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Blue Ridge Summit Survey District

Blue Ridge Summit

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:
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

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

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Mountain Resort

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/multiple dwelling/apartment building
Domestic/secondary structure/garage, sheds

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Blue Ridge Summit Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Second Avenue, Third Avenue, Old Sabillasville Rd. Rouland Hill Avenue, Ridge Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Blue Ridge Summit ___ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
X district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Owners

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 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		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	X transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X 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.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Blue Ridge Summit, MD **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 1

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Frederick **state** MD 21701

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7.1 Description:

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Principal buildings in the survey district are architecturally homogenous and represent forms and plans typical of mountain resorts and camps dating from the late nineteenth century. Styles of the period, including the bungalow, the Colonial Revival, the Tudor Revival and the Shingle Style, are evident in the survey district. The buildings range in height from 1 & 1/2 stories to 3 stories: many of the buildings were constructed in grand proportions. Construction materials utilized were frame and stone with a predominance of wood shingling as siding. All of the buildings are residential, originally intended as summer residences only.

One of the most characteristic aspects of the survey district is the predominance of the Shingle Style influence. 5816 Rowland Hill Avenue is a large 3 story "cottage" with wood shingles and a facade-length shed roofed dormer. Another example on Rowland Hill Avenue (located west of 5821) is also a 3 story shingled cottage with wrap-around porches. 25736 Second Avenue has a hipped roof with a large square plan and Shingle Style details.

A number of the buildings are scaled-down versions of the Shingle Style. 17673 Second Avenue is a two story house with intersecting gables sheathed in wood shingling. 17669 Second Avenue is a two story wood shingled house with a hipped roof and a four-square plan. It has an adjoining one story gable-front cottage that is also wood-shingled. A house on the north side of Ridge Avenue is a shingled front gable and ell farmhouse with multiple windows.

The Colonial Revival influence is evident in some of the buildings including 5709 Ridge Avenue, a 2 & 1/2 story hipped roof house with a square plan. A house located across from 5816 Rowland Hill Avenue is a 3 story Colonial Revival with a hipped roof and dormers.

Bungalows are also represented in the survey district: 5849 Third Avenue is a two story shingled bungalow with the use of stone in the porch piers, the foundation and the chimneys. Two Tudor Revival houses at located at the eastern edge of the district on Second Avenue: 17536 and 17542 Second Avenue are both 1 & 1/2 story stone cottages with Tudor gables and ribbons of windows. Two possible Sears plan cottages are located at 17625 Old Sabillasville Road; both are one story buildings with characteristic pedimented entry bays.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Overall, the district has experienced limited alterations and changes. A large number of buildings have wood shingling either intact or replaced which has preserved the original character of the district. The houses were initially spaced apart on the avenues. There has been some infill between these spaces that has resulted in 5 non-contributing buildings. However, a park-like setting surrounding the buildings has been retained despite the infill. Another change in the district is the conversion of some of the houses into multi-family dwelling units or apartment houses.

8.1 Significance:

The Blue Ridge Summit Survey District is significant as a summer resort community in the mountains dating from the late nineteenth century. Architecturally, it is typical of such communities with buildings constructed in the Bungalow, Shingle and Colonial Revival Styles. Development of the district was dependent upon the Western Maryland Railroad line which began operating through the area in the late 1800s. The area became more accessible for people to travel by rail to their summer cottages. Another advantage of the location of Blue Ridge Summit was its close proximity to Pen-Mar Park, a popular amusement park of the day that drew thousands of visitors.

The Blue Ridge Summit Survey District can be compared to one other similar town in Frederick County: Braddock Heights. Both towns were resort areas in the mountains relying on rail transportation for development and growth in the late nineteenth century. Like Blue Ridge Summit, Braddock Heights has retained many of its large summer "cottages" with many of them being utilized as apartment houses. Both towns have lost their original resort function and now are chiefly residential. They have similar levels of integrity.

By 1873, the Western Maryland Railroad operated through the area that later become known as Blue Ridge Summit. By circa 1890, a station at Blue Ridge Summit was probably established. There is evidence of the location of the station on the Pennsylvania side surrounded by a town square that included restaurants, stores and a church. A development company like the Braddock Heights Improvement Company (Williams, Vol.I, p.612) probably laid out the curving avenues and large lots in the survey district which led to the construction of cottages dating from circa 1890.

Several miles beyond Blue Ridge Summit on the rail line, Pen-Mar Park was situated. An amusement park comparable to Coney Island, it brought a great number of visitors to the region beginning in the late nineteenth century. The development and prosperity of both the park and Blue Ridge Summit were parallel and probably symbiotic.

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resource sketch map

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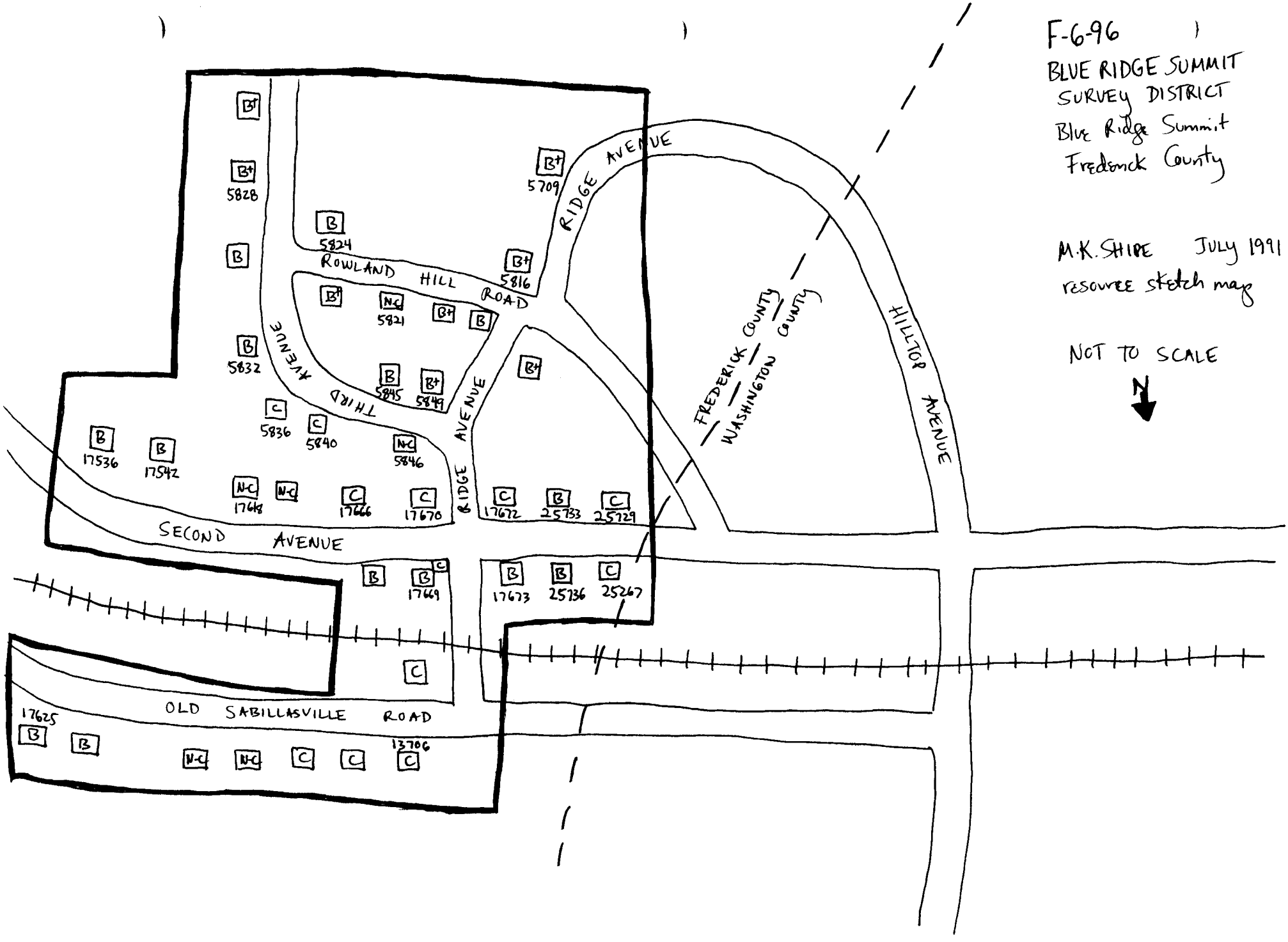

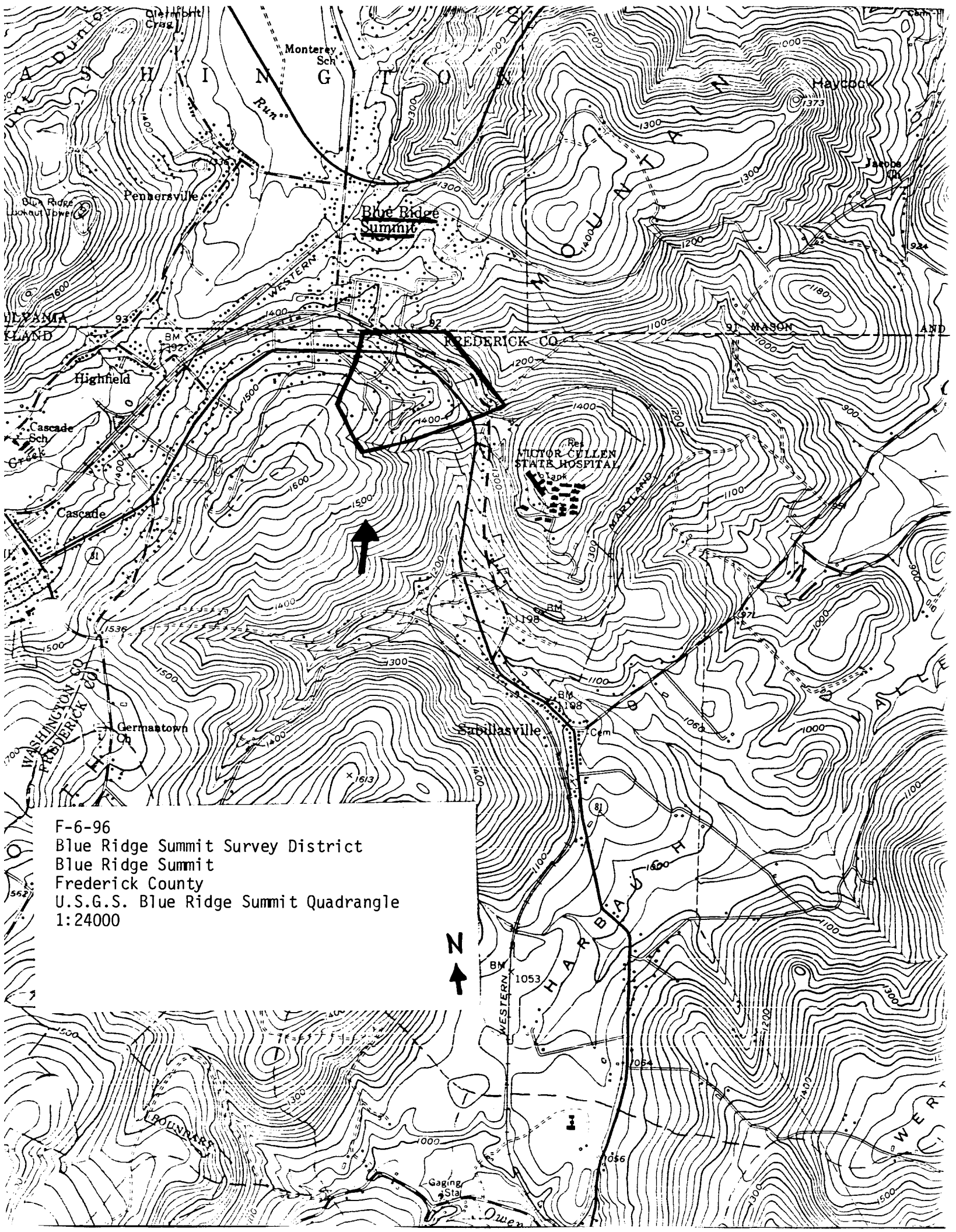

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U.S.G.S. Blue Ridge Summit Quadrangle
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5816 Rowland Hill Road – north elevation

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Ridge Ave. - northeast elevation

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5709 Ridge AVENUE - north elevation

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5845 THIRD AVENUE - north elevation

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17673 Second Avenue – South elevation

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17542 Second Ave. — north elevation

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