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Swanton Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station  
Swanton  
Private

ca.1900

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This station is significant architecturally as an intact example of an early twentieth century Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company-built station. It gains additional significance due to its importance to the lumber industry and to the transportation needs of the local population.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Swanton Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station

AND/OR COMMON

Swanton B &amp; O. Railroad Station

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Swanton Hill Rd., N side, E of intersection with railroad tracks.

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED                   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" 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                   | <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 type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: NONE |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chessie System

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**

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                              | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <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**

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The station is located approximately ten feet from the southeast side of the railroad tracks which pass through the eastern end of Swanton, a small town consisting of about twenty-five late nineteenth century to mid-twentieth century buildings. This section of track is part of the Seventeen Mile Grade that stretches from Piedmont, WV. to Altamont, MD. along the ridge of Backbone Mountain.

The facade of the building (north elevation) is four bays long. The two center bays are 4/4 sash windows with plain board surrounds. The westernmost of these two windows is incorporated into a one bay projection, the only irregularity on the simple rectangular form of the building. The western end of the facade is pierced by a set of double doors each door having two recessed panels that are filled with diagonally set boards. The two doors, side by side, create a chevron pattern. A single five-panel door (three horizontal panels over two vertical panels) occupies the easternmost bay of the facade. Both doorways are topped by transom lights that have been boarded over. The single door was most likely used for passenger service while the set of double doors was used for freight storage. The east endwall is pierced by a window which is now boarded over; the west endwall is un-fenestrated. The rear elevation has three openings which have also been boarded over. The center and eastern bays are the size of the window openings while the western bay is window height but is as wide as the set of double doors.

The upper two thirds of the exterior walls are covered with a variation of German siding. The boards are standard width but the beveled edge which is characteristic of German siding is filled with a large bead molding. The treatment of the lower third of the building resembles wainscoting in its use of board and batten siding outlined by a molded "chair rail" and a plain "baseboard". The "chair rail" passes just below the level of the windows, doubling its use as a sill at those points.

The tar paper-covered hipped roof has a concrete capped brick chimney situated on the ridgeline. The eaves project a couple of feet beyond the walls and are supported by large, chamfered brackets with decoratively trimmed ends.

The building is no longer used by the railroad company, but it stands in good repair.

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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**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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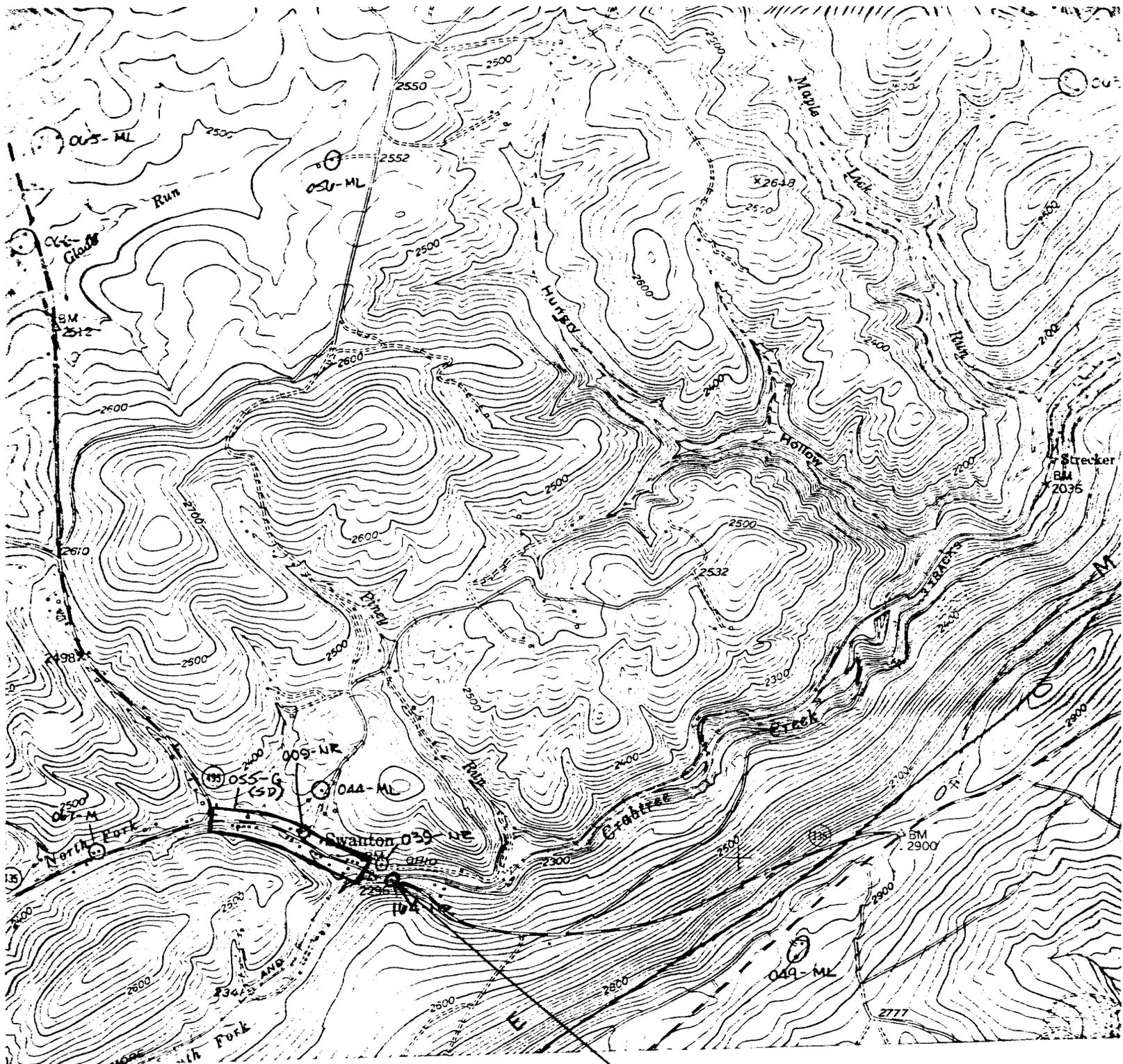
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Garrett County Courthouse, Plat Book 1, folio 95, undated plat of  
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Interview with Mr. John Rhodes, retired B & O track foreman at  
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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
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