimneys were on the interior walls of the gable ends. One has been rebuilt on the exterior of the south gable end. The modern additic. extends from the original rear two-story wing and virtually engulfs the wing. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

## Domestic Outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The summer kitchen is a 1-1/2 story frame structure with german siding and a vertical board dutch door in the north elevation. Also on the north elevation are 3/3 windows with peaked window frames which may have been rebuilt from the originals. The composition roof extends over a small shed addition on the south elevation. The exterior brick chimney is located on the east gable end. The building probably dates from about the same period as the dwelling, the 1880's.

Smokehouse: The frame smokehouse is now used as a garden shed. It has a rectangular plan with board and batten siding and a vertical board door in the north elevation. The gable roof is composition. Like the summer kitchen, the smokehouse is probably contemporary with the dwelling.

Chicken house: The chicken house is a one-story frame building with german siding and a tongue-and-groove door. The shed roof is standing seam metal. Windows are 3/3 and two-light squares in the south elevation. Its apparent date is about 1900-1920.

Root cellar/ice house: The stone root cellar may have been used as an ice house. It is built into the slope of the hill northwest of the house in a grove of pine

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1880; C. 1900      **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 Harshman-Frushour Farmstead is a fair example of a late 19th century farmstead with the typical outbuildings of the period and the alterations for dairy operations in the 1930's which are found on many farms in Frederick County. Although altered, most of the buildings retain minimal to moderate integrity. The trolley shelter associated with the Hagerstown & Frederick Interurban Electric Railway (H&F) is significant under the transportation theme and is unique as the only known surviving passenger shelter from the sub-stations on the line of the period 1900-1910. Most of the terminal and station structures of the trolley system have been demolished. The most visible building is the former car barn on East Strick Street at Carroll Street in Frederick which is now the Frederick News-Post office building. The 1912 Braddock Heights station at the entrance to the Braddock Heights Park is currently a convenience store and originally contained a store and an office in addition to the waiting room. In Myersville, the substation built in 1919 as part of a general store complex still exists, but is now an apartment house and had no distinguishing features as a transportation structure. Sections of rights-of-way and a few possible bridges in remote areas are the only other sites or structures which remain of the transportation system. The trolley shelter is therefore an important association with the H&F, which opened the Middletown Valley to commercial and social links with Frederick and Hagerstown in the first half of the 20th century.

The farm may have been part of the extensive Harshman family property in the vicinity of the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren at Meeting House Road and Wolfsville Road. However, its current extent is likely due to the ownership of Charles N. Frushour, a teacher who married a daughter of William Harshman and purchased the farm in 1898. In 1944, Upton W. Grossnickle bought the property from Frushour's heirs and it was probably about this time when the trolley shelter was acquired from the H&F which closed out the Myersville-Middletown section in January 1945.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-57

Harwood, Herbert H., Jr. Blue Ridge Trolley: The Hagerstown & Frederick Railway. San Marino, Ca.: Golden West Books, 1970, p. 69

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name Myersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the main house on Tax Map 30, Parcel 37.

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

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.

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## 7.2 Description (Continued)

trees. A vertical board gable supports a corrugated metal roof. The single door in the east elevation is board and batten and a second boarded opening is located directly above it.

### Agricultural Outbuildings:

**Barn:** The frame bank barn appears to date from about 1900. It has a stone foundation and recently replaced vertical siding on the upper level. The stall level was partially enclosed with concrete block in the 1930's for use as a milking room. The rest of the stall level has been altered in the 1980's for use as a horse barn, with extensions on the east and the north. The ramp on the west elevation has been rebuilt. The interior main beams show almost straight saw marks, indicating that the structure may incorporate members of an earlier barn. The sliding doors are german siding.

**Milk House:** The concrete block milk house is located directly south of the barn near the milking room. It is a one-story structure with 2/2 metal sash and a standing seam metal roof. It was probably built in the mid-1930's.

**Wagon sheds:** There are three frame wagon sheds west of the barn, clustered near the stone root cellar/ice house. The westernmost has board and batten siding, a corrugated metal roof, and double swing doors in the east elevation. The other two sheds are located north of the root cellar. One has double bays on the south elevation, german siding, and a corrugated metal roof. Each bay has double vertical board swing doors. The third shed has a single bay with an open doorway on the south. It has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. All three sheds appear to date from about 1900.

**Trolley shelter/hay shed:** The trolley shelter is located in a pasture southwest of the main complex and is visible from Meeting House Road. It is a small rectangular frame structure with german siding and a bellcast gable roof covered in original pressed metal. The west or back of the structure has been altered with a sliding door, giving access to the hay rack installed on the rear wall. A small metal extension of the roof projects from the east or open side of the shed. On the north and south sides of the structure were originally cut out in a C-curve; these have been filled with sheet metal. The shelter was built about 1900-1910 and probably moved from the electric railway line between Myersville and Middletown about 1945 when the line was discontinued. About 6 of these structures were scattered throughout the Hagerstown & Frederick system, but this is the only known remaining one. A photo of one of the shelters in use is in Harwood's Blue Ridge Trolley, p. 69.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Land Records of Frederick County

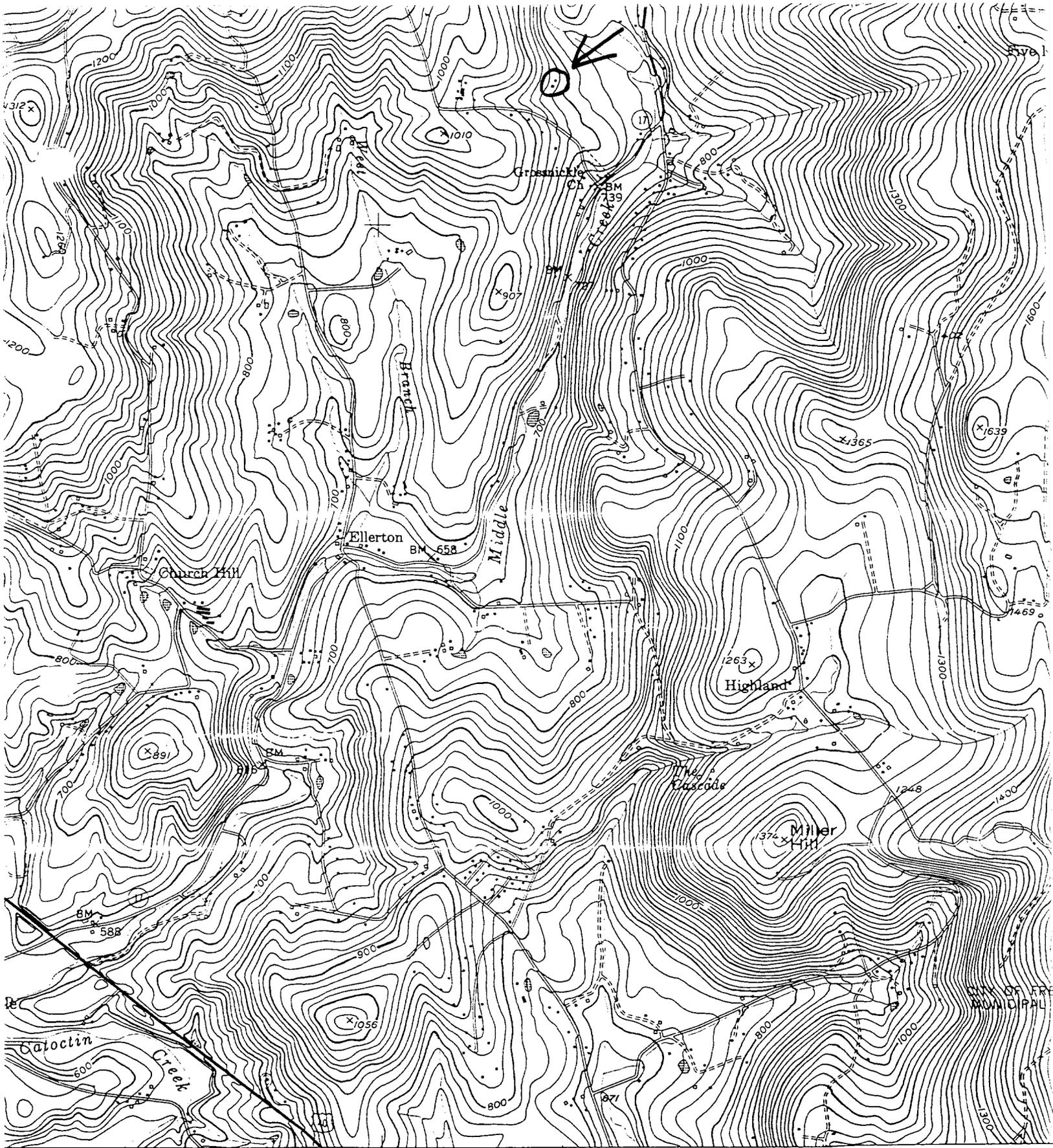
Williams, T.J.C. & Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.  
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1348.

11423 Mtg. House Rd. Harshman - Trushow Farmstead

LIBER/FOL. O	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
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1157/705 28 Sept 81	David C. & Theora W. Jones	Alan O. & Marcia E. Lazar	43.277A. Plat Book 13/27 ...	#235,000	
1157/702 28 Sept 81	Alan O. & Marcia E. Lazar	James H. & Faye W. Little IV	43.277A. Plat Book...	#235,000	
1011/588 28 Feb 77	James H. & Faye W. Little IV	Pamela Drexel Brown (formerly known as Pamela B. Drexel)	43.277A. Plat Book...		
1011/586 28 Feb 77	Pamela Drexel Brown	John B. & Rosslyn K. Howard	43.277A. Plat Book...		
733/267 30 Sept 65	John B. & Rosslyn K. Howard	Ferdinand J. & Dorothy F. Mack	"Resurvey on part of Stoney Arabia" "Five in One"		
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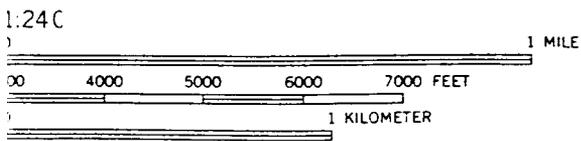
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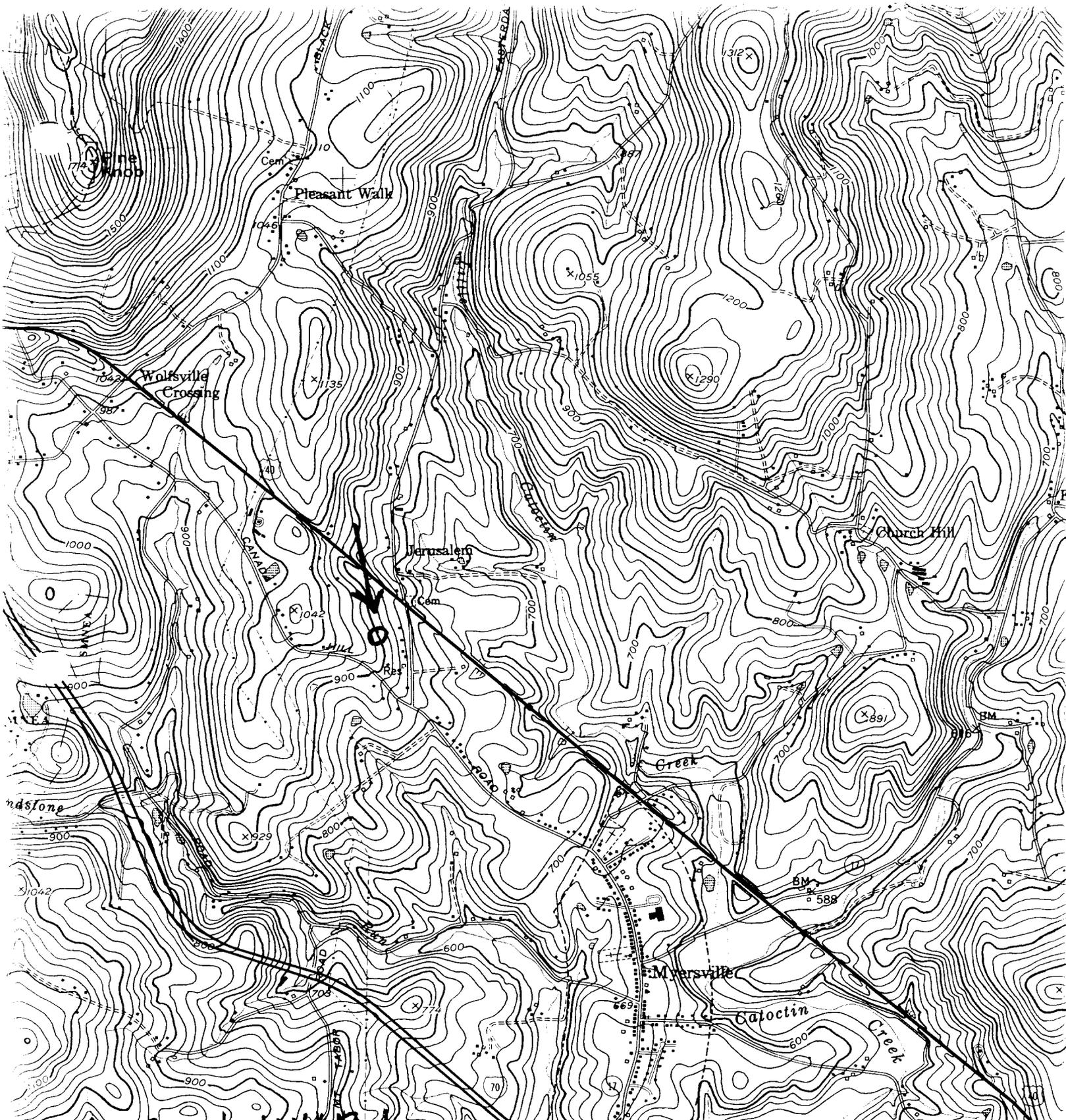
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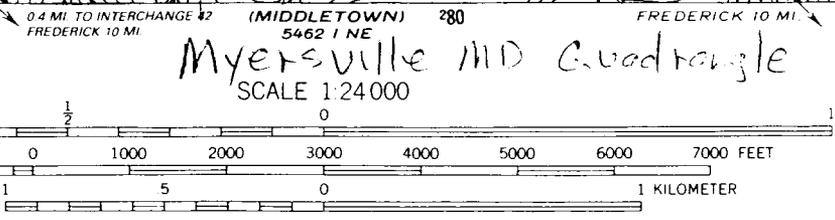


VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929





2540 Canada Hill Rd.  
 Present Site of  
 H.F Trolley Shelter  
 (formerly located at F-4-57)  
 Relocated June 1992



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 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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Harshman-Frusher Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo. Jo + Dave

April 1972

Near. to. N. 1/2. - N.P.C. Crownsville Md.

South of Crown View

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Harshman-Frosthear Farmstead

Fredrick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1992

Neg. loc.: Md. State Cranesville, Md

Summer kitchen & smokehouse

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Harshman - Frush - Fairstead

Frederick County

Photo: Jane + Dave

April 1972

Near '00. Md. SHRP, Crownsville, Md

Ice house and sheds, view from east

3/6



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Harshman Panchos, Fort-Feed

Friedrich County

Prof. Janet Davis

April 1992

Neg. box 114, 5410, Crossville, TN

Box 114 with large view from east

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H. Shinnon - Frithour Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1992

Loc. 100. Mt. St. Croix, Crownsville, Md

Trolley shelter, view from north

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Hatshimon Fr. on, Farnstead

Frederick Co.

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Apr. 1972

Man. called. S. 1100, Crocus 1' e. 10'.

Trolley, S. 1100, 1/2 mi. from north

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