

F-6-90

Ca. 1875-1910

Motter's Station Survey District

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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Motter's Station Survey District  
Rocky Ridge  
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 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)  
Transportation

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage  
Commerce/Trade/speciality store/store  
Commerce/Trade/warehouse/warehouse, commercial garage  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn  
Transportation/rail-related/depot

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-90

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic Motter's Station Survey District

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 15400, 15500 blocks Motter Station Road  not for publication

city, town Rocky Ridge  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 Multiple owners - see attached list

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

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

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" 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.

(Typed on separate sheet)



— Motter's Station Survey District  
Frederick County

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#### 4.1 Multiple Owners

(15527 Motter's Station Road)  
Roy & Alan Sanders, Trustees  
15527 Motter Station Road  
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

(15529 Motter's Station Road)  
Ralph & Regina Long  
15529 Motter's Station Road  
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

(15507 Motter's Station Road and Commercial Complex)  
Robert R. & Flora B. Saylor  
15507 Motter's Station Road  
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

(15429 Motter's Station Road and Garage)  
Murray & M.L. Valentine  
15429 Motter's Station Road  
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

— (15405 Motter's Station Road)  
James E. Long  
15405 Motter's Station Road  
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

### 7.1 Description:

The Motter's Station Survey District is clustered around the intersection of Four Points Road and Motter's Station Road in the vicinity of Rocky Ridge, Maryland. The district is comprised of eight contributing buildings and three non-contributing buildings. It developed in the last quarter of the nineteenth century as a station on the Emmitsburg Railroad line. It includes representative commercial and residential buildings dating from that period and associated with the railroad industry. Today, the district is chiefly residential with no commercial activity.

The district is homogenous in character. Four of the residences are 2 story, 3 bay I-houses. A complex of three commercial buildings, located where the railroad tracks formerly ran, are similar in form and type with the principal building serving a warehouse function. Buildings in the district were influenced by vernacular designs, commonly seen in railroad districts.

A commercial complex affiliated with the railroad is situated at the corner of Four Points Road and Motter's Station Road. Facing south, the complex dates from circa 1890. It includes a three sectioned building: the first section is a one story gable-front building that is sheathed in asphalt shingling. It has a standing seam tin gable roof. One 6/6 window is placed beneath the gable peak. The storefront is covered with an open, full-facade porch with round columns and a shed roof of standing seam tin. The storefront is sheathed in german siding. This section is attached to a one story concrete block building with a flat roof. It has a frame sliding door. The third section is on the east side of the concrete block section: it is a gable-front building sheathed in corrugated metal with a standing seam metal gable roof. There are 6/6 windows beneath the gable peak and in the first floor. There is a side door on the first floor with a shed roofed porch entry.

Separate from the three sectioned building to the east is a one story gable-front concrete building with a recessed two bay center. It has german siding in the gable. The main elevation has a 1/1 window, 2 picture windows, and a 2 part door.

Another commercial building is located on the southeast corner of the intersection. It is a one story concrete block building with a slight parapet roofline. It has 6/6 windows and garage doors. It probably served as an early twentieth century garage.

#### Residential buildings include the following:

15527 Motter's Station Road: This two story, 3 bay frame I-house faces south and dates circa 1890. It is sheathed in aluminum siding. The gable roof of standing seam tin has one interior end brick chimney. It has a hipped roof open porch and 2/2 windows on the main elevation. A garage is located to the rear (north).

15529 Motter's Station Road: Constructed circa 1890, this two story, 3 bay frame I-house is sheathed in aluminum siding. It has a gable roof with

7.2 Description (Continued)

composition shingling and one exterior end brick chimney. The main elevation faces south. A 2 story rear ell extends off the north elevation. Windows are 6/6. Outbuildings include a barn and a small shed.

15507 Motter's Station Road: Situated several feet from the railroad commercial buildings, this is a 2 story, 3 bay frame I-house, sheathed in aluminum siding and dating circa 1890. The gable roof of standing seam tin has one interior end brick chimney and one exterior end brick chimney. A 2 story ell extends to the side. The main elevation, facing south, has 2/2 windows with classical surrounds and a center door with a transom. Three outbuildings are located to the north of the house including a one story stone outbuilding.

15429 Motter's Station Road: Constructed circa 1920, this one and one-half story brick bungalow is located next to the twentieth century garage and faces west. It has 3/1 windows and a gabled dormer.

15405 Motter's Station Road: Several yards south of the bungalow, this two story 3 bay frame I-house (circa 1890) is sheathed in asphalt shingling. It has a 2 story rear ell. The main elevation, facing west, has 1/1 (replaced) windows and a entry hood with a hipped roof and bracketed columns. A small cluster of eight domestic outbuildings includes a small vertical sided barn.

Non-contributing buildings in the survey district are 15525 and 15517 Motter's Station Road, both ranchers, and 15512 Motter's Station Road, a Cape Cod.

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This district can be compared to other railroad districts in the county such as the Lantz Survey District (F-6-51) and the Loys Survey District (F-6-69). Unlike Loys and Lantz, Motter's Station no longer has the railroad running through the district which has altered its historic setting. It is most similar to Lantz with its scaled-down buildings that were primarily functional with minimal excess. Despite the alteration of historic setting, the buildings in the district have retained a good degree of integrity.

The Emmitsburg Railroad was in operation from 1875 until post 1910. The rail line was 7 miles and was owned by local residents who subscribed to it. It connected Emmitsburg and outlying areas to the Western Maryland Railroad and became important to the economy of the area. The survey district developed after 1875; by 1887, the population of Motter's Station was 20. It continued to grow into the early twentieth century.

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Frederick County

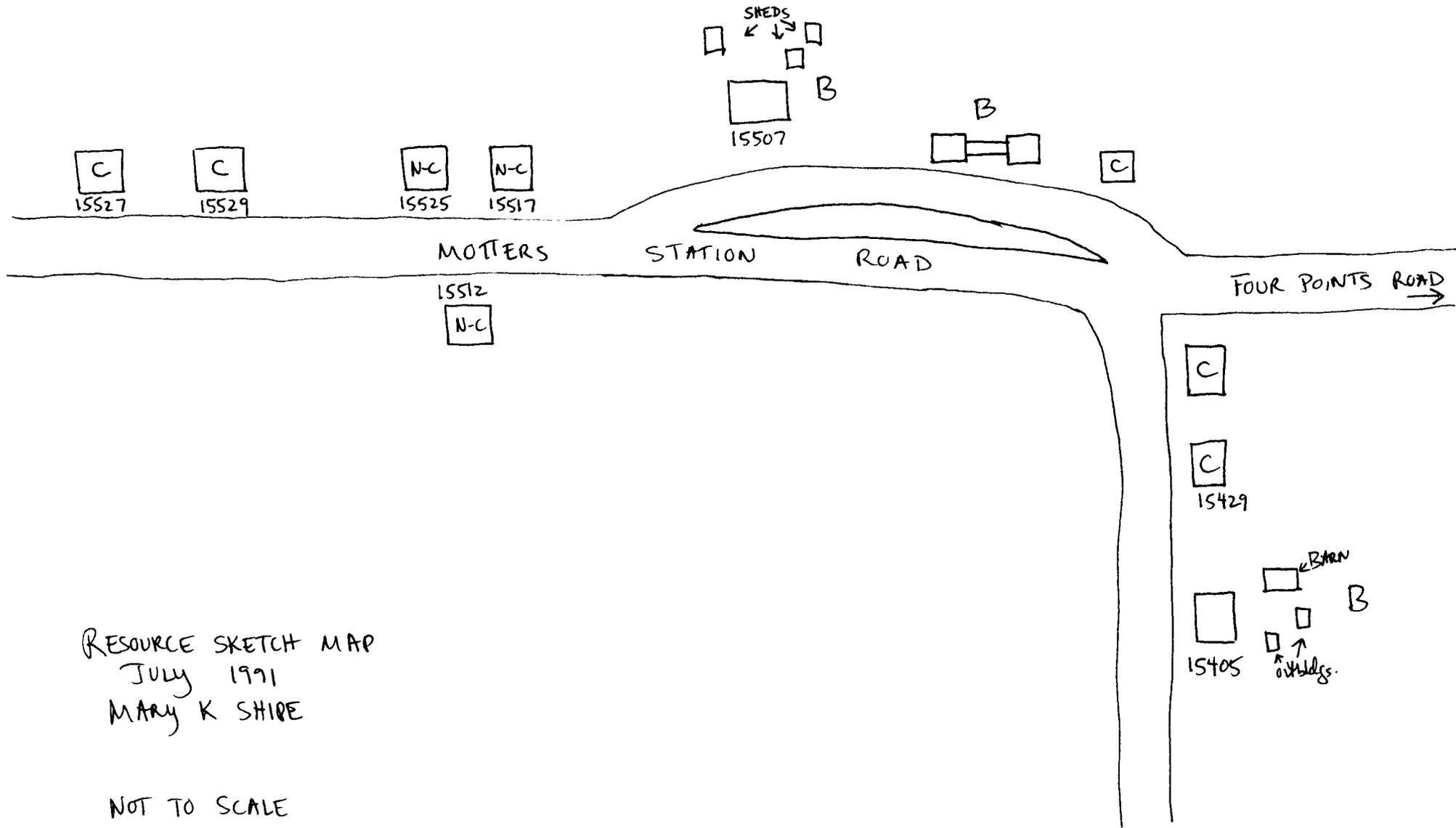
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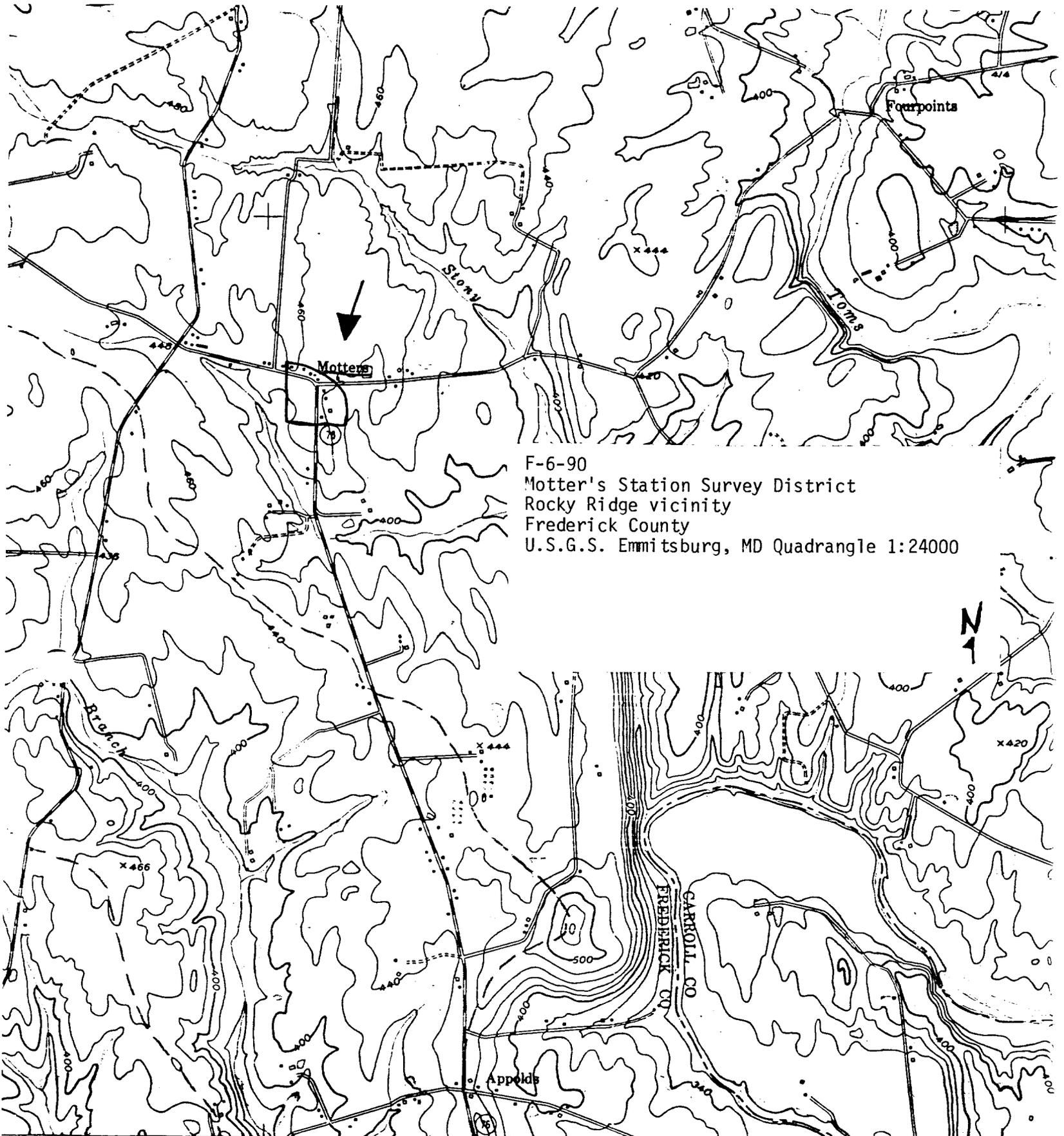
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EMMITSBURG VICINITY  
FREDERICK COUNTY  
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP  
JULY 1991  
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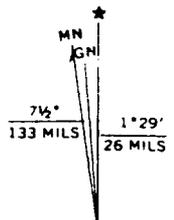
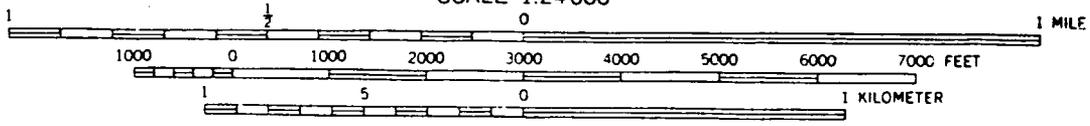
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 Motter's Station Survey District  
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 Frederick County  
 U.S.G.S. Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle 1:24000

TO MD. 77 299 20' 300 ROCKY RIDGE 1.5 MI. 301 (WOODSBORO) 5563 III SE 302 303 17'30"

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



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Motters Station Survey District

Motters Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

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Photo: MARY K SHIPE

May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

Commercial complex - south elevations

7/6



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Mott's Station Survey District

Mott's Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Frederick County

Photo: MARY R SHIPE

May 1991

Neg. loc.: MHT

Commercial complex - South elevations

2/6



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Mott's Station Survey District

Mott's Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredenck County

Photo: MARY K SHIBE

May 1991

NEG. LOC: MHT

Early 20<sup>th</sup> c Garage - north west corner view

3/6



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Motters Station Survey District  
15507 Motters Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredrick County

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Neg. loc: MHT

soil elevation

4/6



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Motters Station Surrey District

15405 Motters Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredrick County

Photo: MARY K SHIBE

May 1991

Neg. Loc: MHT

west elevation

5/6



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Mott's Station Survey District

15527+15529 Mott's Station Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredricks County

Photo: MARY K SHIPE

May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

Soth elevations

6/6