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Ca. 1830

Swope House

Thurmont vicinity, Maryland

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
Agriculture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Mountains

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, storage shed
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/bank barn

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Swope House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Stottlemyer Road not for publication

city, town Sabillasville 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Clifford D. & Pearl Willard

street & number 4901-B Foxville Road telephone no.:

city, town Sabillasville state and zip code Md. 21780

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1476

street & number 100 West Patrick Street folio 115

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

Survey No. F-6-55

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input 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.

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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

7.1 Description

The Swope House is a 2 story, fieldstone building located on Stottlemeyer Road in the vicinity of Thurmont, Maryland. The principal facade, facing east, contains 3 bays. A bank barn, a small shed and an outhouse, located to the west of the house, also contribute to the property.

The building has a side gable roofline of standing seam metal on which two interior end brick chimneys rest. Fenestration throughout contains simple wood surrounds and heavy wooden sills. The stone material is uncoursed and rubbed. The symmetrical east facade consists of side door placement and 6/6 light windows on the first floor and 2/2 light windows on the second floor. Remnants of an one story frame porch exist on the facade. The west elevation is also symmetrical with 6/6 lights on the second floor and louvred shutters covering the first floor window. A raised panel door has side placement parallel to the east facade. This elevation also has remnants of a one story frame porch with an enclosed section at the last bay to the south. The south elevation contains symmetrical 6/6 light windows on both floors and a cellar door entry at ground level. The north elevation has no openings except for two slit ventilators in the gable end, more commonly seen in stone barns.

Other elements of the complex include a stone chimney located several feet from the house to the north. A bank barn with a stone foundation is vertical sided and has a standing seam metal roof. A small shed and an outhouse are also of frame construction.

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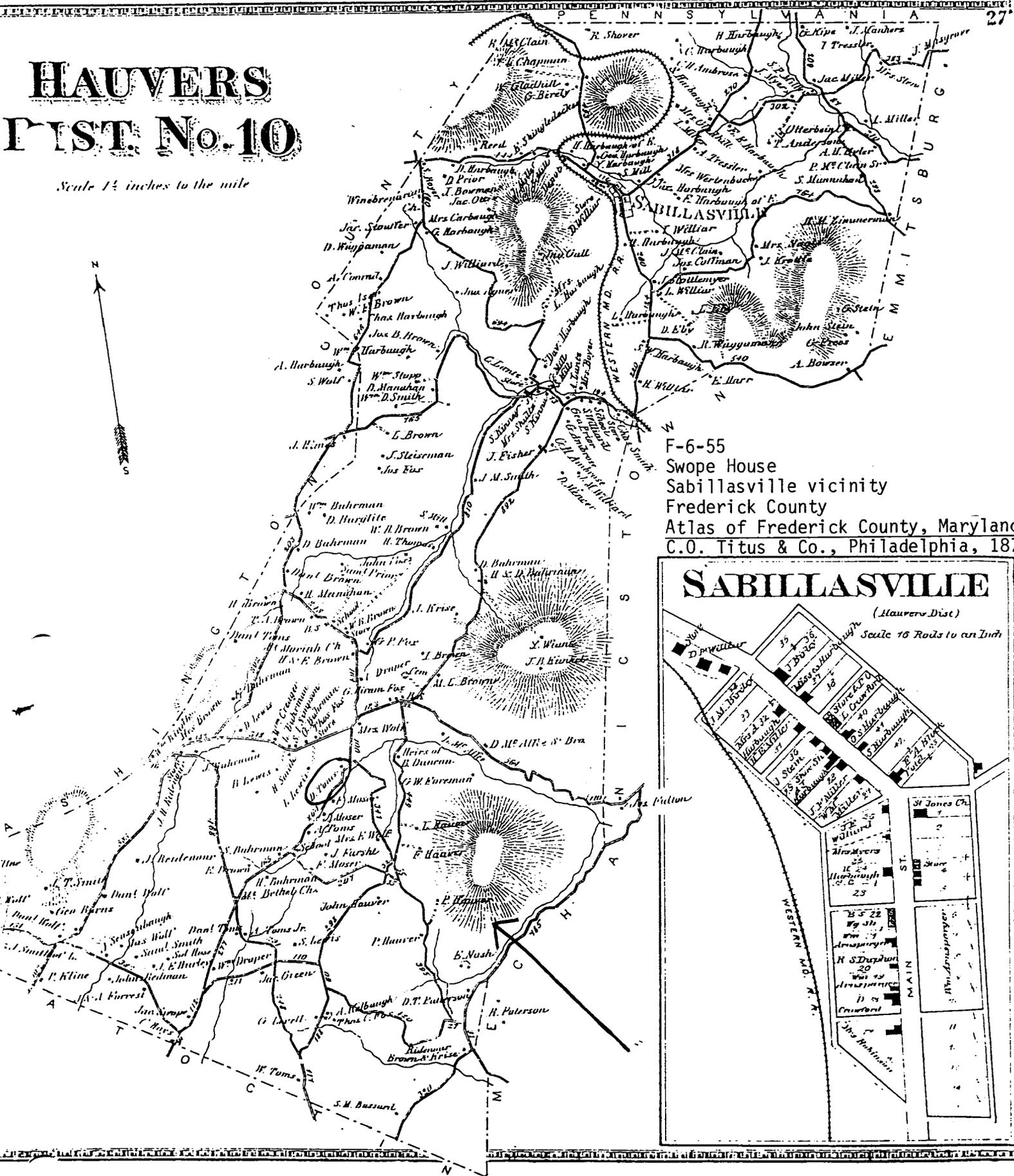
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Compared to other stone houses in its vicinity, it appears to be a rare survivor in an area where stone construction was less prevalent than log. Further east in Frederick County in the Creagerstown Election District, numerous stone dwellings are still extant and contain higher levels of integrity. Given the location of the Swope House in this region (Hauver's Election District), the building rates a high level of significance in its historic context.

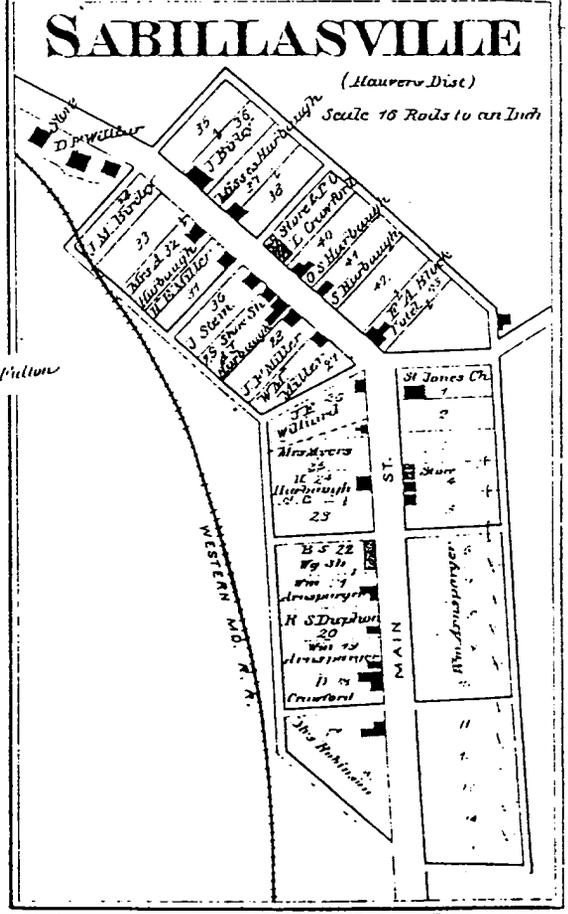
The Swope House was probably constructed by 1830. Judging from its construction techniques and its probable interior plan, it was possibly associated with German building traditions; particularly as the Hauver's Election District was largely settled by Germans and Swiss. By 1858, the property was owned by Mrs. M. Swope; in 1873, D. Toms resided there.

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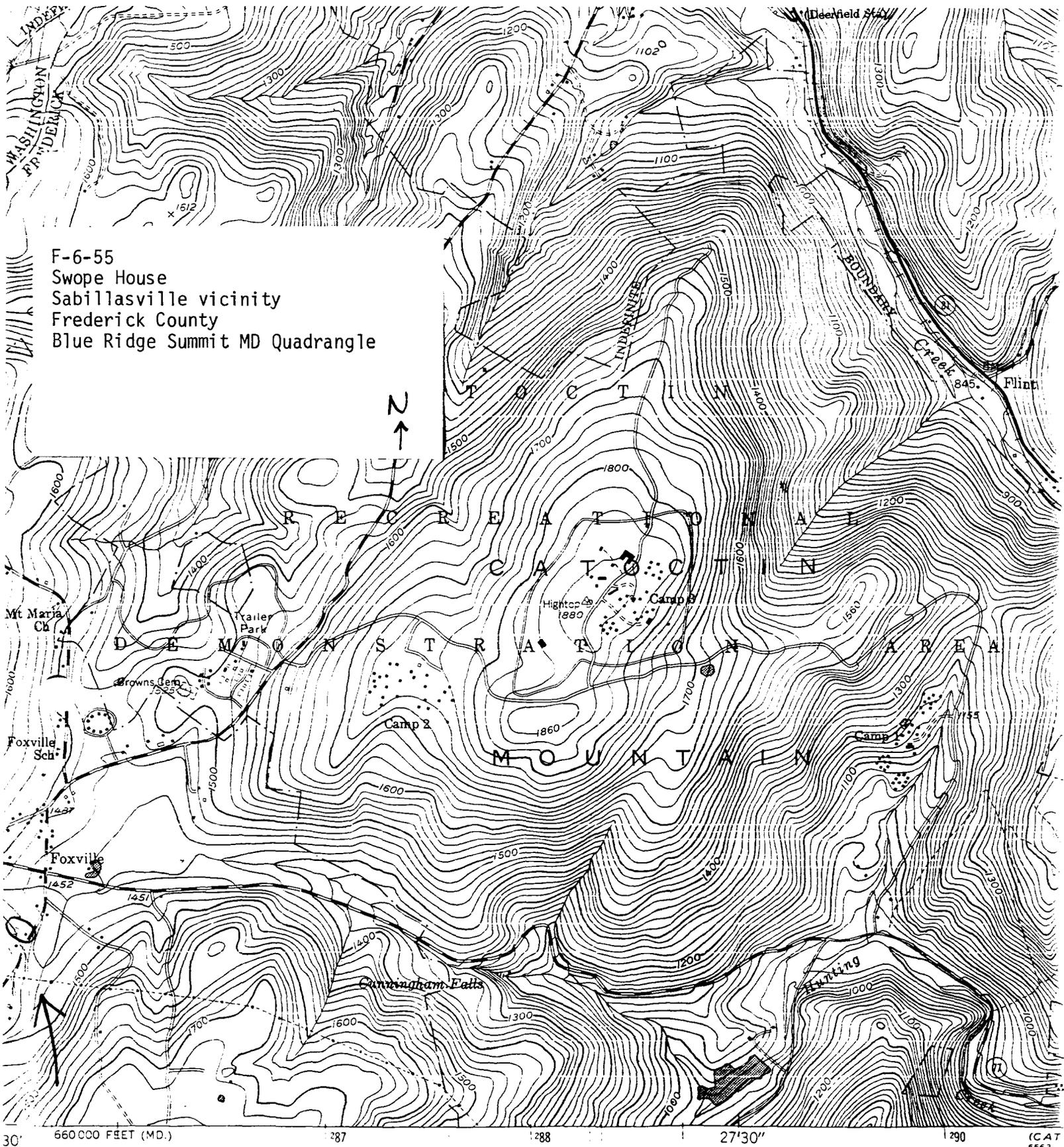
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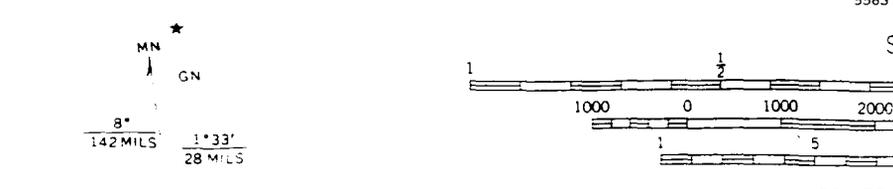
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Sabillasville vicinity
Frederick County
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland
C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873



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 Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle



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 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953



Projection: 1927 North American datum
 30-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue
 UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET
 THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH
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East elevation

1/3



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West elevation

2/3



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Barn - looking west

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