

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Rocky Ridge Survey District Inventory Number: F-6-99

Address: Crossroads of MD 76 and MD 77, Frederick County, MD 21778

Owner: Various Owners, Rocky Ridge, Frederick County, MD 21778

Tax Parcel Number: various Tax Map Number: 26,27

Project Replacement of Bridge No. 10048 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no yes Name: Heather Confer Date: 03/26/2000

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? no yes Name of District: Rocky Ridge Survey District

Is district listed?: no yes

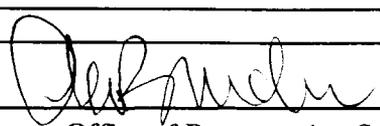
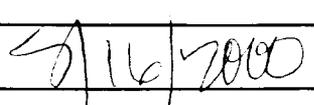
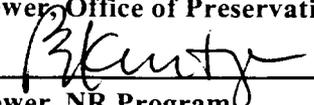
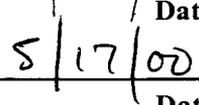
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Rocky Ridge Survey District, located at the junction of MD 77 (Rocky Ridge Road) and MD 76 (Mottter's Station Road)/ Long's Mill Road, is a town dating from the early nineteenth century into the early twentieth century. As an early crossroads village, development in Rocky Ridge occurred linearly along both Rocky Ridge Road and Mottter's Station Road, as well as along Long's Mill Road. Later development paralleled the railroad line that runs north of the town. The majority of resources in the town relate to its railroad history rather than its earlier crossroads history.

Many of the houses in the district are two story vernacular forms representative of the type exhibited throughout Frederick County. Two story I-house and gable-ell houses, and other two story vernacular examples predominate. Sheathed in vinyl and aluminum with modern double-hung windows, most of these homes have lost all distinguishing architectural detail. Infill housing, including a recently constructed neo-Victorian at 9914 Rocky Ridge Road and several one-story brick minimal traditional houses also on Rocky Ridge Road, breaks up the western end of the district separating a railroad warehouse and associated structures from the town proper.

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Eligibility recommended Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consideration <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	 Date
 Reviewer, NR Program	 Date

Other types of buildings within the district include two nineteenth century churches. Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ, formerly a German Reformed Church dates from 1874. This one story front-gabled stone building faces east atop a hill overlooking a cemetery. A large form-stone addition obscures the west façade. Mt. Tabor Park, in the northern limits of the district is associated with this church and was used for revival meetings and for other church functions. The Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren dates from 1853 and it located along Motter's Station Road. This one story side-gabled stone church has a modern stone addition attached to the north façade of the original structure.

The railroad warehouse, west of the town center is located beside the railroad tracks. There are two buildings, 9902A and 9902C Rocky Ridge Road, in the direct vicinity of the warehouse that may have railroad associations. Also at the west end of town is 9903 Rocky Ridge Road, formerly a schoolhouse, now a one story residence. Other structures within the district include an auto-repair garage and two fire station buildings.

The district boundaries reflect large lots and the intervening 8 non-contributing buildings mentioned in the MIHP form as well as those constructed since 1991, create a lack of cohesiveness in the district. In addition, the loss of integrity to individual structures further compromises the significance of the district. Vinyl German siding and use of modern windows predominate within the district. Both churches have large additions that are similar to the original buildings but are discernable from the main structure. Other resources are in varying states of disrepair and deterioration, such as the railroad warehouse. For these reasons, this district is not eligible for National Register listing under Criterion A or C. It no longer has the ability to convey any significance related to its crossroad or railroad history, nor does its architecture represent good examples of type or style. There is no evidence that this district is eligible under Criterion B. Criterion D, information potential was not considered in this determination.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
- Unknown Prehistoric
- Unknown Historic

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

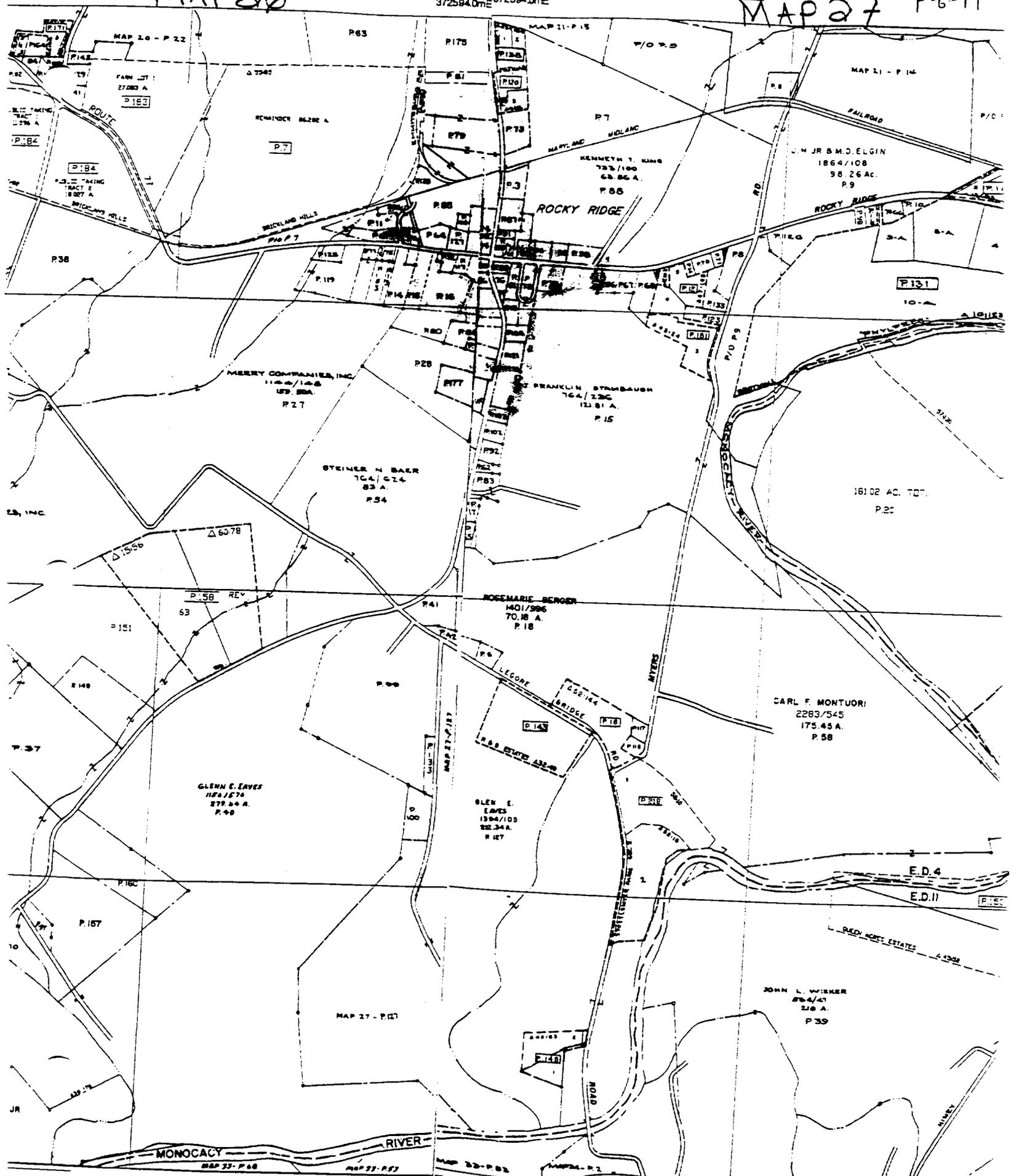
V. Resource Type:

Category: District

Historic environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic:Single dwelling, secondary structure,
Transportation: Rail related warehouse, Education: School, Religion: Church,
Commerce/Trade:General Store

Known Design Source: None











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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

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The Rocky Ridge Survey District is a town of 29 contributing buildings dating from the early nineteenth century into the early twentieth century. The development of the district is related to linear road patterns and, later, was influenced by the placement of the railroad through the northern section of the district. The majority of the resources relate to late nineteenth and early twentieth century vernacular forms and designs. The district also has strong religious associations with two nineteenth century stone churches and an early twentieth century religious revival park.

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Rocky Ridge 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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)
Government/Law
Religion
Social/Educational/Cultural
Transportation

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Commerce/Trade/department store/general store
Education/school/schoolhouse
Government/post office/post office
Religion/religious structure/church, religious revival park
Transportation/rail-related/warehouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-99

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rocky Ridge Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rocky Ridge Road (Rt. 77), Motter's Station Rd. (Rt. 76) not for publication
Longs Mill Road

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" 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	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 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

Survey No. F-6-99

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
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 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

Survey No. F-6-99

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
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		<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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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-99

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.
Erickson, Marie Anne. "Rocky Ridge", Frederick Magazine, July 1991., p. 18.
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.
Rocky Ridge File, Vertical Files, Frederick County Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 26 & 27

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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.

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7.1 Description:

The Rocky Ridge Survey District is a town of 29 contributing buildings dating from the early nineteenth century into the early twentieth century. The focus of the town is the crossroads of Rocky Ridge Road and Motter's Station Road; the town shows linear development along these main routes. Later development was oriented to the railroad which runs parallel to the town to the north.

The survey district is comprised of a number of building types including a schoolhouse, a railroad warehouse, churches, former stores and residences. The majority of the buildings are residential and show a range of forms and materials. Most of the houses are 2 story frame dwellings based on vernacular designs common to the region. Buildings that formerly served a commercial role at the crossroads are now chiefly residential. The other commercial building, the railroad warehouse, is no longer in use. The two churches in the district date from the nineteenth century and are both of stone construction. Another contributing resource of the district is Mt. Tabor Park, a early twentieth century religious park connected to nearby Mt. Tabor Church.

The district has experienced some infill with 8 non-contributing buildings scattered throughout the town. The contributing resources vary in levels of integrity with some intact examples and other greatly altered buildings. It demonstrates typical changes and alterations seen in other Frederick County districts such as the use of sidings and replacement windows.

The buildings that are located at the crossroads include:

10002 Rocky Ridge Road: This two story german sided building is situated on the northeast corner of the crossroads and is reputed to be the oldest standing building in town (circa 1830) (Rocky Ridge File, FCHS). The building rests on a stone foundation. The main facade faces south and is 4 bays wide; the first floor has been enclosed with a porch, the second floor has a center door but no porch. Windows are 2/2. The gable roof, running east to west, is covered in corrugated tin.

1350- Motter's Station Road: This building is located on the northwest corner of the intersection. It is a one story bungalow constructed in 1918 by Elsworth Valentine to replace an earlier commercial building on the site (Rocky Ridge File, FCHS). It was built to include a large storeroom for a general store; today, it serves as the post office. It is stuccoed and has a wrap-around porch, a large shed dormer with three window openings, a hipped roof and one light leaded glass windows. A german sided garage accompanies the bungalow.

10056 Longs Mills Road: Situated on the southwest corner, this two story building (circa 1870) is sheathed in vinyl siding and has a standing seam tin gable roof. The main facade faces east and is 3 bays wide. There is a one story shed addition.

7.2 Description:

10055 Longs Mill Road: This two story, 3 bay I-house with a rear ell (circa 1870) is located on the southeast corner of the intersection. It has a gable roof of standing seam tin and is sheathed in german siding. Windows are 2/2 with segmental arches that are flared at the ends. There is a wrap-around porch.

Other buildings in the district are the following examples:

10051 Longs Mill Road: This 2 story, 3 bay I-house (circa 1880) is distinguished by a narrow facade that lends it verticality and by a steeply pitched center gable. It is sheathed in asbestos tile shingles and has a standing seam tin gable roof. Windows are 1/1 with carved surrounds. There is a wrap-around porch. Another example of this type is located on 13508 Motter's Station Road.

10040 Longs Mill Road: This 2 story brick house, circa 1840, has running bond and a gable roof of standing seam tin. The main facade faces east and has 4 bays with 2 door openings. Windows are 6/6. It is accompanied by a small barn with arched louvred windows.

On both the east and west sides of Rocky Ridge, the majority of the houses were constructed in the early twentieth century:

9914 and 9911 Rocky Ridge Road: Both of these buildings are 2 story four-squares, circa 1910, with hipped roofs and dormers.

10012, 10026, and 10034 Rocky Ridge Road: Circa 1910, these buildings are 2 story, 3 bay houses that are sided in aluminum and vinyl. They have central gables.

9903 Rocky Ridge Road: This one story hipped roof building (circa 1910), formerly a schoolhouse, is stuccoed. The main facade has a small central gable with a fanlight. Windows are 3/1.

Churches in the district include:

Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ: Located off of Longs Mill Road, this one story stone church faces east with a center door and 2 windows. It is 5 bays in length. It has a belfry and stone quoining. There is a datestone: March 4, 1874. It was formerly a German Reformed church. A cemetery accompanies the church

Mt. Tabor Park: Associated with the church of the same name, the park is located approximately 1/4 mile north of the church on the west side of Motter's Station Road. It was established in 1915-1916 (Erickson, "Rocky Ridge", p.18) It contains 10 structures related to religious revival use including pews and display stands. One of the unique features is a covered sliding board which was "the longest and steepest slide in the county." (Erickson, "Rocky Ridge", p.18.)

7.3 Description:

Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren: This one story stone church has a datestone of 1853. Facing south, it has a 8 bay facade with three recessed panelled doors with transoms. A cemetery is located several feet to the east.

Buildings associated with the railroad were located to the northwest of the crossroads center. Today, they include the following:

Railroad Warehouse: Situated on the tracks, this large warehouse is covered in corrugated tin with some weatherboard showing. It rests on a stone foundation and has a gable roofline partially covered in pressed tin. There is a clerestory on the ridgeline.

9902A Rocky Ridge Road: This 2 story brick building is located several feet south of the warehouse. It has a gable roof of pressed tin. The main facade faces east and has a 5 bay facade with a center entrance. Windows are 6/6 with dentilled lintels. There is a wrap-around porch. It probably had an association with the railroad.

9902C Rocky Ridge Road: This 2 story german sided house with a rear ell has a gable roof of standing seam tin. The main facade faces west and has a 5 bay facade with a center entrance. Windows are 6/6. Like 9902A, it may have been associated with the railroad.

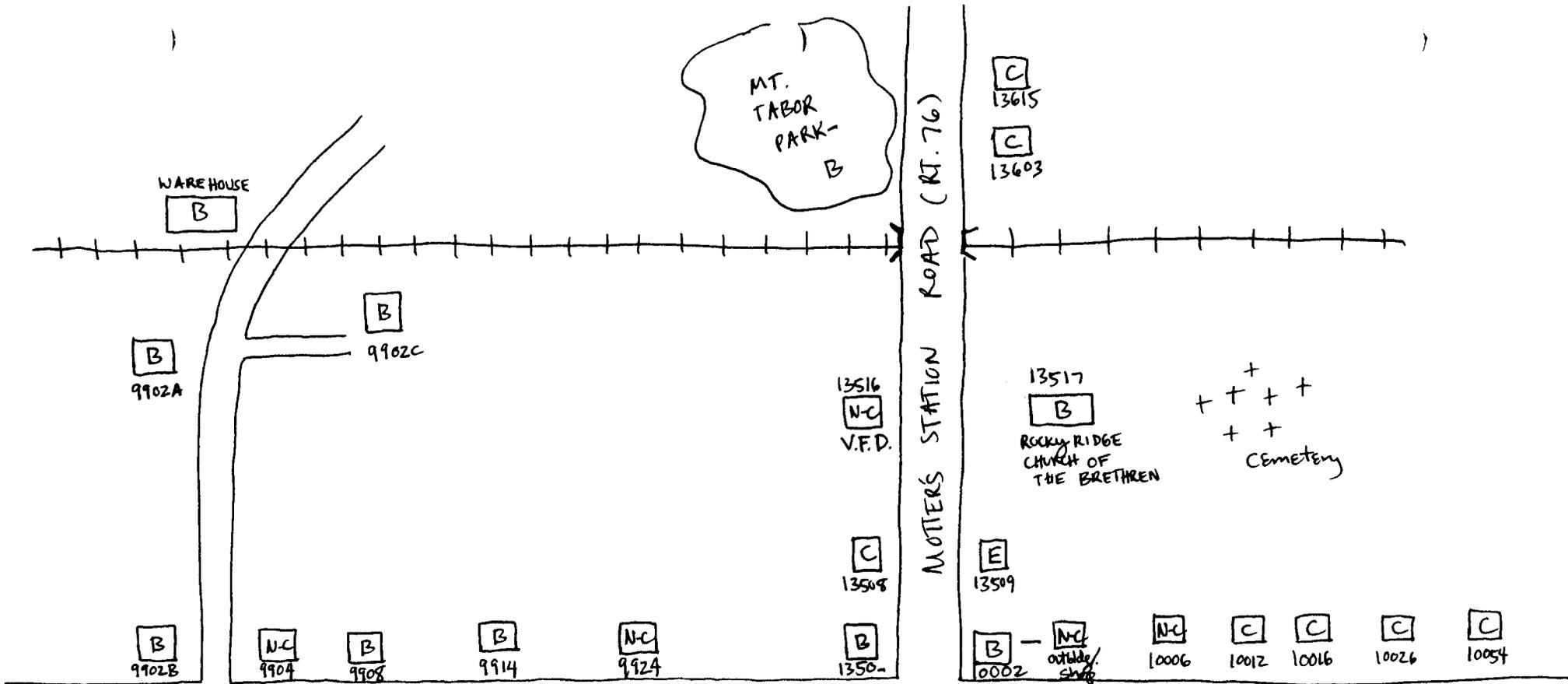
8.1 Significance:

The Rocky Ridge Survey District is significant as a crossroads village dating from the early nineteenth century. The development of the district is related to linear road patterns and, later, was influenced by the placement of the railroad through the northern section of the district. The majority of the resources relate to late nineteenth and early twentieth century vernacular forms and designs. The district also has strong religious associations with two nineteenth century stone churches and an early twentieth century religious revival park.

The survey district can be compared to another village, Graceham, located in the region that relates to both crossroads and railroad development. Graceham retained a higher number of mid-nineteenth century resources while Rocky Ridge shows more resources that date from the period of the railroad. Within historic context, Rocky Ridge has retained a moderate level of integrity and has experienced the alterations and changes seen throughout districts in Frederick County.

Rocky Ridge had its beginnings in the early nineteenth century. In the mid to late eighteenth century, several German families had established farms in the surrounding region which led to the development of the crossroads village of Rocky Ridge. These German families included the Krieses and the Valentines. Early German houses in close proximity to Rocky Ridge are the G.W. Barrick Farm (F-6-63) and Swan's Harbour (F-6-59).

By 1858, Rocky Ridge consisted of approximately 8 buildings including a store, the Brethren Church, a public school and some residences. In 1870, the Western Maryland Railroad began operations through Rocky Ridge. By 1873, Rocky Ridge had greatly expanded and had a post office, a hotel and depot on the tracks, stores, a school and a number of more residences. Development of the town continued into the early 1900s and probably paralleled the prosperity of the railroad.



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Rocky Ridge Road (RT. 77)

Mothers Station Road (RT. 76)

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Rocky Ridge Survey District
Rocky Ridge
Frederick County
resource sketch map



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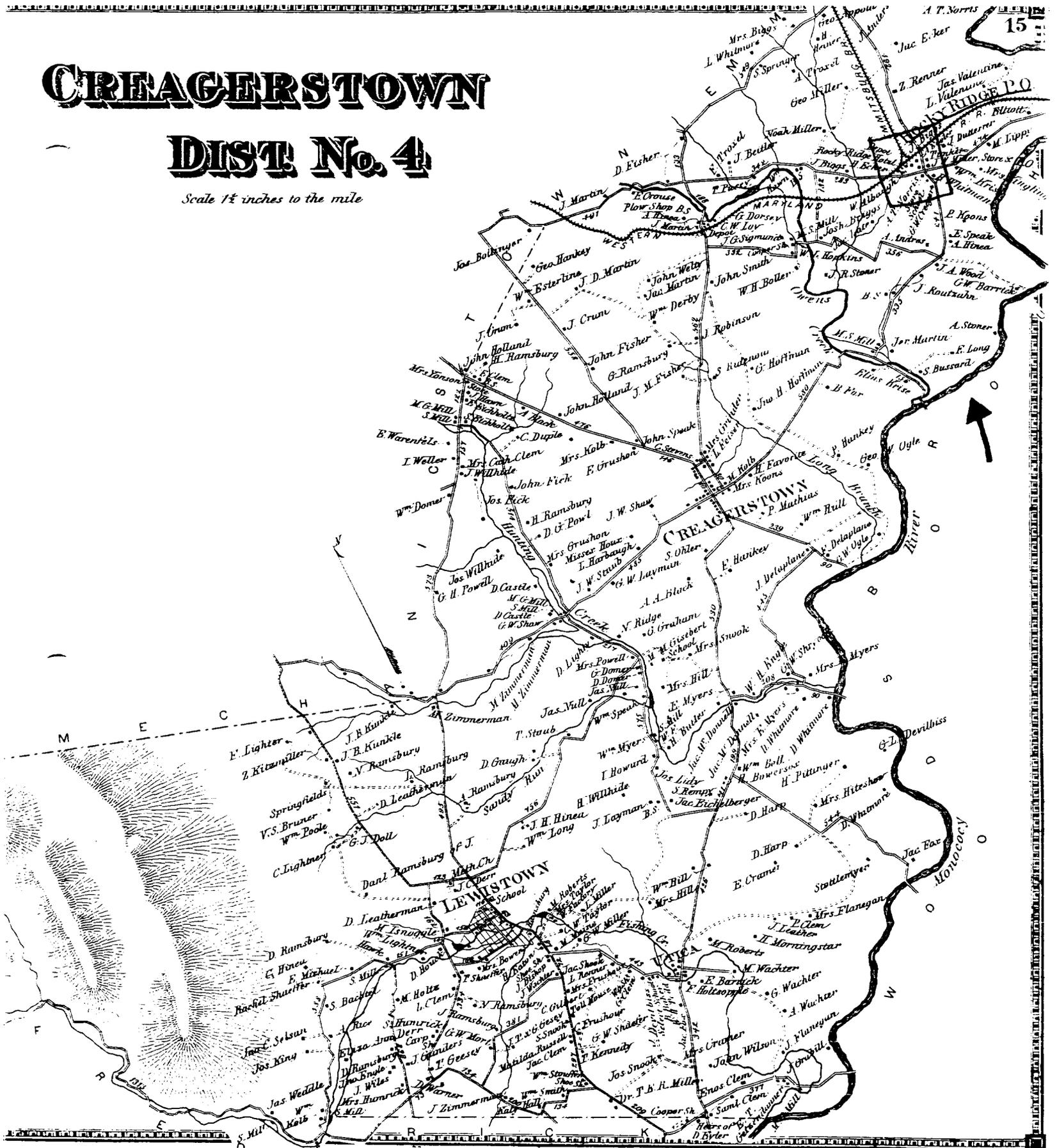


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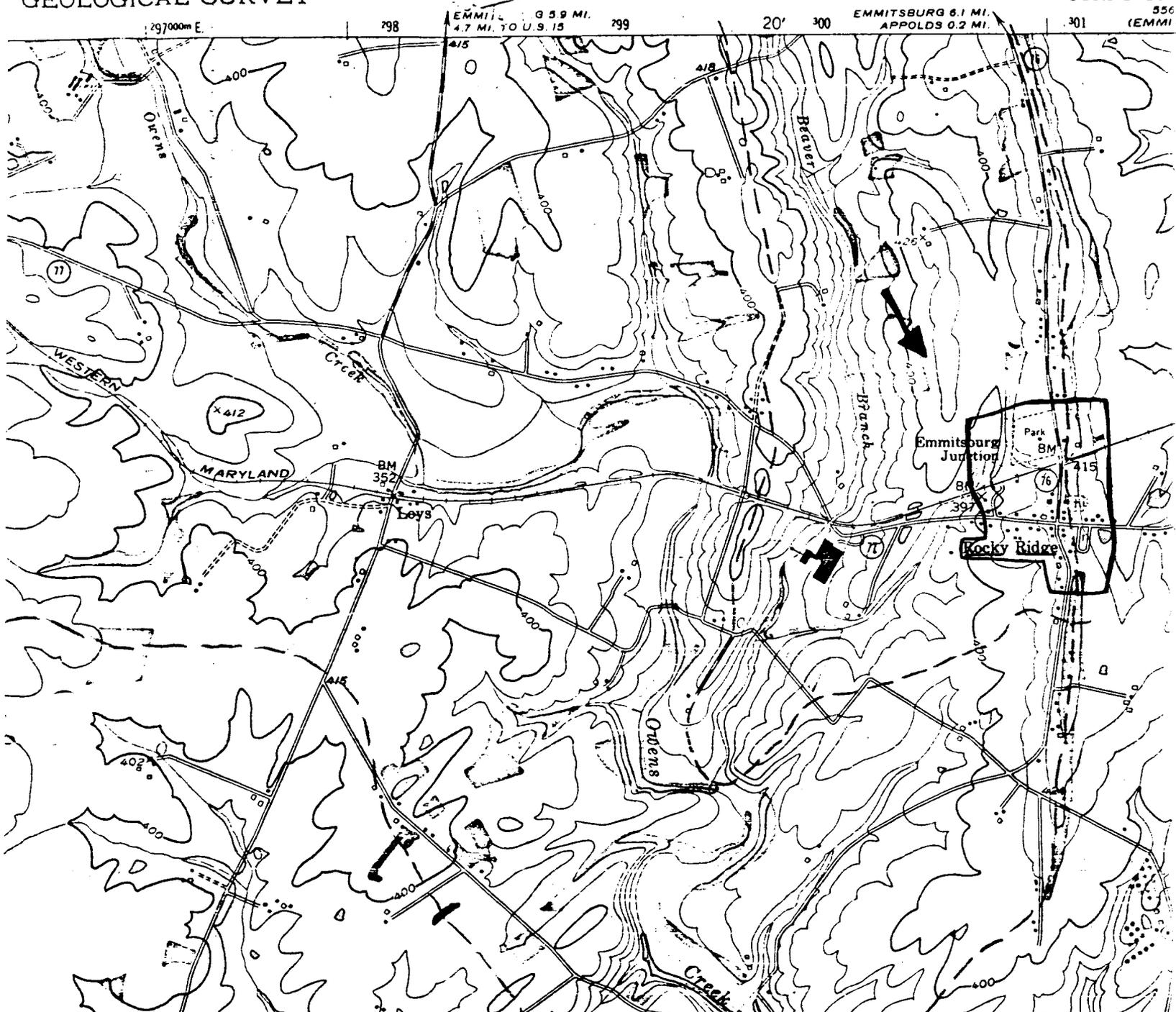
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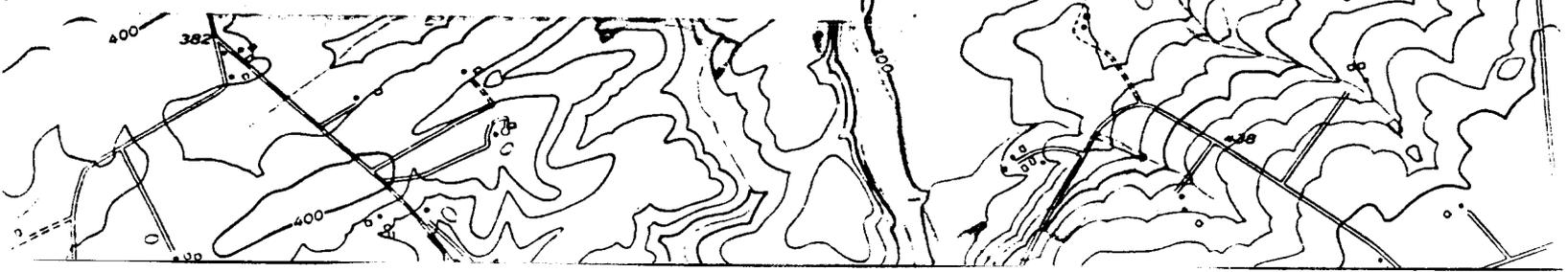


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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

Fredricks County

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Crossroads of Rt. 77 + Rt. 76 - looking west

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Rocky Ridge Survey District

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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

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10002 Rocky Ridge Rd. - South elevation

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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

Frederick County

photo: MARY K SHAPIRO

April 1991

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10055 Long Mill Rd. - west elevation

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Rocky Ridge Sirey District

Rocky Ridge

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10951 Longs Mill rd - nest elevation

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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

Frederick County

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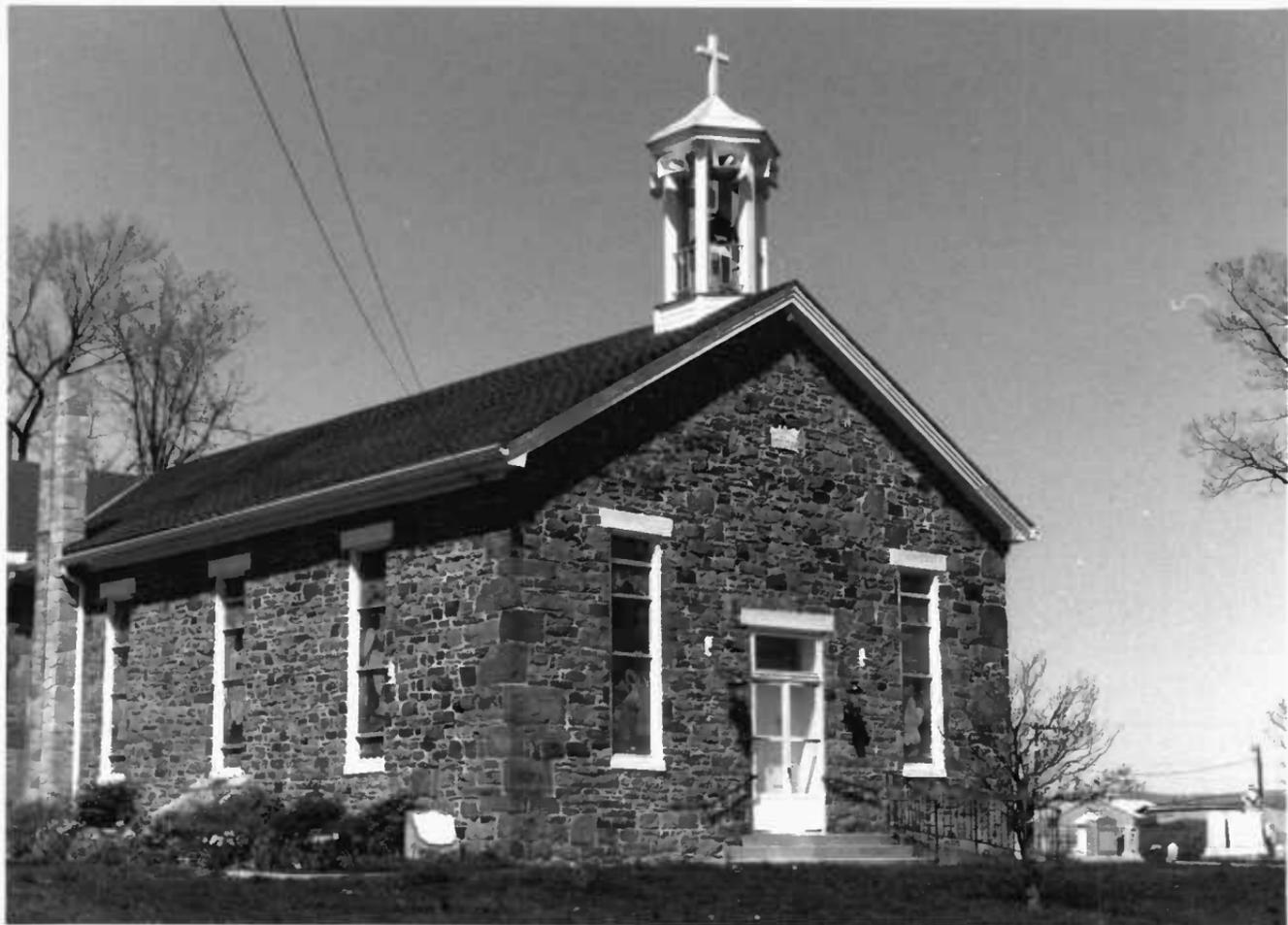
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Church of the Brethren - same elevation

(pt. 76)

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Rocky Ridge Survey District

Rocky Ridge

Fredricks County

Photo: MARY K SHIBE

April 1991

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Mt. Taber Church - east elevation
(Longs Mill Rd.)

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