MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: Crellin Historic District Inventory Number: G-IV-A-070

Address: _____ Historic district: X yes ____ no

City: Crellin Zip Code: _____ County: Garrett

USGS Quadrangle(s): _____

Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Agency Prepared By: HUD/CD

Preparer's Name: Karen Richmond Date Prepared: 10/21/1981

Documentation is presented in: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ____ yes Listed: ____ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ____ yes ____ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attatch map and photo)*

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

MHT Comments: The Crellin Historic District was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	**Date**
Susan G. Garrison, Keeper	Tuesday, October 27, 1981
Reviewer, National Register Program	**Date**

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Crellin Historic District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Crellin
__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
STATE, zip code
__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN
Oakland

STATE
Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

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	__ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	—ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER	
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION	
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		—INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE
September 1981

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Crellin Historic District is significant as a well-preserved example of a company town which served the lumber, railroad, and coal industries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These industries were vital to the development of Garrett County during this period.

The area designated on the attached map, focusing on Crellin's Main Street, encompasses the resources which have retained the most integrity and which are most clearly evocative of Crellin's company-town heritage. The western limit of the Historic District is marked by a mid-19th century timber crib dam on Snowy Creek (photo 1) which was associated with the earliest efforts at lumber milling in the area. At the east end of the District is the site of the large commercial sawmill, railroad, and coal mining operation which was directly responsible for the establishment and growth of the town during the period 1891-1925. Main Street, running east-west, connects these focal points thematically as well as physically; it is lined with simple frame company-built workers' houses (photos 3, 8, 9, 10), which contrast with the larger, more elaborate superintendent's house set in a shaded yard at the west end of the street (photo 2). Main Street is punctuated by the company store (foreground, photo 4; background, photo 10), Methodist Church (photo 5), and elementary school (photo 7). Alterations to these resources are generally limited to the application of synthetic siding and the enclosure of porches; considerable integrity of form, association, and feeling remains. The company store is particularly notable in this regard; built in 1896, it remains practically unchanged inside and out.

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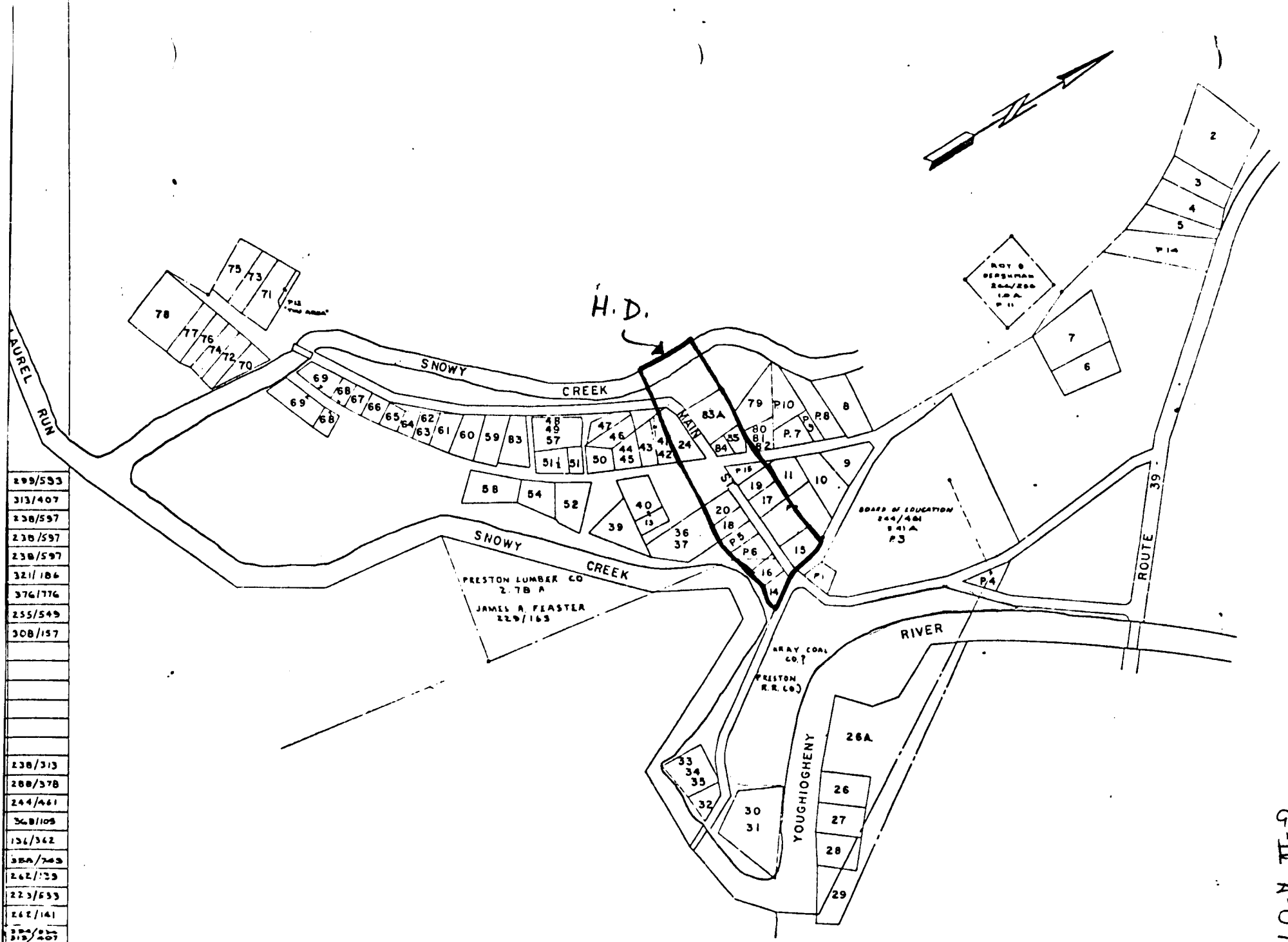
Snowy Creek Dam c. 1850
Crellin

The Snowy Creek Dam, located in the Crellin Historic District (G-IV-A-070), is a timber crib dam approximately 4 feet high that spans Snowy Creek at the western edge of the town of Crellin. William and Thomas Ashby constructed a dam at this site circa 1850 to power an "up and down" sawmill which no longer exists. The mill operated for forty years until the Preston lumber Company's sawmill was built in 1891 at the opposite end of town on the Youghiogheny River. The site of the Ashbys' sawmill is occupied by the Kendall House, built in 1907 for Samuel Kendall, owner of the Kendall Lumber Company which was successor to the Preston Lumber Company.



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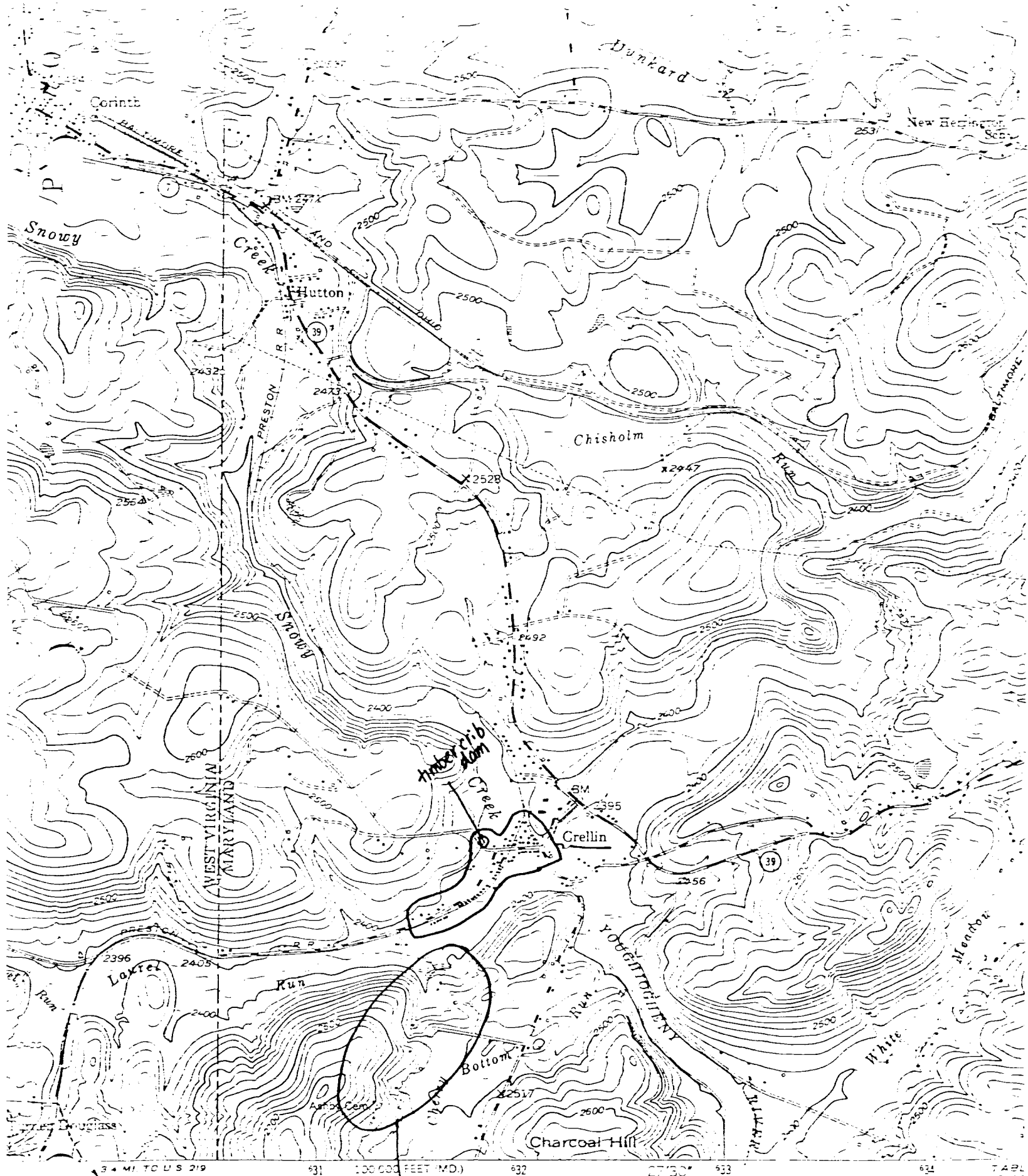
CRELLIN

F.D. 14 GA. CO.



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Ashby Settlement

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co., Md.
C Crawford 8/81
Main St. S. Side, looking E.

FURNITURE

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co., Md.
D. Ware, 8/81
Company Store, Facade, N. elev.

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co., Md.
C. Crawford, 8/81
Snowy Creek Crib Dam looking N

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co. Md.
C. Crawford, 8/81
Main St., Looking E.N.Side

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co.,Md.
C Crawford 8/81
Main St., S. side, looking E.

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Crellin Hist. Dist.
Garrett Co., Md.
C Crawford 8/81
Company House, S. elevation

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co., Md.
C Crawford 8/81
Church, S. elev.

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Crellin Historic District
Garrett Co., Md.
C. Crawford 8/81
School: W elevation

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Superintendent's House
View from Southwest

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Main Street, looking northeast from Company Store, showing former elementary school

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Former Elementary School
Main Street
View from Southwest

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Company Houses
South Side of Main Street
View from Northwest

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Company Houses and Store
South Side of Main Street
View from Northeast

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Company Houses
South Side of Main Street
View from Northwest

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FIGURE 175

South Side of Main Street
View from West
Company Store in Foreground

3 CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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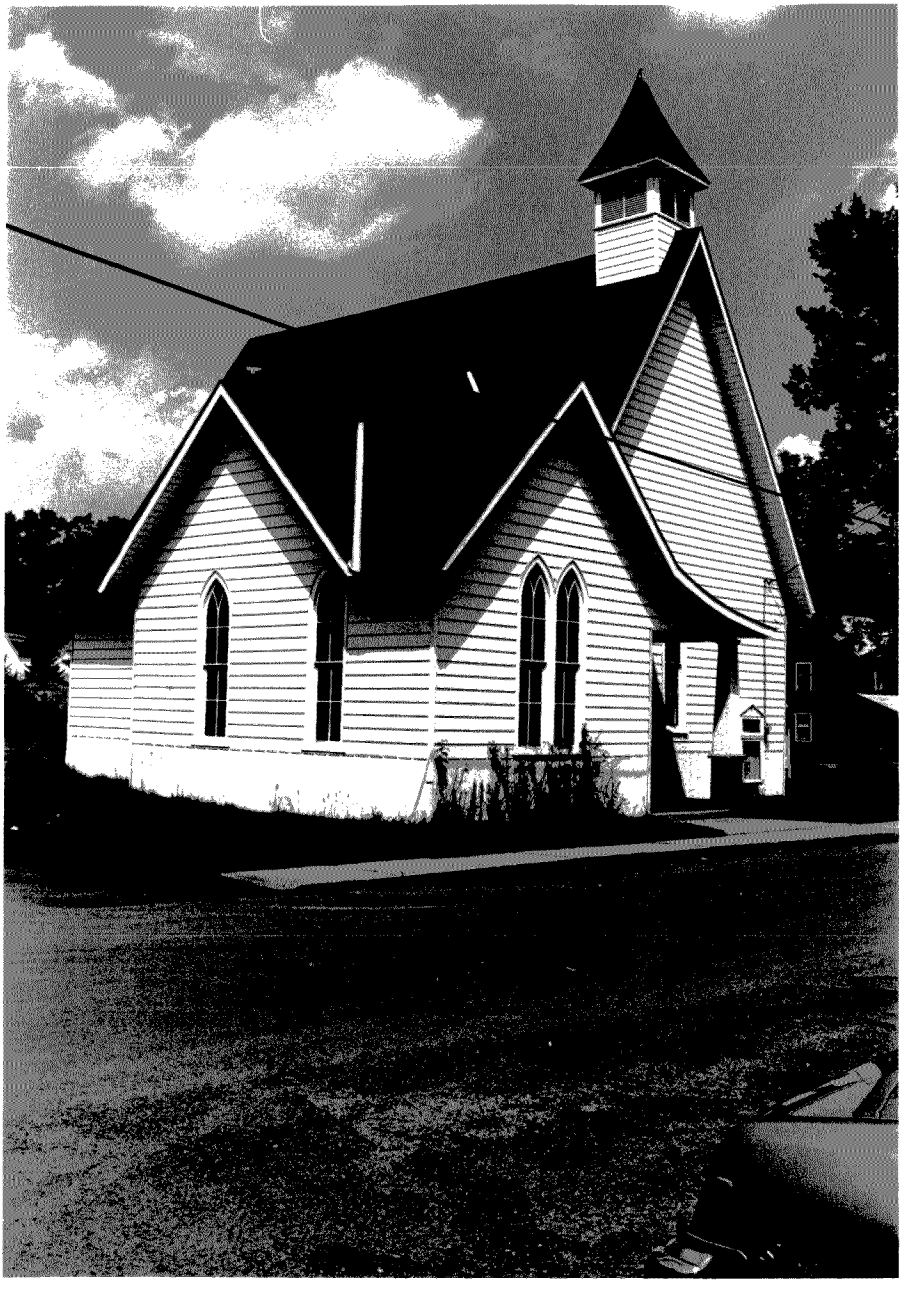
North Side of Main Street
View from West



5 CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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Garrett County, Maryland

Methodist Church
View from Southwest

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Garrett County, Maryland

Timber Crib Dam on Snowy Creek