

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Accident Survey Number: G-II-B-125

Project: US 219 Projects from Bear Creek Agency: FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Ron Andrews Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Accident is a linear village consisting of approximately 40 building lining the east and west sides of US 219 (Main Street). Accident is significant as one of the first settlements in Garrett County and as an example of a nineteenth- and 20th-century farming community. However, according to information presented in the survey form and in conversations with Ron Andrews and Donna Ware, it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register as a district because it is fragmented by a number of modern intrusions. It was not identified as eligible in the Coal Region survey.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: G-II-B-125

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Elizabeth Hannold Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date June 15, 1992

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R Andrews Reviewer, NR program Date 16 June 92

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Village

Known Design Source: N/A

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Accident Survey District
Accident
Private

Mid-19th and 20th centuries

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Accident is significant as one of the first settlements in Garrett County and as an example of a nineteenth-and 20th-century farming community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Accident Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

US Route 219 South (Main Street)

CITY, TOWN

Accident

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

21520

COUNTY

Garrett County

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"/> MUSEUM
<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Accident Survey District is a group of thirty-eight buildings, located along the E and W side of US Rt. 219 S (Main Street) in the town of Accident. The topography of the district is even but incorporates a slope from NE to SW.

The district's 38 buildings include twenty-eight dwellings, two churches, two stores, one school, one bank, one post office and three garages, and make up a range of periods and types from the 1840's to the early 1900's.

The earliest dwelling now standing in Accident is House No. 24, on the W side of Main Street near the district's northern end. The house is a two-story, three-bay by two bay dwelling facing SE, with a gable roof and a one-story shed addition attached to its NW elevation. The house rests on a stone foundation and is covered with weatherboarding. The house has six over six sash windows and the central facade door has a formal surround with a transom and five paned sidelights. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and the box cornice returns on the gable ends. The house has one brick stove chimney on the NE gable end and the first floor of the facade is covered with a shed porch. The shallow pitch of the roof, the returning cornice, the size and number of lights in the windows and the formal door surround, as well as the replaced central bay in the second floor of the facade where a door and porch may have been removed all suggest a date of 1840 or earlier, making this the oldest domestic example in the district.

Certain distinct forms characterize most of the other examples in the district. Houses 3, 20, 21 and 25 show similar plans of ell-shaped houses with the ells facing the street and the entrances and facade porches filling the ells. House 25 represents the typical western Maryland style found throughout Garrett County. Houses 7, 9, 12, 33, are similar in their use of broad facades of five bays with or without the use of porches. House #37, one of the more prominent residences represents the Queen Anne style. Houses 2, 6, 36, and 38 represent cross-gable type, with more ornate embellishments suggestive of the Queen Anne style. House #8 is a good example of the neo-rationalistic style or four square house.

The two churches no doubt were at one time the center of Accident social life. Zion Lutheran Church #1, exhibits the typical architectural arrangement of churches in Garrett County. Before it was covered with aluminum siding, the church displayed decorative elements, such as exposed decorative studs and diagonal brackets which are characteristic of the Eastern Stick Style. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, #32, is built of locally manufactured brick, on an ell plan, with the bell tower filling the ell and providing an entrance to the church.

The three utility buildings, lookely grouped under the name "garages", include a one-story, gable-end facade garage (#5), probably built in the early 1900's, a two-story brick garage (#17) that probably dates from the 1930's, and a very plain frame and brick gable-roofed building (#15) probably used as a machine shop.

The two stores in Accident (#5, 10, and 31) were probably constructed as private homes and then added to for retail space. Number 31 is no a novelty and sundry store and number 10, Matthews Grocery, is still a food store, Number 10 is possessed of a very fine pressed tin ceiling.

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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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES mid-19th and 20th centuries BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Accident is significant as one of the first settlements in Garrett County and as an example of a nineteenth and 20th century farming community. The buildings show a range of vernacular types and historical periods from the mid-nineteenth through the twentieth centuries.

Accident takes its name from the error made by two surveying parties in 1774, when Lord Baltimore opened his lands west of Cumberland for settlement. The 2 surveying parties, working independently, were unaware that they had surveyed the same tract of land. The name was bestowed on the tract by its patent's first holder, Brooke Beall. The first settler on the tract was James Drane, whose house still stands (G-II-B-010). Later English settlers came to establish a community and in the 1840's and 50's, the town expanded with an influx of German settlers from Pennsylvania.

Accident in the nineteenth century, like Accident today, was established primarily for the convenience of the farms that lie in this area of Garrett County. The town has had a small percentage of industry, including two tanneries and several local sawmills. Modern industry includes a Southern States Plant and a small industrial park.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns, Historic Site Surveyor

June 1981

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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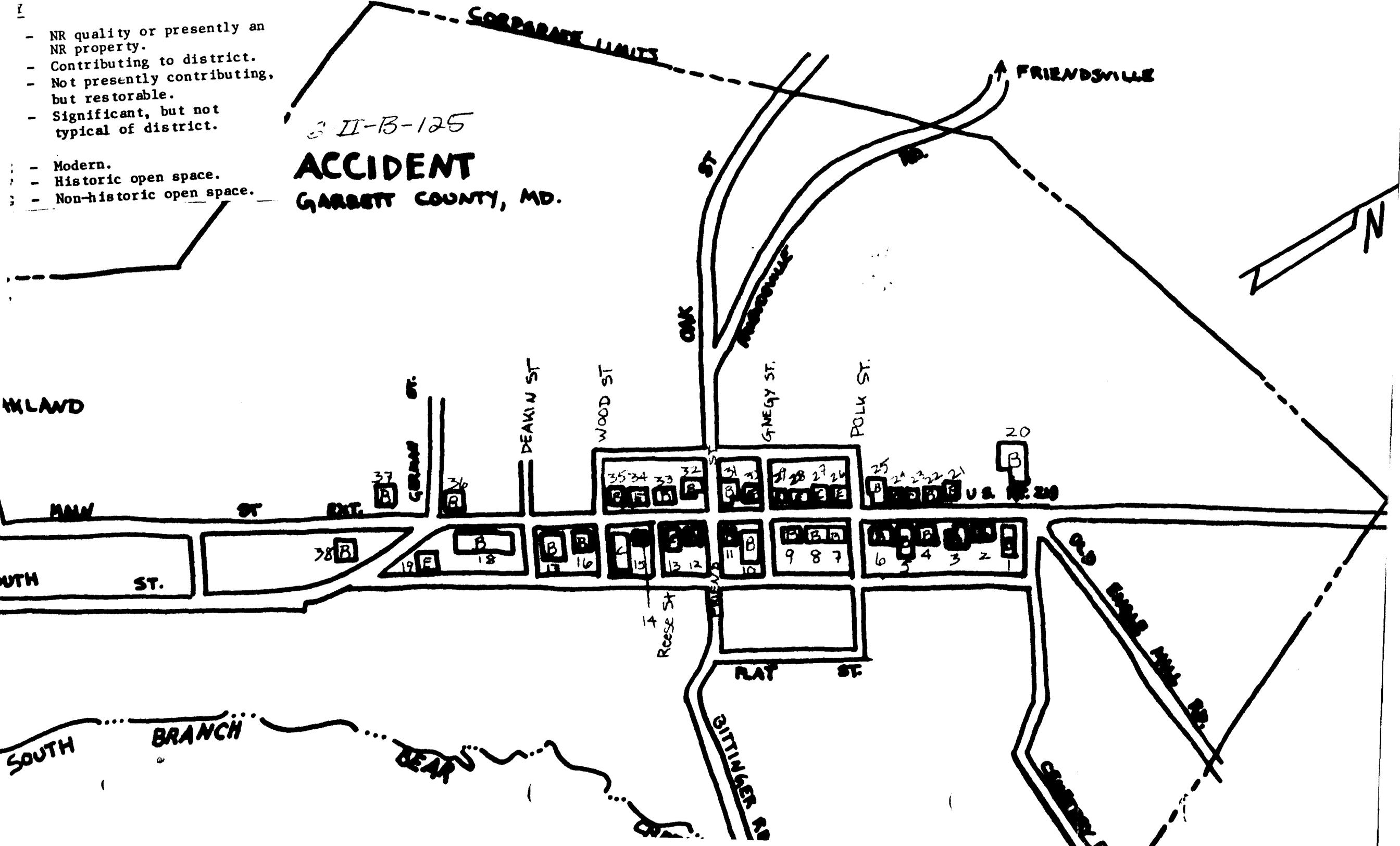
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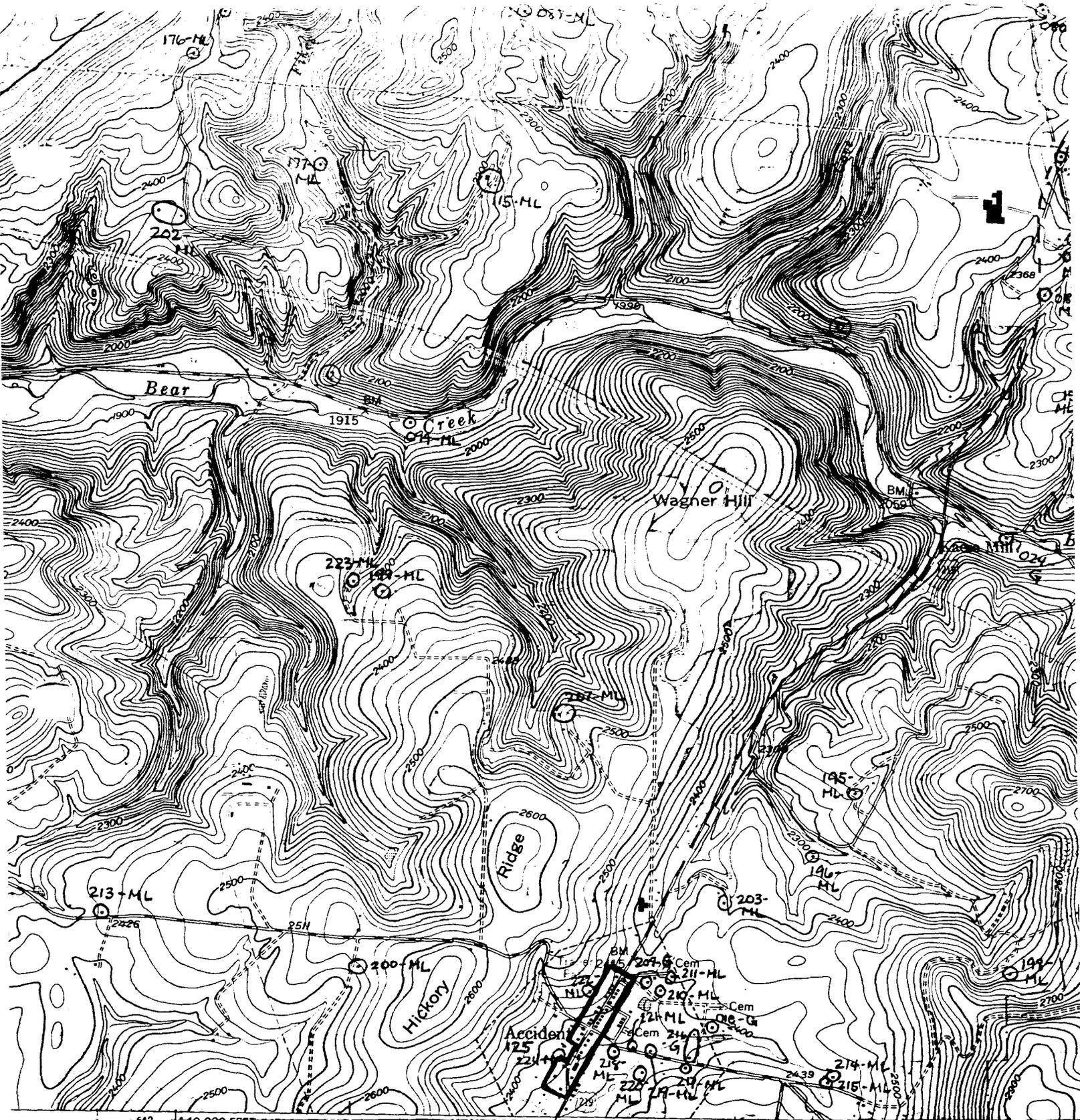
Accident Survey District
(Continued #7 - Description)

The Accident School has had wings added to a central pavilion and has had several renovations. The alterations, while changing the appearance of the school, are sympathetic modernizations and expansions, unifying the older with the newer sections.

- NR quality or presently an NR property.
- Contributing to district.
- Not presently contributing, but restorable.
- Significant, but not typical of district.
- Modern.
- Historic open space.
- Non-historic open space.

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ACCIDENT
GARRETT COUNTY, MD.





Accident: MD;PA
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1948; photorevised 1974

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Accident Survey District
Accident; US Route 219 South (Main St)



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

House #2 6-16-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD

A. Burns 10-20-81

House #20



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

House #7 6-16-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

School 6-16-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., A. Burns

House #37 6-24-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., A. Burns

House #8 6-16-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

Church 6/16-81



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Accident Survey District

Garrett Co., MD A. Bruns

Store 6-24-81



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Accident Survey District

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

Streetscape Main ST, looking SW

6-16-81



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., R.L. Andrews 6/10/

House #24



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Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., MD A. Burns

Streetscape looking SW Main St.

6-16-81



G-II-B-125

Accident Survey Dist.

Garrett Co., A. Burns

Streetscape looking SW Main St.

6-16-81