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Ca. 1840

Nevins Log House

Thurmont vicinity

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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

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/springhouse
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn, chicken
coop

Known Design Source: None

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-84

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nevins Log House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6994 Eylers Valley Flint Road not for publication

city, town Thurmont 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	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 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 Jane F. Nevins

street & number 560 N Street, S.W., Apt. 8910 telephone no.:

city, town Washington D.C. state and zip code 20024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1555

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 634

city, town Frederick state Maryland 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository 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 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
<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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input 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 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:

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Constructed circa 1840, the 2 story house of log construction with V-notching rests on a stone foundation. Logs are exposed. The gable roof of standing seam metal has one exterior end stone chimney (new). There is a boxed cornice with cornice returns. Window and door surrounds are plain throughout.

The main (north) elevation has three asymmetrical bays on the first floor with two doors and one 1/1 window. The second floor has two evenly spaced 2/2 windows. Marks in the facade indicate an former full facade porch. The south elevation has three asymmetrical bays on the first floor with one door and two 2/2 windows. The second floor has two evenly spaced 2/2 windows. A two story screened-in porch with a shed roof covers half the elevation. The east and west gable ends are two bays wide. There is new weatherboard in the gables. Windows on symmetrical on both floors with 1/1 windows in the west gable end and 2/2 windows in the east gable end. Each gable end has two 1 light attic windows. There is a basement door in the stone foundation on the east elevation.

An early photograph (circa 1900) shows the house sheathed in weatherboard, having 6/6 windows, two brick interior end chimneys and a one story wrap-around porch. There was also a two story ell extending from the south elevation.

The interior has one large room on the first floor; an original partition was removed. All log ceiling beams and walls throughout the house have been exposed. In the attic, there is an unusual structural feature that survives: a 4 feet tall truss that spreads across part of the attic and projected supports into the floor down to the ground level of the building.

Extensive renovations and alterations have been recently undertaken to fit the tastes of the current owner on both the exterior and interior of the building.

Outbuildings date from the mid-nineteenth century. None of the outbuildings are in use. A large stone springhouse is situated several feet to the east of the house. There is quoining at the corners. A gable roof of corrugated tin and standing seam metal runs east to west. There is a door opening on the west gable end. A door and a window opening on the south elevation have flat wooden lintels.

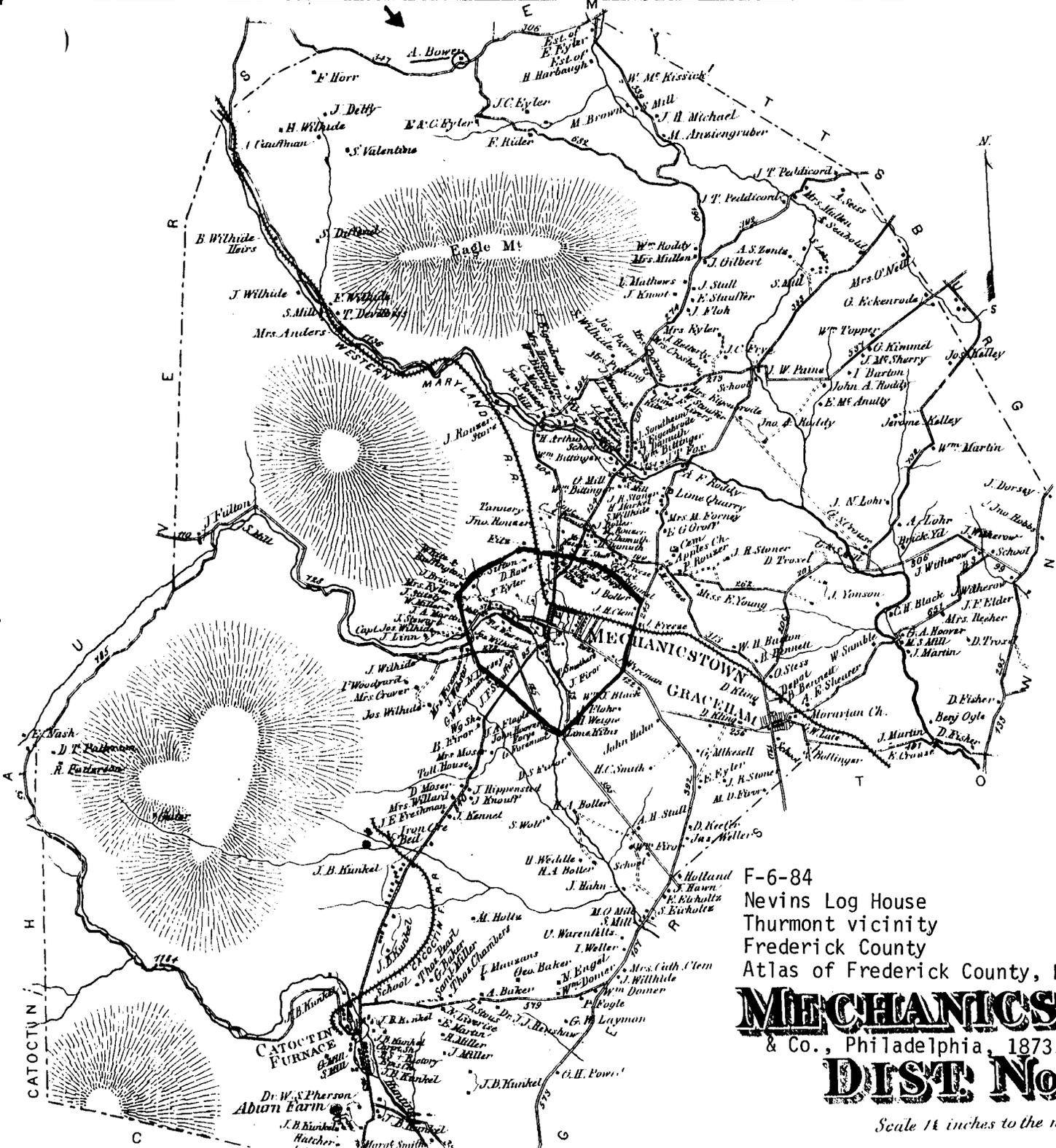
A large bank barn on a stone foundation sits several yards northwest of the house. It is sheathed in vertical siding and has a gable roof of corrugated tin. A drive-through shed with an arched opening is attached. Four stable openings are in the east elevation. There are small square vent windows throughout the building. A chicken coop, located south of the barn, is sided in weatherboard and has a shed roof with exposed rafters. Ribbons of windows are on the east elevation.

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There are many other examples of houses in Frederick County where the log construction material has been exposed. While some log buildings were constructed to be exposed, most of them were sided. Exposing log walls on both the interior and the exterior has become a fashionable trend throughout the county. Unfortunately, it may obscure the integrity of the building as seen in this building, the Nevins Log House.

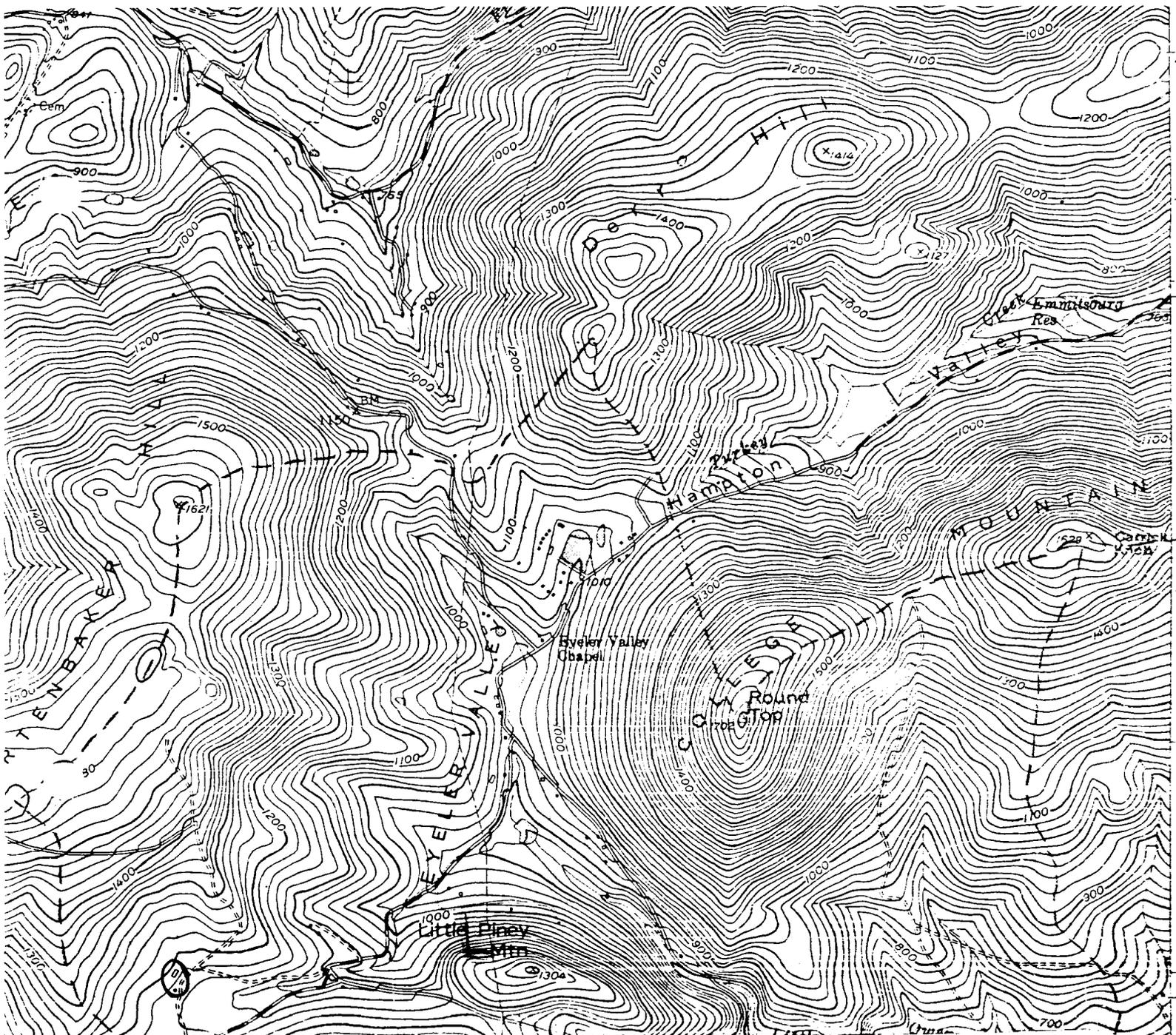
This farm was owned by Mrs. G. Green in 1858 and A. Bower in 1873. It is located in Eyler Valley and may be connected to the Eyler family who owned farms in the immediate vicinity. The land was probably owned by Eylers at one time.



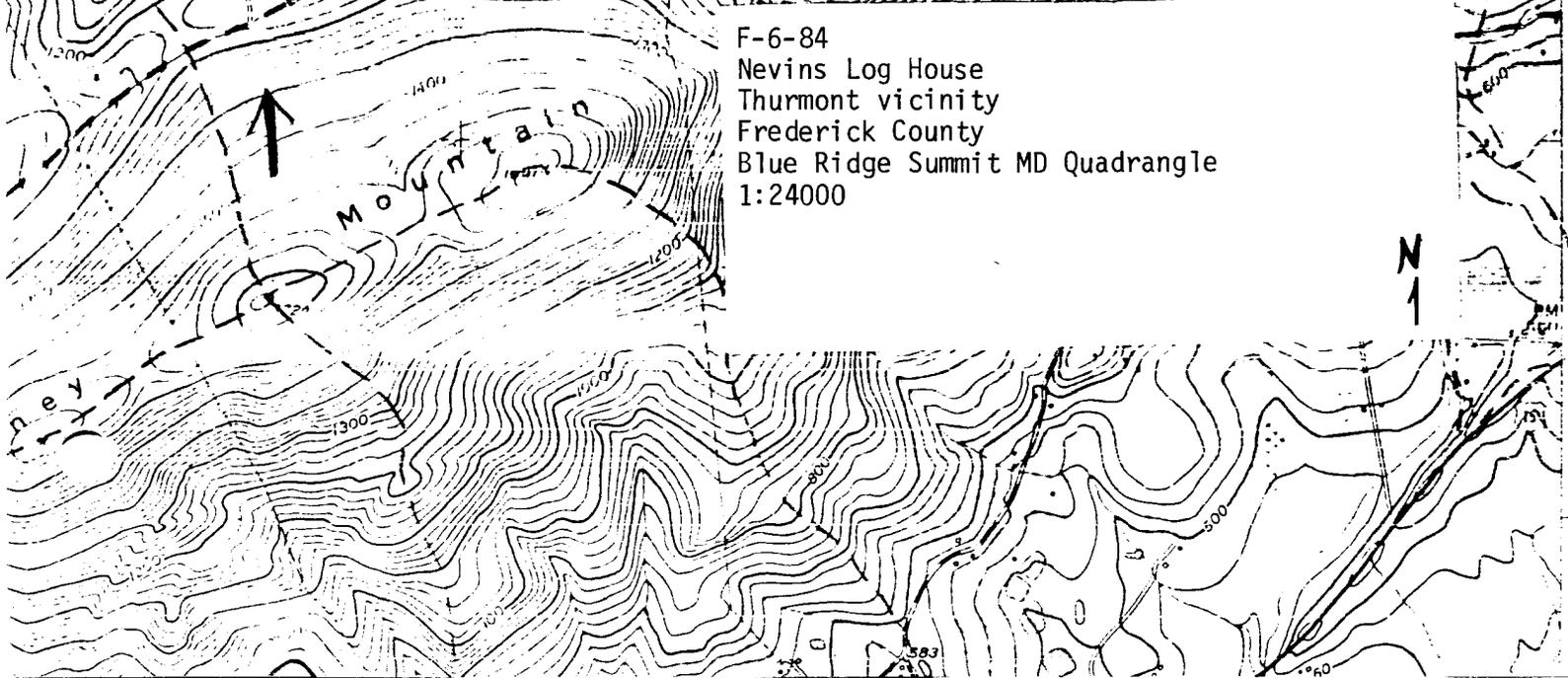
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 Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus

MECHANICSTOWN
 & Co., Philadelphia, 1873.
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Scale 14 inches to the mile



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Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle
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NEG. loc: MHT

With elevation + Springhouse

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Newns Log House

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Eyles Valley Flint Road

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NEG. CO: MHT

South elevation

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NEG loc: MHT

BARN - looking west

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