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Frederick and Emmitsburg Turnpike Road Company Tollhouse

Thurmont vicinity

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Transportation

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Transportation/road-related (vehicular)/tollhouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-91

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick and Emmitsburg Turnpike Road Company Tollhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of N. Franklinville Road not for publication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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name R. Eugene & Carol S. Myers

street & number 14930 N. Franklinville Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code MD. 21788

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1359

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 799

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

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____
x other - slated for demolition 8/91

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 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 checked="" 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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.
Land Deeds, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.
Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titworth & Co.,
Frederick, 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/8 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 13, Parcel 165

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD. 21701

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7.1 Description:

The Frederick and Emmitsburg Turnpike Road Company Tollhouse is located on a North Franklinville Road which was formerly a turnpike running north towards Emmitsburg, Maryland. The building is closely aligned to the road. The principal elevation faces east with the gable roofline running north to south.

Constructed in 1879, the one story brick building has 5:1 common bond brickwork and rests on a stone foundation. The gable roof of standing seam tin has two interior end brick chimneys. There is a corbelled cornice on the east and west elevations and raking boards on the gable ends.

The main (east) elevation has a symmetrical 3 bay facade. The center door has a transom light and a flat wooden lintel and is covered by an entry porch with a shed roof. It is flanked by two 6/6 windows with flat wooden lintels. The west elevation has only one opening: a door with side placement. The north gable end is one bay wide with a center 6/6 window with a flat wooden lintel and a soldier course above the lintel. There are two 4 light attic windows with flat wooden lintels and two basement windows with flat wooden lintels and soldier courses. The south gable end is the same as the north except it does not have the basement windows; instead, it has a door into the basement level.

The interior has a two room plan. There is a boxed staircase to the upper attic/loft level. There is some tongue and groove board on a door and on the staircase. The building has deteriorated but retains some of its original plaster and woodwork.

The tollhouse is scheduled for demolition by the owners in the summer of 1991.

8.1 Significance:

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Tollhouses, once numerous in Frederick County, are becoming a rarity. There are very few surviving in the county. One extant example is the Woodsboro and Frederick Turnpike Company Tollhouse (F-8-1) near Walkersville; this building was restored in the 1980s for commercial use. Its original context has been altered by a surrounding housing development. The Frederick and Emmitsburg Turnpike Road Company Tollhouse compares to this example by retaining its historic setting with minimal intrusions. Although it is structurally unsound, the building has retained original materials, form and appearance.

There was a movement towards improving the road system in Frederick County beginning in the early nineteenth century. Road improvements were needed to boost the agriculturally-based economy of the county. Turnpikes began to be constructed under the auspices of private companies owned by local citizens. These turnpikes were based on a toll system which helped to support their operations. Many tollhouses were constructed in conjunction with the building of turnpikes.

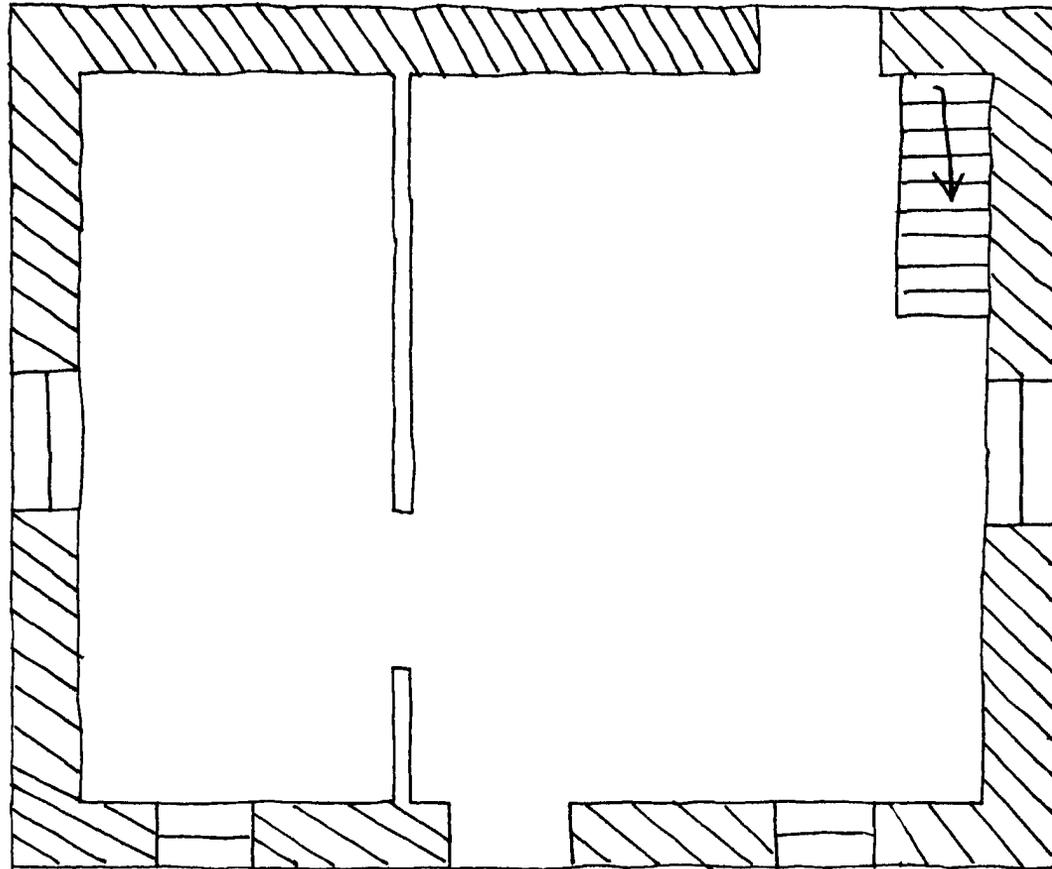
The Frederick and Emmitsburg Turnpike Road Company Tollhouse was probably constructed in 1879 (Land Deed 1359, 799). The turnpike company purchased a 1/4 acre parcel and a 1/16 acre parcel in 1879. Both parcels were part of the tract, "Empty Pocket". The company owned that land until 1911 at which time they sold the property to Minnie Seiss (Land Deed 298, 245). The building probably operated as a tollhouse from 1879 until 1911. After 1911, it was utilized for a residence.

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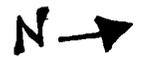
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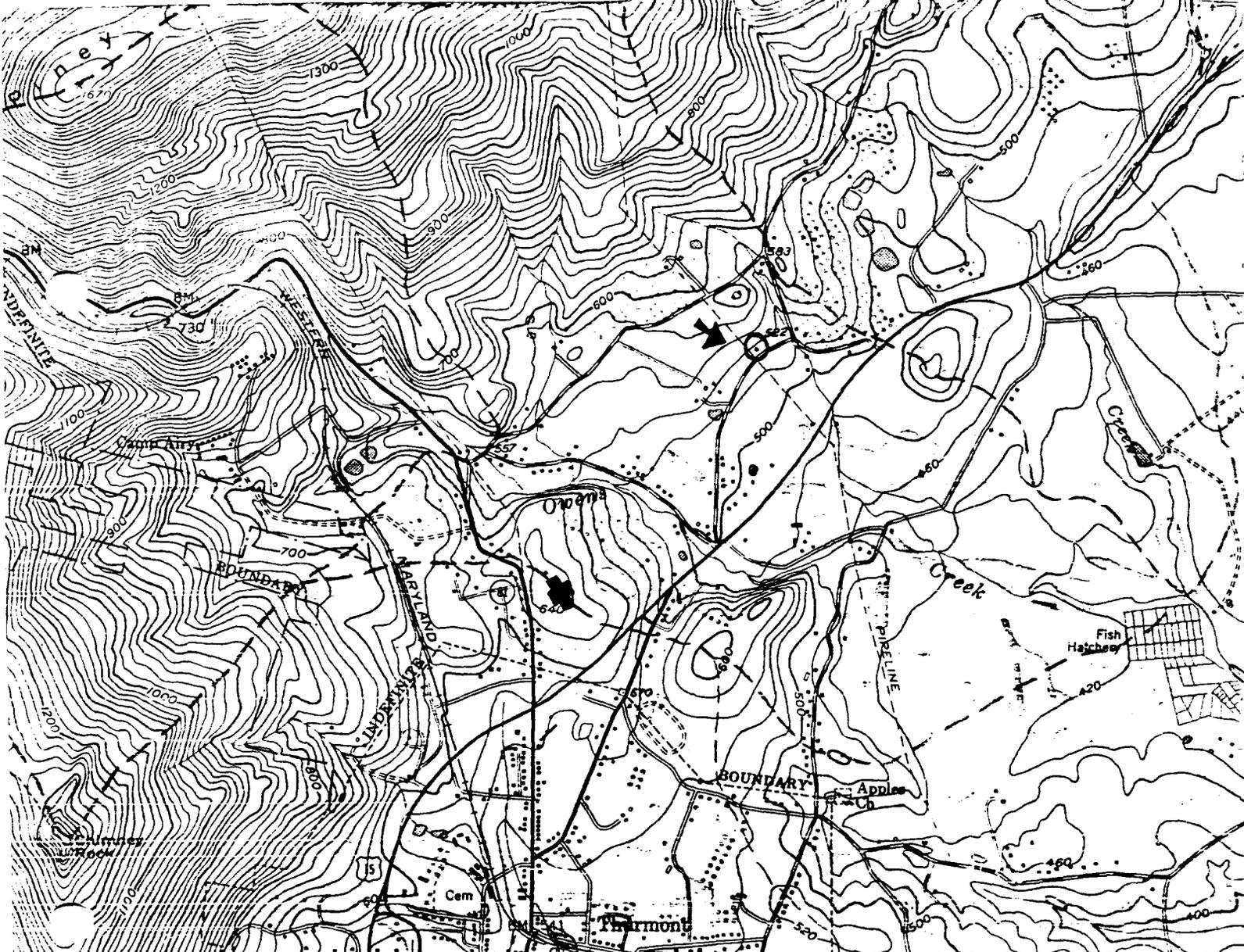
MAIN FLOOR FLOORPLAN



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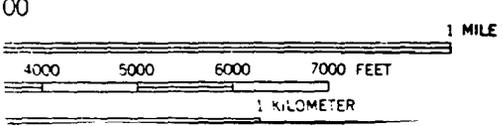
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 Frederick County
 U.S.G.S. Blue Ridge Summit, MD
 1:24000



292 25' 293 2 100 000 FEET (P.A.) INTERIOR- GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20508

THURMONT 2.4 MI. 0.1 MI. TO PA. 77 FREDERICK 16 MI.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	=====



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Frederick + Emmitsburg Turnpike Rd. Co. Tollhouse

N. Franklinville Road

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Frederick County

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July 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

east elevation

1/3



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east elevation

2/3



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N. Franklinville Rd

Turnout vicinity

Frederick County

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July 1991

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view looking southwest

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