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Ca. 1840

Kelly's Store Road House

Thurmont vicinity

Private

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Thurmont, Maryland  
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:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/shed

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-88

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Kelly's Store Road House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 7008 Kelly's Store Road  not for publication

city, town Thurmont  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state county

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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 James C. Whirley

street & number 7008 Kelly's Store Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code MD 21788

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1020

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 927

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

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.  
 Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.  
 "Post Offices of Frederick County", compiled and arranged by Charles W. Miller, 1887.  
 Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titworth & Co., Frederick  
 1910.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.48 acres  
 Quadrangle name Catoctin Furnace MD Quadrangle Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 25, Parcel 251

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

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyor  
 organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July, 1991  
 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.

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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### 7.1 Description:

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Constructed circa 1840, the building is clearly oriented to the road and situated several feet away from it. It is a 2 story aluminum sided building that is possibly of log construction. It rests on a concrete foundation. The gable roof of standing seam tin has one center brick chimney with an arcaded cap. There is also one exterior end concrete chimney on the west end. The house is 7 bays wide and 2 bays deep. A 2 story addition extends from the rear elevation. A one story shed roofed garage is attached to the east end of the building.

The main (south) elevation has asymmetrical openings. The first floor has two doors, three 2/2 windows, one 1/1 window and a three-sided bay window (replacing an original). The second floor has three 2/2 windows and two 1/1 windows. A open porch with chamfered columns and a shed roof partially covers the facade. The garage elevation has a sliding door. The north elevation also has asymmetrical openings with one original 6/6 window on the second floor and all others replacements. The first floor has a 2 bay enclosed porch with a shed roof. There is a 2 story, 2 bay shed roofed addition with a smaller one story addition extending from it. A new staircase has been added to the elevation.

The west gable end is two bays wide with 2/2 windows. The rear addition is one bay wide on this elevation with 2/2 windows. The east gable end is also 2 bays wide with one 1/1 window on the second floor and one 4 light attic window. The garage elevation has a sliding door.

### 8.1 Significance:

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A number of other buildings in Frederick County resemble the Kelly's Store Road House and indicate a possible early commercial use of tavern and/or inn. One example is located on Catoctin Furnace Road approximately 1 & 1/2 miles from the Kelly's Store Road House. The example is located on a major early route and has a number of bay openings. It is also probably a log building. The Kelly's Store Road House compares to this example and others with an average level of integrity. Many of these buildings have suffered various alterations such as aluminum siding and window changes; the Kelly's Store Road House shows these typical changes. More intact examples are located in towns such as nearby Thurmont. Despite alterations, this type of building strongly conveys an early commercial use through form and proximity to an early county road.

This building appears to be denoted on both the 1858 and 1873 maps of the county. During the nineteenth century, the building probably served as a tavern in the outlying area of Catoctin Furnace. It was situated on a road that led to eastern regions of the county such as the Creagerstown area. In 1886, the Monocacy Valley Railroad established a small line of three miles that ran from Catoctin Furnace to Thurmont. The purpose of the line was to transport iron from the furnace into the larger town of Thurmont by rail instead of the more laborious method of using horse teams. In the immediate vicinity of Kelly's Store Road House, a station was established in connection with the new rail line, Red Hill Station. A small community became clustered around the station. By the early twentieth century, the Catoctin Furnace was in decline, and the rail line became obsolete.

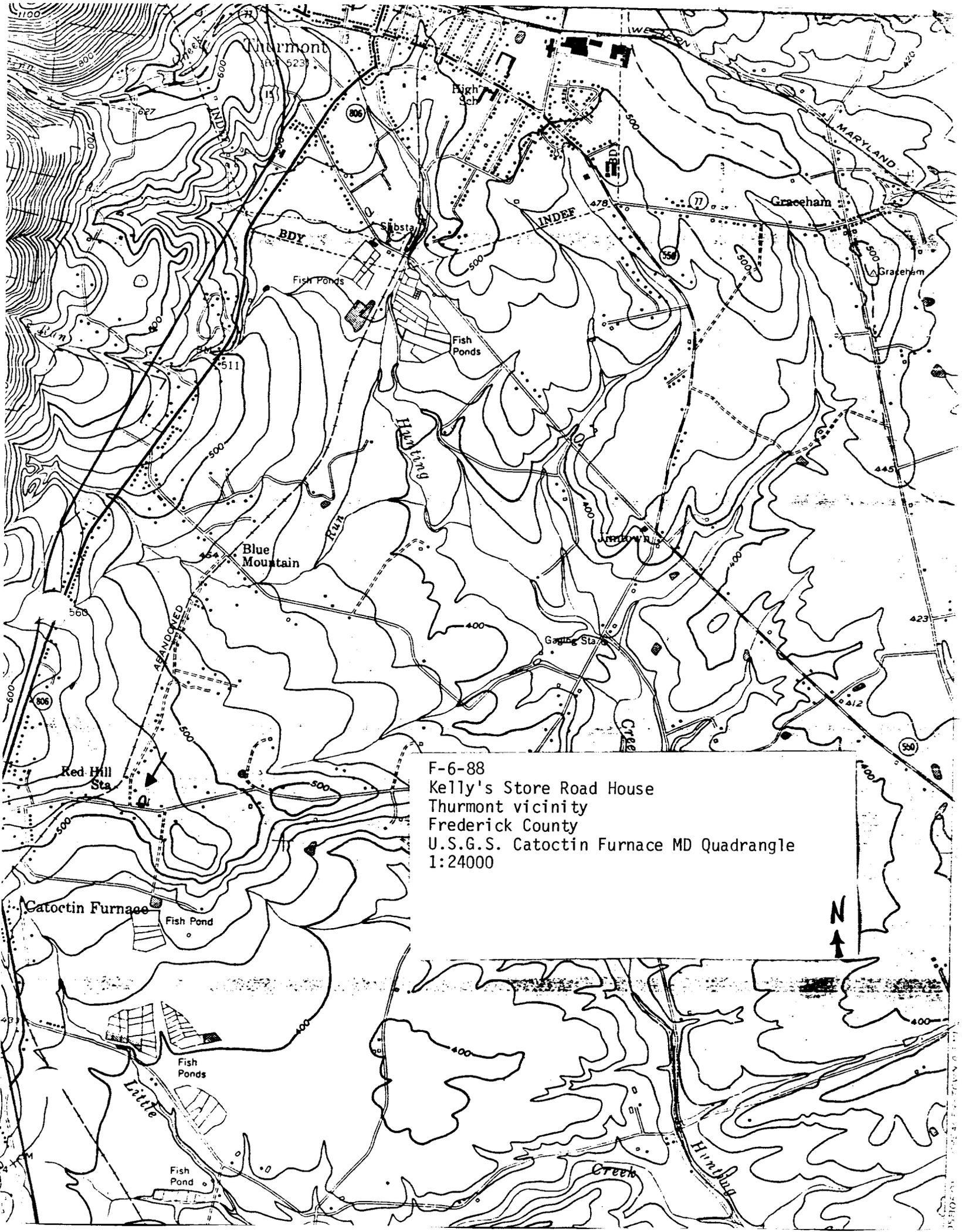


# MECHANICSTOWN

## DIST No. 13

Scale 1 1/4 inches to the mile

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South elevation

Y<sub>2</sub>



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north elevation

2/2