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1857

Eyler's Valley Chapel

Thurmont 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 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
Modern Period A.D.

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

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Mountains

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/Religious Structure/church
Funerary/cemetery/cemetery

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-83

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eyler's Valley Chapel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hampton Valley Road ___ not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" 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 John A. Hahn, Trustee

street & number Rt. 1 telephone no.:

city, town Emmitsburg state and zip code MD 21727

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1041

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 262

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed 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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

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7.1 Description:

The Eyler's Valley Chapel is located at the intersection of Eyler Valley Road and Hampton Valley Road in Eyler's Valley, a mountainous area several miles northwest of Thurmont, Maryland. The main elevation faces east with the gable roofline oriented on an east-west axis. The chapel is adjoined by a cemetery several yards to the north.

Constructed in 1857, the one and one-half story church is of stone construction with large stone quoining. The front gable roof is covered in standing seam metal. There is a boxed cornice with cornice returns. A german-sided belfry sits above the peak of the gable. It has a pyramidal roof with a pendant and a dentilled cornice. Arched openings have molding with a frame keystone decorated with a "bull's-eye". A interior end brick chimney sits on the ridgeline in the west gable end.

The main elevation, facing Hampton Valley Road, has two panelled side doors that are recessed with panels. Both doors have transoms and flat wooden lintels. A center 6/6 window is positioned above the doors and has a flat wooden lintel. A datestone is beneath the gable peak: Eyler's Valley Chapel, 1857. The west elevation has a center vent window beneath the peak and two 6/6 windows with flat wooden lintels. The south and north elevations are two bays in length with two 6/6 windows and flat wooden lintels.

8.1 Significance:

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There are a small number of stone churches like Eyler's Valley Chapel that survive in Frederick County. One such example is St. John's Reformed Church (F-8-66), a one and one-half story stone building with a standing seam metal gable roof and a domed open belfry located in the town of Woodsboro which has undergone alterations to accommodate a growing congregation. By contrast, Eyler's Valley Chapel has sustained minimal changes and retained most of its original fabric. It is a good example in form and type.

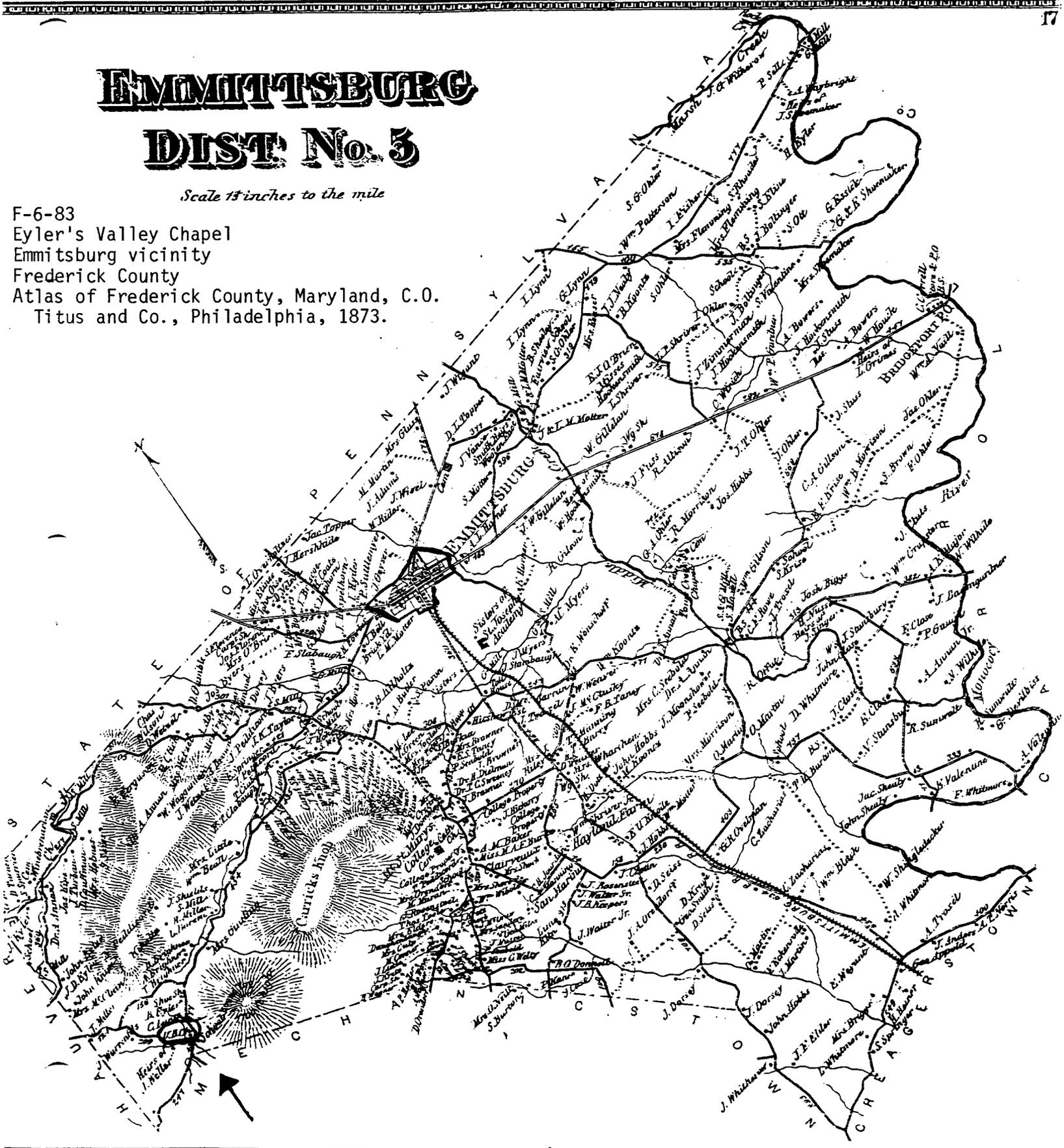
The church was originally named Eyler's Valley Chapel and later renamed Dodge Chapel after Mrs. Dodge, a prominent member (Williams, vol. I, 455). A number of United Brethren church buildings were constructed in Frederick County after the first conference of United Brethren leaders in 1800. (Before that time, services were held in barns and homes.) They varied in architectural construction; Eyler's Valley Chapel exemplifies the use of stone. Denominations borrowed building types from one another in constructing their churches: Eyler's Valley Chapel, a United Brethren church, closely resembles St. John's Reformed Church (1822), a German Reformed church.

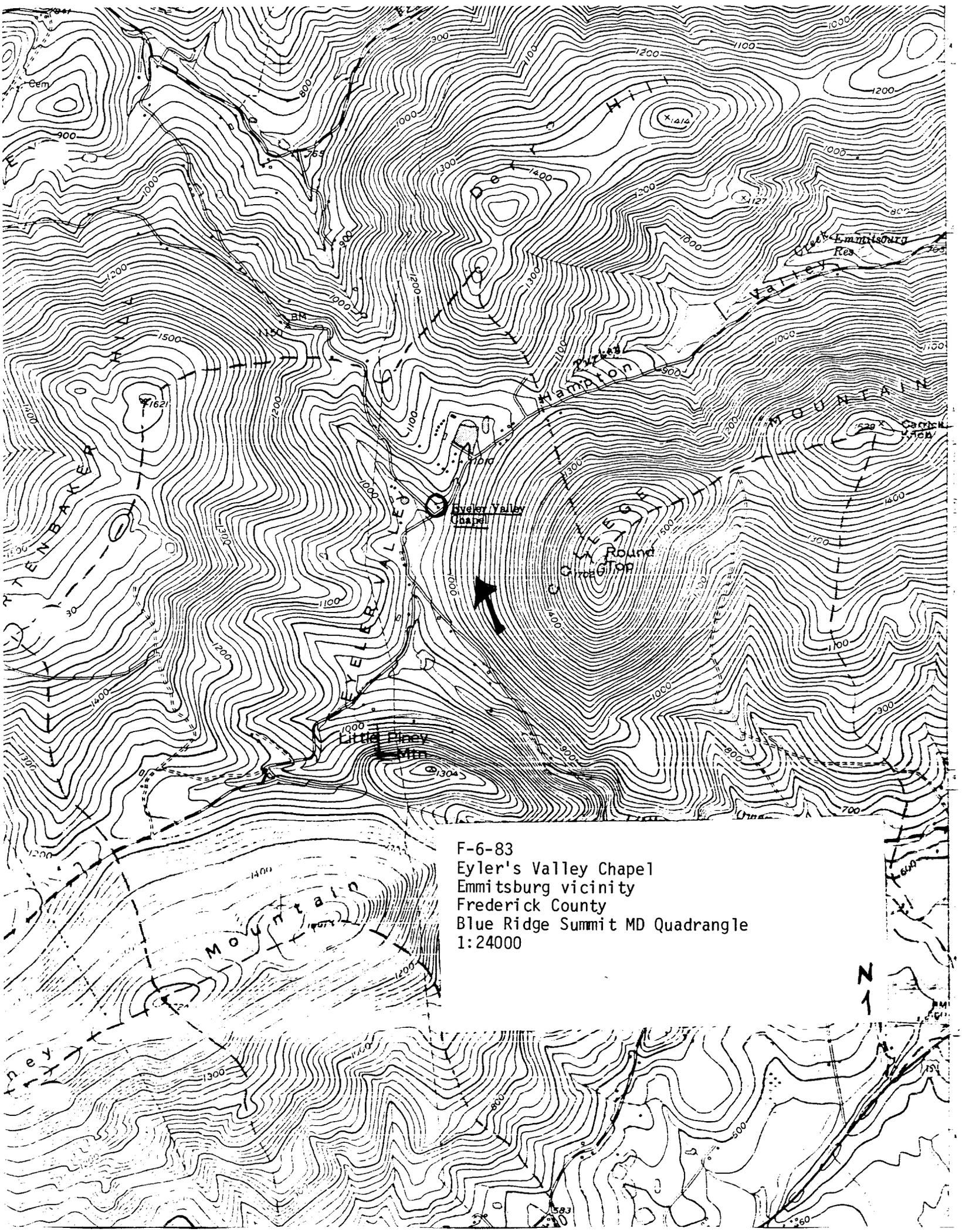
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DIST No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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Frederick County
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O.
Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.





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Frederick County
Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle
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Eyles Valley Chapel

Hampton Valley Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredenck County

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East elevation

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Eyers's Valley Chapel
Hampton Valley Road

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west elevation

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Eyles Valley Chapel
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North elevation

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Cemetery - looking north

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