

F-6-98

Ca. 1812, 1853

San Marino

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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Emmitsburg, 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:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815 A.D.  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period

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/privy, smokehouse, garage, wood shed  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barns, dairy,  
sheds

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-98

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic San Marino

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 15828 Motter's Station Road  not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<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 Donald E. Moser

street & number 15828 Motter's Station Road 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 462

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 101

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Frederick County Dept. Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

# 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
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<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 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.

(Typed on separate sheet)



### 7.1 Description:

San Marino is located on the south side of Motter's Station Road in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. The house is surrounded by agricultural fields with the Catoctin Mountains situated directly west. The principal gable is oriented on a north-west axis. The property includes distinctive domestic and agricultural outbuildings such as a Gothic Revival "privy", a stone garage/early dwelling and a pyramidal hipped roof smokehouse.

The house was constructed in two stages; the first stage was circa 1812 with a later stage circa 1853. The main block of the house was originally constructed as a Georgian dwelling house, 2 stories of Flemish bond and common bond brick construction. There are a water table and a belt course (3 raised courses) on the main facade. The gable roof is covered in composition shingling. There are two interior end brick chimneys that are double stacked. The later stage included decorative changes and additions such as bargeboard trim, turned spindles and French doors. It also included a 2 story rear ell. Covered in stucco, the ell has a gable roof sheathed in composition shingling with one interior end brick chimney and is three bays wide.

The principal facade of the house faces east. There are 4 symmetrical bays. The first floor has 4 French doors with gauged flat arches; the second floor has 6/6 windows with jack arches. There are two gabled dormers with paired windows, 3 lights in each. A one story open porch extends across the facade and wraps around part of the north elevation. It is raised on brick piers with latticework in between the piers. It has a standing seam metal hipped roof, chamfered columns, bracketing and supports.

The north gable end has bargeboard and finials at the eaves and the gable peak. It is two bays wide. The first floor has two door openings: one door has a 2 light transom, 8 pane sidelights and a decorative panel design, the other is a French door. Second floor windows are closed with shutters. The attic level has two "half-moon" windows. The south gable end is also two bays wide. It has the same eaveline treatment as the north end with bargeboard and finials. It has 6/6 windows on the first and second floors and "half-moon" attic windows.

The main facade of the rear ell faces north and is 3 bays wide. It is slightly recessed from the main block. There is a double porch with latticework and bracketing that is flush with the main block. The first story has two French doors and a side door with a 6 light transom. The second story has 9/6 windows and a door with a 6 light transom. Two gabled dormers have 3 light paired windows. A one story stuccoed addition with a hipped roof extends to the west: it has a side door with a hipped roof entry porch and one 1/1 window.

## 7.2 Description:

The south elevation is also 3 bays. The first floor has one 9/6 window and a French door with center placement. The door has a hipped roof entry porch with square columns and bracketing. The second floor has two 9/6 windows and one 2/2 window.

The west gable end of the rear ell is partially stuccoed and partially weatherboarded. It has an attic window that is shuttered closed. The second story of the porch is enclosed with weatherboard and has a 9/6 window. The one story addition is sheathed in plywood. It has two 1/1 windows.

Outbuildings include the following:

Gothic Revival Privy: Located several feet southwest of the house, this one story building has a gable-front roof and faces east. The roof is covered in corrugated tin. The building is sheathed in board and batten siding. A decorative scroll bargeboard is beneath the cornice. The east gable front has a pointed arch door. There are two 6 light fixed windows in the north elevation. The west elevation has a less elaborate arched door opening.

Smokehouse: Situated to the northwest of the house, this is a one story stone building with a pyramidal hipped roof. There is brick corbelling in the eaves. A plank door in the south elevation is the only opening.

Stone Outbuilding: This building is situated several feet north of the house. It may have been utilized as a blacksmith's shop, slave quarters, or an earlier dwelling house. At some point, it functioned as a garage. It is a one story stone building with a gable roof of standing seam tin. It has one interior end brick chimney. There is large stone quoining at the corners. The west elevation has three 6/6 windows and a center door. The east elevation is covered with a frame enclosure. The south gable end has board and batten siding and a 6/6 window in the upper half and stone in the lower half. The north gable end is stone except for the eastern bay which is open as a entry.

Concrete Block Barn and Dairy Shed: Located several yards north of the house, the barn and dairy shed have barrel roofs with flared eaves. The roofs are sheathed in corrugated tin. They are covered in formstone and have vertical siding in the gable ends.

Other outbuildings include a new wood shed of board and batten siding with a gable roof of corrugated tin, two agricultural sheds and a frame barn.

### 8.1 Significance:

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Considered within its historic context, San Marino is an unusual house in a region where vernacular buildings are dominant. It clearly demonstrates the influence of high-style architecture and is an important building in the region. At least two other houses in close proximity share similar features with San Marino: Hayland Farm and Thornbrook Farm. All three of these houses probably had associations with nearby Mount Saint Mary's College and may have been designed by the same architect. Further analysis of the buildings as a collective group should be undertaken.

By the mid-nineteenth century, Joshua Shorb had purchased San Marino which was a farm of 207 acres with buildings and improvements. After a brief ownership, Shorb apparently moved to California and became a founder of the city, San Marino, named for his former Maryland residence. It was probably under his ownership (1853-1858) that the house underwent the Gothic Revival and Victorian changes. In 1895, the house was described in the Frederick News as having "a fine dwelling house and necessary outbuildings and is particularly well adapted for a stock farm." (San Marino File, FCDP&Z) By 1900, Daniel Roddy, a lime-kiln owner, had acquired San Marino. Under Roddy ownership, it was described as "a beautiful farm of 200 acres, almost all under cultivation." (Williams, Vol.II, p.1013)

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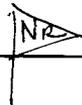
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: SAN MARINO 

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: WEST SIDE OF MOTTERS STATION ROAD (MD 76) 1/2 MI SOUTH OF US 15

CITY OR TOWN: EMITTSBURG, ELECTION DISTRICT

STATE: COUNTY:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments NEEDS HELP

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: MOSER

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

2 1/2 STORY VICTORIANIZED BRICK WITH STUCCOED REAR WING.

BRICKWORK:

MAIN (EAST) FACADE: FLEMISH BOND (with QUEEN closers)  
WATER TABLE  
BELT COURSE (3 bricks high)

OTHER FACADES: COMMON BOND OR STUCCOED

3 VICTORIAN BRICK CHIMNEYS

SAWN TRIM AROUND EAVES

6 TURNED SPINDLES ON MAIN GABLES 

EAST (MAIN) FACADE: 4 BAYS WIDE 1ST FLOOR PORCH

4 FRENCH DOORS  
GAUGED FLAT ARCHES

SOUTH FACADE: STUCCOED  
GREAT SAWN BARGE BOARDS

MAIN BLOCK: 2 BAYS WIDE  
6/6 WINDOWS

WING: 3 BAYS  
9/6 WINDOWS

CENTRAL 6 panel door, 3 light transom  
behind this door, recessed, a 6-light french door

1 STORY PORCH

1 STORY CLAPBOARD SHED ADDITION:

2 BAYS  
DOOR IN EAST BAY

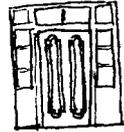
WEST FACADE: MAIN BLOCK: 1 BAY (6/9)

WING: 1 ATTIC WINDOW W/ BLINDS

ADDITION: 2 BAYS

NORTH FACADE: MAIN BLOCK: 2 BAYS

DOOR IN WESTERN BAY  
3 PANE SIDELIGHTS  
2 LIGHT TRANSCOM



WINDOWS HAVE BLINDS  
2 ATTIC WINDOWS 

CONTINUATION OF  
1ST FLOOR PORCH OF EAST FACADE

WING: 3 BAYS

1ST FLOOR: 3 FRENCH DOORS  
EASTERN BAY HAS 6-LIGHT TRANSCOM

ROOF NEEDS REPAIR BADLY

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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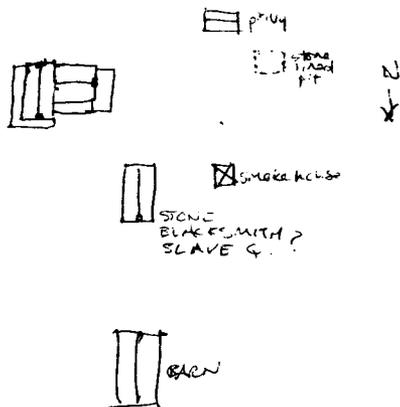
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

FROM AN ELEGANT GEORGIAN BEGINNING TO ELABORATE VICTORIAN ALTERATIONS: ALL AROUND A FINE HOUSE WITH A GOOD SET OF OUTBUILDINGS

DEFINITELY WORTHY OF FURTHER RESEARCH.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

- STONE BLACKSMITH SHOP ??:  
SLAVE QUARTERS ?
- BOX CORNICE
- 1 BRICK CHIMNEY  
ALTERED
- SQUARE STONE SMOKEHOUSE
- BRICK CORNICE
- PYRAMIDAL ROOF
- GOthic BOARD & BATTEN
- "CHapel of Ease" PRIVY
- SAWN TRIM
- E: POINTED ARCH DOORWAY
- N/S: 2 BAYS
- W: DOORWAY WITH  
POINTED ARCH APPLIED
- FRAME BARN  
MID 19th C.



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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE:		COUNTY:	

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

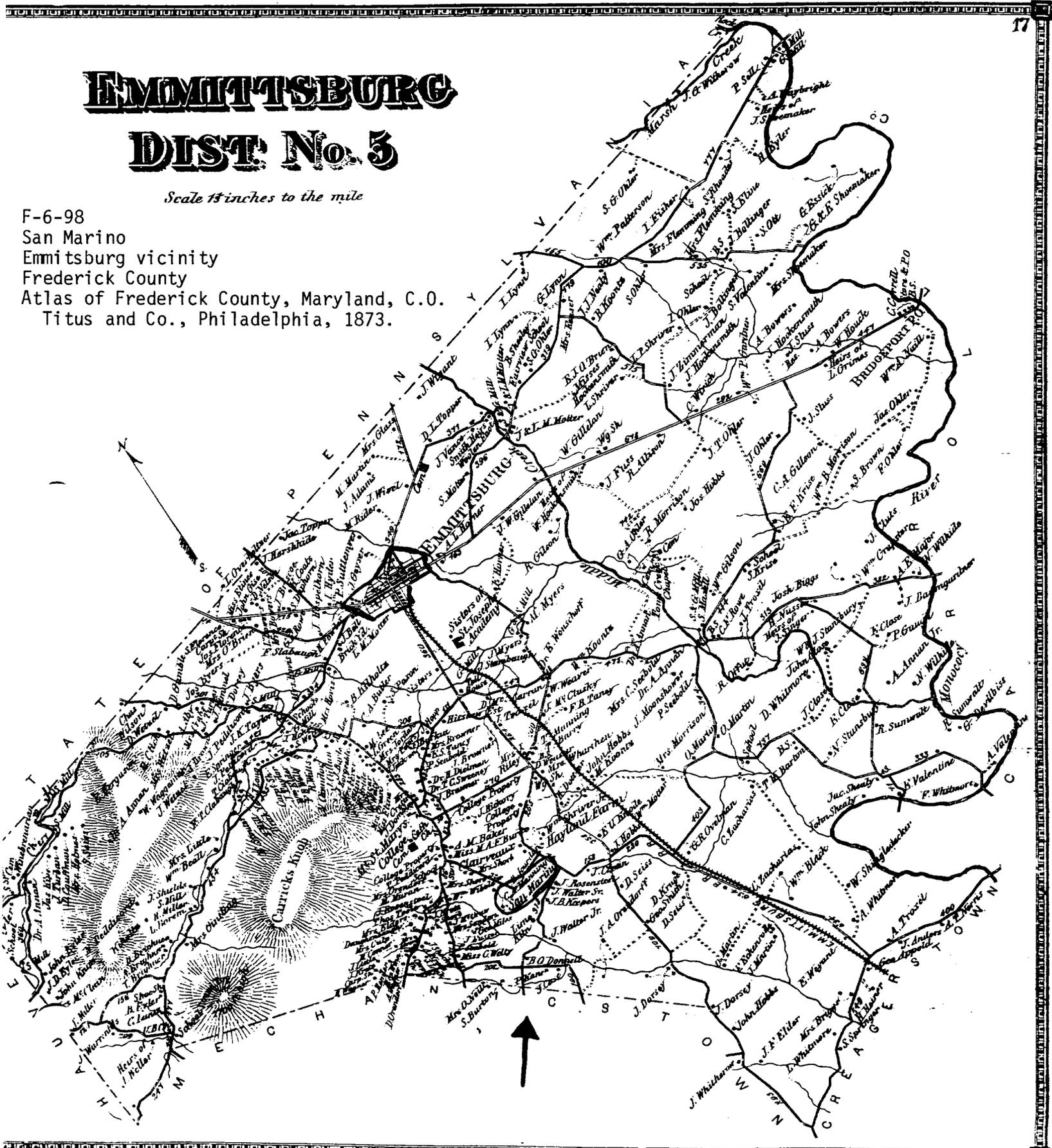
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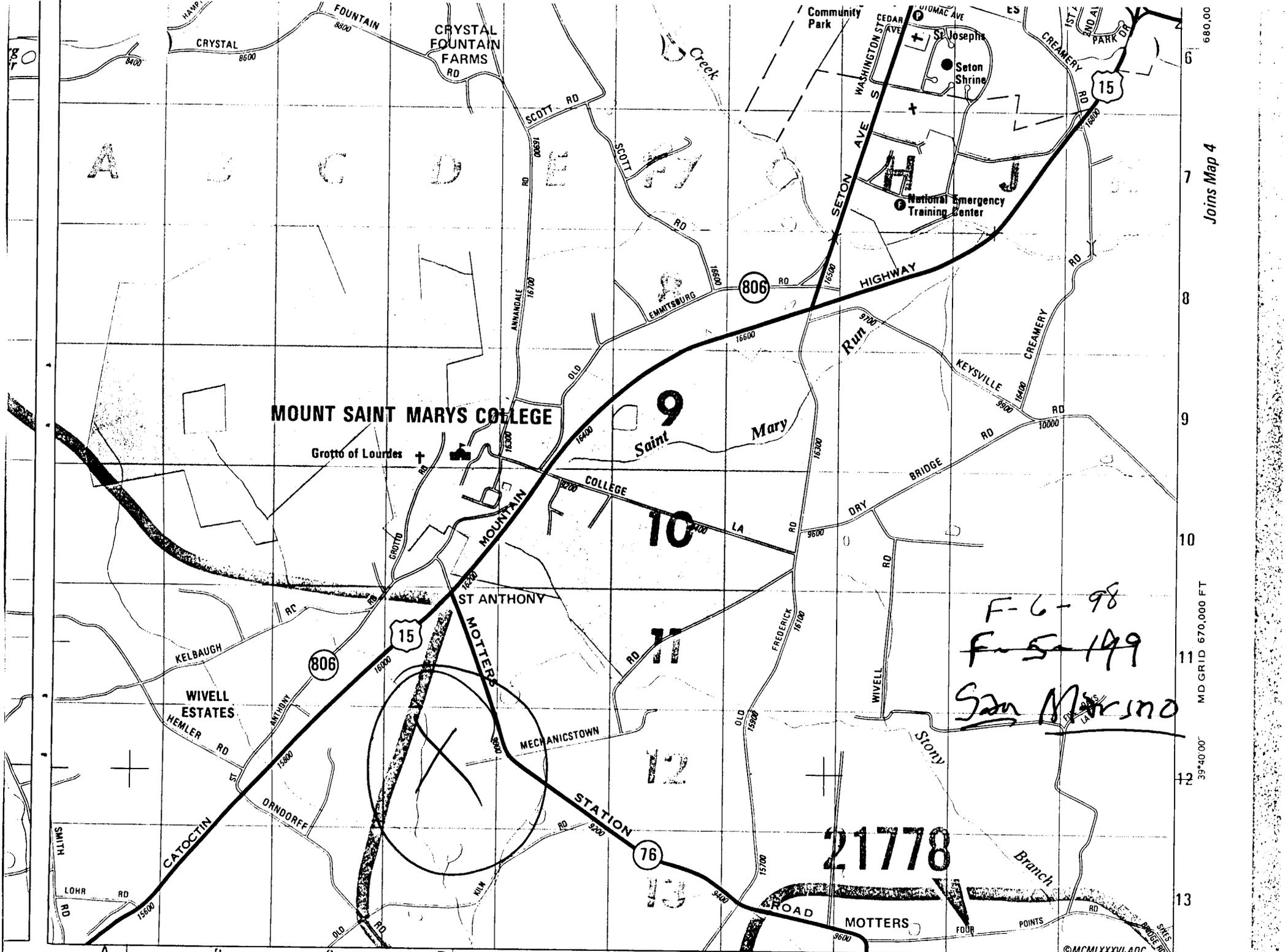
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Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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





**MOUNT SAINT MARYS COLLEGE**

Grotto of Lourdes

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Saint Mary

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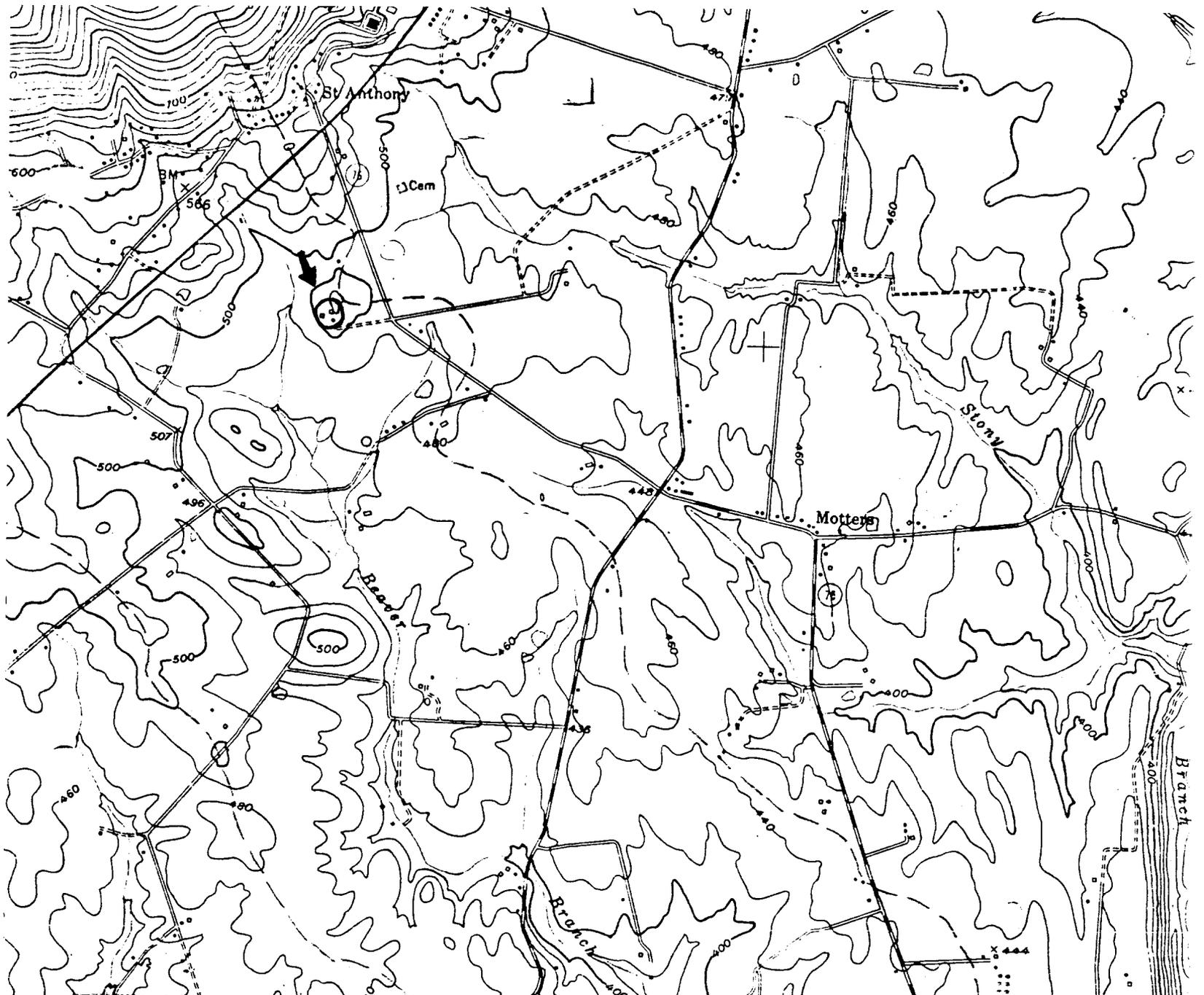
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 San Marino

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 San Marino  
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 Frederick County  
 U.S.G.S. Emmitsburg Quadrangle  
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the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army  
 published by the Geological Survey  
 G.S., USC&GS, and USSCS  
 from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric  
 aerial photographs taken 1943

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Photo: MARY K SHIPE

May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

northeast corner view

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Fredrick County

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northeast corner view

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Gothic Revival Privy - East elev.

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Smokehouse - S.W. corner view

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stone outbdg - northwest corner view

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May 1791

Neg. loc: MHT

dairy barn + shed - east elev.

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