

F-6-66

Ca. 1850

Ridge House

Creagerstown vicinity

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:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/summer kitchen  
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn, shed

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. F-6-66

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic Ridge House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 11941 Wilhide Road  not for publication

city, town Creagers town  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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

street & number 11941 Wilhide Road telephone no.:

city, town Creagers town state and zip code MD.

**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

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<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 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.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-66

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.  
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.  
Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titsworth & Co.,  
Frederick, 1910.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Catoctin Furnace MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 32

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city 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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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### 7.1 Description:

The Ridge House is located on Wilhide Road near the intersection with Angleberger Road in the vicinity of Creagerstown, Maryland. The 2 story house is situated several feet to the southwest from Hunting Creek; the principal elevation is oriented to the road and faces southwest. Small outbuildings include a barn, a smokehouse and a shed.

Constructed circa 1850, this 2 story house, sheathed in vinyl siding, is possibly of log construction. It is three bays wide with a gable roof of composition shingling. There are two exterior end brick chimneys (replacements). A one story side ell, one bay wide, extends to the southeast. It is covered in new vertical siding and has a gable roof with composition shingling.

The principal facade has 2 6/6 windows (replaced) symmetrical on both floors and a center door on the first floor. The windows on the second floor are smaller in size than those on the first. The northeast elevation is covered with a one story enclosed porch with a shed roof. Windows on both the main section and the ell are 6/6 replacements. The northwest elevation has no openings except for a 1/1 window in the rear enclosed porch. Remnants of a stone foundation surround the exterior end brick chimney indicating a former section to the dwelling. The southeast elevation has 6/6 windows in the main block and no openings on the one story ell.

A small vertical sided barn with two smaller attached sheds is aligned with Wilhide Road. Dating from the late nineteenth century, it has a gable roof of corrugated tin. It is decorated with white painted windows. A one story frame smokehouse and a one story shed are located several feet northeast of the dwelling.

### 8.1 Significance:

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Within its historic context, the Ridge House was a popularly used house form dating from the mid-nineteenth century. Many examples of this form are extant in the county. The majority of these examples have undergone varying degrees of alterations; in some cases, totally obscuring the original form. The Ridge House displays one case of alteration/renovation that has compromised the integrity of the house to a lesser degree. Although "altering" materials have been utilized, the form of the house is still intact, and some tasteful measures such as the use of 6/6 replacement windows were engaged.

The house was owned by the Ridge family between 1858 and 1873. The form of the house, an I-House form (2 stories, 1 room deep, 3-5 bays wide), gained popularity throughout the country by the mid-nineteenth century. An earlier dwelling may have been attached to the present house judging from remnants of a stone foundation.



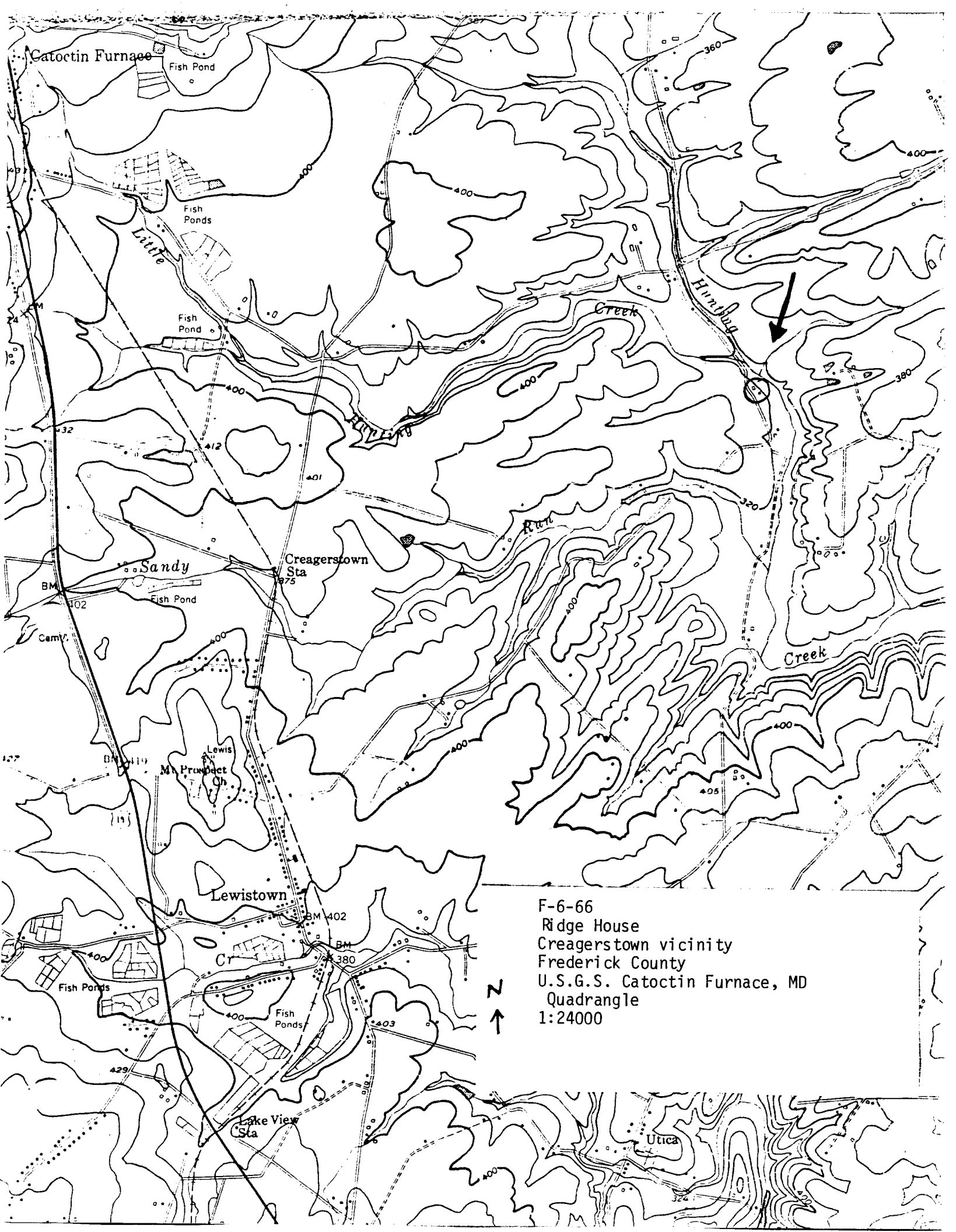
# CREAGERSTOWN

## DIST No. 4

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile

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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873





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U.S.G.S. Catoctin Furnace, MD  
Quadrangle  
1:24000





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Southwest elevation

1/2



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BARN - looking north

2/2