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Sabillasville Survey District

Sabillasville, Maryland

Private

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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:
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)
Religion
Social/Educational/Cultural
Transportation

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/garage, smokehouse
Domestic/hotel/inn
Commerce/Trade/speciality store/store
Commerce/Trade/business/office building
Commerce/Trade/restaurant/tavern
Funerary/cemetery/burying ground
Education/school/schoolhouse
Recreation and Culture/monument/marker/commemorative marker
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-58

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sabillasville Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 16800 block to 17100 block Sabillasville Road (Rt. 550) not for publication

17400 block Harbaugh Valley Road

city, town Sabillasville 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"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Multiple Owners

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 West Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md.

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input 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.

(Description 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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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.

(Significance on separate sheet)

7.1 Description:

The Sabillasville Survey District is located in the northwestern corner of Frederick County approximately two miles from the Pennsylvania line. The district is comprised of 47 contributing resources which include a nineteenth century cemetery and an historic marker dating from the 1930s. The majority of resources are aligned on both sides of Route 550-Sabillasville Road with the Western Maryland Railroad tracks running parallel to Sabillasville Road several yards to the west to define the western boundary of the district. Two resources are located on the north side of Harbaugh Valley Road and one is situated on the west side of the railroad tracks. The center of the district is located at the intersection of Sabillasville Road and Harbaugh Valley Road.

Most of the buildings in the district date from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. Construction materials utilized include log, frame and brick. The building most represented in the district is a 2 story, 3 bay frame, gable-roofed dwelling. Architecture in the district is predominantly simple and vernacular in origin. Several buildings dating from the late nineteenth century express higher style elements through decorative details.

Examples of dwelling types in the district include the 2 story, 3 bay house that is prevalent in the district. 16924 and 17037 Sabillasville Road provide good examples of the type with original materials such as german siding and standing seam tin intact. Another dwelling type is the 2 story, central gable house dating from the late nineteenth century. The 2 story asbestos-sided building at 17001 Sabillasville Road has a central gable and a one story open porch with turned columns and brackets. The building at 16902 Sabillasville Road also has a central gable roofline, german siding and a porch with cornice detail. A one story attachment to the south suggests office use.

Three buildings in the town were possibly taverns or inns. 16916 Sabillasville Road has a 2 story building, 5 bays wide. 17030 Sabillasville Road contains a 2 story, 5 bay building banked into a hill to allow an exposed basement level. Sheathed in aluminum siding, it is possibly of log construction. The building at 17011 Sabillasville Road is 2 stories with 6 bays. It is covered in german siding and has 6/6 windows.

Dwelling types dating from the early twentieth century include the bungalow (16824 Sabillasville Road), a Colonial Revival, 2 story frame house (17029 Sabillasville Road), and a small 1 1/2 story cottage (17014 Sabillasville Road). Three buildings at the northern edge of the district suggest association with the railroad in form: small, 2 story, 2 bays. The tracks are parallel to these buildings; this proximity along with the form indicates possible railroad worker's housing. The buildings date circa 1910 according to tax records.

Two buildings, now residences, show commercial use. The 2 part building at 17005 Sabillasville Road contains a 2 story, 3 bay german sided house with an attached 1 story gable-front commercial building. The building at 17036

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Sabillasville Road is also gable-front, 2 stories in height. The main facade faces the railroad tracks linking its commercial use to the railroad.

The district also contains a running bond brick schoolhouse with a projecting entrance bay and paired windows (presently used as a church) that dates from the early twentieth century. Two nineteenth century churches are located in the town: St. John's Reformed Church (1855 datestone), a common bond brick church with an ornate dentilled and swag cornice, and St. Mark's Evangelical Church (1893 datestone), also common bond brick. A cemetery across from the schoolhouse has gravestones dating from the nineteenth century. A monument/marker (1930s) is located at the corner of Sabillasville Road and Harbaugh Valley Road. It commemorates the original Swiss and German settlers of the town and the region.

The resources in the district have suffered the usual twentieth century alterations of sidings and additions. However, many buildings still retain varying degrees of original fabric. Buildings that originally served in commercial capacities are now residential. Infill has been limited to two stores: a hardware store and a coal and lumber business.

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Within its historic context, Sabillasville is significant as the only example of the original center for the mountainous, northwestern region of Frederick County. It has remained the major town for the region to present day although it does not function commercially as it once did. Its connection with German and Swiss settlement patterns is important in understanding the historical and architectural development of the area. It can be compared to other towns similar in scale in Frederick County and shows a good level of integrity in retaining forms and materials.

The town of Sabillasville was originally a Swiss settlement. Peter Zollinger founded the town of Sabillasville by the late 1700s which was initially named Zollinger's Town. The name of the town changed to Servillasville after Peter's wife, Servilla. Servillasville eventually became known as Sabillasville. George Harbaugh, a Swiss native, was also influential in establishing the region. (The immediate periphery of Sabillasville is known as Harbaugh's Valley.) Harbaugh and other settlers from Switzerland were probably attracted to the familiar landscape of the mountains. The Swiss residents of Sabillasville included members of the Moravian religious sect. Two churches affiliated with Lutheranism are located in the town today and demonstrate the German influence. The railroad, established by 1870, was an important influence on Sabillasville, and, by 1873, the town was able to support five stores, a post office and a hotel.

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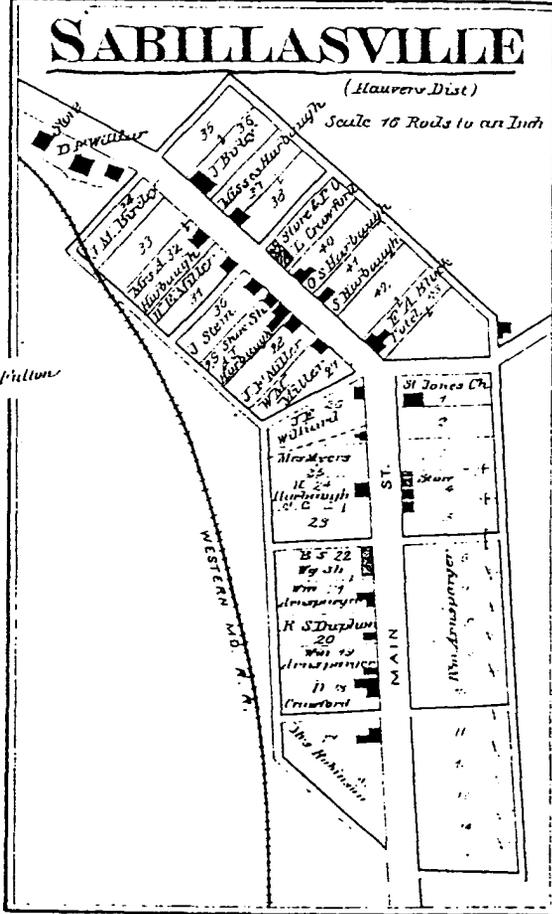
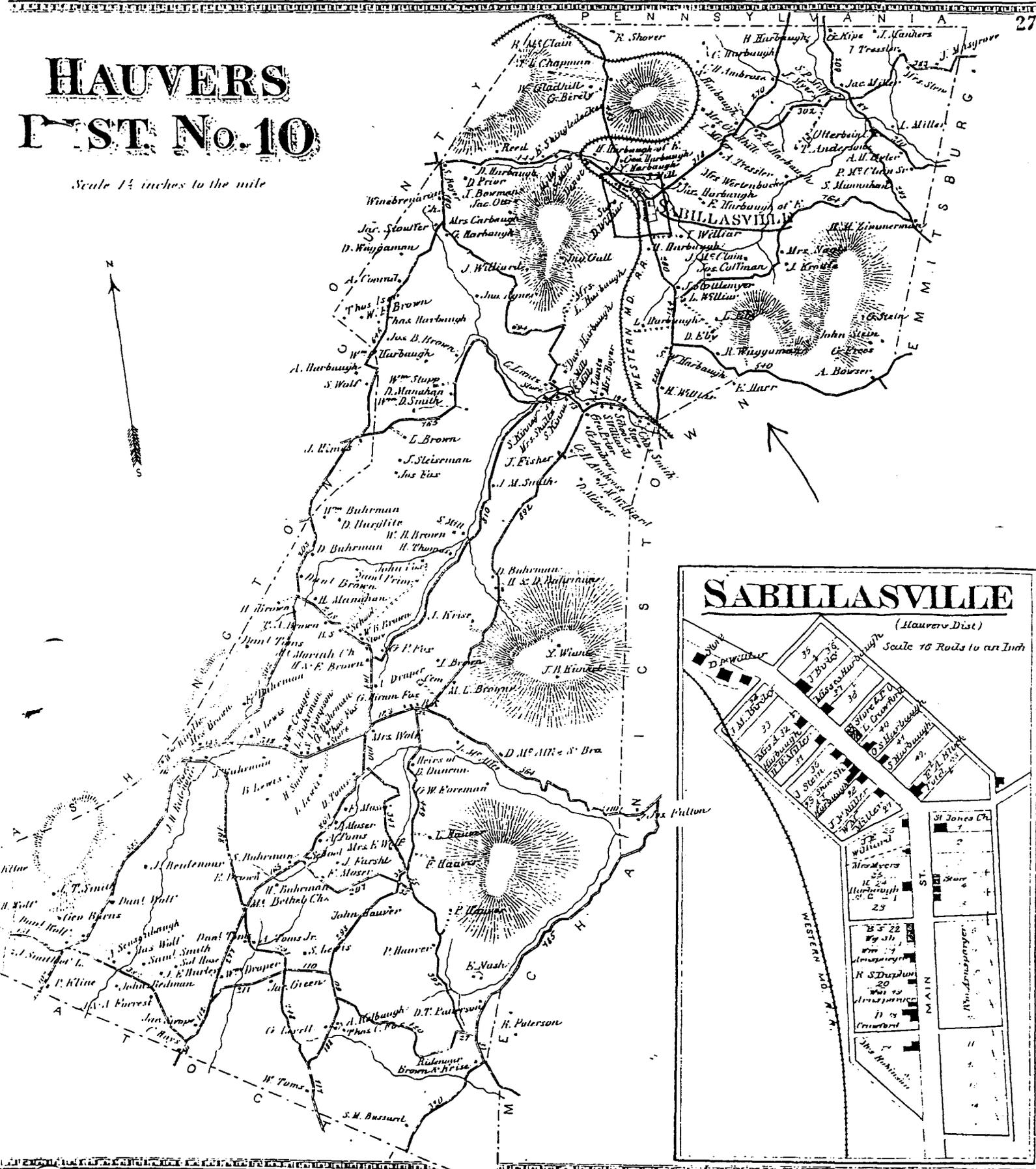
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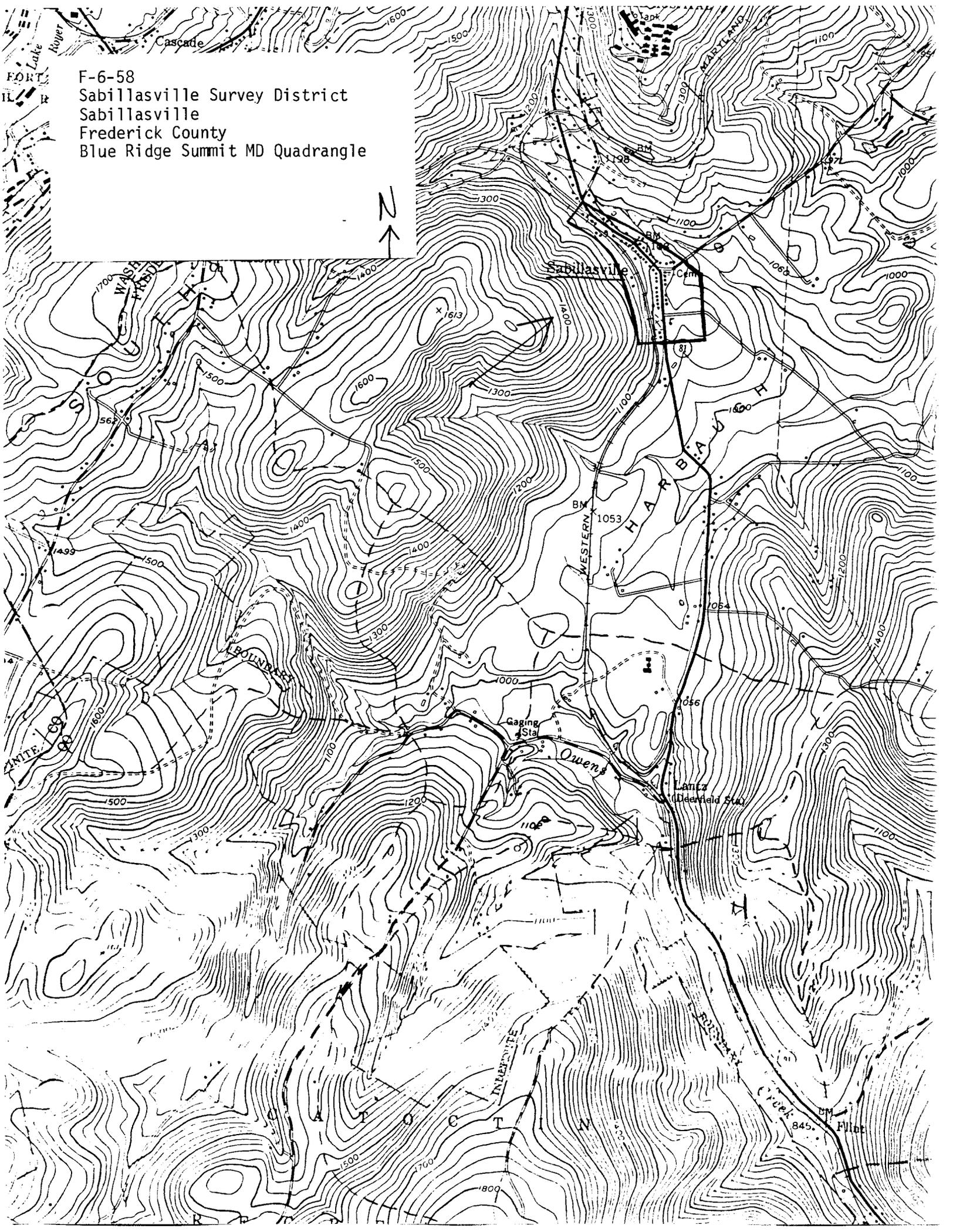
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 Atlas of Frederick County, Md.
 Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle



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HARBASH

Gaging Sta

Owens

Lantz (Deerfield Sta)

INDEPENDENT

Flint



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Sabillasville Road

Sabillasville

Frederick County

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Sabillasville road - looking south

X15



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Sabillasville Road - looking north

2/15



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east elevations - near r.r. tracks



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17037 Sabillasville Road
Sabillasville

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west elevation

4/15



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St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
West Elevation

S/15



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17011 Sabillasville Road

Sabillasville

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west elevation

6/15



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17008 + 17010 Sabillasville Road

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east elevation

7/15



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Sabillasville Survey District
17008 Sabillasville Road

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west elevation + outbldgs.

8/15



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17001 Sabillasville Road

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West Elevation

9/15



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16924 Sabillasville Road

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East elevation

10/15



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St. John's Church - northwest corner

11/15



THIS TABLET ERECTED
IN 1930
IN MEMORY OF
THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS IN HARBAUGH
VALLEY, 1760, GEORGE LUDWIG AND JACOB
HARBAUGH, THREE BROTHERS, NATIVES OF
SWITZERLAND, FROM THIS LINE DESCENDED
REV. HENRY HARBAUGH, D.D., AN HONORED
MINISTER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.
DEDICATED AUG. 1, 1931.

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Sabillasville Road

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Harbaugh Memorial marker

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16912 Sabillasville Road
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East elevation

13/15



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16902 Sabillasville Road - house + office

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Fredenck County

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East elevation

14/15



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Cemetery - w/s of road

15/15