

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Crellin Historic District Inventory Number: G-IV-A-070  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic district:  yes  no  
City: Crellin Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Garrett  
USGS Quadrangle(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Prepared By: HUD/CD  
Preparer's Name: Karen Richmond Date Prepared: 10/21/1981  
Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes  no Listed:  yes  no  
Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended   
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

MHT Comments: The Crellin Historic District was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Susan G. Garrison, Keeper

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Reviewer, National Register Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Tuesday, October 27, 1981

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Crellin Historic District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Crellin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE     MUSEUM  
 COMMERCIAL     PARK  
 EDUCATIONAL     PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 ENTERTAINMENT     RELIGIOUS  
 GOVERNMENT     SCIENTIFIC  
 INDUSTRIAL     TRANSPORTATION  
 MILITARY     OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**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"/> 1700-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**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

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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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  
(301) 267-1438

## CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Crellin Historic District is significant as a well-preserved example of a company town which served the lumber, railroad, and coal industries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These industries were vital to the development of Garrett County during this period.

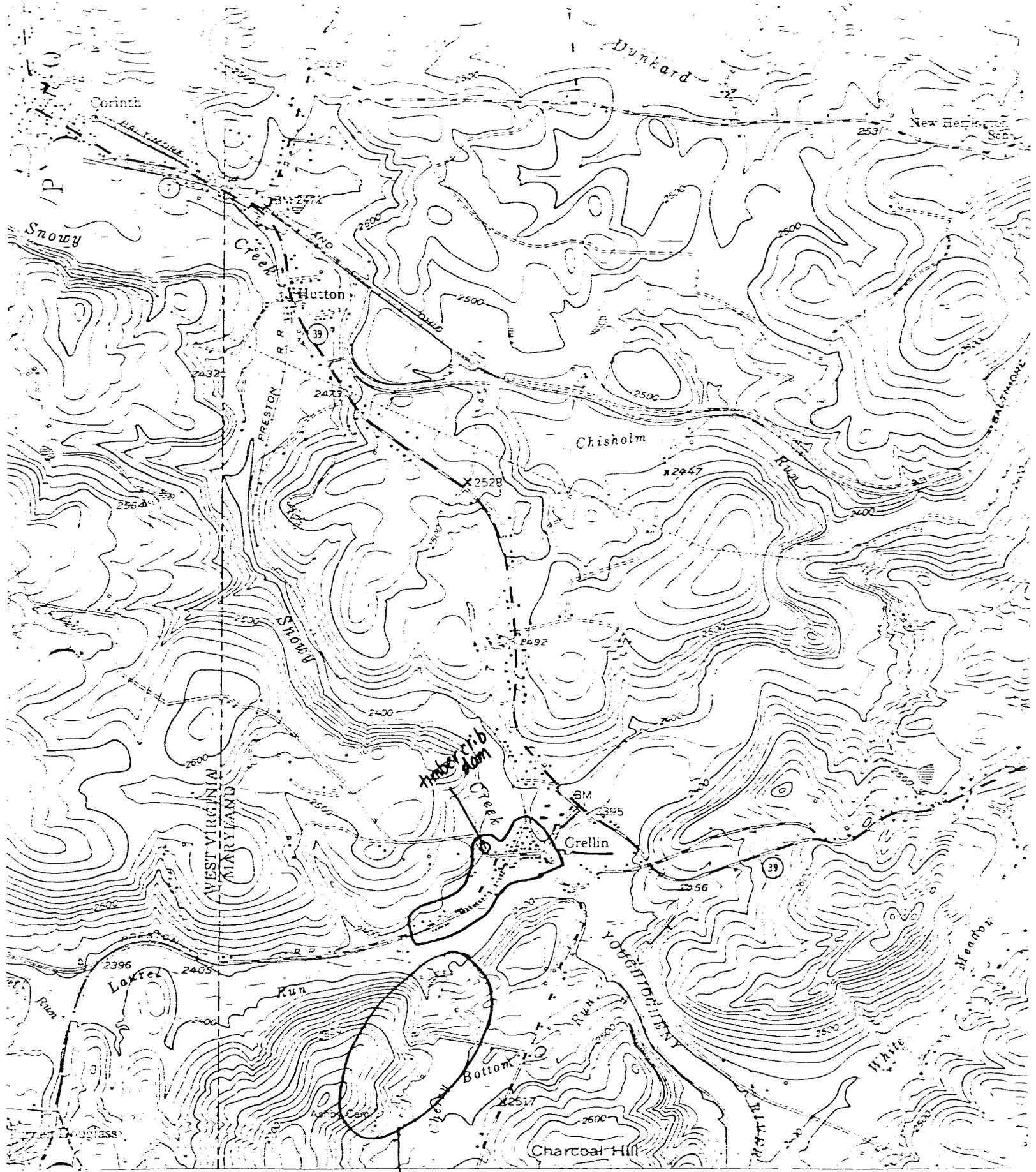
The area designated on the attached map, focusing on Crellin's Main Street, encompasses the resources which have retained the most integrity and which are most clearly evocative of Crellin's company-town heritage. The western limit of the Historic District is marked by a mid-19th century timber crib dam on Snowy Creek (photo 1) which was associated with the earliest efforts at lumber milling in the area. At the east end of the District is the site of the large commercial sawmill, railroad, and coal mining operation which was directly responsible for the establishment and growth of the town during the period 1891-1925. Main Street, running east-west, connects these focal points thematically as well as physically; it is lined with simple frame company-built workers' houses (photos 3, 8, 9, 10 ), which contrast with the larger, more elaborate superintendent's house set in a shaded yard at the west end of the street (photo 2). Main Street is punctuated by the company store (foreground, photo 4; background, photo 10), Methodist Church (photo 5), and elementary school (photo 7). Alterations to these resources are generally limited to the application of synthetic siding and the enclosure of porches; considerable integrity of form, association, and feeling remains. The company store is particularly notable in this regard; built in 1896, it remains practically unchanged inside and out.

Snowy Creek Dam  
Crellin

c. 1850

The Snowy Creek Dam, located in the Crellin Historic District (G-IV-A-070), is a timber crib dam approximately 4 feet high that spans Snowy Creek at the western edge of the town of Crellin. William and Thomas Ashby constructed a dam at this site circa 1850 to power an "up and down" sawmill which no longer exists. The mill operated for forty years until the Preston Lumber Company's sawmill was built in 1891 at the opposite end of town on the Youghiogheny River. The site of the Ashbys' sawmill is occupied by the Kendall House, built in 1907 for Samuel Kendall, owner of the Kendall Lumber Company which was successor to the Preston Lumber Company.





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SCALE

Ashby Settlement



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Crellin Historic District

Garrett Co., Md.

C Crawford 8/81

Main St. S. Side, looking E.



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Crellin Historic District

Garrett Co., Md.

D. Ware, 8/81

Company Store, Facade, N. elev.



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Crellin Historic District

Garrett Co., Md.

C. Crawford, 8/81

Snowy Creek Crib Dam looking N



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Garrett Co. Md.

C. Crawford, 8/81

Main St., Looking E.N.Side



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Crellin Historic District

Garrett Co., Md.

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Main St., S. side, looking E.



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Crellin Hist. Dist.

Garrett Co., Md.

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Company House, S. elevation



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Garrett Co., Md.

C Crawford 8/81

Church, S. elev.



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Crellin Historic District

Garrett Co., Md.

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School: W elevation



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Garrett County, Maryland

Superintendent's House  
View from Southwest



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Garrett County, Maryland

Main Street, looking northeast from Company  
Store, showing former elementary school



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Garrett County, Maryland

Former Elementary School

Main Street

View from Southwest



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

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Company Houses

South Side of Main Street

View from Northwest



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Company Houses and Store  
South Side of Main Street  
View from Northeast



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

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Garrett County, Maryland

Company Houses

South Side of Main Street

View from Northwest



4 CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT  
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FIGURE 175.

South Side of Main Street  
View from West  
Company Store in Foreground



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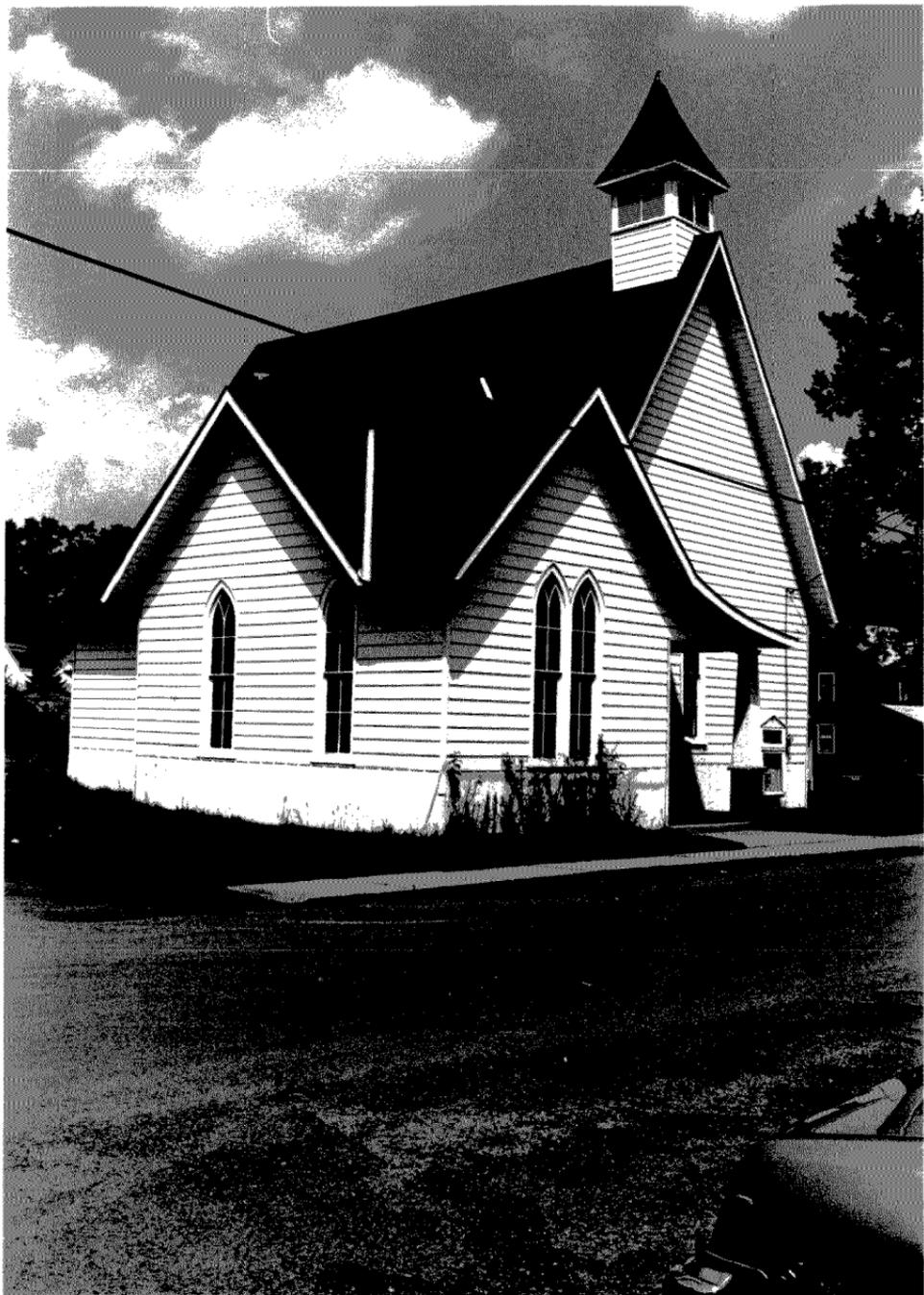
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Garrett County, Maryland

North Side of Main Street

View from West



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CRELLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

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Garrett County, Maryland

Methodist Church

View from Southwest



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Garrett County, Maryland

Timber Crib Dam on Snowy Creek