Survey No. G-II-C-006

Magi No. 1200135404

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Edwards House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Main Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, SE corner ___ not for publication

city, town Grantsville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Garrett

3. Classification

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

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

name Harry Kenneth Edwards

street & number Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Grantsville state and zip code Maryland 21536

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse liber # 223

street & number South Third Street folio # 361

city, town Oakland 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		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	XX original site
XX good	___ ruins	XX 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.

The Edwards House is located on the south side of Main Street in Grantsville on the southeast corner of the intersection with Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Edwards House is a 1½ story frame dwelling dating to circa 1830-60. It is five bays long and two rooms deep, with a pitched gable roof oriented on an east-west axis and an original rear wing forming an L plan. The house has been extensively altered over the years, but the original form and plan as well as numerous early features have survived intact. The house is notable as an example of a Greek Revival house form that was extremely popular in New York and Ohio but is extremely rare in Western Maryland.

The front facade of the Edwards House faces north to Main Street (U.S. Route 40). The house rests on a high stone foundation with raised square section joints. The door is located in the center bay, with two small 2/2 windows to the west and one modern picture window to the east, replacing two original double hung sash windows. The 2/2 windows to the west replace larger original sash windows removed by the present owner. The entrance door is flanked by narrow three-light sidelights on each side and is set back into the facade approximately 12-15 inches. Simple pilasters with molded Greek Revival capitals flank the door, the side-lights, and the jambs of the entranceway. A modern shed roof dormer window is centered on the roof on this facade. A pair of six-light window openings pierce the stone foundation in the two east bays, marking the location of an original cellar under the center and east portions of the house. The original siding has been replaced with or concealed by modern aluminum siding. The eaves are boxed in and trimmed with a simple but bold flattened ogee bedmold applied against a broad frieze. A double band of plain trim is carried across the facade at the base of the frieze.

The fenestration on the east gable wall is asymmetrical. A single 2/2 window is located at the north end of the wall and two modern windows are located at the south end on the first floor; a single 2/2 window is offset to the north in the upper gable. A cellar door is located directly below the north window and a six-light cellar window pierces the foundation to the south. The jointing is not raised or in any way defined on this wall. The early siding has been covered with aluminum siding and the gable eaves oversail. A modern concrete block chimney has been added to left of center on this gable wall.

On the west gable wall, there are two 2/2 windows on the first story and two smaller 2/2 windows in the upper gable. This end of the house has a pedimented gable, with the cornice on the front facade carried on across the gable wall as well. The gable eaves have been altered and the bed mold and frieze trim are only evident at cornice level. The cornice is carried across the gable wall and continues to the rear, enclosing the eave of an original rear L. One 2/2 window is centered on the west wall of the L. The foundation has been concealed with concrete; the siding is aluminum.

The rear of the house has been altered to some extent. An early L-shaped rear porch as been enclosed, leaving one earlier window and two door openings in place,

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	XX architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
XX 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
XX 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ 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.

The Edwards House is significant as an extremely unusual house form in Garrett County and for its association with the early history of Grantsville.

The form, style and detail of this house is typical of the Greek Revival period, circa 1830-60. While the 1½ story full Georgian plan form was relatively popular during the Greek Revival period in New York and Ohio, this house type is only rarely found in Western Maryland and southwestern Pennsylvania and may be unique in Garrett County. While the house has undergone numerous alterations over the years, the plan and overall form survive intact, and much of the early detailing remains. The most ificant details are the exquisitely detailed front entrance, the handsome interior stair, and the pedimented gable cornice on the west facade of the house.

It is recorded in Scharf's History of Western Maryland that the "present village of Grantsville was never regularly laid out as a town, but after its foundation lots were at different times laid out by Joel Miller, Adam and Perry Shultz". [1] The lot on which the Edwards House stands was purchased from Adam Shultz by George Brown in 1852. [2] Brown evidently married the daughter of Adam Shultz [3], but in 1854, at the age of 33, he died. [4] The property remained in the Brown family until 1868, when Norman Brown, son of George Brown and grandson of Adam Shultz, sold it to John Bender.[5] In 1871 Bender conveyed the property to Catherine F. Breuninger[6] and in 1875 John G. Breuninger sold it to William R. Getty [7]. Eight years later, Getty sold the property to Mary L. McKenzie [8]. In 1959, Harry K. Edwards purchased the property from the McKenzie family.[9]

Footnotes

1. Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland Vol. II, p. 1532.

2. Allegheny County Land Records, Book HR No. 8, p. 324-25. February 19, 1852. Adam Shultz to George Brown.

3. Scharf, p. 1533.

Ibid, p. 1532.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Vol. II. Philadelphia; Lavis H. Everts, 1882.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

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

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 Orlando Ridout V

organization Maryland Historical Trust **date** October 28, 1982

street & number Shaw House, 21 State Circle **telephone** 269-2438

city or town Annapolis **state** Maryland 21401

Field Notebook MD-5; Recorded Sept. 15, 1982.

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 (Con't)

now opening into the porch addition.

The interior consists of a full Georgian plan with an original one room rear L projecting from the west end of the rear facade. The stair hall passes through the center of the house and is flanked by two rooms on each side. The stair rises against the east wall of the hall to a landing against the rear or south wall, then turns 180 degrees and rises to the second floor. It is an open-string stair with a turned newel post, square balusters and a plain rail. The lower portion of the carriage piece is molded with a flattened Greek ogee. The area below the carriage is plastered. A paneled door under the stair landing opens onto the cellar stair. The cellar door is one of at least four original doors that survive on the first floor. These are typical of the Greek Revival period, with two vertical panels side-by-side. They are mounted on butt hinges and have early cast-iron latches. Two of the doors are fitted with "twist" latches and one with a thumb latch.

Each of the four rooms flanking the stair passage was originally heated by a gable wall fireplace. The chimneys have been demolished, however, leaving only the framing evidence to suggest size and location. Early surviving trim on the first floor includes the original baseboard and some architrave trim on the interior door openings. An enclosed winder stair in the northwest corner of the wing leads up to the loft of the wing, which was unfinished until recent years.

The second floor of the main house consists of a center stair passage flanked by a single chamber on each side. The north end of the passage is partitioned to form an unheated chamber that has been adapted for a modern bath. Simple early trim survives in the stair passage.

The cellar originally extended under the east and center portion of the house, and now extends the full length of the building. A heavy hewn summer beam bisects the house longitudinally from east to west, with vertically sawn joists set parallel to the gable walls and let down into the summer beam. According to the present owner, the northeast chimney base included a fireplace; but this was destroyed when the chimneys were taken down.

8.1 Footnotes (Con't)

5. Allegheny County Land Records, Book HR No. 34, p. 44. February 17,1868. Norman Brown, et. al. for Estate of George Brown, to John Bender.

6. Allegheny County Land Records, Book HR No. 34, p. 44. April 1, 1871. John Bender to Catherine F. Breuninger.

7. Garrett County Land Records Book WHT No. 2, p. 237. October 18, 1875. John G. Breuninger to William R. Getty.

8. Garrett County Land Records, Book 8, p. 48. April 24, 1883. William R. Getty to Mary L. McKenzie.

9. Garrett County Land Records.

   Book 148, p. 31. July 22, 1947.
   Della Jordan, window of Arthur, to Charles C. Nathan

   Book 148, p. 32. July 22, 1947.
   Charles C. Nathan to Thomas McKenzie.

   Book 223, p. 361. June 22, 1959.
   Thomas B. McKenzie to Harry K. Edwards.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Edwards House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, SE corner

CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Garrett

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Harry Kenneth Edwards

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville

STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Garrett County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: South Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Oakland

STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 223-361

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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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*if known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Edwards House stands on the south side of Main Street at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, southeast corner, in Grantsville, Northern Garrett County. The building sets back a few feet from the side walk on Main Street but quite close to Pennsylvania Avenue. The terrain rises slightly in a southerly direction.

The house is a one and a half story, frame structure with a stone foundation and a gable roof. The facade (north side) has five bays with a slightly recessed entranceway. A small, frame wing is attached to the back (south side) at the westerly end. The exterior walls and roof are covered with asbestos shingles.

There is a large, shed roof dormer with three-sash casement windows and covered with aluminum siding centered on the front part of the roof. The dormer is about as wide as the entrance-way and appears to have been constructed in recent years. There is an internal, masonry chimney topped with bricks on the east end. The plain, flat cornice or entablature extends around the perimeter of the entire structure closing the gables.

The entranceway consists of an under door with sidelights and flanked by flat pilasters. The door is of recent vintage. The entrance is reached by a set of seven wooden steps. Most of the windows of the main portion are double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights. The rooms on the first floor are arranged around a center hall.

The basic structure remains intact and the building is in a good state of general repair.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century	☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	☒ 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* c.1840-c.1850

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

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☐ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other *(Specify)*
☐ Historic	☐ Industry	☐ Science	
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Sculpture	
☒ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Social/Humanitarian	
☐ Art	☐ Literature	☐ Theater	
☐ Commerce	☐ Military	☐ Transportation	
☐ Communications	☐ Music		
☐ Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is architectural. Although the house is not dated, it appears to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century, probably between 1840 and 1855.

Stylistically, the house is basically Greek Revival in design. The building is considerably less elaborate than noted examples of this type, but it is consistent with the rural adaptations of formal styles. The flat pilasters at the entranceway and the plain cornice or entablature are features characteristic of country Greek Revival.

This type of house is not commonly found in Garrett County, Maryland. Brick versions, however, do exist in Washington County, Maryland, and in Western Pennsylvania. In general, these brick examples date from the 1830's and have decorative detailing that is lighter than that found on this building. The frame, one and a half story Greek Revival houses are found in great number in Ohio and New Rork.

The house may have been erected for George Brown. It is recorded in Scharf's History of Western Maryland that the "present village of Grantsville was never regularly laid out as a town, but after its foundation lots were at different times laid out by Joel Miller, Adam and Perry Shultz" (p.1532). The property was purchased by Brown in 1852 from Adam Shultz. (Al. Co. Deed Bk. HR#8, P.324-325). The house may date past 1852. Scharf also records that Brown died in 1854 at the age of 33 (P. 1532); but the property was retained by the family until 1864 when it was sold. (Al. Co. Deed Bk. HR#34, P.44). Apparently George Brown married the daughter of Adam Shultz because Scharf identifies Norman Brown, the son of George, as a grandson of Shultz (P. 1533).

Garrett County Land Records, Courthouse, Oakland, Md.:

Book 223, Page 361 --
22 June, 1959
Grantor: Thomas B. McKenzie
Grantee: Harry K. Edwards

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Md.
Garrett County Land Records, Oakland, Md.
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, Vol. II
Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE						LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds				Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"				°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one (1) acre.

Acreage Justification:
Property measures approximately 60'x70'.

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

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 4/22/74

STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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#8 SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Book 148, Page 32 --
22 July, 1947
Grantor: Charles C. Nathan
Grantee: Thomas McKenzie

Book 148, Page 31 --
22 July, 1947
Grantor: Della Jordan, Widow of Arthur
Grantee: Charles C. Nathan

Book 8, Page 48 --
24 April, 1883
Grantor: William R. Getty
Grantee: Mary L. McKenzie

Book WHT No. 2, Page 237 --
18 October, 1975
Grantor: John G. Breuninger
Grantee: William R. Getty

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Md.

Book HR No. 34, Page 44 --
1 April, 1871
Grantor: John Bender
Grantee: Catherine F. Breuninger

Book HR No. 34, Page 44 --
17 Bevruary, 1868
Grantor: Norman Brown et. al. for Estate of George Brown.
Grantee: John Bender

Book HR No. 8, Page 324-325 --
19 February, 1852
Grantor: Adam Shultz
Grantee: George Brown

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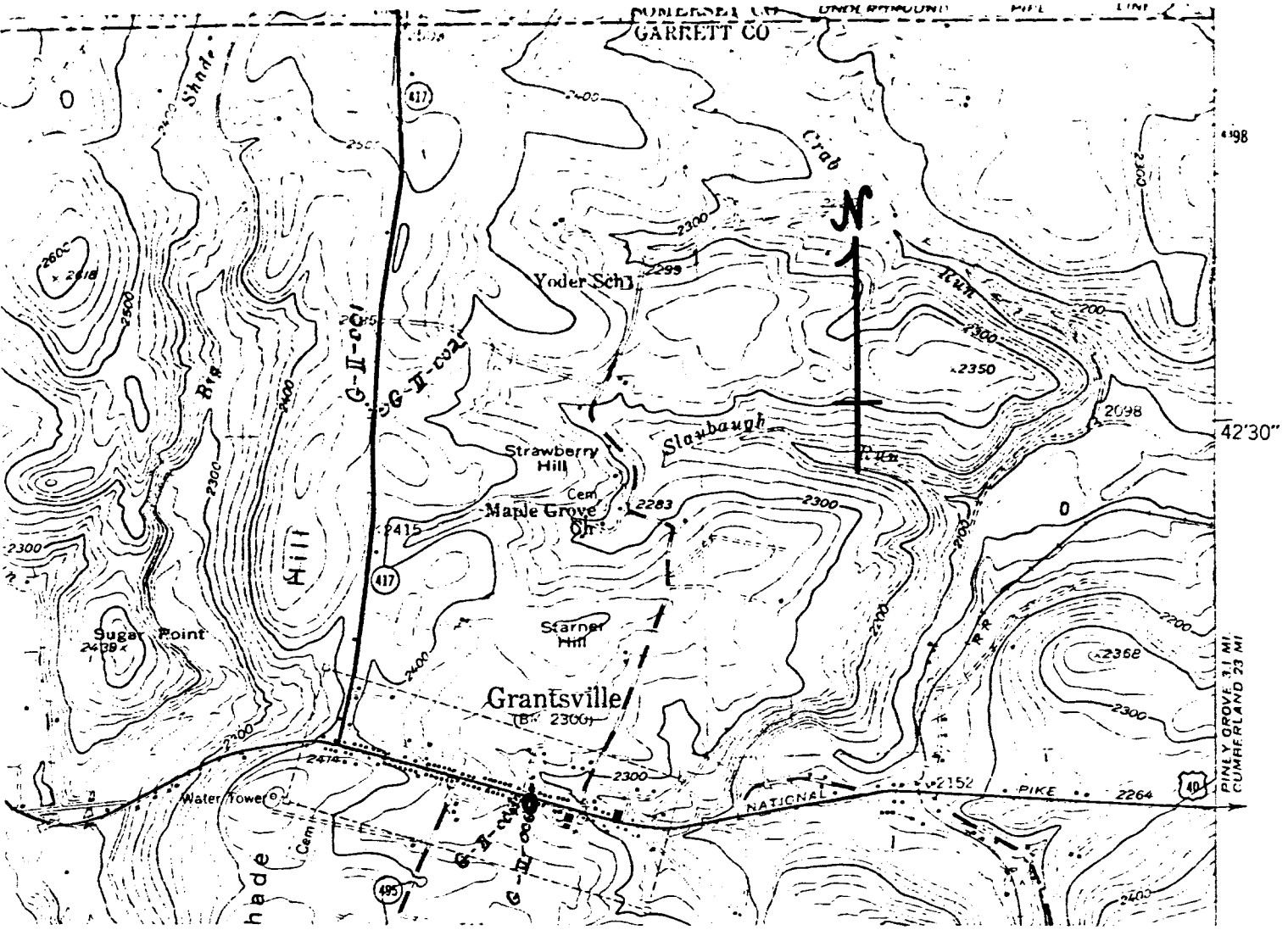

Edwards House
Main Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, SE corner
Grantsville, Garrett County, Maryland

Grantsville, Md.-Pa. (USGS)
7.5 minute series
scale 1:24000
1946

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NO
NO
PARKING
ANY
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FIGURE 105

Edwards house
Main Street at Pennsylvania Ave, SE corner
Grantsville, Garrett County, Maryland

NW view

March, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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