

F-4-51
Church Hill Survey District
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1830-1912

The Church Hill district includes the 1830 stone church of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation and the adjoining cemetery, the brick former parsonage of 1850, two altered log dwellings of about 1840-1850 in their original form, and a 1912 frame schoolhouse. The dwellings have several contributing outbuildings, ranging from the ruins of a stone springhouse to frame domestic and agricultural outbuildings mostly from the late 19th century. The stone church was built with a three-sided gallery in the hall plan, an unusual feature for rural churches of the second quarter of the 19th century. The brick parsonage has had few exterior changes except for the removal of a one-story entry porch and its replacement with a modern deck. The other two dwellings have later additions, with both german and artificial modern siding and altered exterior porches and doorways. The schoolhouse has been the least altered and may be the only remaining one of its design in the County. Church Hill exemplifies the initial stage of development of rural communities in the early 19th century, often centered on the establishment of a church, to which roads from the surrounding areas converged, leading to road traffic which resulted in economic opportunities such as a blacksmith or a wagon shop, as was the case at Church Hill, although the shop has disappeared. The development scenario was strengthened by the establishment of a school near the church. Overshadowed eventually by nearby Ellerton and Myersville, both of which had post offices, Church Hill remained an identifiable place because of the active church and school until the closing of the school in about 1930.

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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 A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Religion
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: District

Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Education/School/Schoolhouse
Religion/religious structure/church
Religion/church-related residence/parsonage

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Church Hill Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10630-10700 bls. Church Hill Rd.; 3247-3251 Ward Kline Rd. Not for publicationcity, town Myersville 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 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	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 (see Section 7)

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

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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: 17

The Church Hill Survey District encompasses about 4-1/2 acres centered on St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and cemetery at the intersection of Church Hill Road and Ward Kline Road near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The district includes the stone 1830 church and its cemetery, the brick Parsonage of 1850, a frame 1912 schoolhouse, and two log and frame residences possibly dating from about 1840-1850 with approximately 11 contributing outbuildings varying in date from about 1850 to about 1910 distributed among the residential properties. Three non-contributing outbuildings, all of concrete block construction, are also within the district. Eighty-five percent (85%) of the structures contribute to the district's significance in architecture, religion, and education. The church and cemetery are in active use and the residences are currently occupied. The schoolhouse is used as a storage building. The general condition of the structures varies from ruins to excellent.

The district is located on a hill which slopes to the south. Church Hill Road approaches from the south and curves toward the west to pass between the church and the cemetery, meeting Ward Kline Road which intersects from the west just north of the church. The schoolhouse is located on the west side of Church Hill Road about 100 feet north of the intersection. The residences are located west and southwest of the church. Following are brief descriptions of the contributing buildings:

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church: The 1830 church is a one-story fieldstone structure with a hall plan and a gable roof currently covered with pressed metal. The east elevation has two bays with recessed entrances in each bay. The soffits around the doorways are paneled and the doors have 5 horizontal panels. The rectangular transoms are stained glass of the early 20th century period. Two stained glass windows are located in each bay which light the gallery level of the interior. Centered in the gable is a brick-arched, semi-circular window with a leaded glass panel reading "St. John's Lutheran Church by the Sunday School". At the southeast corner of the building is a stone dated 1830. Above the east elevation is an open frame belfry added in 1895. The north and south elevations have three bays each. The south elevation has early 20th century stained glass rectangular windows. The north elevation windows are textured 2/2 sash. The west elevation has three bays of stained glass rectangular windows. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south elevation. A central brick chimney rises from the roof ridge, but may not be in current use. Located near the southwest corner of the building is a concrete block privy, one of the non-contributing buildings in the district. The church has an 1898 decorative cast iron fence on the east and north sides of the lot. The gate identifies the manufacturer as Ward Fence Co., Portland, Indiana. A concrete block fence is located along the south side of the church lot. The interior of the church was not accessible for survey, but local histories state that it had a three-sided gallery when built, an unusual feature for a small rural church of the period. The gallery may have been altered to provide space for a Sunday School and other alterations have also taken place.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1830-1930 **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 Church Hill Survey District is a fair example of a small rural community of the early 19th century centered on a church to which roads from the surrounding farms led, and near which a school was later built, exemplifying the importance of religious structures in the development of rural villages. The 1873 Titus Atlas map shows that the area had a wagon shop and at least one other residence located on Church Hill Road, indicating the beginnings of a commercial life as well as a religious and educational purpose. However, the proximity of Ellerton, which had several mills, shops, and a post office dissipated the development of Church Hill as a separate settlement. The log church built about 1790 and known as Daniel's Church was, however, the center of religious activity for Ellerton and the surrounding farms and its replacement of 1830, the present St. John's Church, continued in the same status. The stone church is a good example of the hall type of the second quarter of the 19th century, with additions through the 1890's and the early 20th century. Its three-sided gallery, if still mostly intact, would be an unusual feature among churches of its type and period. The 1912 schoolhouse may be the only surviving one of its particular design. An apparently identical schoolhouse built in 1906 was formerly located near Middlepoint, but has been moved to another location. An earlier school at Church Hill was located near the south side of the cemetery. The Church Hill School was closed about 1930.

Church Hill may be compared with Pleasant Walk, which had similar beginnings in the early 19th century with a stone church, Mt. Olive U. B. Church (F-4-47), a blacksmith shop, several residences, and a school. However, its integrity has been much diminished by alterations to the existing dwellings, and the loss of the shop and the school. Church Hill's retention of the possibly unique schoolhouse, the brick parsonage with few exterior changes, and the stone church with clearly identifiable periods of alteration in historic times set it apart from Pleasant Walk and other settlements which never developed beyond an initial stage.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-51

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.5 acres
Quadrangle name Myersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary as shown on attached USGS quad map.

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 Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date April 1992

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.

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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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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7.1 Description (Continued)

Cemetery: The cemetery is roughly rectangular and is located directly east of the church across Church Hill Road, which also turns to run along the south wall. The cemetery has a low fieldstone wall with concrete coping which was built in 1913. The earliest legible dated stone observed is about 1792.

Parsonage, 3251 Ward Kline Road: The brick parsonage was built in 1850 and has two stories with a flemish bond east elevation and 5:1 American bond on the other elevations. It has three bays on the east and evidence on the brick shows that a one-story entry porch once was attached to the center bay. A modern wood deck has been built to replace the former porch. The door way has a 6-panel door, paneled soffits, and a three-light transom. The window openings have plain wood lintels and sills with 2/2 sash. The roof is slate and the cornice is boxed. The chimneys are located on the interior walls at the north and south gables. The north and south elevations have two bays each and a one-story brick rear wing extends from the northeast corner. It has a pressed metal roof and an interior chimney on the west end. The outbuildings of the parsonage are the ruined walls of a stone springhouse located southeast of the house, a frame privy with vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof located south of the house, a frame garage with vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof located west of the house at the edge of Ward Kline Road, a small frame barn with vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof, a one-story shed with german siding and a standing seam metal roof, and a frame chicken house with vertical siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. The outbuildings all probably date from the period 1870-1900, except the garage which may be of the first decade of the 20th century, and the stone springhouse which was probably built at the same time as the house. The interior of the parsonage was inaccessible for this survey.

John Palmer House, 3247 Ward Kline Road: The two-story house is probably partially a log structure with an extension of frame or log on the north. The exterior is covered with german siding and the roof is standing seam metal. On the east elevation are two separate porches, the southernmost partially enclosed and obscuring the arrangement of openings on that section. The northern porch is an entry porch on a three-bay elevation. The sash is 2/2 and the lintels are molded. The chimney is located in the center of the building. On the west elevation is a modern carport. Near Ward Kline Road is a small, deteriorated frame shed with a corrugated metal shed roof and vertical siding; its use is undetermined. South of the house is a small frame barn with vertical siding and a standing seam roof. Also on the property is a non-contributing concrete block garage.

Dr. Easterday House, 10630 Church Hill Road: The two-story dwelling is located southwest of the church and has been considerably altered over the years. It probably has a log structure in part. It has two stories with asbestos shingle siding and two bays facing east. A modern concrete porch rises to the doorway, probably concealing an originally exposed stone cellar on this elevation. The one story porch has modern wrought iron columns. The windows are 2/2 with molded lintels. The gable roof is corrugated metal. A modern two-story addition with vinyl siding is attached to the south end, enclosing a brick chimney at the junction of the two sections. The addition also has an exterior

7.2 Description (Continued)

brick chimney. Three frame sheds with vertical siding and corrugated metal roofs are located southwest of the house; they are currently in use as animal sheds. They were probably built about 1900-1910.

Church Hill School, west side of Church Hill Road: The one-story frame school was built in 1912. It has a raised stone foundation with a roughly rectangular plan and a hipped pressed metal roof. The exterior is covered in weathered german siding. A central tower forms the center bay on the east elevation, through which is a recessed, arched doorway with double doors with 5 horizontal panels in each and a plain transom. The flanking two bays have 4/4 sash. The north and south elevations have four bays, also with 4/4 sash, although those on the north elevation are boarded. The tower has a louvred belfry and a hipped roof. The west elevation has no openings. An interior brick chimney is located in the western slope of the roof. The interior was inaccessible for this survey, but was described by the owner as having one room with cloakrooms flanking the entrance. A tongue-and-groove wainscot is visible through the east elevation windows.

Owners:

Clarence W. Cline and wife, 3251 Ward Kline Road, Myersville, MD 21773
(Parsonage and Schoolhouse)
Katherine Bornmann and Leo Zilla, 3247 Ward Kline Road, Myersville, MD 21773
(Parcel 66)
Charles William Fawley and wife, 10630 Church Hill Road, Myersville, MD 21773
(Parcel 260)

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, Vol. II, 1910. Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979

Wolfsville Ruritan Club. The History of Wolfsville and the Catoctin District, 1972.

16630 Church Hill Rd.

LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
553/455 2 Nov 55	FF Charles William & Creola Mae Sawley	Lillian Walter L. Sinn & Byron W. Thompson, trustees in equity #7693 Lillian Shepley vs. Wm. S. Shepley et al	"Stephens Hope" 2.5 a.	#2220	
324/226 15 Mar 18	Peter F. & Lillian H. Shepley & Eliza E. Shepley	Effie L. Ausherman, widow	"Stephens Hope" 2.5 a.	#900	
312/52 23 Feb 15	David E. & Effie L. Ausherman	Cyrus F. Flook, trustee under will of John A. Summers, dec.		# 800 ⁹⁰⁰	
DHH 1/396 31 Mar 1898	John A. Summers	Chas. N. & Amanda C. Johnson	"Stephens Hope" 2.5 a.	#500	
Milb Record TS 1/7 31 Jul 1849	L Lovina Lovina Easterday	Christopher Summers			

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3247 Ward Kline Rd.

LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
143 2/958 14 Jul 87	Katherine W. Bonnman & Leob. Zilla	Robert D. & Katherine Bolton	"Edington Manor" Plat 19/148 3.25 A.	\$78,000	
1312/179 29 Nov 85	Robert D. & Katherine Bolton	Wm. H. Bradley, Jr.	3.25 A. "Edington Manor" Plat Book 19/148		
690/615 19 Sept 63	Wm. H. Bradley, Jr.	Edgar S. Naille, unshown			
320/87 13 Mar 16	Edgar S. & Bessie M. Naille	Chas. L. & Anna R. Forrest			
HWB 296/190 23 Mar 11	Chas. L. & Anna R. Forrest	Wm. S. & Emma S. Shepley	"Palatine or Germanity" 3A.	\$925	
HWB 294/4H 12 Jun 06	Wm. S. Shepley	Hezekiah Poffenberger	"Palatine or Germanity" 3A.	\$912	
DHH 1/656 5 Feb 1897	Hezekiah Poffenberger	George W. Wachtel, assignee of mortgage from John E. Palmer & wife to Moshu M. Metzger	"Palatine or Germanity" 3A.	\$550	
T 67/404 11 Apr 1877	John E. Palmer	Ludwig Rautzahn & Mary Rautzahn	"Palatine or Germanity" 3A. (no further refs)	\$900	

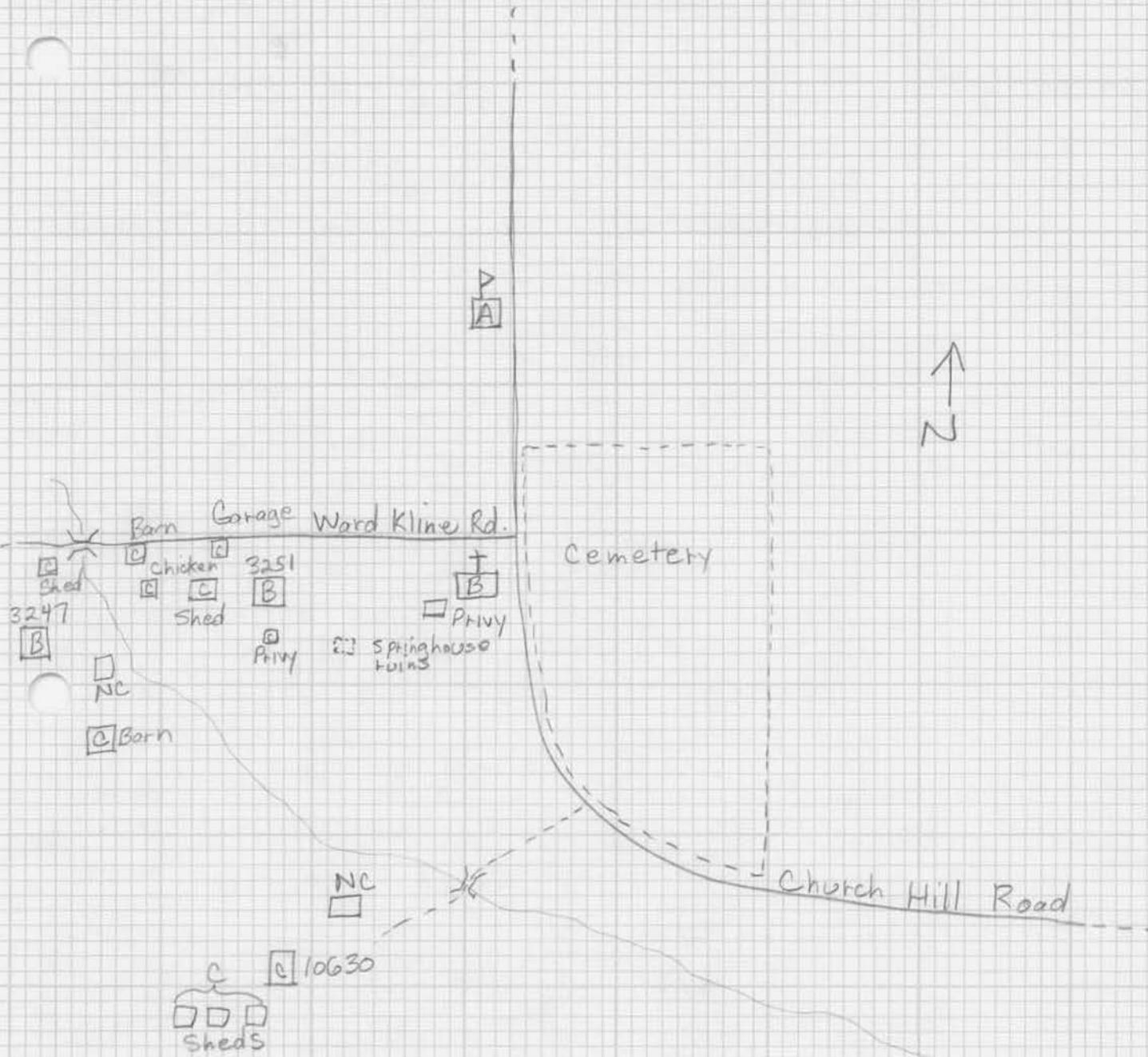
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477/319 31 Aug 48	Clarence W. & Dorothy E. Cline	Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Johns	P.1 = 1.75a P.2 = 0.88a.	\$5200	
P.1; WBT 12/204 12 Apr 1850	Jacob Johnson et al, elders & deacons of Ev. Luth. Congregation worshiping in St. Johns Church	Jacob Summers of C. & Elizabeth Summers	"Land of Promise" "Germanity" "Christians Good Will" 1a.	\$80	
P.2: WR 15/72 15 Nov 1797	Michael Mensev et al "... for the use of the Congregation worshipping at the ... church"	Daniel Gauer	"Land of Promise" reserved for Daniel Gauer 26 Jun 1797 "... parcel meant to be conveyed... has a church built thereon called Daniel's Church..."	\$5	

M 33 P 64 Church Hill School

LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
436/581 9 Jan 40	Clarence W. & Dorothy E. Cline	Francis E. Easterday (unm.)	"Land of Promise" 59.28 sq. perches	\$150	
421/509 29 Aug 30 (recorded 2 Jan 40)	Francis E. Easterday	Board of Education of Frederick Co.	"Land of Promise" 59.28 sq. perches		
HWB 302/416 19 Dec. 12	Board of County School Commissioners	Mary E. & John C. Palmer	"Land of Promise" 59.28 sq. perches	\$150	

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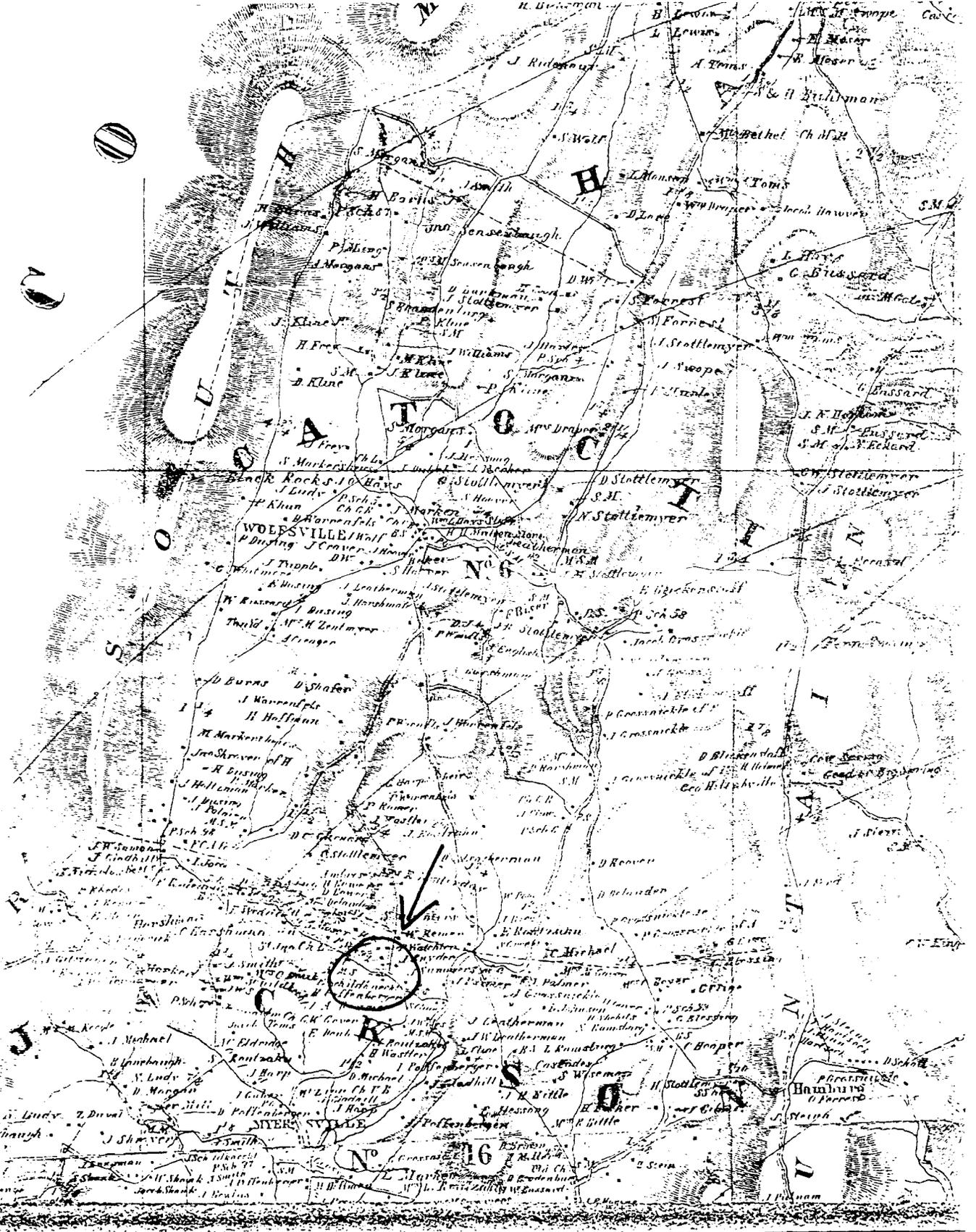
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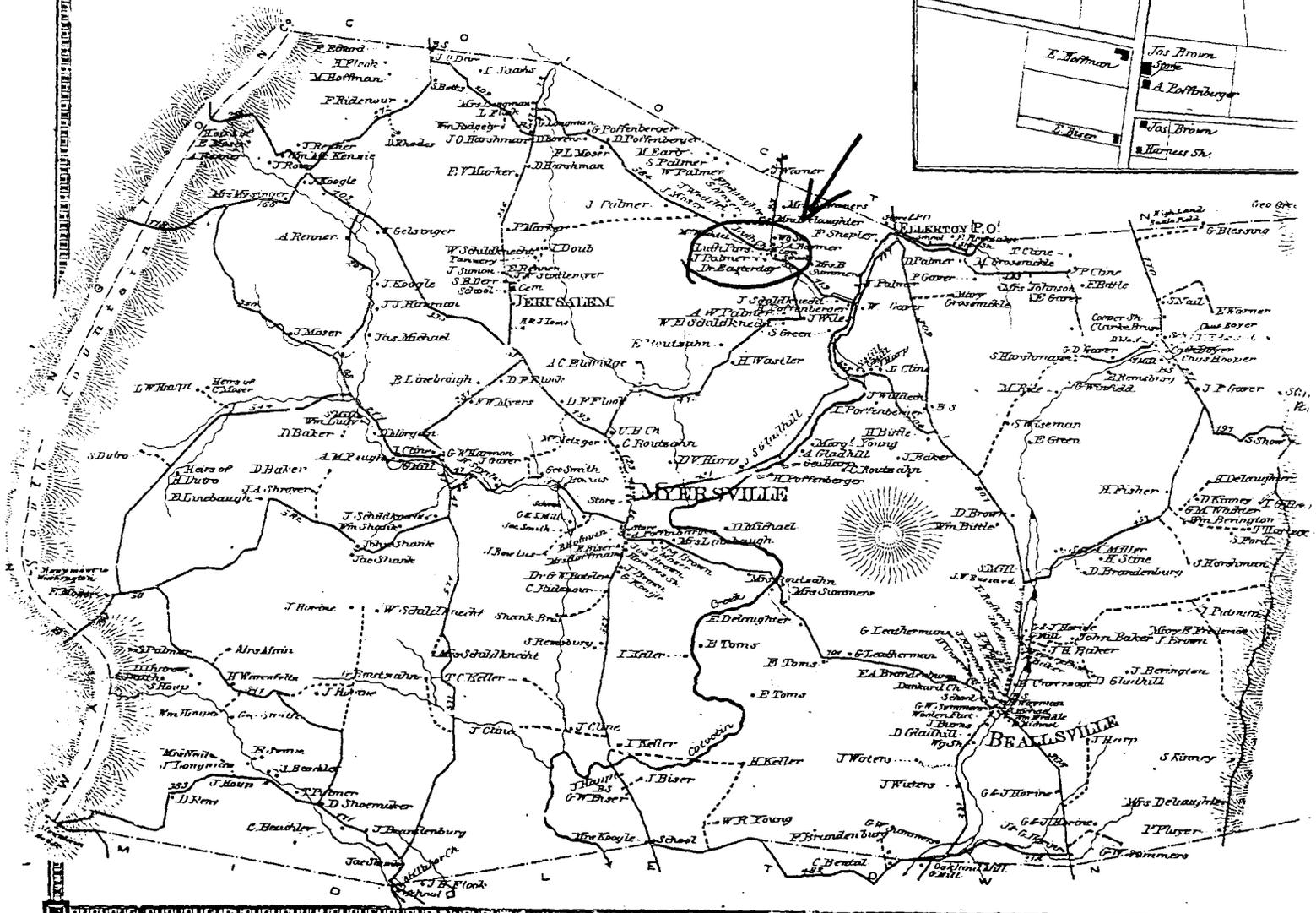
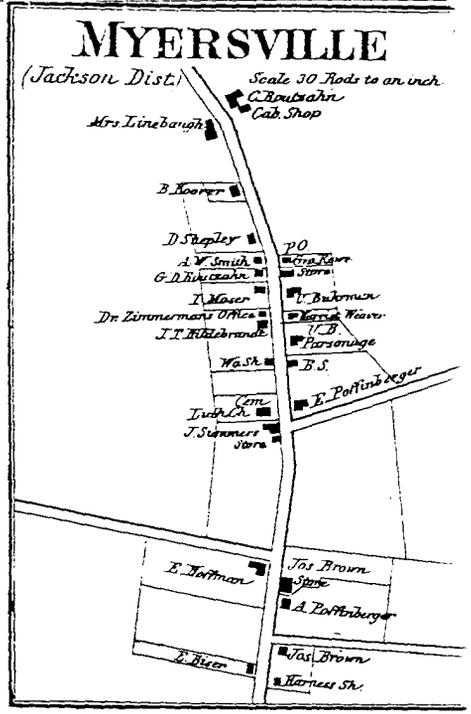
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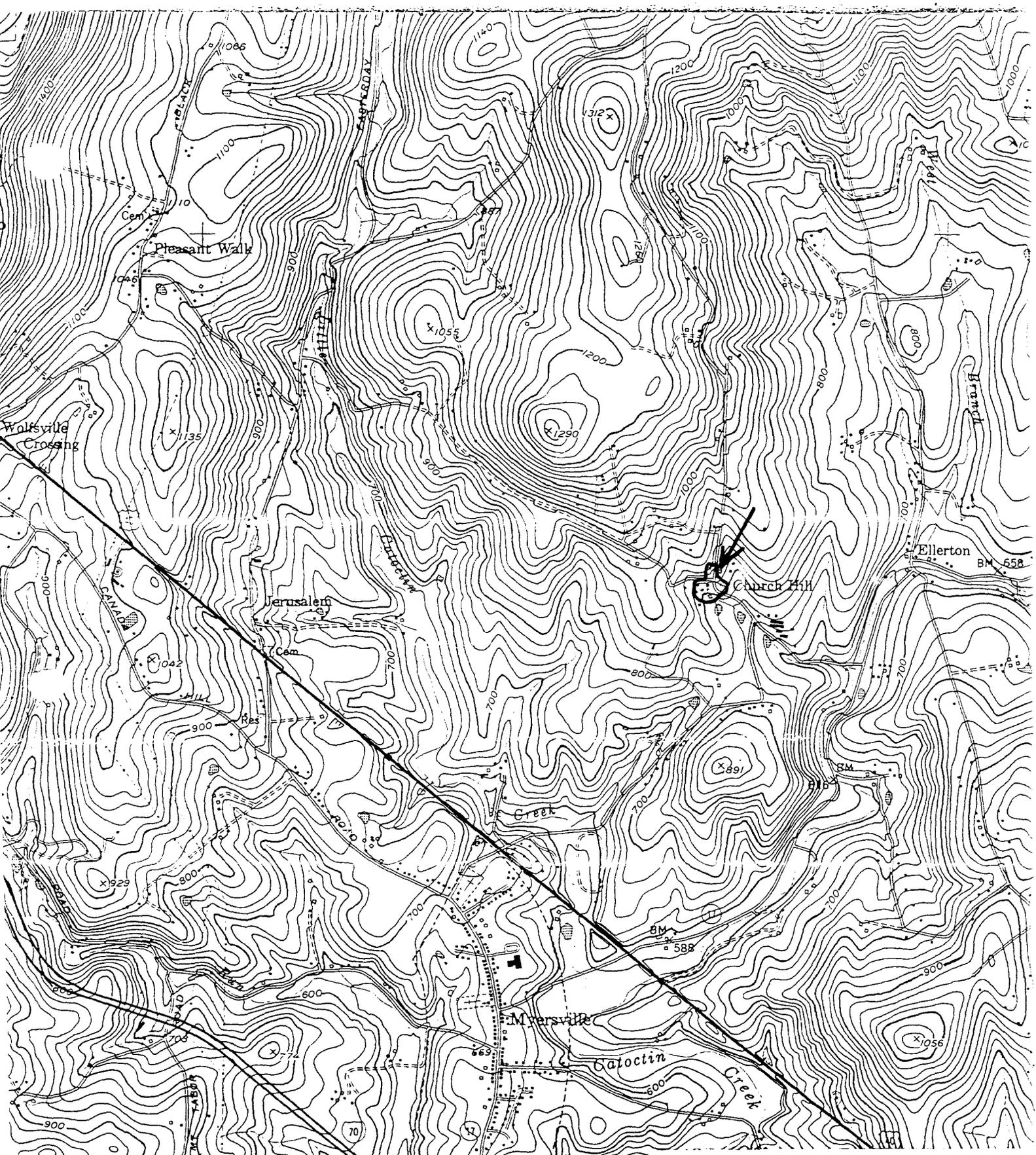
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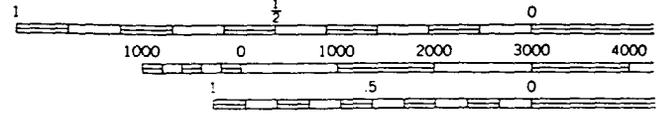


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Frederick County

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View south on Church Hill Road

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Notes: Mt. SHM, Garrison

St. John's Lutheran Church, east elevation

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Location: Passage, northeast corner map

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Church Hill Sowing Experiment

Frederick County

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3247 Ward Kline Road, northeast corner
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Church Hill Survey District
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