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Ca. 1795

Frederick Eichelberger House

Rocky Ridge vicinity

Private

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Rocky Ridge  
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  
Agriculture

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, tool  
shed, blacksmith shop

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-62

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick Eichelberger House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 9520 Longs Mill Road  not for publication

city, town Rocky Ridge  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 William C. and Nancy B. Sydnor

street & number 9520 Longs Mill Road telephone no.:

city, town Rocky Ridge state and zip code MD. 21778

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 907

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 303

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey Paul Brinkman Survey

date 1974 1969  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Frederick County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state MD.

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" 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 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.

(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
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<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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <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	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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### 7.1 Description:

The Frederick Eichelberger House is situated on Longs Mill Road in the vicinity of Rocky Ridge, Maryland. The two story stone house in two parts faces south towards Owens Creek. An important early mill associated with the house formerly operated on the creek. Along with the mill site, the complex with the house includes a substantial, one story stone outbuilding and late nineteenth- early twentieth century agricultural buildings.

The house was constructed in two sections, both stone: the original section, circa 1790, and the later section, circa 1830. The original house was two stories and 4 bays wide with an interior end stuccoed chimney. The gable roof runs east to west and is covered in standing seam tin. Notable detailing includes large stone quoining and a coved cornice. The larger, later section is 2 stories and 3 bays in width with 2 interior end stone chimneys and a gable roof of standing seam tin. Like the earlier section, it is distinguished by large stone quoining. It also has stone lintels.

The principal facades of both sections face south. The large main section has a symmetrical 3 bay facade with central door placement and flanking 6/6 windows with stone lintels. The door is slightly recessed and panelled with a large stone lintel and a 4 light transom. The eave line carries a wooden molded cornice. The original section had 2 central front doors (one was filled in) with arches above the doors. The door openings are flanked by 1/1 windows. The second story has 2 bays with 1/1 windows. A one story open porch is full facade width and lines up with the main section. A door from the main section enters onto the porch: it has a transom and sidelights.

The main section in the north elevation is 3 symmetrical bays wide with center door placement and 6/6 windows. The center window on the second story has placement directly above the first floor center door creating a different fenestration pattern. The original section has 2 openings, a door and a 1/1 window, on each story. The facade is covered with a double porch that lines up with the main section.

The west gable end of the main section has 2 bays on the first and second floors with 6/6 windows and 3 bays in the attic level with 4 windows in each bay. The east elevation reveals 2 attic windows in the main section. In the original section, there also 2 attic windows and no other openings.

The interior of the original section is one room in plan but was originally two rooms (hall-parlor) with a large cooking fireplace in the room closest to the east wall. Some chair rail remains in the room. The main section has a center hall, double pile plan. The two rooms along the south wall, the parlor and the dining room, are the most formal and contain Transitional and Greek Revival detailing. The parlor has astragal molding in the window surrounds and the chair rail. The fireplace mantel in this room has an elliptical curve in the shelf, Adamesque detailing in the frieze and architrave detached round columns. A ceiling medallion is also in the parlor. The rooms along the north wall are less formal. They contain Greek Revival molding seen in the corner blocks in the window and door surrounds and in another mantelpiece with an elliptical curve.

## 7.2 Description (Continued)

A one story, stone outbuilding sits adjacent to the house to the east and is banked into a hill allowing for an exposed basement level. It has a standing seam tin gable roof running east to west. The main facade faces south and has a side door into the basement level and 2 window openings on the second story. The north elevation has a 1/1 window in the basement level and a 4 light fixed window on the second floor. The west elevation contains the door into the second level. The east elevation has an exterior end stone chimney. The interior of the basement contains a cooking fireplace but is otherwise unfinished with a dirt floor. The upper level was plastered with horsehair.

The complex also includes a barrel-roofed concrete block barn with an accompanying barrel-roofed dairy shed. Its principal facade faces south. The gable ends are sheathed in weatherboard. A tool shed and a blacksmith's shop are also located on the property.

### 8.1 Significance:

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The Frederick Eichelberger House stands out in historic context as an important early dwelling house in the area. Its connection with an early mill augments its significance in the development of the region. Several other 2 story stone houses in the Creagerstown Election District can be compared to the Eichelberger House, but this property remains superior as a complex. In particular, the 1830 main section of the house provides a notable example of high style architecture of the early nineteenth century.

Frederick Eichelberger, a German, purchased the property in 1792 from land speculators. The property appears on the 1808 Varles Map as owned by F. Eichelberger. Milling industry at two sites along Owens Creek in close proximity to the house began before 1808. From the 1850s into the 1870s, a merchant and saw mill was operating at the site, indicating a level of some prosperity. A mill is reputed to have operated into the 1920s. The property was purchased in 1973 by William Snyder at which time it was meticulously restored.

Frederick Eichelberger House and Mill  
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9.1 BIBLIOGRAPHY

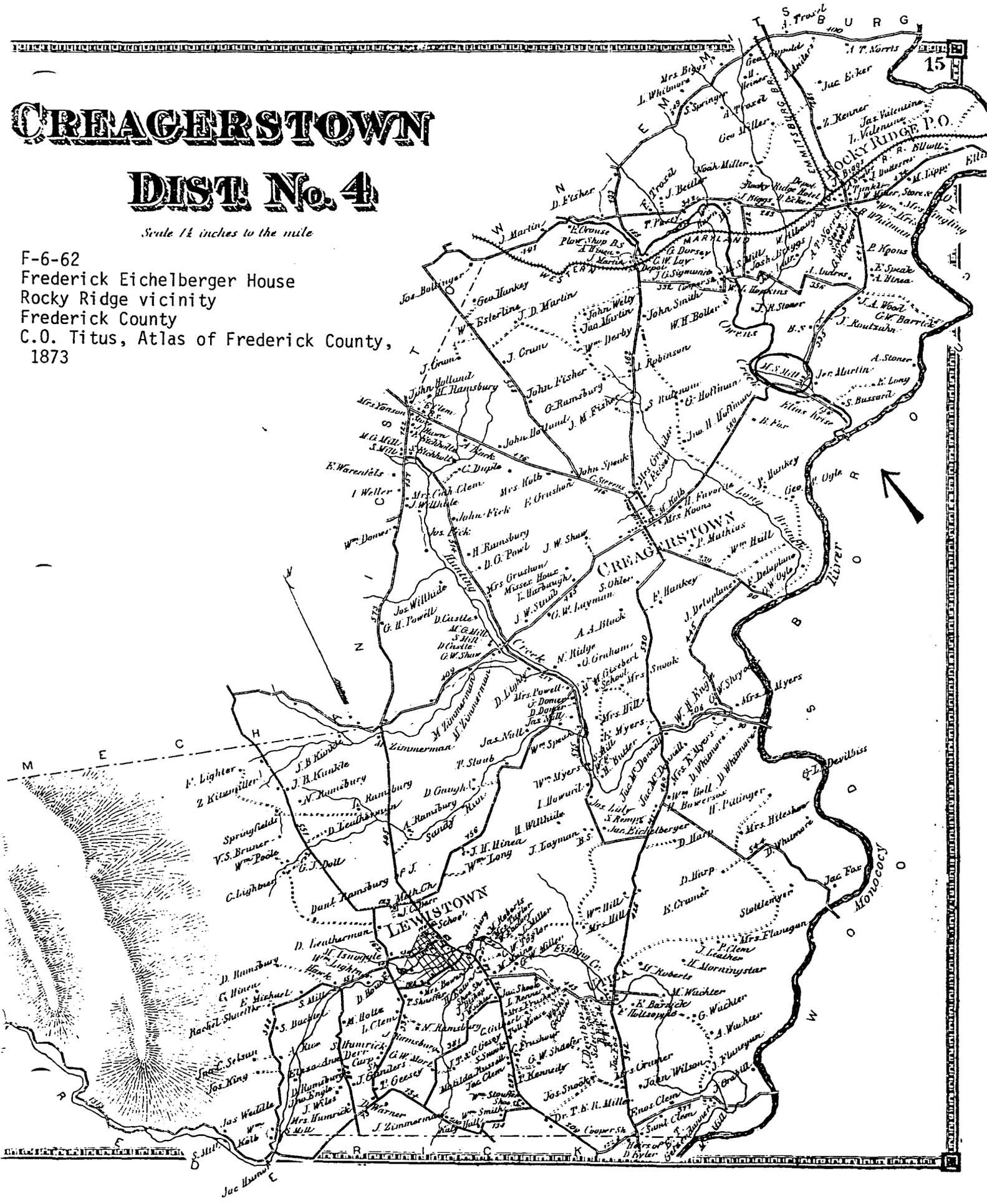
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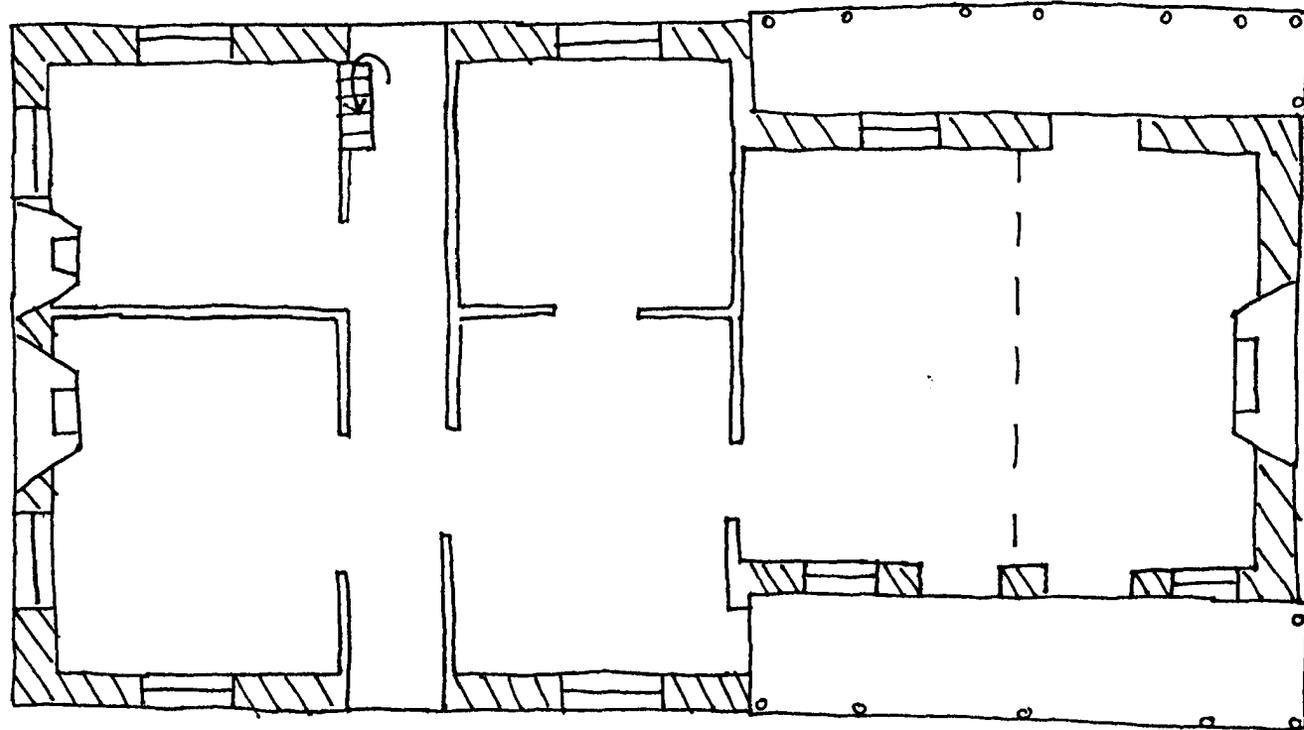
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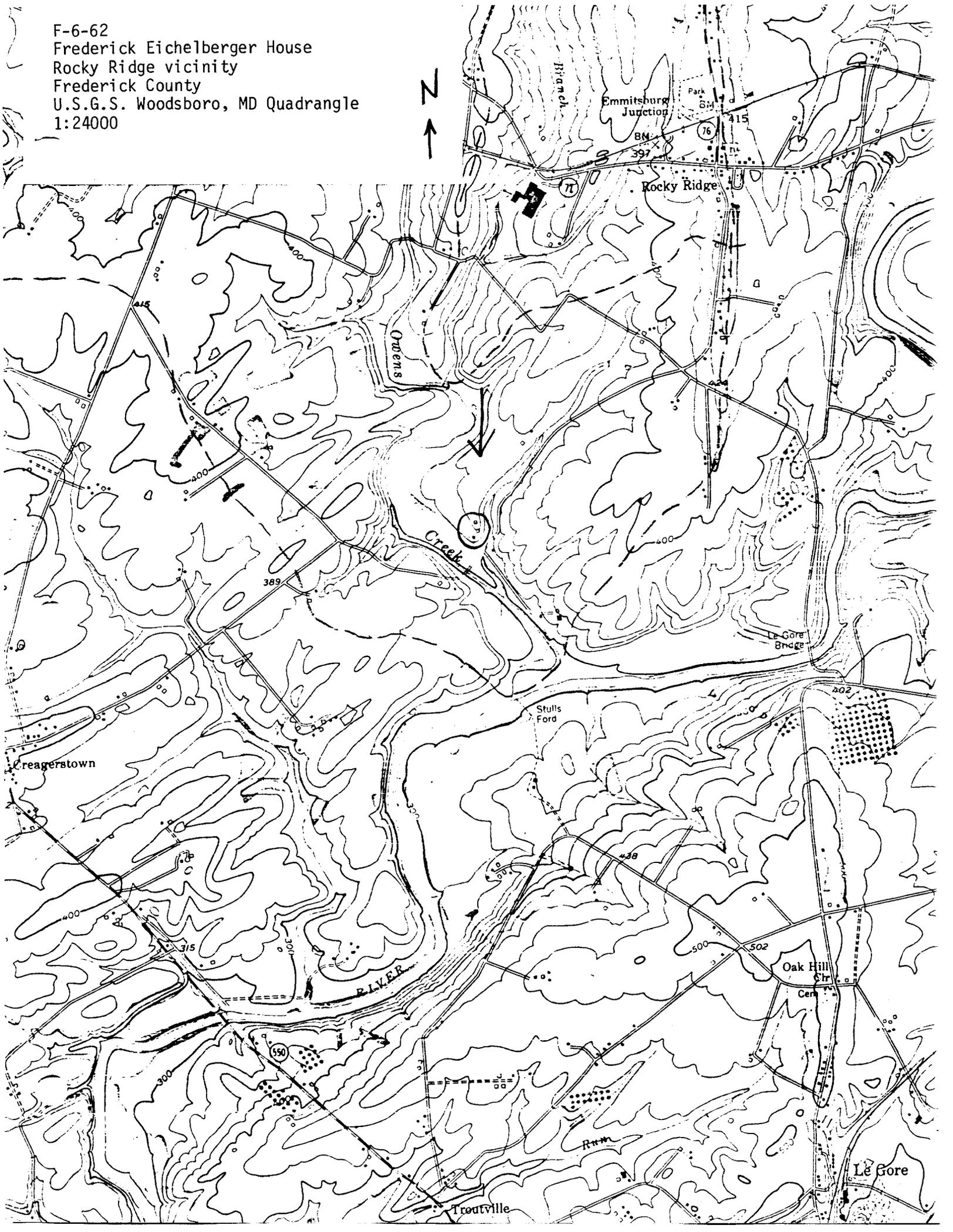
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MARY K SHIPE  
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South elevation

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North elevation

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Stone outbldg - South elevation

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Barn and Dairy

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