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Ca. 1830

B. Fox House

Rocky Ridge vicinity

Private

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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
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, storage shed
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/bank barn

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 B. Fox House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9201 Longs Mill Road not for publicationcity, town Rocky Ridge 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 Frances E. Heise

street & number 9201 Longs Mill Road telephone no.:

city, town Rocky Ridge state and zip code Md. 21778

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1212

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 522

city, town Frederick state Md.

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

(Description on separate sheet)

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

(Significance on separate sheet)

7.1 Description:

The B. Fox House is located on Longs Mill Road approximately one mile from Creagerstown, Maryland. The 2 story stone house with a rear frame ell faces north with the principal gable oriented north to south. Several agricultural outbuildings are located to the south of the house.

Built circa 1830, the 2 story stone house has a gable roofline of standing seam tin intersected by the frame ell roof of composition shingling. The main stone section is of uncoursed fieldstone with larger stones used for quoining. Two brick interior end chimneys are located at the gable ends. The rear ell is sheathed in german sided and is the same height as the main section; it was probably constructed at a later date.

The principal elevation, facing north, is 4 bays in width. The appearance of the house is dominated by two central doors that are recessed with panelling and have elegant surrounds and transoms. The doors are flanked by 2 windows, 6/6, with frame lintels. Two second floor windows (6/6) are symmetrical to the first floor windows. The west elevation has one window opening on the first floor, a 6/6 window with a square-headed lintel, and two 4 light fixed attic windows. The east elevation has the same openings as the west along with a vertical plank door into the basement.

The german-sided, rear ell extends from the north elevation of the main section: it is flush with that elevation in height and width and rests on a stone foundation. It contains a interior brick chimney in the center of the ridgeline. The main facade (south) has front facing gable and is 2 bays wide. Openings include two doors, 2/2 windows and a 1 light attic window. A full facade, one story enclosed porch has a hipped roof of standing seam tin. The west elevation of the ell has two symmetrical bays with 2/2 windows. The east elevation partially rests on a concrete foundation in which there is a door to the basement. There is a one story, enclosed sun porch with 4 1/1 windows on the first floor; the second story also has 4 1/1 windows.

Outbuildings on the property include a bank barn with a stone foundation and board and batten siding, a concrete and vertical sided shed with sliding doors, and a vertical sided outhouse.

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Within its historic context, the B. Fox House serves as an example for many other stone houses in the county that resemble it in form and type. The Creagerstown Election District is particularly noted as retaining a large number of early stone dwelling houses. Many of these houses provide excellent studies of their type. By example, the B. Fox House demonstrates careful and elegant detailing with its central door openings. This detail has remained intact and includes recessed panelling, transoms, panelled doors and molding. Overall, the house presents a high level of integrity.

The house was purchased by Baltazar Fox in 1859. Born in 1806, Fox spent his remaining years farming the property. He was considered a successful farmer in the community. At the time of the Fox purchase, the property was known as the "old Routzahn place" (Williams, vol. II, 1491). The Routzahns were early German settlers in Frederick County. The house is a commonly seen form in Frederick County with German origins: a 2 story house with a 4 bay facade containing 2 door openings. This facade is considered to be an attempt at symmetry which was initially utilized to rival English neighbors. The location of the dwelling was in close proximity to an important mill complex, the Eichelberger Mill, which suggests a possible relation or at least a source of the stone construction material.

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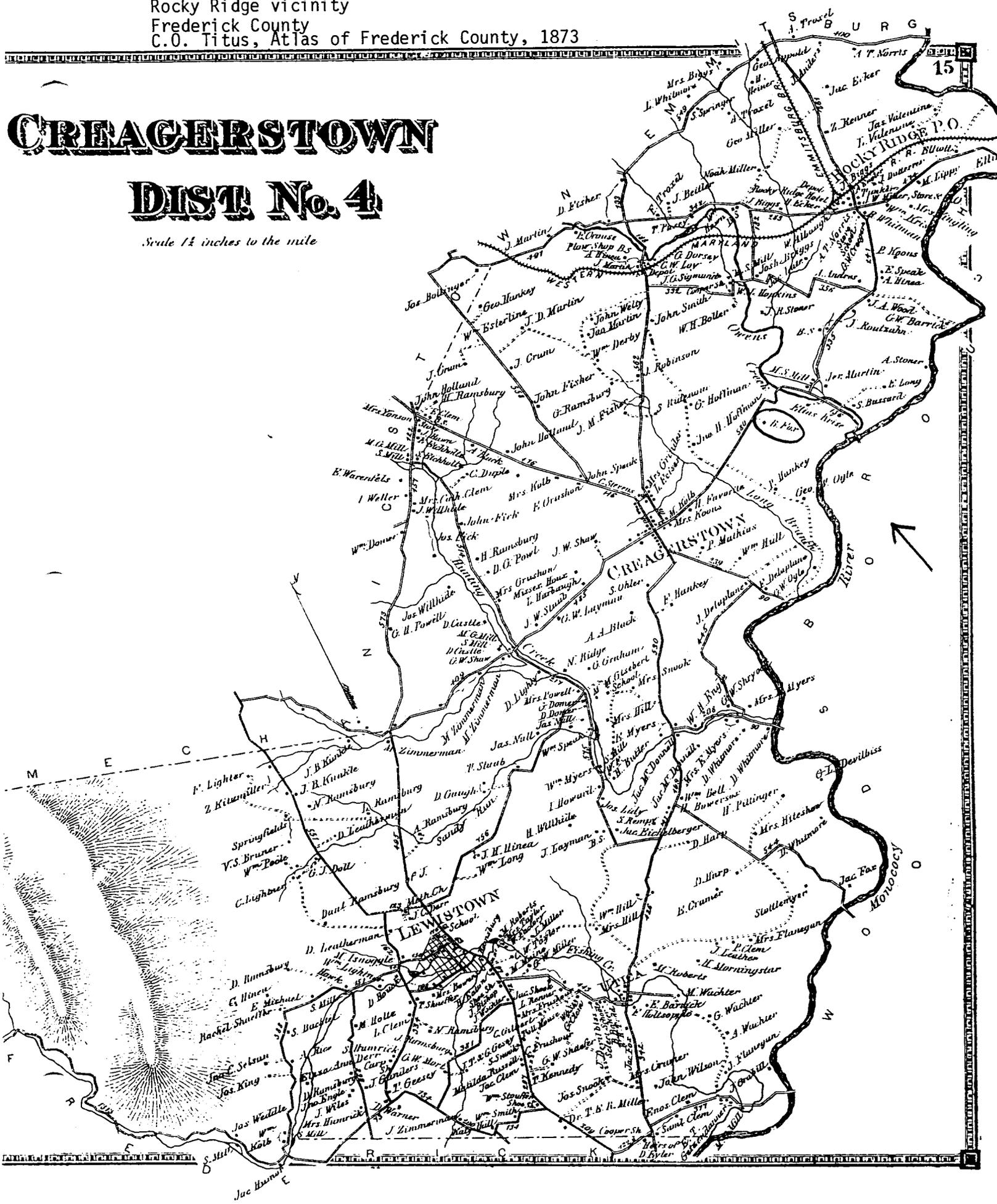
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Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titworth & Co.,
Frederick, 1910.

CREAGERSTOWN

DIST No. 4

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile



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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle
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north elevation

1/3



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South Elevation



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