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

Property/District Name: Forest Hill Survey Number: HA-1949

Project: MD 24/Jarrettsville Road intersection improvement Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ 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)

Based on the information provided by SHA, the village of Forest Hill in western Harford County meets National Register Criteria A and C as an historic district. The crossroads community is composed of approximately 60 properties, largely late 19th and early 20th century vernacular dwellings, but also including a general store and railroad station. Despite some modern intrusions, the village retains a high degree of integrity and conveys a sense of the turn-of-the century crossroads community. The town grew up at the intersection of Rocks Spring Road (MD 24) and old Jarrettsville Road in the middle of a largely rural agricultural area of Northwestern Harford County. In the third quarter of the 19th century, the town consisted of a store and Quaker Meeting House (neither extant) as well as a few houses. It was not until the arrival of the Maryland and Pennsylvania railroad in 1880 that the town took off. The village served as commercial center for the surrounding countryside.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory form HA-1949, (HA-1273, HA-1271, HA-1215 - previously inventoried resources within the HD)

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Elizabeth Hannold February 2, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Quanda Padgett Feb. 5, 1996
Reviewer, NR program Date

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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): Domestic, Commercial, Social, Religious

Known Design Source: na

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Harford County, Maryland

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Piedmont (Harford County)
Chronological/Developmental Period (s):	Industrial/Urban Dominance AD 1870-1930
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning, Economic (Commercial and Industrial), Religion, Transportation
Resource Type:	
Category:	District
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function (s) and Use (s):	Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence Commerce/Bank Transportation/Rail-related/Train Station Religion/Church
Known Design Source (write none if unknown):	Unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HA 1949

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Forest Hill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 107 W.-40 E. Jarrettsville Road
2508-2323 Rocks Spring Road (MD 24) N/A not for publication

city, town Forest Hill _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	_____ agriculture _____ museum
_____ building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ work in progress	_____ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
_____ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	_____ entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
_____ object	_____ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	_____ government _____ scientific
	_____ being considered	_____ yes: unrestricted	_____ industrial _____ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	_____ no	_____ military _____ other:

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

name Multiple-Public and Private

street & number N/A telephone no.: N/A

city, town Forest Hill state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse liber n/A

street & number _____ folio N/A

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

_____ ository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. HA 1949

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			<u> </u> N/A

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. HA 1949

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 checked="" 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 1850-1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

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Forest Hill Historic District
Harford County, Maryland

Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description

The Forest Hill Historic District is a small rural village located northwest of Belair, and in the center of the largely agricultural county of Harford County, Maryland. Composed of approximately sixty properties, it retains a high degree of integrity despite the intrusion of some non-historic resources in the form of a new post office, bank, school and veterinary facilities, plus gas station, contemporary brick ramblers and industrial buildings.

The largely late nineteenth and early twentieth century simple vernacular dwellings which comprise the regular and orderly streetscapes range in style, but are mostly frame, two-story structures, with design affinities to foursquare, bungalow, cottage and cross-gable I-house styles.

This crossroads village grew up around the intersection of Rocks Spring Road (MD 24) and Old Jarrettsville Road. It was not until around the turn of the century that the village expanded beyond six structures, which included the Sehinuk and Roe Store and Quaker Meeting House near the crossroads, neither of which is extant. The Maryland and Pennsylvania (Ma and Pa) railroad which was built through the village in 1880 was the main impetus for the development of the little country town.

Prior to the establishment of the Forest Hill Post Office in 1852 the crossroads was unnamed, referred to as the place where the road from Hickory to Cooptown crossed the road from Bellair [sic] to Raitts Mill (Liber HD29, Folio 232, Land Records of Harford County).

The town of Forest Hill is located on one of the highest points in Harford County, overlooking the Rocks of Deer Creek. Originally forested, it was part of the "Upper Node Forest". It was settled by the Quakers in the mid-nineteenth century. Prominent among the families settling in Forest Hill were the Vails, Roes, Hulls, Havilands and others. Lindley M. Vail came to Maryland from Quakertown, New Jersey, and settled in Forest Hill in 1865. The Quaker Meeting House, no longer extant, had been built fifteen-years prior to his arrival. As membership had dramatically declined by 1930, the meeting house remained unused for over a decade until it was removed in 1942.

The Roe and Tucker families were also prominent in the early history of Forest Hill. Despite the fact that currently there are no stores in Forest Hill, the crossroads community had traditionally been the location of at least one general

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Continuation Sheet 7.2
Description

store, usually more, which sometimes housed a post office or served as the train depot for the Ma and Pa Railroad until a station was construction. The village served as a market center for the general area.

The original mercantile business at Forest Hill was established by John D. Roe prior to the Civil War. After returning to Forest Hill from serving in the Union forces, Eli Tucker formed a partnership with Mr. Roe and business expanded. Later Eugene Tucker became head of the firm of E. Tucker and Company. Under his guidance this became one of the largest mercantile concerns in rural Maryland. In 1914 the frame store building burned, and the business was relocated to the brick building (Kleins Store, HA-1273) sold to Mr. Klein in 1948, which is now the location of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Of the twelve or so businesses which existed in Forest Hill in the mid-twentieth century only four of the functions that were traditionally served are currently carried out (but as new operations and in new structures): the Chevron Gas Station in the northeast quadrant of MD 24 and Old Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill Bank in the southwest quadrant, plus the Centre United Methodist Church (1905) north of the gas station, and the post office, located in a south (new) wing of Kleins Store.

Typical dwellings in the village, mostly dating to the early decades of the twentieth century, include a wide range of vernacular forms, none of which are outstanding examples of any particular style, but which collectively create pleasing and coherent streetscapes. The buildings are situated with generally uniform setbacks from the road, with mature vegetation. Few if any period outbuildings remain.

There are three previously identified resources which are already included on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties: Klein's Store (HA-1273)), a 1914 brick store greatly expanded, altered and currently used for offices of the Agricultural Research Service; the Forest Hill Railroad Station (HA 1272), currently used for offices; and the site of the Forest Friends Meeting House, (Quaker Meeting House) (HA-1215). The Meeting House is no longer extant, but the site is marked by the burial ground, currently included in the Friends Community County Park.

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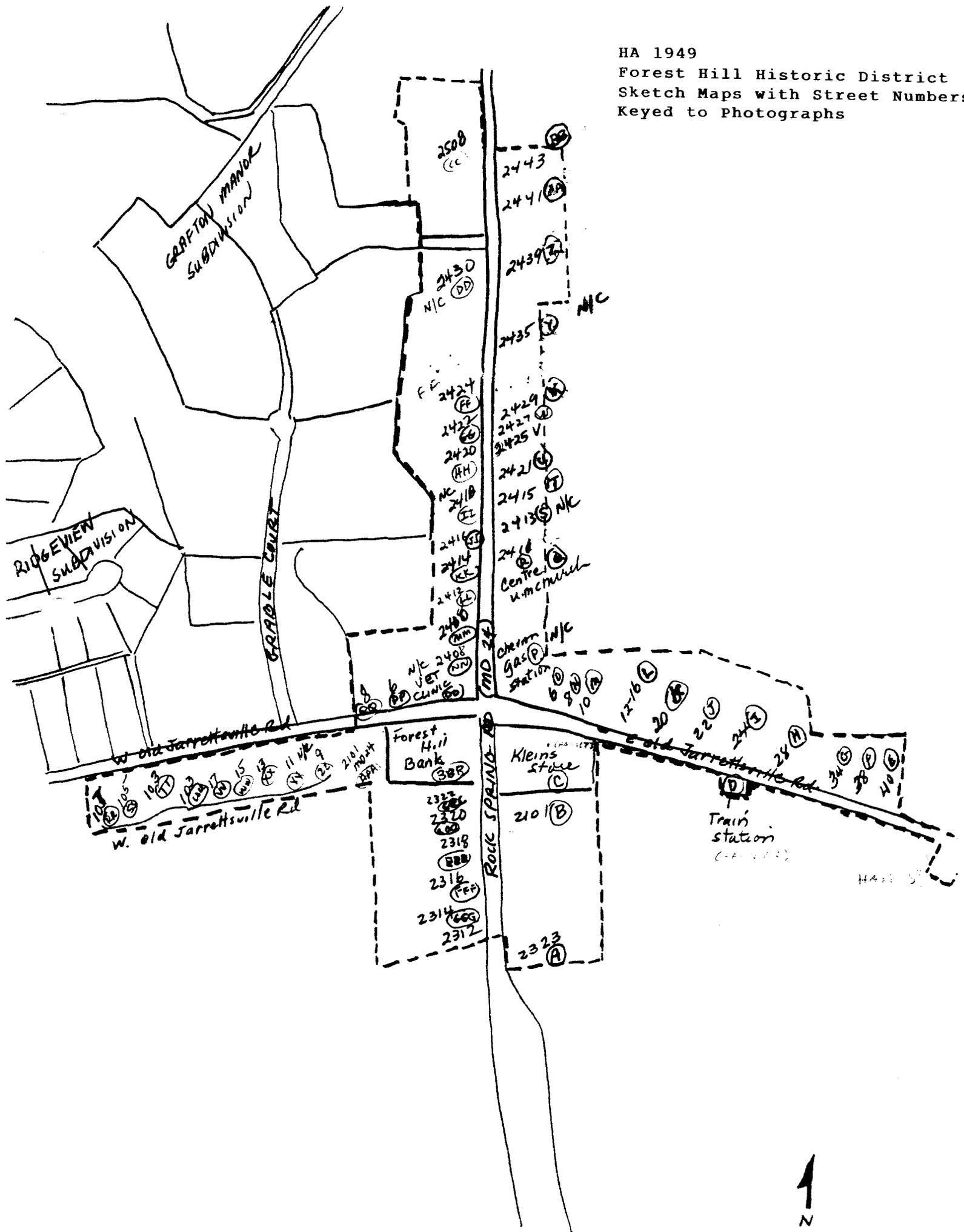
Continuation Sheet 8.1
Statement of Significance

The Forest Hill Historic District is significant historically for its role as a regional market center in central Harford County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Architecturally the district acquires significance from the residential structures, plus the Centre United Methodist Church and the former "Ma and Pa" Railroad station, dating primarily to the early decades of this century. Apart from two new structures at the crossroads (MD 24 and Old Jarrettsville Road), a new school, industrial buildings on the south side of E. Old Jarrettsville Road, and several new houses scattered through the small village, the Forest Hill Historic District exhibits a strong sense of historic integrity and continuity.

HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Sketch Maps with Street Numbers
Keyed to Photographs





HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District, Harford County

R Suffern, 12/95 Md. State Highway Admin

W. Elevation of site (A)

Dwelling

2323 MD 24

1/59



HA 1949 Forest Hill Historic Abstract
Harford County MD
R. Sufferess 1495 Md State
Highway Admin.
W. Elevator of site (B)

2315 MD 24

2/54



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Harford County, MD.

R. Saffers 12/95

Maryland State Highway
Administration

Kleins Store (HA 1273) (C)

3/59

South Elevation



HA 1949
Forest Hill Historic District
Harford County MD
R Suffern 12195
Md State Hwy Administration
Kleins Store (HA 1273) ©
North Elevation

4/59

HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford County MD

Ruffner 12/95

MD. State Hwy Adm

Railroad Station (HA 1272)

NW corner (D)

5/59



HA 1949
Forest Hill Historic District, Hartford City
Ruffin - Ind State Hwy it down 12/95

Dwelling, S. Elevator

40 E. ^{old} Jarrettsville Rd (E).

6/5 9



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford County

R. Suff. 322 12155

17th State Hwy Admin
Dwell. Site Elevations -
old

38 E Jarrettsville Rd (F)

7/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford County, MD

R. Suff. 12/55

Mid State Hwy Admin

Dwelling, S. Elevation

20 E^{old} Darrettsville Rd (G)

8/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Weston District

Harford Co Md

Ruffin 12/95

Ind State Hwy Ad. —

Dwelling, 5. Elevator —

16 ~~Ruffin~~ Jarrettsville Rd (H)

9/59



HA1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co MD

R Guffron 12/55

Md State Hwy Admin

Dwelling, S. Elevation

24 E ^{old} Jarrettsville Rd (E)

10/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Houston District, Harf. County

R Supt. 12/5

Md State Hwy Admin

22 E. ^{oed} Barrettville Rd. (T)

Dwelling S Elevator

"/59



HA 10149

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford City, Md

Registered in 1955

And State Highway Admin

Dorchester, S. Elevator

20 E. Jarrettville Rd (K)

12/5 9



HA 1549 Forest Hill Newton District
Harford Co, Md
R. Craftman 12/11
with State Army Admin
Dwelling, South Elevation

12, 16 E. ^{old} Jarrettsville Rd (L)

13/5 9



4A 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co. Md

P. S. 111 - 12/12/49

1st State Hwy Admin

Quality Survey Elevations

10 E. rd Jarrettsville Road (111)

14/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co, MD

R. Buffum, 12/25

MD State Hwy Adm.

Deerlee, Smith & Associates

8 East ^{old} Jarrettsville Rd (N)

15/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill ~~Weston District~~

Harford Co. Md

R. Gifford 12/55

Md State Hwy Admin

Dwelling, S. E. 1st

6 E. ^{old} Jamieson Rd (O)

11/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Houston District

Harford Co, MD 12/95

12 Sufferess MD State Hwy Admin

Chercon Gas Station (P)

NE quadrant of MD 241

Old Garrettville Rd

SW corner

17/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District, Harford
County

R Suffress 12/98

MD

Ind State Hwy Admin
Church, S. W. Corner

Centre U.M. Church (Q)

18/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co MD

R Suffern 12155

MD State Hwy Admin

Dwelling (R)

2411 MD 24 SW corner

19/59



NA 1949

Forest Hill West District

Harford Clay Co

R. Saffers 12/25

M.D. etc. along Adams

Dwelling

2413 MD 24 (S) N/C

20/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Ctn

R. Luffner - 12/55

MD State Hwy Adm

Dwelling, w. Elevation

2415 MD 24 (T)

2/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Hayford County

2 Cuffins 12/55

MD State Hwy old main

Dwellings (u)

24 21 rd 24

West elevation

22/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Station District
Harford County MD

R. Sufress 12/95

Mid State Hwy Admin

Duelling, (V)

South Elevation

29 ~~28~~ MD 24

23/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford County

R Suffren 12195

Md State Hwy Adm

Dwelling w elevation

2429 MD 24 (N/C)

(W)

24/59



HPA 1949

Forest Hill Heston District

Harford Ck MD

R. Suffren 12/95

MD State Hwy Admin

West elevation

Dwelling (X)

24 ~~29~~ md 24

25/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Postoffice District
R. Suffern 12/95
Mid State Hwy Admin

Dwelling (Y) N/C
243 ~~1~~ MD 24
26/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Newton District
R Suburban 12/95

Mid State Heavy Admiration

Dwellings (2) W Elevation

2439 mid 24

27/59



L/A 1949

Forest Hill Westchester
Harford County
R Suffern N.Y. 10988
Mr & Mrs Henry Adams

Dwelling (P.O.) W. E. Adams

2441 RD 24

28/5^a



HA 1949

Forest & Watershed N. West
Harford City

R September 1949

And state heavy stream

Dwelling (BB) water stream

2443 MD 24 Site (BB)

297/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Harford Cty MD

R Supper 12/95

Ind State Hwy Admin

Dwelling (CC)

2508 MD 24

~~EAST~~ elevation

30/59



MA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

R Suffern 12195

Mid State Housing Assoc.

Dwelling (D)

3430 MD24

West elevation

31/59



4A 19-1 140 ft City, MD

East End Station District

12/95

and state (Maryland)

Doubling

2426 (EE) MD24

East Elevator

32/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Harford Co MD

R Suppressor 12/75

MD State Hwy Admin
Dwelling

2424 MD 24 (NC) Site FF

East Elevator 1

33/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Entrance District

Harford City MD

R Suffern 12/95

3rd Gate Hwy Adm

Building (GG)

2422 rd 24

East Elevator

34/59



17A 1747

Found shell bed in basement
Harford St

Ruffs. 1st 1st 1st

17th St. Henry Adams

Dwelling (HA)

2426 10024

East Elevator

35/39



HA 1921

From the

... ..

... ..

... ..

Dwelling (II) N/A

247 175 - 4

36/59



MA 1949

To the Hill Westside District

1700 1st St

R Suffern 12/7

and State Hwy Adams Linn

Dwelling (77)

2416 MD 24

37/59



H A 1949

Forest Hill Station District

Harford Co,

R. 2 off. on 1415

27 - 27th Ave. Hwy. School

Double of (LK)

24th or 24

Line = Fawcett

38/59



NA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

House & by road

R 5000. on 12/15

road with Harry A. ...

Dawson

2412(LL) 2nd st

East E. 10th st

2/1/59



HA 1949

Faint text, possibly "Forest Hill Station" or similar.

140 f d nly

R. S. P. 12/15

12th State Army

Drawing (m)

12/15/49

East Elevation

40/59



HA 1949

Larest Hill Station District

Harford City

R Suffren 12/95

Ms State Hwy Station

Dwelling (NW) East of Station

3408 MD 24

4/59



MA 1949

Forrest Hill Westchester

12/1/49

Had a letter being Admitted into the

Veterinary Clinic (OO) N/C

New York State
and old James Howell PE

4/2/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill West Hill District

14 Bedford City, MD

R Suppression 12/95

2nd State Hwy Adams

Dave Hwy PP

6 West Old Jarrettville Rd

43/99



HA 1949

Forest Hill Middle Street

Harford Co, MD

2. Diff. 1215

Old State Hwy. Adams

Dwelling (GG)

8 West Mt. J. ...

South Elevator

44/59



NA 10/29

Found old Hartman's

Wagon at

Ruffian's

Yard near to of

Dwelling (RR)

105 W. old Jarrett's Mill RR

NE location

45/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Garage Section
Newport City

Ruffin Co. 12/19

Just inside town station

Drawing (SS)

11 1/2 miles

103 W. Old Garrett Hill Rd

46/59



LA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co

2 Sufferer 12/55

and State Hwy Admin

Dwelling (#11)

W E 1/2 section

103 W. 5th St. Harford Co Md

47/59



NA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Fairfax City MD

R Suffern 12/55

MD State Hwy Adm

Dwelling (u)

~~17~~ West view garden wall & tree

NE Elevation

48/59



NA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford (by MD)

R. Buffum 12/65

Old State Hwy Adson

Quelling (VV)

15 W Old Jarrettville Rd

N. E. Adson

49/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Station - The Court

1 Fairfield City

R. S. Gifford - 12/195

- Mid State Army Station

D. S. Gifford (w/)

13 W. 1st St. - Henderson Rd

N.E. - 10/195

50/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Boston District
1 Hartford Cty

R Suffern 12195

Ind State Army Arls

Dwell (FY) NC

" 42000 Janettsville Rd

N elevation

51/59



H/A 1949

Forest Hill Historic Dist. CT
140 York St

R Coffman 12/55

And State Hwy Adsoom

Dwelling (22)

9 W. Old Jamesville Rd
NElevation-

52/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co,

R Suffern 12155

Ind State Hwy Admin

Dwell. AAA

2001 Mar 24

IV Elevation

53/54



1/18/1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Co MD

Bluffton 21915

Ind State Hospital Comm

Commercial Building

Forest Hill Bank N/C

W. Elevator BBB

54/59



MA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Harford City

R. Saffron 12/15

Ind State Hwy Allow

Dwelling RCC

2322 Md 24

E. Elevation

55/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Assn District

Harford County

R Suff. 1215

Md State Ag Admin

Dwelling DDD

2320 MD24

E. Elevation:

56/39



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District
Harford City

R Suffern 1895

Md State Hwy Admin

Dalling (EEE)

2318 MD 24

E. Elevator

57/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill Historic District

Harford Cty MD

Ruffness 12195

Mid State Hwy Admin

Dwelling (FEF)

2316 MD24

E Elevation

58/59



HA 1949

Forest Hill House in District

1 Fairfax City MD

R Suffern 12/19

Met State Hwy Adm

Dwelling (666)

2312 MD 24

59/57