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Christian Moser House and Barn

Architectural Survey File

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Moser Farm and Barn Inventory Number: F-4-94
Address: _____ City: south of Thurmont Zip Code: _____
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: _____
Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes
If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

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

Prepared by: DOT-FHWA Emil Elinsky Date Prepared: 2/10/1978

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
The Moser House and Barn are important representatives of 19th century building traditions in the area of Frederick County, Maryland. Essentially unaltered, both structures embody the characteristics of their period. Their survival as a small agrarian complex enhances the significance of the property since the resource also serves as an illustration of the 19th century farmstead in Frederick County and contributes to an understanding of the pattern of agrarian settlement in 19th century Maryland.

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | Considerations: <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 |
| MHT Comments This property was <u>Federally Nominated</u> for the National Register. | |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>Charles A. Herrington, Keeper</u> | Date <u>Thursday, March 16, 1978</u> |
| Reviewer, NR Program | Date |

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Christian Moser House and Barn
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1830-ca. 1870

The Christian Moser House and Barn are the remaining historic buildings of a farmstead established about 1830 by Christian Moser. The house and barn are currently unoccupied and used as storage, as a modern residence built in the 1960's is the principal structure on the property. The old house is a two-story log structure on an exposed stone basement with german and clapboard siding which has been removed in some sections, revealing the log walls. Parts of the stone base have also deteriorated, showing the sub-surface portion of the stone wall. The interior of the house has a two-room plan with plaster over lath walls. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn was built about 1870 to replace an earlier barn which burned. It has vertical siding above the original stone foundation. The stall level is enclosed with horizontal flush boards and lath. The house illustrates the vernacular technology of log and stone building of the second quarter of the 19th century through its currently partially deteriorated state.

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Christian Moser House and Barn
Myersville
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, A.D. 1815-1870

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Christian Moser House and Barn

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1914 Monument Road not for publicationcity, town Myersville 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: not in use |

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

name Leonard M. and Marjorie E. Smith

street & number 1914 Monument Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 441

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 572

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-4-94

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Christian Moser House and Barn are the remaining buildings of an agricultural complex established about 1830 by Christian Moser, and consist of a log two-story dwelling in deteriorated condition on an exposed stone foundation and a frame bank barn which appears to have been built during the period 1850-1875. The buildings are located on the northwest side of Monument Road about 1/4 mile west of Interstate 70 near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are currently used as storage and a modern, non-contributing residence is the principal structure on the current parcel. The house is located about 40 yards west of the modern dwelling facing a pond. The barn is located northwest of the pond.

The Moser House has a three-bay irregular facade on the southeast elevation. The exposed stone foundation has deteriorated and some layers of stone have been removed, with a brick support added at the southeast corner. A recessed six-panel door is located in the center of the basement level, flanked by two 6/6 deteriorated windows. The main first story and the second story have log structure which is revealed under the weathered german siding just above the stone basement and above the first story where a porch was removed prior to 1944, leaving the outline of the roof. The center door has 6 panels with a four-light transom. The flanking windows and the two windows on the second story are 6/6. Some glass is missing or broken in each window. The cornice is boxed and the gable roof is covered with corrugate metal. An interior chimney is located at the west gable end and a later exterior brick chimney rebuilt above an original stone base is at the east end. The east elevation has no openings except at the attic level. The west elevation has two bays with 6/6 sash, some with broken panes. A considerable section of the log structure is revealed on the second story, showing the wood nogging laid between the main timbers. The gable has clapboard siding which is probably earlier than the german siding of the main walls. The northwest elevation is in the best overall condition, with the german siding intact. It has a three-bay irregular arrangement with a 6-panel door set off-center and 6/6 windows, most of which are intact. Louvred shutters flank one second story window. The interior of the house shows a two-room plan with a beaded central partition which has a single opening apparently widened during the mid-20th century. The outside walls are plaster over lath. A corner winding stair is located at the northeast corner of the first floor and a plain fireplace surround opens on the east wall. A sink is located under the window on the southeast wall next to the door. The window and door trim is simply molded and the door has a box lock. The floor is covered with deteriorated linoleum. The second floor was inaccessible.

Barn: The frame bank barn has a stone base and the stall level on the southeast elevation is enclosed with horizontal lath and flush boards. According to Mr. Smith, the current owner, this barn replaced the original barn which burned about 1870. At the time it was rebuilt, undoubtedly on the original stone foundation, it was extended in length. The siding is vertical boards and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn is not currently in use.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates C. 1830-1899 **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 Christian Moser House tells much about the technology of vernacular log building in the second quarter of the 19th century by virtue of its current condition in which sections of the stone foundation have been partially removed and the upper log structure revealed by the removal of deteriorated exterior siding. The interior walls also show how lath and plaster were applied over the log walls. Even the siding suggests how the original clapboards were often replaced on the lower walls with newer german siding after 1850. The house was probably built by Christian Moser about 1830, who is shown on the 1858 Isaac Bond map as the owner in that year (the reprinted Bond map in the vicinity of the Moser House is illegible in photocopy and is not included as an attachment to this form). It was the center of 126-acre farm which remained in the Moser family until 1927. The current owners, the Smiths occupied the log house as their residence from 1944 to the early 1960's. The Moser barn is less important architecturally than the log house, since many barns of the period 1870-1900 are extant in better condition.

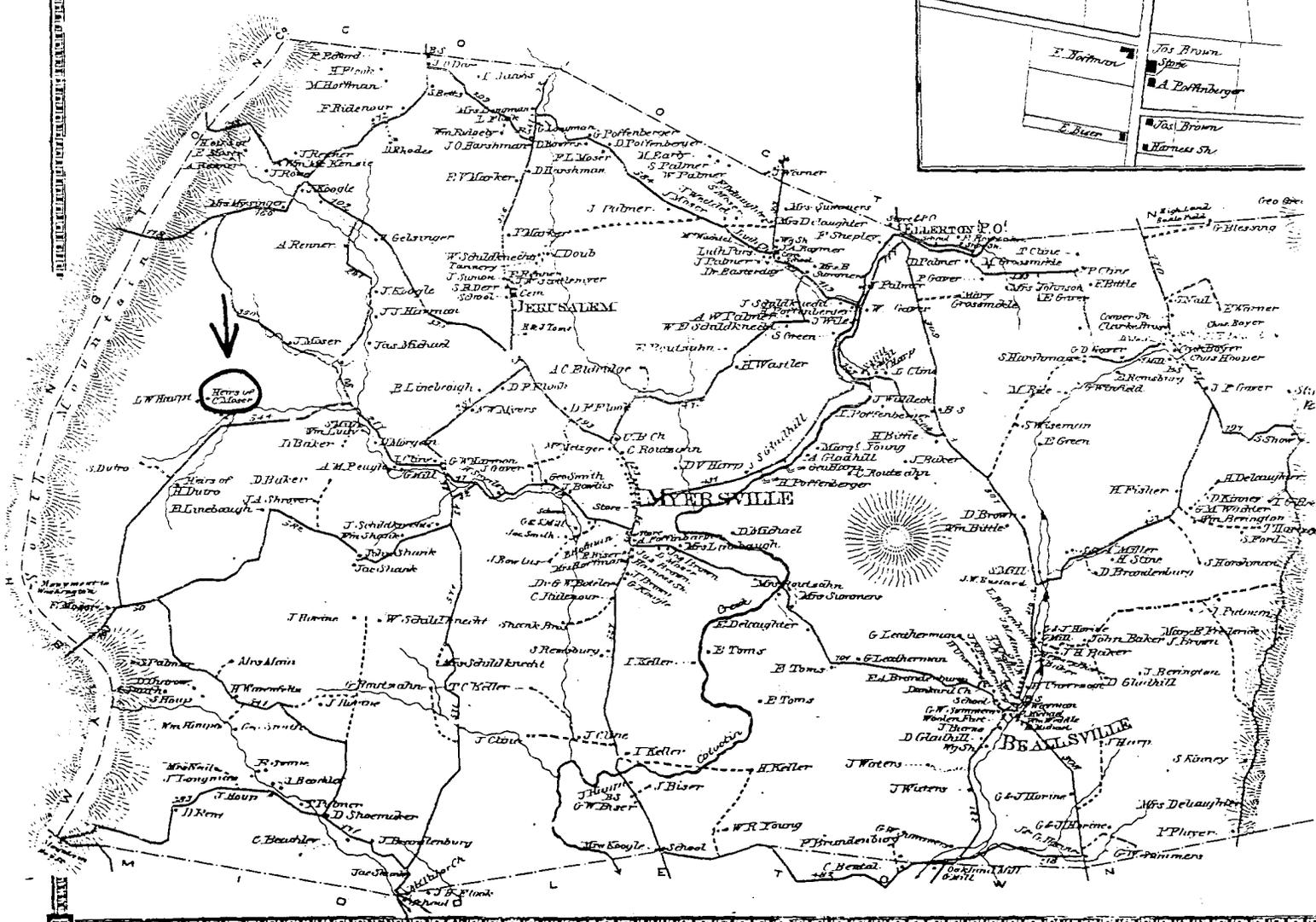
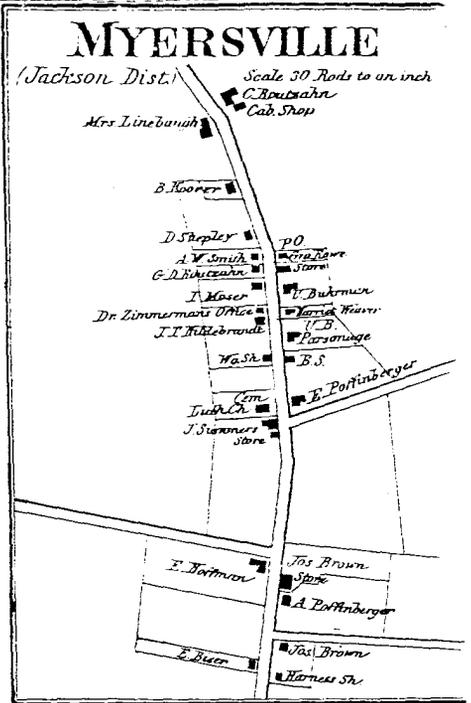
1914 Monument Rd.

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| STH 280/191 26 Apr 07 441/571 14 Mar 27 | Grouer F & Annie V. Houine | Cara Maria Moser | | \$4,691.25 | |
| 1) STH 280/191 26 Apr 07 | Ann M. Moser | Lewis Moser | "Roderspiller Rambler by Quakers Tracts" "Menpells" 126 a. | | |
| 2) 326/42 28 Jan 19 | Maria Moser | George E. & Edna F. Haupt | "Roderspiller Rambler by Quakers Tracts" Liegens near Lewis Moser's barn | \$280 | |
| 1) CM 10/159 1 Apr 1873 | Lewis Moser | Elizabeth Moser widow of Christian Moser, dec., et al | 126 a. | \$3,424.80 | |
| 2) STH 284/247 17 Jan 08 | George E. Haupt, son of Lawson & Mary Ann | Lawson M. & Mary Ann Haupt | | | |
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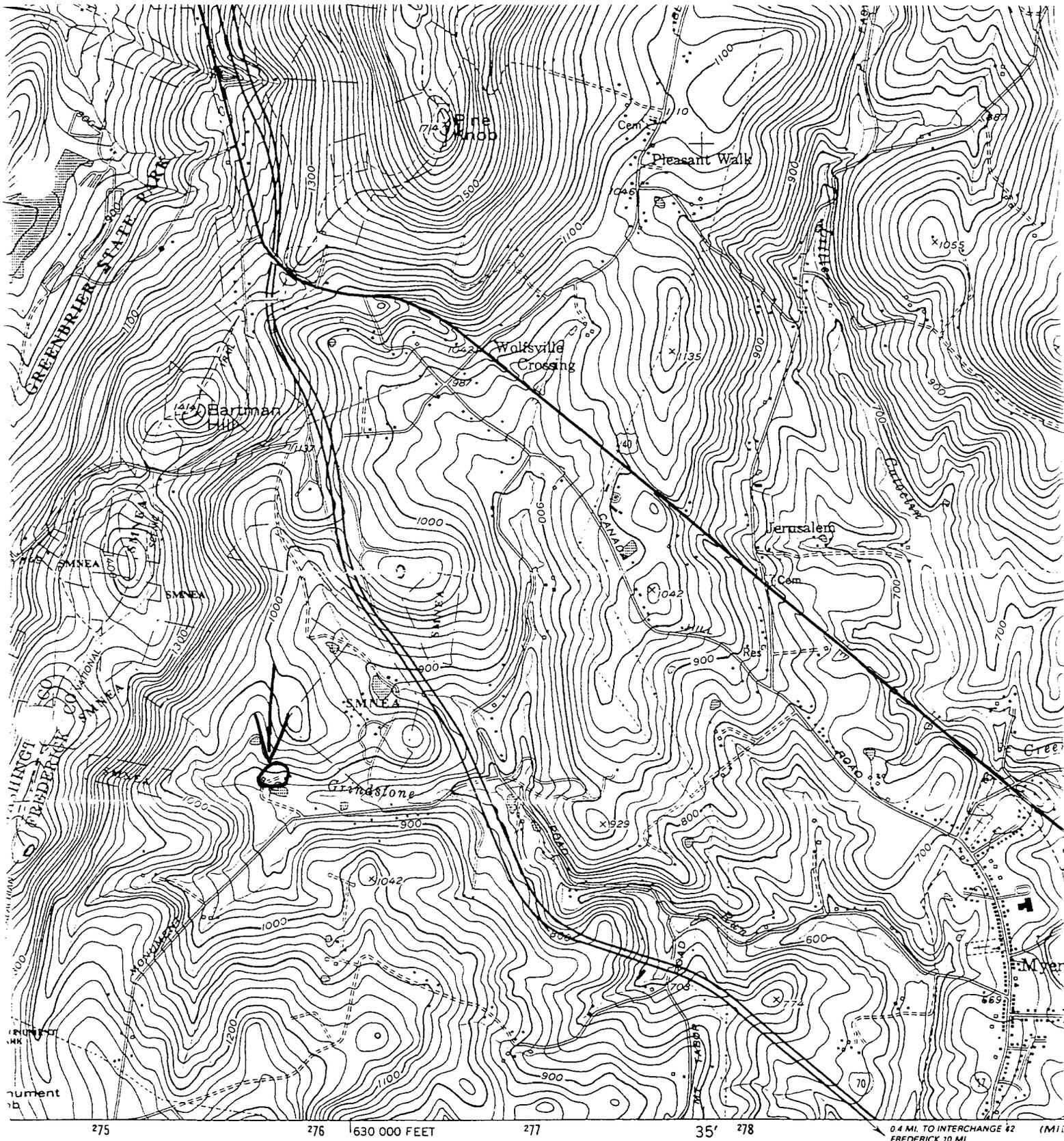
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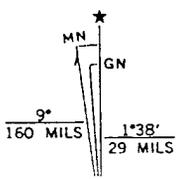
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County, 1873.



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 Frederick County
 USGS Myersville, Md.
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Photo: Janet Davis

June 1972

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

East elevation

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West elevation

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Christian Moser House and Bath

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Southeast corner view

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Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Interior, general view on first floor

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Frederick County

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Neg. loc. in Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
Barn, northeast elevation

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