

F-4-80
Rout-Smith Farmstead
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1810; ca. 1880

The Rout-Smith Farmstead is centered on a two-section, two-story log and brick dwelling built about 1810 and 1880 with two-story porches on alternate elevations and three domestic outbuildings, including a log and stone summer kitchen/springhouse and a log smokehouse, both probably dating from the same period as the log section of the dwelling. The farmstead also has a frame privy of the period 1875-1900, a frame and stone bank barn of about 1830-1840, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1875-1900. The farm's significance is based on the building technology exemplified in both the log buildings and the brick section, with the typical characteristics of their respective periods. The farm's agricultural buildings have minor significance as representatives of their types, indicating the change from a grain to a dairy economy in the early 20th century.

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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:
Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
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 Rout-Smith Farmstead; "The Seven Partners"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11025 Pleasant Walk Road not for publication

city, town Myersville 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 Frits M. and Helene S. Christensen

street & number 11025 Pleasant Walk 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 1726

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 607

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

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 Rout-Smith Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a two-section dwelling built of logs and brick, the log part in about 1800-1810 and the brick section in about 1880, with three domestic outbuildings including a log summer kitchen and springhouse and a log smokehouse, both built about 1810, and two agricultural outbuildings, a frame and stone bank barn of about 1830-1840 and a frame wagon shed of about 1875-1900. The farmstead is located on the east side of Pleasant Walk Road about 1/4 mile north of U.S. 40 near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The farm is principally a private residence, but the barn and several non-contributing agricultural sheds are currently in use as animal facilities. The dwelling has been extensively rehabilitated in the early 1980's and work is still in progress on the interior.

The two sections of the dwelling form a generally rectangular two-story structure with the log section on the east end and the brick on the west. The sections are offset in plan, forming recessed facades on the north and south elevations in reverse. Two-story porches occupy the spaces formed by the offset. The logs of the circa 1800-1810 part are exposed on the south elevation with brick veneer covering the north and east elevations. The south elevation has four bays with an entrance in the inner western bay. The windows have wood lintels and sills and 6/6 sash. The door is a 6-panel replacement. The brick section, built about 1880, has three bays with originally a center entrance on the south elevation under an entry porch. In the early 20th century, this door was changed to a window and the entry porch was removed. The brick pattern is 5:1 American bond. The windows have segmental arched sash in 2/2 configuration with louvred shutters. The north elevation has a two-story porch and a center entrance in the three-bay facade. The roof is covered with standing seam metal and the chimneys are at the interior gable ends. The interior of the house has been much altered, but portions of original or early materials and features remain. The log section apparently had two rooms in its original plan, with a chimney at each gable end and an enclosed staircase at the southwest corner. The staircase remains in place, but the chimney has been separated by the addition of a modern cross wall. The chimney opening has been closed off. Original floor boards are still visible, although the walls have been covered with wall board, which the current owners are planning to remove to expose the log surfaces. The eastern room has also been partitioned and an original mantel of simple design is located in the southeastern room. The brick section has two rooms, one of which is the modern kitchen, with a third chimney opening on the west wall.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The log summer kitchen has a stone lower level which contains a springhouse. The stone is exposed on the south elevation. The east elevation has three bays with a vertical board door and replacement 6/6 windows. The repaired molded window frames appear to be of the first quarter of the 19th century. The wood shingle gable roof is also a modern replacement. The stone and brick exterior

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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		

Specific dates C. 1810; C. 1880 **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 Rout-Smith Farmstead contains good examples of log buildings of the first quarter of the 19th century in the circa 1810 log section of the main dwelling and the two log outbuildings of about the same period. The exteriors have been repaired and altered, most recently in the early 1980's, but each retains considerable integrity. The dwelling also exemplifies a common variation on later expansions of log buildings, the use of different materials. The brick section of about 1880 also shows the typical characteristics of its time period in the 5:1 American bond pattern and the segmental arches of the window frames. The mid-19th century bank barn and late 19th century wagon shed of the agricultural group are typical examples of their types and periods. The barn's alteration for dairy production reflects the overall change in Frederick County agriculture from a predominantly grain-producing area to a dairy-based economy.

The farmstead was probably established by Jacob Rout, a German immigrant in the last quarter of the 18th century who arrived in Baltimore, then went to Ellicott City in Howard County to work in the milling industry. Around 1809, Rout had five tracts in western Frederick County resurveyed to form a single 176-acre tract called "The Seven Partners" which became the original farm. The earliest deed reference is November 26, 1811; however, Rout could have already been living on the property, possibly in the log summer kitchen as indicated by local tradition. Over the course of the 19th century, the Rout name was anglicized to Rhodes (or Rhoades) and the 1858 Bond map and 1873 Titus Atlas map both show the property occupied by "D. Rhodes". In 1877, it was purchased by John J. Smith, who already had a one-third interest in the property. Smith probably had the brick section built, as well as the wagon shed and other outbuildings which have not survived. Smith's descendants sold the property in 1929 and in 1939, Lloyd C. Ludy purchased the farm. Ludy or a previous owner may have had the milking room partitioned in the barn, as the 1920's and 1930's were the period when the dairy business expanded greatly in Frederick County. The separate milking area also reflected increasing health regulations regarding the handling of milk at the source.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-80

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
 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
 Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 707-708.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name Myersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 37, Parcel 190

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 June 1992

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

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.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

chimney on the south elevation has been rebuilt. The west elevation has two bays with a vertical board door on the stone lower level. According to local residents in the area, the summer kitchen is thought to be the earliest dwelling in the farmstead, having been built prior to 1800 and used until the erection of the log section of the present dwelling. Although not observed in this survey, an interior inscription in the chinking between the logs gives a name and a possible date, according to Mrs. Christensen, the present owner. The summer kitchen is located south of the main building.

Smokehouse: The smokehouse is located east of the summer kitchen. It is also an exposed log structure with wood nogging and a corrugated metal gable roof. The gable end on the north is covered with board and batten siding. A vertical board door is also located on this elevation. The smokehouse may date from the same period as the main dwelling house.

Privy: The frame privy is located directly east of the dwelling in a small grove of trees. It has german siding and a corrugated metal gable roof with a vertical board door on the north elevation. The privy probably dates from the period 1875-1900.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Barn: The frame and stone bank barn is located southeast of the domestic buildings. It was probably built about 1830-1840, but has been enlarged and altered through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The stall level on the west elevation is stone, with a concrete block partial enclosure on the south end for a milking room. The vertical-sided upper section has louvred vents with repaired arched frames. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located north of the barn. Built in the period 1875-1900, it has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Double cribs flank the drive-through opening and the building is supported on a stone foundation.

11025 Pleasant Walk Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1726/607 31 Jul 91	Frits M. & Helene S. Christensen	Robert J. & Joyce A. Sheets, Jr.	Lot 1 on Plat & "addition Plat, Lots 145, Sect. 1, Fairmont Plat Book 40/35 19.614 A.	\$339,000	
1246/517 10 Jul 84	Robert J. & Joyce A. Sheets, Jr.	Fitzgerald & Moran Realty & Fairmont Joint Venture			
1243/13 24 May 84	Fairmont Joint Venture	Fitzgerald & Moran Realty			
1222/828 20 Dec 83	Fitzgerald & Moran Realty	Clarence L. & Thomas M. Ludy, pers. reps of estate of Lloyd C. Ludy	155.6204 A.		
416/439 31 Mar 39	Lloyd C. & Viola Ludy (Died 30 Oct 61)	Myersville Savings Bank			
416/255 7 Mar 39	Myersville Savings Bank	William M. Storn, assignee of mortgage of John D. & Viola C. Mause & Margie E. Poffenberger	"The Seven Partners" THO 1/275 Resurvey Book 176A.		
372/405 12 Dec 29	Ben B. & Margie E. Poffenberger & John D. & Viola C. Mause	J. Statton Smith & Jennie E. Smith	"The Seven Partners" 176A. "less a small piece of land sold to Hagerstown & Myersville Railway Co. about 1904"	\$6,500	

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JLJ 16/230 26 Apr 1897	D. Statton Smith	John J. & Susan Smith	176A.		
TG 8/478 5 Mar 1877	John J. Smith	Mary Young & Elizabeth Rhodes	"The Seven Partners" (1/3 already belonged to John J. Smith) 176A.	\$4986.66 ^{2/3}	
26 Mar 1811 Cref not found (in index)	Jacob Rout				
Resurvey Book THO 1/275 1 May 1809	Jacob Rout		"Hard to Find" "Over Barick" "Susannah" "Whips Resurvey"	called "The 7 Partners" 176A.	

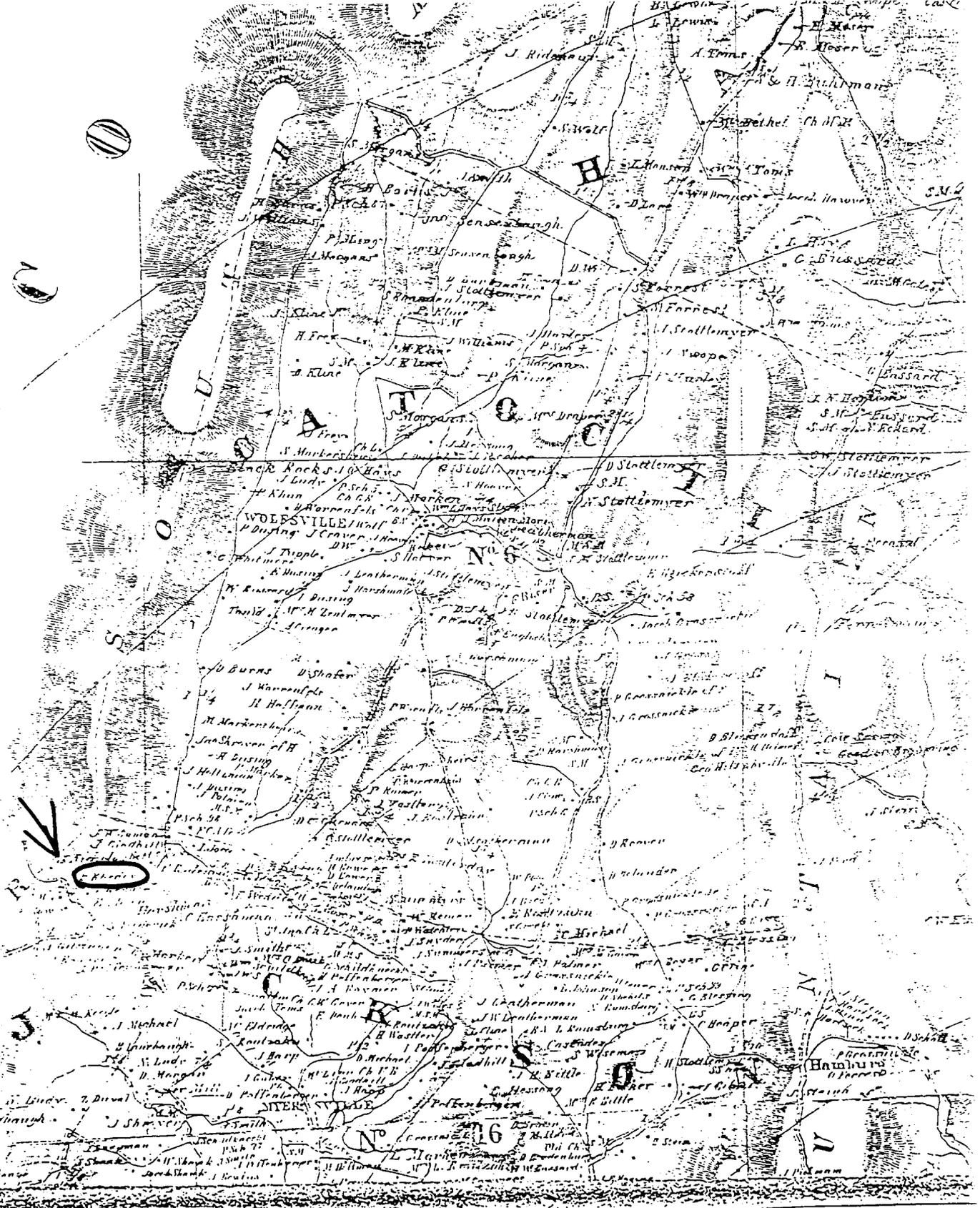
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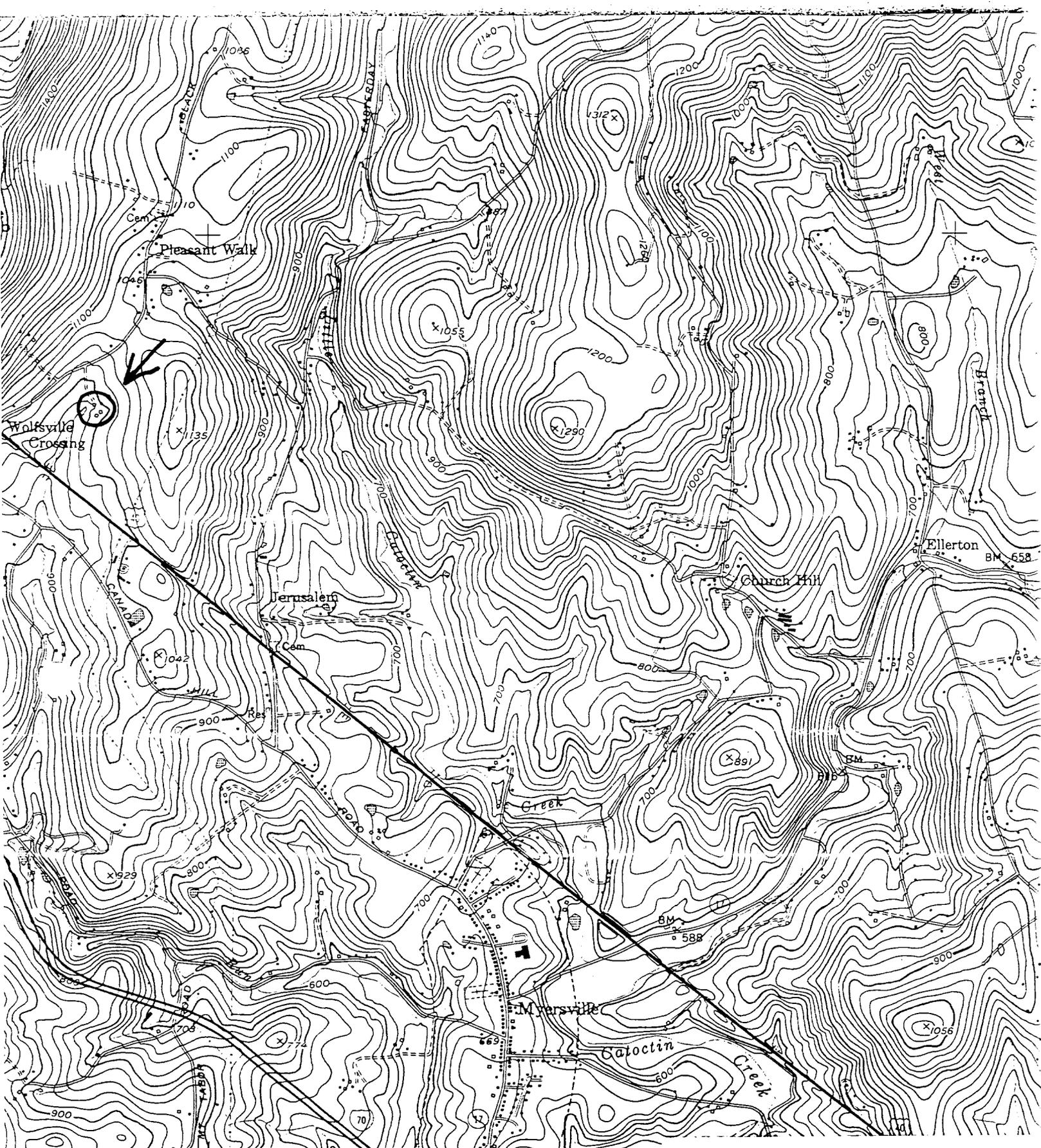
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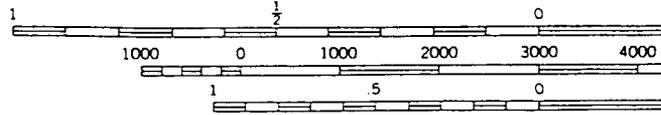


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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
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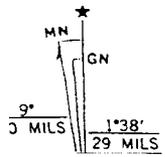


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Rout-Smith Farmstead

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Southeast corner view

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Pout. Smith Farmstead

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North elevation

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Port. Smith Farmstead

Frederick County

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Smokehouse, north elevation

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Rout-Smith Farmstead

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Summer kitchen, east elevation

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Rout. Smith Farmstead

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Wood shed/corn crib and barn, view from west

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