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Ca. 1880

Smith Road House

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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Thurmont  
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

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-92

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Smith Road House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 15719 Smith Road  not for publication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	<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 Robert B. & Carol L. Long

street & number 15719 Smith 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 1046

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 875

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.61 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 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 14, Parcel 86

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

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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### 7.1 Description:

The Smith Road House is located on Smith Road in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. The principal elevation faces south with the gable oriented on a east-west axis. A garage is located to the south of the house across Smith Road.

Constructed circa 1880, this two story frame building is sheathed in aluminum siding and has a stone and concrete foundation. It is characterized by narrow proportions (two bays wide) and a small scale. The gable roof is covered in standing seam tin and has one exterior end brick chimney. A one story side addition is attached to the west elevation of the main block and has a standing seam gable roof.

The main (south) elevation is 2 bays wide with symmetrically placed openings. The first floor has a 2/2 window and a door opening; the second floor, two 1/1 windows. A one story open porch extends the full facade and has a shed roof of standing seam tin and square columns. It is decorated with carved bargeboard. The south elevation of the addition is two bays wide. It has a paired window with 6/1 lights and a door. The north elevation has 1/1 windows. It is covered by a one story enclosed porch with a shed roof and bay windows.

The east gable end is one bay wide with symmetrical windows: a 2/1 window on the first floor, 1/1 on the second, and an attic vent window. The west gable end has the same openings as the east. The one story side addition has a paired window.

The garage is comprised of two sections: a gable-front section and a flat-roofed section. Each section has a large door opening. The building is sheathed in asphalt shingling. The roofline is covered in corrugated tin.

### 8.1 Significance:

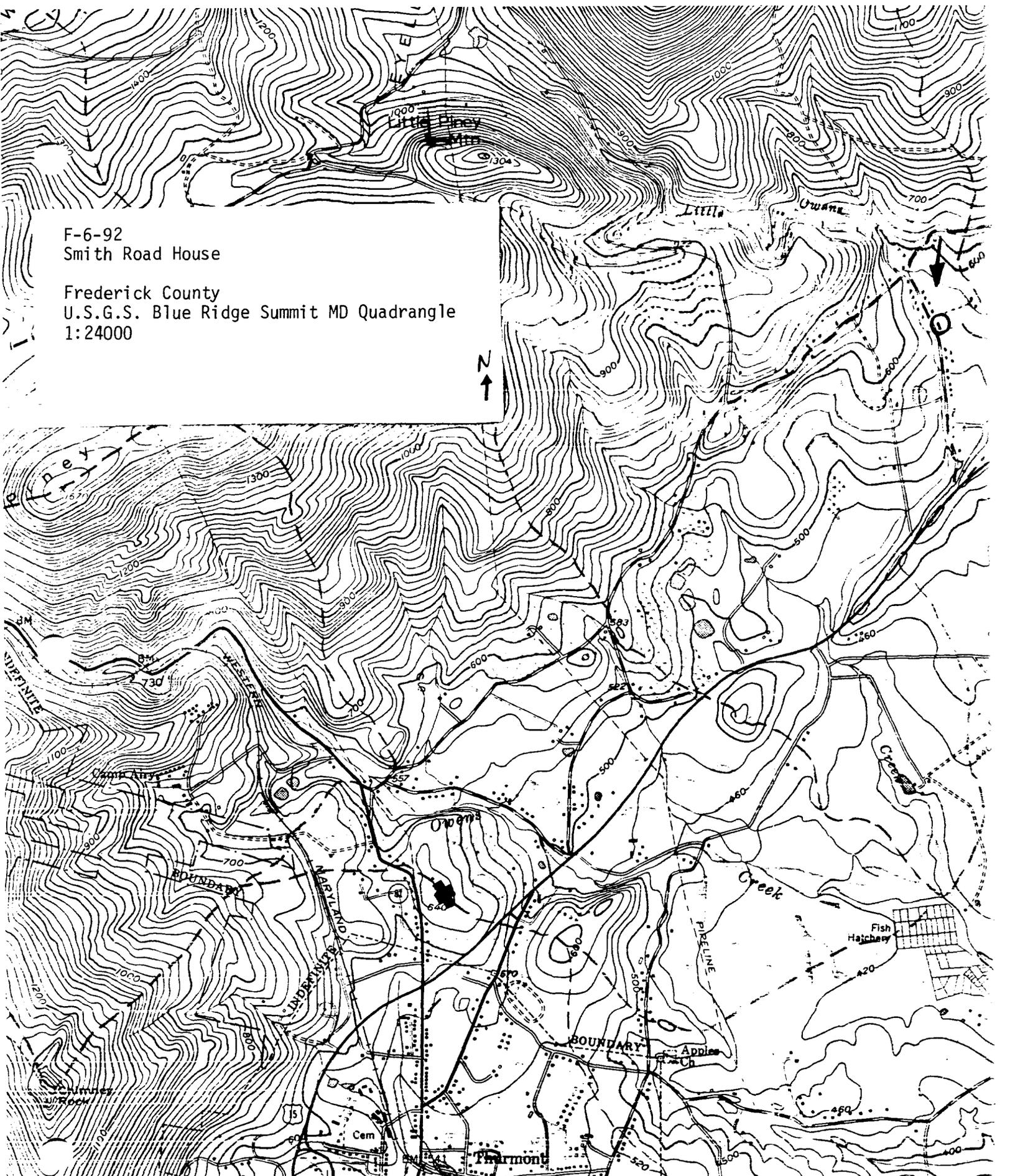
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This building has undergone typical alterations and changes seen in the county including the use of siding and replacement windows. In form, however, the building demonstrates a vernacular design not common in the county. One other example of this type is located approximately 3/4 miles from the Smith Road House on 15663 Kelbaugh Road.

The Smith Road House was probably constructed circa 1880. The area between Thurmont and Emmitsburg experienced growth and development during the late nineteenth century and into the early twentieth century. The property was a part of the concentration of late nineteenth century building on Smith Road.

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



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0.1 MI. TO PA. 77  
FREDERICK 16 MI.

1 MILE

4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
1 KILOMETER

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



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photo: MARY K SHIPE  
June 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

South elevation

1/2



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Northeast corner view

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