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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word process, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mt. Lena Survey District

other names/site number Smoketown; MIHP #WA-II-166

2. Location

street & number Mt. Lena Road not for publication

city or town Boonsboro vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Washington code 043 zip code 21713

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency or bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register.
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determined eligible for the
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determined not eligible for the
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removed from the National
Register.

other, (explain:) _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
42	36	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
42	36	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
In the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

- DOMESTIC/single dwelling
- COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store
- COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant
- EDUCATION/school
- RELIGION/religious facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

- DOMESTIC/single dwelling
- COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store
- RELIGION/religious facility
- VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

- No style
- OTHER/bungalow/bungaloid (Sears or Modern Homes type)
- OTHER/institutional

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation Limestone
- walls Log, frame, brick, vinyl, aluminum
- roof Asphalt, metal
- other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development
Transportation

Period of Significance

Ca. 1790-1946

Significant Dates

1904 (electric railway)
1946 (U.S. Route 40)

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designed a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Maryland Historical Trust

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Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 116 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	Zone	Easting	Northing

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Multiple property owners

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Summary Description

The village of Mt. Lena is located on Mt. Lena Road in east central Washington County, Maryland, at the western foot of South Mountain. Meandering Mt. Lena Road, originally the main road through the region, has been superseded by the U.S. Rt. 40 bypass which runs straight across the northern edge of the village. Mt. Lena Road runs predominantly west (slightly north) to east (slightly south), so the surveyed buildings are described as being situated along the north and south sides of the road.

Mt. Lena Road curves in a southeasterly direction off of Rt. 40 at the west end of the village, passing along fairly level land through the heart of the community, then rising and winding among the more widely scattered dwellings along the foot of the heavily wooded mountain, to rejoin Rt. 40 to the east. Roads intersecting the main street, from west to east, are Lum's Lane and San Mar Road running south, Crystal Falls Road running north, and Greenbrier Road running south. Remnants of the graded Hagerstown & Myersville Railway right-of-way can still be seen along the north side of the Brethren Church lot. Several mountain streams flow diagonally, mainly northeast to southwest, through the village. Residences, set on generous lots, and farms adjoin all sides of Mt. Lena. The racetrack from Mason-Dixon Drag Raceway west of town extends to the western edge of the village on the south side.

The main characteristic of Mt. Lena is its irregular appearance. There is no regular pattern of lots as seen in most incorporated towns. Buildings are located all along the road until near the intersection of Greenbrier Road, at which point settlement is more scattered, except for a group of 19th century dwellings near the western end of Mt. Lena Rd. Clusters of houses are, however, interspersed with larger lots and vacant parcels. The village lots are of various sizes and shapes, interrupted by sites which appear to be small farms predating the settlement of the village, such as 21256 and 21274 Mt. Lena Rd.

The majority of buildings in Mt. Lena are vernacular in appearance, rather than any particular highly developed style, and with little stylistic influence. Groups of specific architectural types are not readily apparent, due to the patchwork of settlement and modern infill. Upon closer study, however, there are examples of several building types built throughout Mt. Lena's historically significant period. Most of the buildings have been altered with modern materials such as aluminum or vinyl siding and new windows and chimneys. The buildings retain their historic character through basic form, although many architectural details are no longer extant. The Mt. Lena Survey District includes 42 contributing buildings and 36 noncontributing buildings. Outbuildings were noted but not counted as contributing or noncontributing.

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Physical Description

The original center of Mt. Lena, called Smoketown on the 1877 Atlas Map of Washington County, is located around the intersection with San Mar Road. It is difficult to identify just which particular extant buildings match up with the sites depicted on this imprecise historic map. Comparing the location of the small stream that flows through this part of the village with its location on the 1877 map helps to identify likely historic houses and lots. Several buildings apparently dating from the second half of the 19th century remain in this area, such as 21280, 21304, 21306, 21309, 21310, 21317, 21318, 21321, 21325, and 21327 Mt. Lena Rd. These vernacular buildings are mainly two-story structures of wood-frame or log construction.

The house at 21327 Mt. Lena Road appears to be constructed of brick but is actually a brick-cased log building which was occupied by Mary Sheale/Shealy as shown on the 1877 map. Three 1 1/2-story dwellings, 21310, 21318, and 21325, may be of log construction as well. The building at 21306 Mt. Lena Road could be the hotel operated as early as 1860 by Jane Winders. The easternmost structure at 21309 Mt. Lena Rd. appears to have been one of the store buildings in town in the 1870s.

Several institutional structures still stand in Mt. Lena. The ca.1920 Mt. Lena School was at least the third school building in the village. This brick building is currently vacant and deteriorating. Two historic churches are standing and active. Both structures exhibit the typical 19th century gable-front 3-bay chapel form. The United Brethren in Christ Chapel, now Mt. Lena United Methodist Church, was built of stone in 1879. This is a very late example of vernacular limestone construction. The chapel was later enlarged with two types of faux-stone construction; the vestibule and belltower of cast stone or rusticated concrete block in 1923, and the rear addition covered in formstone in the late 20th century, resulting in a building which displays three types of 'stone' construction. The Mt. Lena Christian Union Chapel, now the Independent Christian Church, was originally built ca.1878 on the site of the first Mt. Lena School. The structure was rebuilt in wood frame construction in 1913.

Early buildings in the extended Mt. Lena village, dating from the mid to late 19th century, fall into two types: two-story farmhouses, and small 1 1/2-story frame or log houses, referred to as cottages or cabins. Both types are usually three bays long and stand on stone foundations. Two clusters of 1 1/2-story cottages, one including 21310, 21318, 21325 and 21356 Mt. Lena Rd. near the center of the village and the other including 21619, 21620, 21625, and 21631 Mt. Lena Rd. at the eastern edge of the settlement on the foot of the mountain, are typical of 19th century rural laborer's housing. Two buildings whose log construction is exposed rather than covered with siding are 21356 and 21620 Mt. Lena Rd. The former, recently renovated, appears to date from the mid-19th century, whereas the latter appears to date from the late 19th century.

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Examples of farmhouses include 21256, 21274, 21334, and 21514 Mt. Lena Road. They feature the typical L-shaped plan typical of the period in this region. These properties, all located on the north side of the road and therefore facing south, include small timber-framed barns and outbuildings. The log smokehouse at 21334 Mt. Lena Rd. is the only observed example of a log outbuilding within the survey area.

The early 20th century saw the next major building period in Mt. Lena, peaking around 1930. The most stylistically distinctive homes of this era were the one-story bungalows built at 21251, 21305, and 21335 Mt. Lena Rd. Built mostly in the 1920s, these homes have the deep porches and gabled dormers typical of the period. They remain largely intact as excellent examples of their style. The brick home built ca. 1933 at 21342 Mt. Lena Rd. is typical of the American Foursquare style. Small frame vernacular cottages were also constructed at 21245, 21347, 21380 and 21384 Mt. Lena Rd. during this period.

The last structures built in Mt. Lena's period of historical significance were constructed in the early 1940s. Three one-story, 3-bay cottages were built at 21387, 21395 and 21409 Mt. Lena Rd. in 1942. The closure of the Hagerstown & Myersville Railway in 1938 and the construction of the U.S. Rt. 40 bypass road in the 1940s reduced Mt. Lena's commercial significance. Only two commercial buildings remain at 21284 Mt. Lena Rd., an auto repair garage, and 21339 Mt. Lena Rd., formerly the popular The Spot restaurant and currently housing a water sprinkler business.

See attached list of contributing and non-contributing resources.

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Statement of Significance

The Mt. Lena Survey District (WA-II-166) is significant locally and potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A as an example of a rural village that developed along a primary route crossing South Mountain. Mt. Lena likely had its beginning in the late 18th century when Orr's Tavern was located on the road at the base of South Mountain. Much of the land on which the village developed was owned by the Hughes brothers, who operated the nearby Mt. Aetna Iron Furnace, requiring large amounts of timber land for charcoal. Mt. Lena was a village of laborers, probably beginning with the furnace and charcoal burners, as well as working at nearby mills and farms. In the 1880s the road became the Beaver Creek and South Mountain Turnpike and in 1904, Mt. Lena was made a station stop along the Hagerstown & Myersville Railway, part of an extended line from Frederick to Hagerstown. U.S. Route 40, started in 1936, put an end to the railway by 1938, but was not finished over South Mountain until after WWII, about 1946. With U.S. Route 40, Mt. Lena became a bypassed roadside village and its growth all but ended. By 1946, the route over South Mountain through Orr's Gap, along which Mt. Lena developed and was eventually bypassed, had seen at least four incarnations as road, turnpike, highway, and electric railway.

Historic Context

The settlement of southern Washington County in the latter 18th and early 19th centuries exhibited a mixture of wealthy farmers, yeoman farmers, craftsmen, and laborers. While agriculture was the primary focus of the region, industry centered on the many flour and grist mills along the Antietam and Conococheague Creeks, as well as several iron furnaces. The growing prosperity was the result of agricultural intensification as frontier conditions lessened, and farming and support networks matured. Most prominent in the developing economy during the time period was the dominance of wheat and small grains and the shift away from less profitable tobacco. While southern Maryland remained committed to tobacco cultivation, the central and western counties increasingly turned to wheat production. Wheat was a more saleable product than tobacco and was not restricted by production legislation as tobacco had been. The increase of wheat production promoted growth of the market and port cities of Baltimore, Frederick and Hagerstown, as well as towns in south central Pennsylvania and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Baltimore in particular became important to the processing and shipping of grain and began to siphon trade from the grain producing areas of Pennsylvania, setting up a trade rivalry with Philadelphia.

The growth of the greater region led to its being served by important transportation routes, beginning in the early 19th century with the National Road and a good system of turnpikes, and followed in the 1830s by the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad. These amenities and the overall prosperity of the

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region were certainly factors influencing Confederate General Robert E. Lee's decision to enter Maryland and occupy the portion of it consisting of the Cumberland Valley in September of 1862. Among Lee's several goals was a desire to take pressure away from Virginia in supplying the needs of the Army. He wanted to draw the Union Army away from their base of supplies and he hoped to gain support for the Confederate cause from Great Britain. He also seemed to believe that there were enough Confederate supporters in central Maryland to yield a new source of fighting men. Finally, he hoped that by entering the North, citizens would pressure congress for a negotiated end to the hostilities. What war weary and hungry Confederate soldiers saw as they moved through the area was a collection of rich, lush farms offering seemingly boundless food and supplies. They did not, however, have an opportunity to linger and enjoy the fruits of the land, unless they remained among the many wounded who recuperated in local field hospitals for weeks after the Battle of Antietam.

Through the second half of the 19th century, the railroads spread to prime farming regions to the west, attracting many of the descendants of the industrious German farmers who had developed the farms of central Maryland. Soon these same railroads were bringing grain from the west to the eastern markets and lowering grain prices. The farms of Washington County by 1880, still facing debts incurred from losses during the war, as well as lower land values, were unable to compete with the new mid-western bread basket. The eventual demise of the local milling economy by the turn of the 20th century, and the C&O Canal in 1924, would leave southern Washington County a quiet shadow of the bustling pre-war era.¹

Resource History

The village of Mt. Lena, in Washington County Maryland, lies on the edges of the western slope of South Mountain and the foothill known as Short Hill. It is situated between two other small towns, lying southeast of Beaver Creek and north of Boonsboro. The village of Mt. Lena, historically known as Smoketown, is a linear settlement with houses dating largely from the mid 19th century through the early 20th century. It is primarily residential, with houses built along both sides of Mt. Lena Road, which runs south of and parallel to U.S. Route 40.

Mt. Lena was originally called Smoketown, appearing under that name on the 1859 Taggart Map of Washington County through the 1928 USGS topographic map. One story relates that the name "Smoke Town" resulted from a tree clearing for a road cut through the mountain above the settlement. Purportedly the tree stumps were burned resulting in an excessive amount of smoke throughout the town.² Much of the land on which the village is located however, was historically part of the "Mount Aetna" tract of land, owned by Samuel and Daniel Hughes. The Hughes brothers operated several early iron furnaces nearby, Antietam Furnace and Mount Aetna Furnace. Both were located on the west side of South Mountain, just to the north, on part of the more than 4,800-acre "Mount Aetna"

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tract.³ The large acreage was necessary to provide enough timber for charcoal production, the fuel that fired the furnaces. The area where Mt. Lena/Smoketown later developed was located within a valley between South Mountain and Short Hill where the smoke from collier's fires likely collected during the Hughes furnace operations. The road now called Crystal Falls Drive (previously called Mt. Lena Road) originally led directly from the Orr's Gap road – where the Mt. Lena/Smoketown village later developed – to the Mount Aetna Furnace location.

As early as 1794, the road leading from Hagerstown through Orr's Gap to Middletown in Frederick County (today's approximate Route 40) had a tavern at the west base of South Mountain. Labeled under the name "Orr" on the 1794 Griffith map of Maryland, the tavern appears to be in the location of the later village of Mt. Lena/Smoketown (see attached). It is likely that, given the location on a main route east as well as its connection to the Hughes' Mount Aetna operation, some kind of scattered settlement had already begun in the vicinity of Orr's tavern. Still, nothing appears in that location on the 1808 Charles Varlé map of Washington and Frederick Counties, on which the gap is shown as "Maddock's Gap" (see attached).

The Mount Aetna Furnace ceased operations sometime in the early 19th century, although Samuel Hughes was still operating a "Forge Establishment" as late as the 1820 Manufacturers Census. In 1818, the Hughes brothers, including Samuel Hughes Jr., Daniel Hughes Jr., and John Henry Hughes, sold off a piece of the southern end of the "Mount Aetna" tract. Their sale of 27 acres of "Mount Aetna" to George Springer in March of 1818 described the parcel on the "south side of the main road leading from Hagers Town by Funks Mill on Bever [sic] Creek through Orrs Gap" (WC DB CC, p. 657). Springer paid just over \$1,100 for the small tract indicating there may have been improvements already in place on the property. Within five years, Springer began subdividing his land, selling a 2-acre lot to Nathaniel Kepler (WC DB GG, p. 85) and a 3-acre lot to William Faulder in 1823 (WC DB GG, p. 82). Another piece of "Mount Aetna," approximately 28 acres referred to as "Travers Valley" in a later 1854 deed, came into the hands of John Traver before 1846 (WC DB IN13, p. 393 and IN1, p. 839). John Traver was listed in the area as early as the 1810 census. Much of the land around the west end of the village of Mt. Lena/Smoketown was part of the Samuel Funk farm (WC DB 126, p. 193).

By 1859, Thomas Taggart's Map of Washington County showed significant development along the "Doubs Mill Road to Middletown Road" (see attached). John Rice, Widow Bear, and several Funks were shown as the closest surrounding land owners in the area. The 1860 U.S. Population Census record and the 1877 Atlas of Washington County (see attached) provided a more detailed picture of the Smoketown community (Boonsboro District; community identified by matching names on the 1877 Atlas map). At the center of the community was the widow Jane Winders [21306 Mt. Lena Rd.]. Winders was occupied in 1860 as a "Hotel Keeper." Her property on the 1877 map was located in the northeast corner of the intersection of the main road over South Mountain and the old road to Mt.

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Aetna Furnace (this old intersection was altered probably ca. 1946 when Route 40 was built). Henry Winders, a farm laborer, lived across the main road [**possibly 21309 Mt. Lena Rd.**]. There were a number of farm laborers apparently living in the Smoketown community, including William Irvin and John Reese, who also appear on the 1877 map. William Kinsey was listed in 1860 as a cooper. Washington County Land Records indicated that William Kinsey was insolvent by 1867 and forced to sell some of his land to Mary Sheale (WC DB LBN2, p. 698) [**21327 Mt. Lena Rd.**]. Both Kinsey and Shealy [sic] appeared on the 1877 map with houses east of Henry Winders. Mary Sheale also purchased the Henry Winders house from Jane Winters [sic] in 1878 (WC DB 76, p. 411).

On the 1870 census of the Beaver Creek District (Smoketown) Jane Winders was still keeping a hotel; Frank Stouffer was a miller; John Cramer was a carpenter listed next to William Irvin. On the 1877 map "Mrs. Cramer" was shown with a house adjoining William Irvin Jr. Many others listed nearby on the 1870 census were occupied as day laborers with a handful of others farming.⁴ In 1870, Andrew Cost, who emigrated from Bavaria, was listed as a farmer near Winders and Stouffer, but in 1880, Cost was described as a "Minister of Gospel." On the 1877 Atlas map, "Rev. A. Cost" was shown with a house just west of Jane Winders. Since there was no church building indicated on the 1877 map it is possible that Rev. A. Cost hosted a "house church" in his home. In 1877, the Mt. Lena Christian Union Church trustees John W. Funk, Henry Funk, John Reese, S.C. Kinsey, and Emanuel Stouffer purchased the "old Mt. Lena School House" lot from the School Commission of Washington County (WC DB 75, p. 118) [**21314 Mt. Lena Rd.**]. Then in 1879 the trustees of the United Brethren in Christ at Smoketown purchased a lot from Henry and Mary Ann Funk, "near the village of Smoketown, whereon to build a house of worship." [**21234 Mt. Lena Rd.**] (WC DB 84, p. 386) The congregation paid \$600 for the construction of a stone church, reportedly built by local stone mason, Daniel Renner.⁵ Among the first trustees of the United Brethren Church was George H. Bowman, a miller on the 1880 census, and David Bowman, a blacksmith [**21318 Mt. Lena Rd.**].

The 1877 Atlas map showed 29 buildings in Smoketown, all of which were apparently residences except for a building labeled "B.S." indicating the blacksmith's shop adjoining the home of "D. Bowman," and "School No. 3." This school was located near the center of the community on the north side of the road (where the Independent Christian Church, rebuilt 1913, now stands) and was likely the "old Mt. Lena School House." The School Commission purchased a new school lot in 1876 on which they would soon build a two-room Gothic Revival inspired frame school house, a testament to the growing population in the Mt. Lena/Smoketown area.⁶ A grist mill was the only business in the immediate vicinity of Smoketown shown on the 1877 map. The mill was located along the creek just south of the village under the name "J. Bishop." (WA-II-165; outside survey boundary) Jacob Bishop purchased the mill property in 1868 from the widow Susan Emmert.⁷ The grist mill and the surrounding farms appear to have been the primary employers of many Smoketown residents through the second half of the 19th century.

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By 1879, local residents had had enough of the old road from Doub's Mill leading to Orr's Gap in South Mountain. The Beaver Creek and South Mountain Turnpike Company, privately funded by selling shares in the company, began road improvements over a six-mile stretch from Funkstown through Mt. Lena/Smoketown to "the foot of South Mountain" (ref in WC DB 155, p. 667).⁸ The turnpike company remained in business until 1919, when it sold the road to Washington County (WC DB 155, p. 667).

Maps, church, and school names seem to indicate that the little roadside village was known as both Smoketown and Mt. Lena. In 1898, the United Brethren in Christ at Smoketown officially incorporated under the name "The United Brethren in Christ at Mt. Lena Chapel." (WC DB 108, p. 218) This may have marked a more official change away from the use of Smoketown. The change was made even more permanent after 1904 when the Hagerstown & Myersville Railway Company began laying tracks to connect the Hagerstown and Frederick electric railway lines (see attached railway map and 1912 USGS map).⁹ The brick Mt. Lena station house was located on land previously owned by Elmer J. Hoffman (see attached plat; WC DB 121, p. 177; station no longer extant).

The electric railway line over South Mountain was apparently a boon to the Mt. Lena community. According to the 1910 population census record, many farmers in the area, particularly on Short Hill, shifted to "Fruit & Berry" production, taking advantage of the faster rail transportation to get fresh fruits to city markets. Many Mt. Lena residents were occupied in farm work and some were listed as laborers on the "Trolley road." The railway apparently spurred a rush of new house construction as well, many likely replacing older log dwellings [21251, 21305, and 21335 Mt. Lena Rd.]. A new school building was constructed in Mt. Lena ca. 1920 [21360 Mt. Lena Rd.].¹⁰ The Christian Union Church was rebuilt in 1913 and the United Brethren Church added the cast stone vestibule and bell tower to the front of their building in 1923.¹¹

By 1920, the village's population was 100 according to the Washington County "Merchants, Tradesmen and Manufacturers Business Directory" for that year. The directory recorded three businesses in Mt. Lena. John W. Renner (son of Daniel Renner) and John P. Pine operated general stores and Mrs. Irene Reese ran a grocery store. Reuben H. Valentine ran a saw mill and also manufactured cider.¹² A Mt. Lena resident recalled in 1981 that Daniel Renner's son John Renner ran his store in Mt. Lena for 70 years.¹³

The Great Depression and the surging popularity of the automobile in the 1930s took its toll on the electric railway. Ridership was down by half by 1933 and freight down nearly as much.¹⁴ Already on the edge, two disasters struck the Hagerstown & Myersville Railway Co. nearly simultaneously. In

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January 1936, passengers waiting at the Mt. Lena station watched in disbelief as the wheels of the coach car No. 35 rolled past – with no coach:

The prolonged raw cold left the rails icy, and [motorman] Wachtel handled his controller and brakes gingerly as the car crossed the crest of South Mountain and started down the other side. Within seconds he realized he had no control – the car was sliding along on its own, picking up speed down the long steep tangent. As the runaway neared a curve Wachtel jumped clear, but [passenger] Fraley unaccountably stayed inside... The car hit the curve and its body pitched off its trucks, smashed through the little shelter station of Reese, and rolled down the hillside. Both trucks freakishly remained on the rails and continued rolling down the mountainside for over two miles, passing Mt. Lena station and finally coming to a stop where the roadbed dipped and leveled out.¹⁵

Passenger G. Victor Fraley was killed and the rail car destroyed. With riders already bypassing the railway in favor of automobiles, such a violent accident was not encouraging. Then shortly after the accident, a second disaster: construction began on the new U.S. Route 40 that paralleled much of the railway's route from Frederick to Hagerstown, even crossing it several times. By 1938, the Hagerstown & Myersville line was done.¹⁶

The rail line was not the only right-of-way that was impacted by the new route of U.S. Route 40. The former Beaver Creek and South Mountain Turnpike, by then a county road, was also compromised as Rt. 40 crossed and recrossed the old road, leaving it in pieces. World War II interrupted construction of the new highway. Immediately following WWII in 1946, U.S. Route 40 over South Mountain to Hagerstown was paved. The village of Mt. Lena found itself bypassed on a two-mile loop of the old road, now called Mt. Lena Road. While a few new houses were built along the old road through the 1930s [21342, 21245, 21347, 21380 and 21384 Mt. Lena Rd.] and into the early 1940s [21387, 21395 and 21409 Mt. Lena Rd.], everything stopped by 1942 as the nation turned its efforts to World War II. After the war and the completion of Route 40, the little village saw only scattered infill and replacement construction. Mt. Lena was further marginalized, as was U.S. Route 40, in the early 1960s when Interstate Route 70 was cut through Orr's Gap. Orr's Gap, the gap named for the 18th century tavern owner who was perhaps among the first residents of the Mt. Lena/Smoketown area, had been by 1965, traversed by at least four incarnations of road, turnpike, and highway, and by the electric railway.

Endnotes

- ¹Paula S. Reed & Assoc., Settlement Context, "Antietam National Battlefield," National Register Nomination Update, 1999.
- ²Cracker Barrel, "About Smoketown, Mt. Lena and Vicinity" by Catherine Ridenour Everly, Jan. 1981, p. 6.
- ³Elizabeth Cole Brown, "Antietam Furnace Complex Archeological Site," National Register Nomination, 1983; Washington Co. Patented Certificate #620, "Mount Etna," 1792, Maryland Archives.
- ⁴1870 United States Census.

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⁵ Cracker Barrel, "About Smoketown, Mt. Lena and Vicinity", Jan. 1981, p. 6. Daniel Renner was listed in the 16th District, Beaver Creek P.O. in 1870 with the occupation of Stone Mason; in 1880 he was a "laborer."

⁶ Washington Co. Deed Book 74, p. 588; a picture of this ca.1877 school house is included in the George M. Bushey collection of Washington Co. schools in 1910 (Wash. Co. Free Library, Western MD Room).

⁷ "Resurvey on Manheim," MIHP #WA-II-164, NR documentation, 1978.

⁸ Archives of Maryland, online, Vol. 243, p. 63, 1879 Annual Report of the Comptroller, included the BC&SM Turnpike Co. No charter was found in the records although there must have been one.

⁹ Herbert H. Harwood, Jr., Blue Ridge Trolley, (San Marino, CA: Golden West Books, 1970), pp. 33-34.

¹⁰ This construction date is based on the Institutional Art Deco style of the building as it appeared in Engelhardt, Engelhardt, and Legett, Washington County Maryland Long-Range School Building Program, (New York, 1953), p. 88. However, the date given the building in this school board record is 1902; we believe this date to be an error. A photograph of the Smoketown-Mt.Lena School taken in 1910 showed the building as a frame, Gothic Revival influenced, two-room school house with a center gabled entrance and a small bell cupola. A local resident recalled in a 1981 article that the Mt. Lena Schoolhouse burned "to the ground" in 1927 (Cracker Barrel, "About Smoketown, Mt. Lena and Vicinity", Jan. 1981, p. 6). The brick school building now standing on the school house lot [21360 Mt. Lena Road], built ca.1920, probably replaced the earlier burned building. The Mt. Lena School was replaced by the Greenbrier Elementary School ca.1960, located nearby on San Mar Road south of Mt. Lena.

¹¹ "The History of Mount Lena United Methodist Church" by Phillis Hill, Mt. Lena, Maryland, 1984.

¹² Mercantile Agency Reference Book, September, "Merchants, Tradesmen And Manufacturers Business Directory, Including Financial Ratings, for Washington County, Maryland" R.G. Dun, 1920, Salem, Ohio: Jan and Naomi McPeck, 2004.

¹³ Cracker Barrel, "About Smoketown, Mt. Lena and Vicinity", Jan. 1981, p. 6.

¹⁴ Harwood, p. 94.

¹⁵ Harwood, p. 96.

¹⁶ Ibid.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The Mt. Lena Survey District boundary is defined on the east and west by the loop of the road, Mt. Lena Road, that begins and ends at U.S. Route 40. The district boundary includes only parcels that front onto Mt. Lena Road on both the north and south sides, inclusive of each full parcel boundary, but does not include back parcels that have right-of-ways fronting on Mt. Lena Road. See attached Funkstown and Myersville USGS Maps and Washington County Tax Map #64 for boundary outline.

Boundary Justification

The Mt. Lena Survey District boundary represents the historic linear village as it developed through the mid 20th century until 1946 when Mt. Lena Road was severed by U.S. Route 40 leaving the approximate two-mile loop known today (2008) as Mt. Lena Road.

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21234 Mt. Lena Rd. Church United Brethren Chapel 21234 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1613	1879	Mt. Lena United Methodist Church; 3-bay stone church with 1923 entrance tower of rusticated concrete block; 20 th -century rear addition covered with formstone; stained glass windows and 1/1 sash windows; asphalt shingle roof (faces south) Datestone: Mt. Lena Chapel U.B. in Christ 1879 (United Brethren in Christ) Cemetery located W of church.	X	
21245 Mt. Lena Rd. Harold & Wanda Dorsey 21245 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1614	1939	1-story gable-front frame cottage; 3 bays x 2 bays ; front porch; vinyl siding, 1/1 sash windows; concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle roof (faces north) Outbuildings: vinyl-sided garage, 2 small frame sheds	X	
21251 Mt. Lena Rd. Philip Stotelmyer 21251 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1614	1939	1-story frame bungalow; 3 bays x 3 bays; deep front porch with splayed posts set on brick plinths; brick foundation, vinyl siding, 1/1 sash windows; asphalt shingle roof; gabled front dormer (faces north) Outbuildings: 3 sheds	X	
21256 Mt. Lena Rd. Wm & Nancy Routzahn 21256 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1613	Late 19 th century	2-story frame farmhouse; 5 bays, rear ell, small tower at intersection of 2 parts; rear galleried porch, wrap-around porch front and E sides; chimneys, east end and center of ell; 1/1 sash windows, vinyl siding, stone foundation, metal roof; (faces south) Outbuildings: small frame barn, small modern gambrel-roofed frame shed	X	
21271 Mt. Lena Rd. Robert & Ellen Green 21273 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1614	Late 19 th century	1 ½ story frame house; 3 bays x 2 bays; rear 1-story ell, front porch; 1/1, 6/6, 3/3 sash windows; vinyl siding, asphalt shingle roof, stone foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: 5 frame sheds	X	

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21274 Mt. Lena Rd. Robert Manges & Mary Higman, 18314 MANSFIELD RD., KEEDYSVILLE, MD 21756-1122	c. 1850	2-story frame farmhouse with rear ell and extension; 3 bays x 1 bay; chimneys at E and N gables; porches on S and E; German siding, front recently brick-faced; pressed metal and asphalt shingle roofs, stone foundation (faces south) Outbuildings: small frame horse barn with original trim and ventilators; 3 small frame sheds	X	
21280 Mt. Lena Rd. Ira Drury, Jr. 21280 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1613	1865	2-story frame house with rear ell; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch, galleried porch on ell; bay window at E end of façade; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone foundation with cellar entrance E end (faces south) Outbuildings: shed-roofed, vinyl-sided frame garage	X	
21284 Mt. Lena Rd. Tony J. & Holly Summers 21300 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	c.1940	Concrete block commercial auto repair garage; stepped 3-bay gable front; 4 bays deep; large 8/4 windows, metal roof (faces south)	X	
21300 Mt. Lena Rd. Tony J. & Holly Summers 21300 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1925	2-story frame house; 3 bays x 1 bay with rear 1-bay ell; front porch; chimney W end; asbestos shingled except for stuccoed façade, modern 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete block foundation (faces south)	X	
21304 Mt. Lena Rd. Fred Coyle 21304 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1879	2-story frame house; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch; vinyl siding, 1/1 modern sash windows, metal roof, stone foundation; chimneys E and W ends (faces south) Outbuildings: small frame shed	X	

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21305 Mt. Lena Rd. 21305 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1930	1-story frame bungalow; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch with splayed square posts; central gabled dormer; chimney E end; asbestos shingled siding, sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete block foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: small frame shed	X	
21306 Mt. Lena Rd. Jeffrey L. Reeder 21306 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1875	2-story L-shaped frame house; main house 6 bays x 2 bays; front projecting 3 bay x 2 bay section; front porches on both parts; asbestos shingle siding, 2/2 sash windows with pedimented architraves, metal roof, stone foundation (faces south)	X	
21309 Mt. Lena Rd. Michael P. Keyser & Rebecca L. Gibbons 21309 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1879	House: 2-story frame house; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch with chamfered posts and scrollwork brackets; chimneys, E and W ends; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 sash windows with pedimented architraves, metal roof, stone foundation (faces north) Store: 2-story frame building; 3 bays x 1 bay under flat roof; rear one bay ell under roof sloping down to 1-story; front porch; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: square pyramid-roofed frame building; vinyl siding, metal roof	X	
21310 Mt. Lena Rd. Jeffrey Lee Reeder 21310 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	mid-19 th century	1 ½-story house, possibly log, with 1-story addition on E end; 3 bays x 1 bay; stone and brick exterior chimney at W end; asbestos shingle siding, 6/1 and 2-pane windows, metal roof, stone foundation (faces south)	X	
21313 Mt. Lena Rd.	c. 1900	2-story frame house; rear ell with extensions E and W; front porch enclosed at E end, carport on W side of ell, chimney at W end; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 sash windows, asphalt-shingled roof, stone	X	

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Robert M. Stone, Jr. 21313 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616		foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage		
21314 Mt. Lena Rd. Mt. Lena Union Church c/o William Souder 21320 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1913	Independent Christian Church; frame building, 3 bays long; small entry, square belltower; vinyl siding, 4/4 windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar with W entrance on facade (faces south) Datestone: Mt. Lena Union Chapel Rebuilt 1913	X	
21317 Mt. Lena Rd. Kenneth E. Presley & Daile L. Miller 21317 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	Late 19 th century	2-story frame house with 1-story rear addition; 3 bay x 1 bay; front porch with decorative brackets; end chimneys; cellar entrance at E end; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 sash windows with pedimented architraves, metal roof, stone cellar (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	
21318 Mt. Lena Rd. Rachael J. Souders 21322 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	Mid 19 th century	1 ½-story frame cottage, possibly log; 3 bays x 2 bays with 1-story E addition; front porch with brackets; chimneys E and W ends; asbestos shingle siding, 1/1 sash windows with wide architraves, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar; stream crosses yard (faces south) Outbuildings: 2 frame sheds	X	
21321 Mt. Lena Rd. Scott A. Griffith 21321 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1925	2-story frame house; 5 bays x 2 bays with 1-story rear addition; front porch along 3 W bays; central bay window; vinyl siding, modern sash windows, asphalt-shingled roof, concrete foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	

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21325 Mt. Lena Rd. John M. Griffith et al. 21325 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	Late 19 th century	1 ½-story frame cottage, possibly log; 3 bays x 2 bays with rear shed-roofed ell; front porch with turned posts and decorative brackets, W cellar entrance; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 windows, metal roof, concrete-covered cellar; stream runs along W side of property (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	
21327 Mt. Lena Rd. Jean E. Griffith 21327 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1858	2-story brick-cased log house with rear ell and shed-roofed addition; 3 bays x 2 bays; all-stretcher brick coursing pattern; wood lintels; front porch, E and W end chimneys, E cellar entrance; 2/2 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof (faces north) Outbuildings: small timber-framed horse barn, frame shed, long shed-roofed outbuilding; modern gambrel-roofed shed	X	
21334 Mt. Lena Rd. John G. & Carol A. Easterday 21334 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1857	2-story brick farmhouse with 2-bay brick ell; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch with round tapered columns, galleried porch on E side of ell; arched window heads with 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone foundation (faces south) Outbuildings: frame barn, log smokehouse with pyramidal roof, frame garage, carport	X	
21335 Mt. Lena Rd. Joseph E. Paul 21335 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1938	1 ½-story frame bungalow; 2 bays wide x 3 bays deep; rear shed-roofed ell; front porch with square posts on brick plinths, central dormer window, central chimney; asbestos shingle siding, 4/1 sash windows, sets of 3 attached 3/1 sash windows in dormer and façade, asphalt shingle roof with bracketed eaves, stone cellar (faces north)	X	
21339 Mt. Lena Rd. John W. Beck 21339 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	mid-20 th century	Formerly 'The Spot' restaurant; 1-story frame commercial building; 2-bay gable-front façade, 4 bays deep, with additions on E and S sides, W concrete-block addition; 2/1 and 1/1 sash windows, asbestos shingle siding, asphalt shingle roof (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	

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21342 Mt. Lena Rd. Gregory Burke 21342 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1933	2-story brick 'Foursquare' house with pyramidal roof; 2 bays wide x 3 bays deep, 1-story frame addition at rear; front porch with square brick posts, central dormer window; all-stretcher bond with arched windowheads, modern 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete block cellar (faces south) Outbuildings: concrete block garage	X	
21347 Mt. Lena Rd. Michael P. & Melissa J. Mastrangelo 21347 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1934	1-story frame cottage; 3 bay x 2 bay with rear addition, small entry porch on façade; vinyl siding, 1/1 modern sash windows, asphalt shingle roof (faces north) Outbuildings: garage	X	
21356 Mt. Lena Rd. John A. Grice 3817 HOGAN LN KEEDYSVILLE MD 21756-1723	mid-19 th century	1 ½-story log house; 3 bay x 1 bay house with rear frame ell and 2 1-story additions on N and W sides; front porch with turned posts, porch on E side of ell, W chimney; exposed v-notched log walls, recently reinked, lapped wood siding on additions; 6/6 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete-covered cellar with entrance on N side, (faces south) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	
21360 Mt. Lena Rd. Christopher L. Spencer 21360 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	c.1920 (1902?)	Mt.Lena School; single story brick school; 5 bays wide by 2 long bays deep; projecting vestibule with brick-arched entry; all-stretcher bond, soldier course window heads over 5-part side windows, inset brick panels above façade windows; modern 1/1 sash windows, flat roof (faces south)	X	
21380 Mt. Lena Rd. Patrick Whalen 21380 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1939	1-story gable-front frame cottage; 3 bays x 3 bays; front porch with square posts; vinyl siding, 6/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete foundation (faces south) Outbuildings: frame shed	X	

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21384 Mt. Lena Rd. Alena Castle 21384 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1932	1-story frame cottage; 3 bay x 3 bay square with pyramid roof and small front gable; front addition, central chimney; vinyl siding, modern 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete foundation (faces south)	X	
21387 Mt. Lena Rd. Charles L. Jr. & Dawn R. Brown 21387 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1942	2-story frame house; original 3-bay frame cottage raised and extended; small entry porch, 2 additions at SW corner; vinyl siding, modern 6/6 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage, frame shed	X	
21390 Mt. Lena Rd. Janet K. Miller 21390 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1615	1926	2-story frame house; 3 bay x 2 bay with rear 2 bay ell; front porch, S addition; aluminum siding, 2/2 sash windows with original architraves, metal roof (parcel borders Mt. Lena Rd. but house faces E on Crystal Falls Rd.)	X	
21395 Mt. Lena Rd. Cora M. Martz (L/E) 21395 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1616	1942	1 1/2-story frame cottage; 3 bays x 2 bays; 2 gabled dormers on front, rear addition; vinyl siding, 6/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	
21409 Mt. Lena Rd. D. Eugene & Geneva Brining 21409 MOUNT LENA RD	1942	1-story brick cottage; 3 bays x 2 bays; 2 gabled dormers and brick entry on front, rear porch; all-stretcher bond, 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, concrete block foundation (faces north) Outbuildings: frame shed, concrete block garage	X	

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BOONSBORO MD 21713-1618				
21514 Mt. Lena Rd. Roger J. & Diane L. Haupt 21514 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1619	1879	2-story brick farmhouse; 3 bays x 2 bays with rear 2 bay ell and 1-story addition on W side of ell; front porch, galleried 2-story porch on E side of ell, brick flue on E end; all-stretcher bond, 2/2 and 1/1 windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar (faces south) note: the brickwork appears to cover an earlier frame structure Outbuildings: summer kitchen, garage, shed, barn; all frame	X	
21537 Mt. Lena Rd. Angela J. Crigger 21537 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1620	1880	2-story frame farmhouse; 3 bays x 2 bays with rear 1-story ell; porch and 2 gabled dormers on façade; brick flues E end and S side of ell; aluminum siding, 6/6 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar (faces north) Outbuildings: frame shed with German siding (near road), garage, 2 modern sheds	X	
21613 Mt. Lena Rd. Richard L. & Kathy L. Henneberger 21613 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1622	1927	2-story frame house; rear ell and modern addition; porch wraps around E, N, and W; vinyl siding, modern 8/8 windows, asphalt shingle roof (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage, modern garage and horse barn	X	
21619 Mt. Lena Rd. Chris B. & Patricia A. Slimmer 10655 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE MYERSVILLE MD 21773-8633	Late 19 th century	1 1/2-story frame house; 3 bays x 1 bay; rear porch; W brick chimney, E brick flue; aluminum siding, 1/1 sash windows, metal roof, stone cellar (faces north) note: house is currently vacant Outbuildings: frame shed	X	
21620 Mt. Lena Rd. Jeremy W. & Starlotia J. Hutzell 21620 MOUNT LENA RD	1890	1 1/2-story log house; 3 bay x 2 bay; exposed log walls with v-notching, W brick flue; 2/2 sash windows, metal roof, stone cellar with E entrance (faces south) Outbuildings: 4 frame sheds	X	

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BOONSBORO MD 21713-1621				
21625 Mt. Lena Rd. William H. Jr. & Tami Souders 21625 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1622	1894	1 1/2-story frame house; rear and E 1-story additions, front porch, W concrete block flue; vinyl siding, 1/1 windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar (faces north) Outbuildings: frame garage	X	
21631 Mt. Lena Rd. Steven E. & Cindy M. Hoffman 21631 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1622	1900	1 1/2-story frame house; 3 bays x 2 bays; front porch, rear addition, W brick flue; vinyl siding, 1/1 sash windows, asphalt shingle roof, stone cellar (faces north) Outbuildings: 2 frame sheds	X	
21655 Mt. Lena Rd. Norvis D. & Karen N. Villarreal 21655 MOUNT LENA RD BOONSBORO MD 21713-1622	Late 19 th century	2-story frame farmhouse; 3 bays x 2 bays with rear 2-bay ell; porch on E side of ell, brick chimneys E, W, and S; vinyl siding, 1/1 and 2/2 windows, asphalt roof, stone cellar (faces N) Outbuildings: modern frame garage	X	
21240, 21246, 21255, 21259, 21261, 21265, 21279, 21283, 21331, 21343, 21351, 21353, 21359, 21362, 21363, 21366, 21367, 21370, 21374, 21376, 21377, 21379, 21391, 21403, 21410, 21422, 21483, 21486, 21547, 21550, 21557, 21605, 21608, 21629, 21633, 21637 (all Mt. Lena Rd.)	Post-1946	(noncontributing resources not described)		X
21483, 21486 Greenbrier Rd.	Post-1946	(not described)		X
8715 Crystal Falls Rd.	Post-1946	(not described)		X

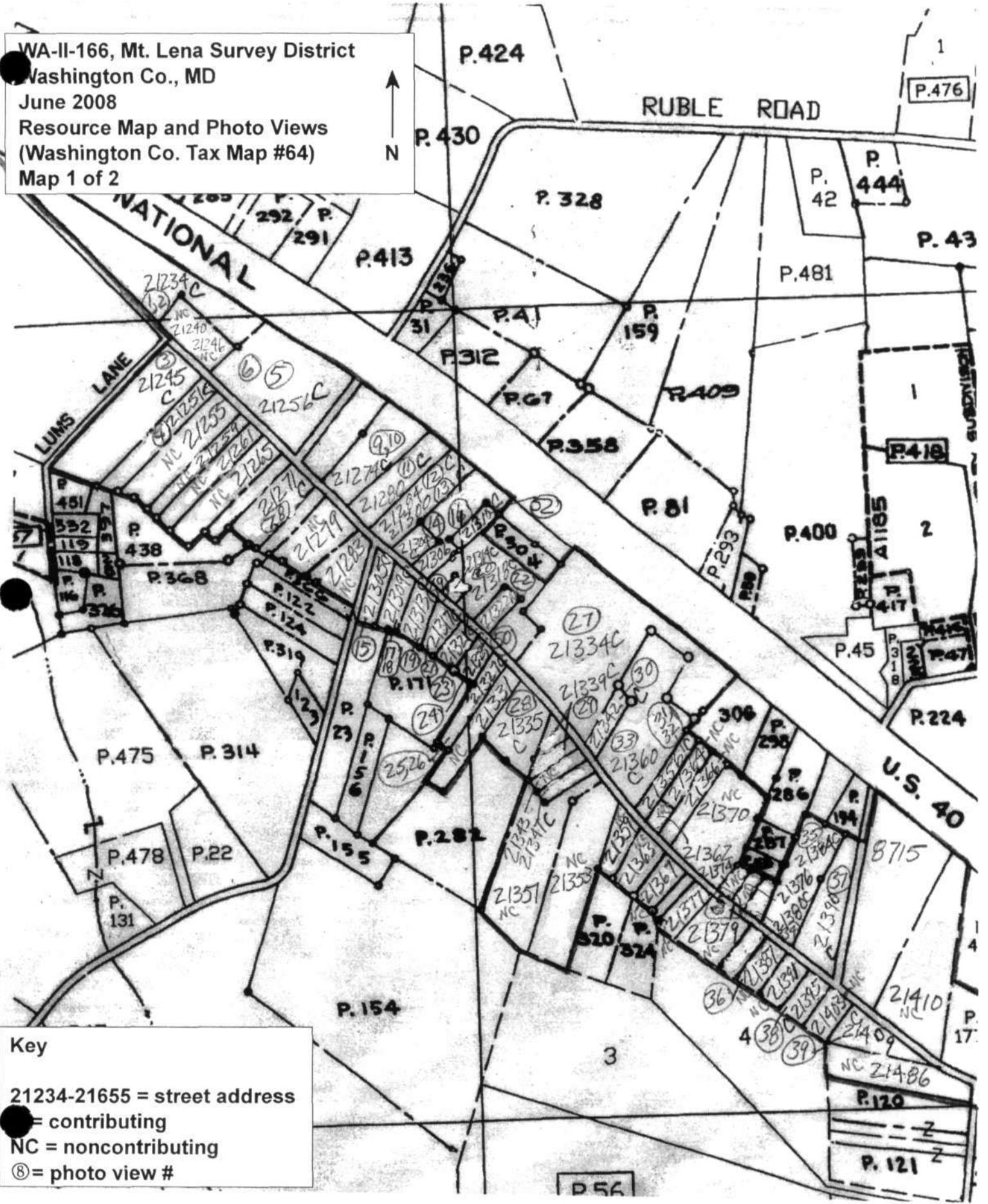
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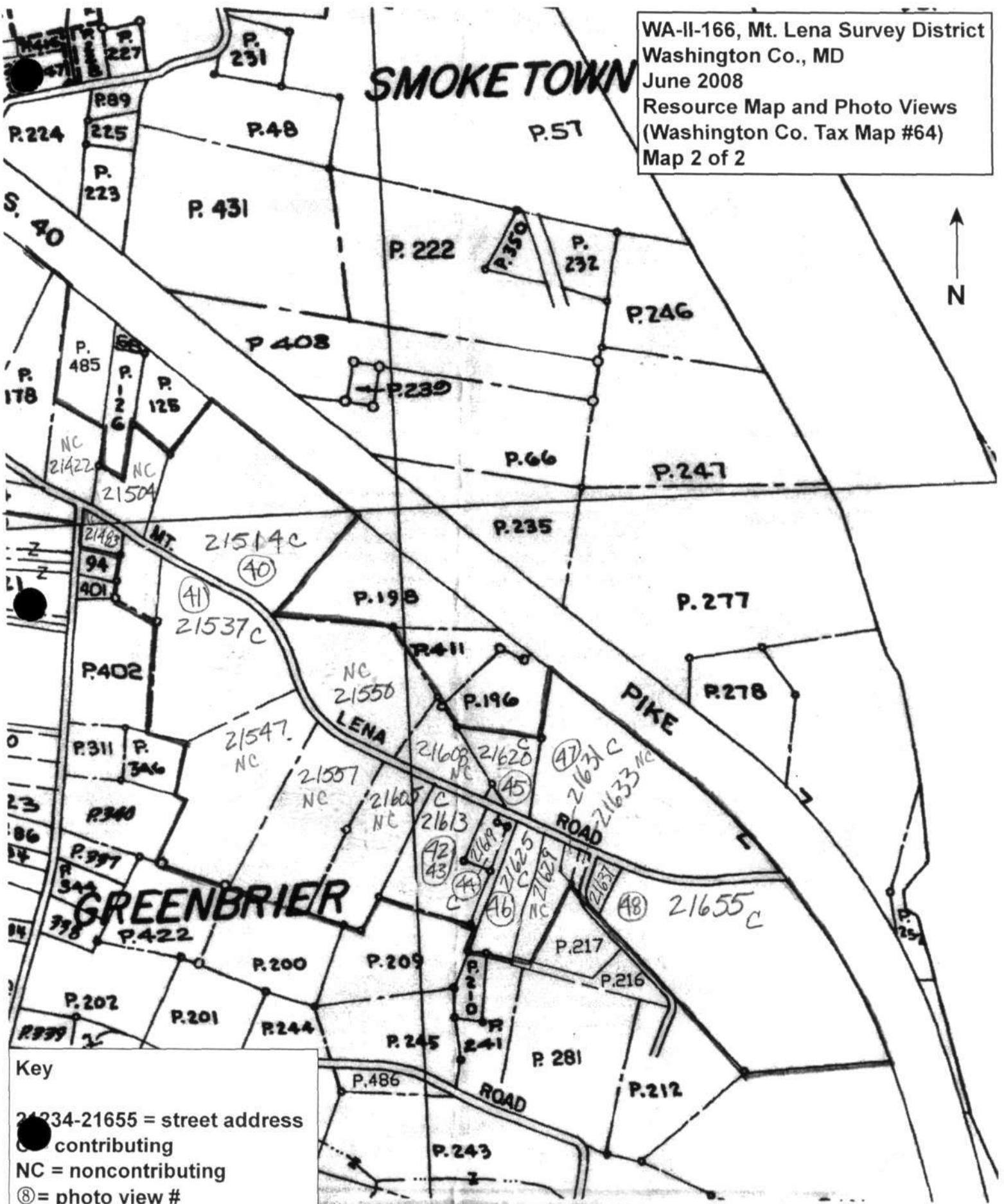
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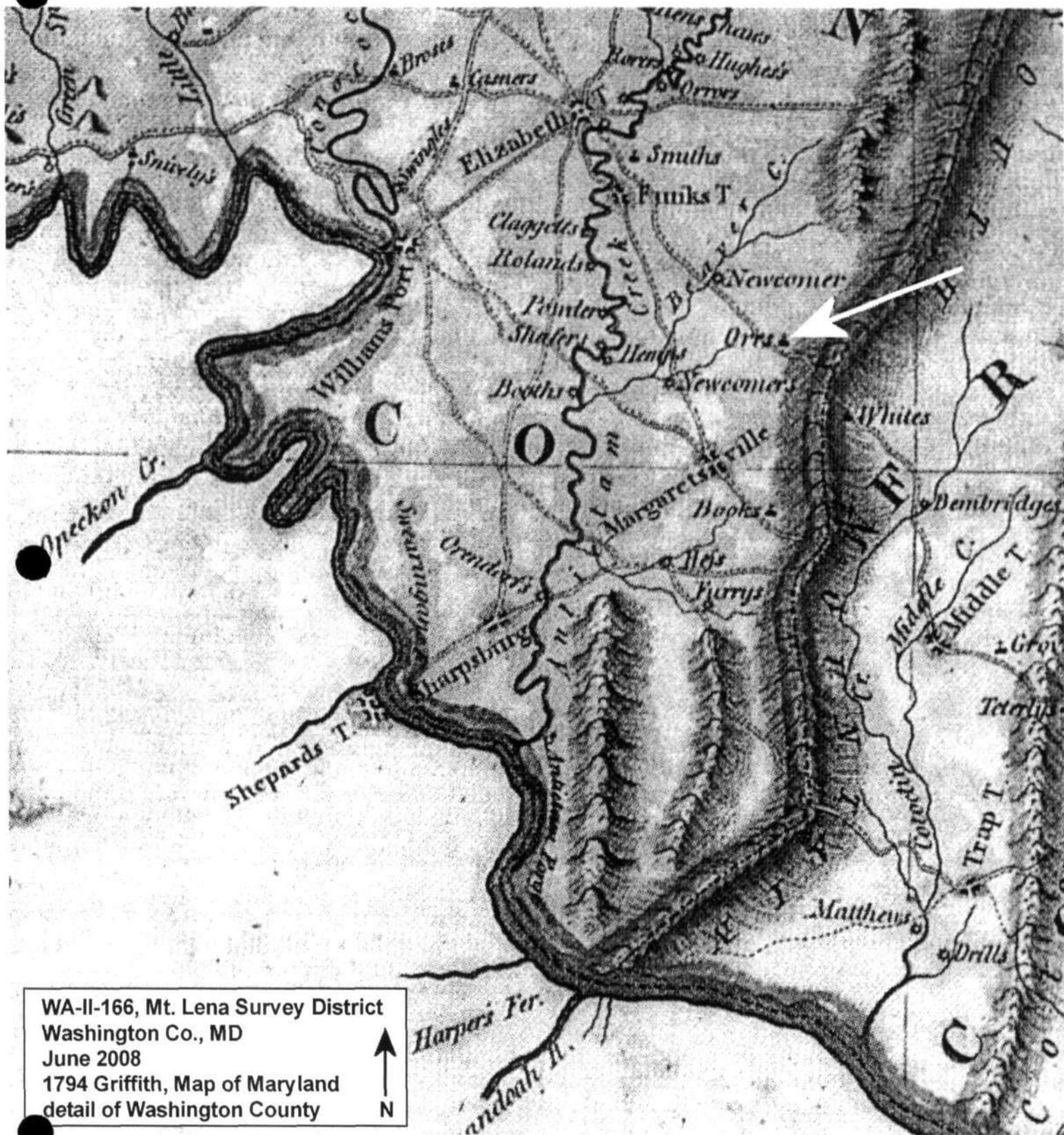
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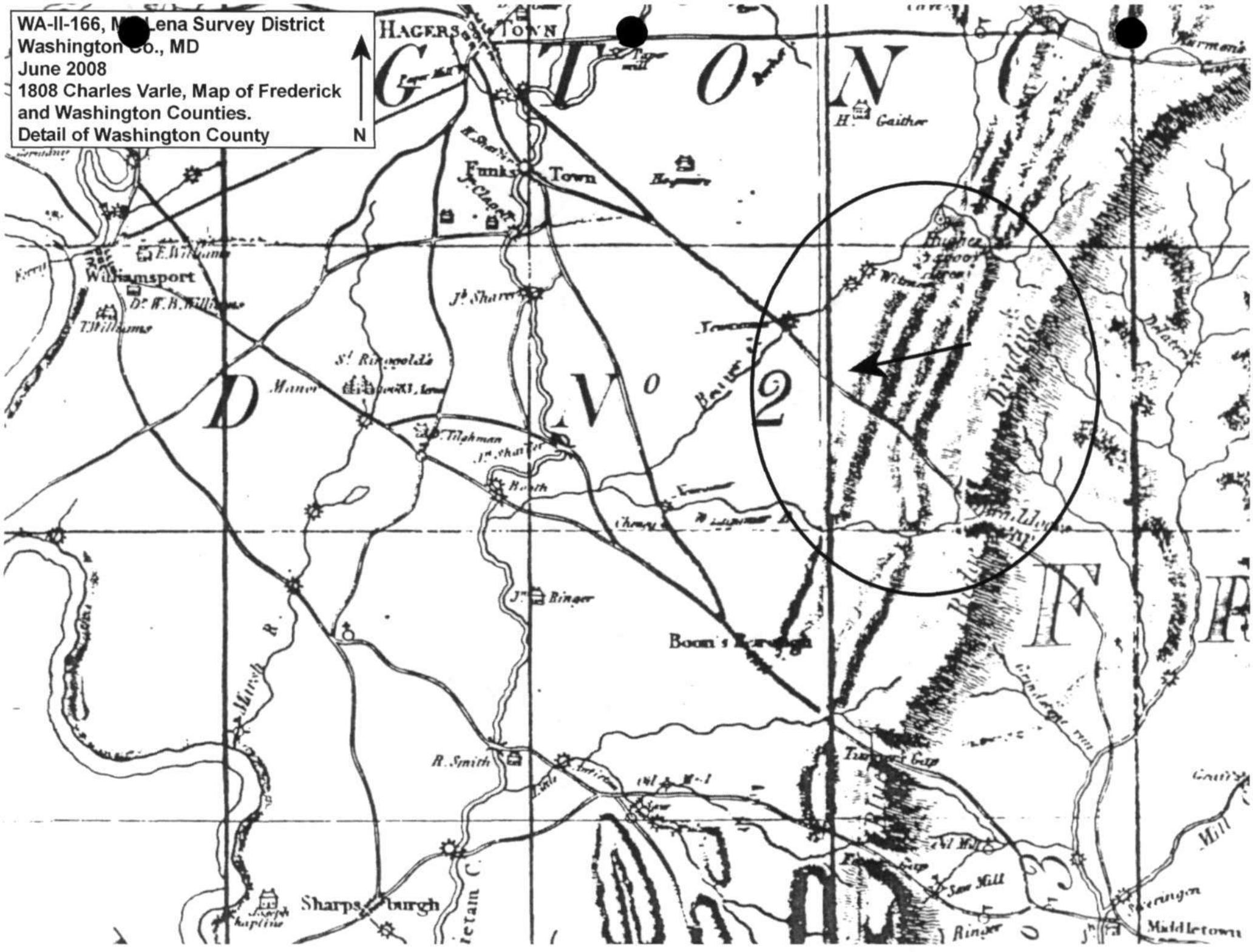
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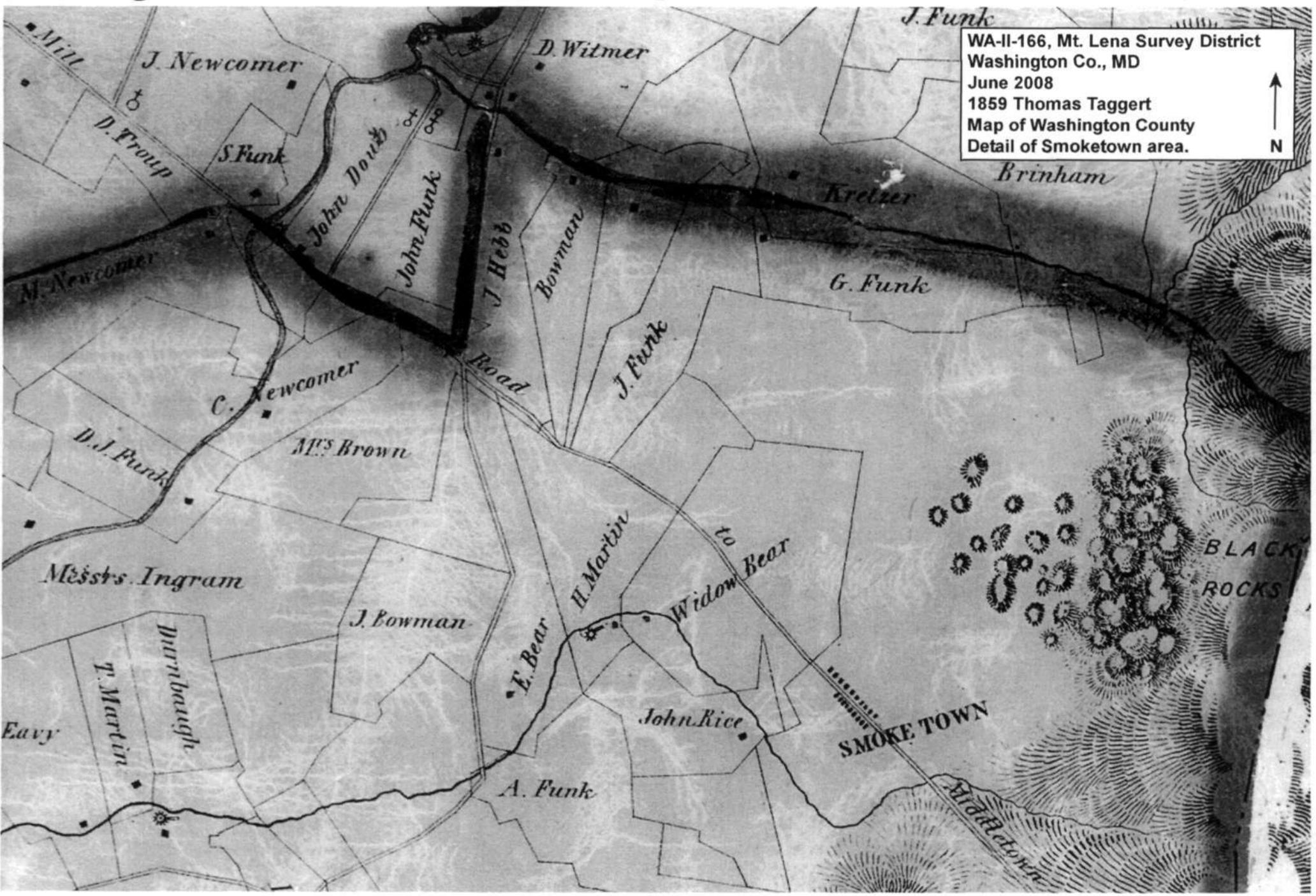
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1794 Griffith, Map of Maryland
detail of Washington County



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1808 Charles Varle, Map of Frederick
and Washington Counties.
Detail of Washington County



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1859 Thomas Taggart
Map of Washington County
Detail of Smoketown area.



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 1877 Atlas Map, Beaver Creek Dist.

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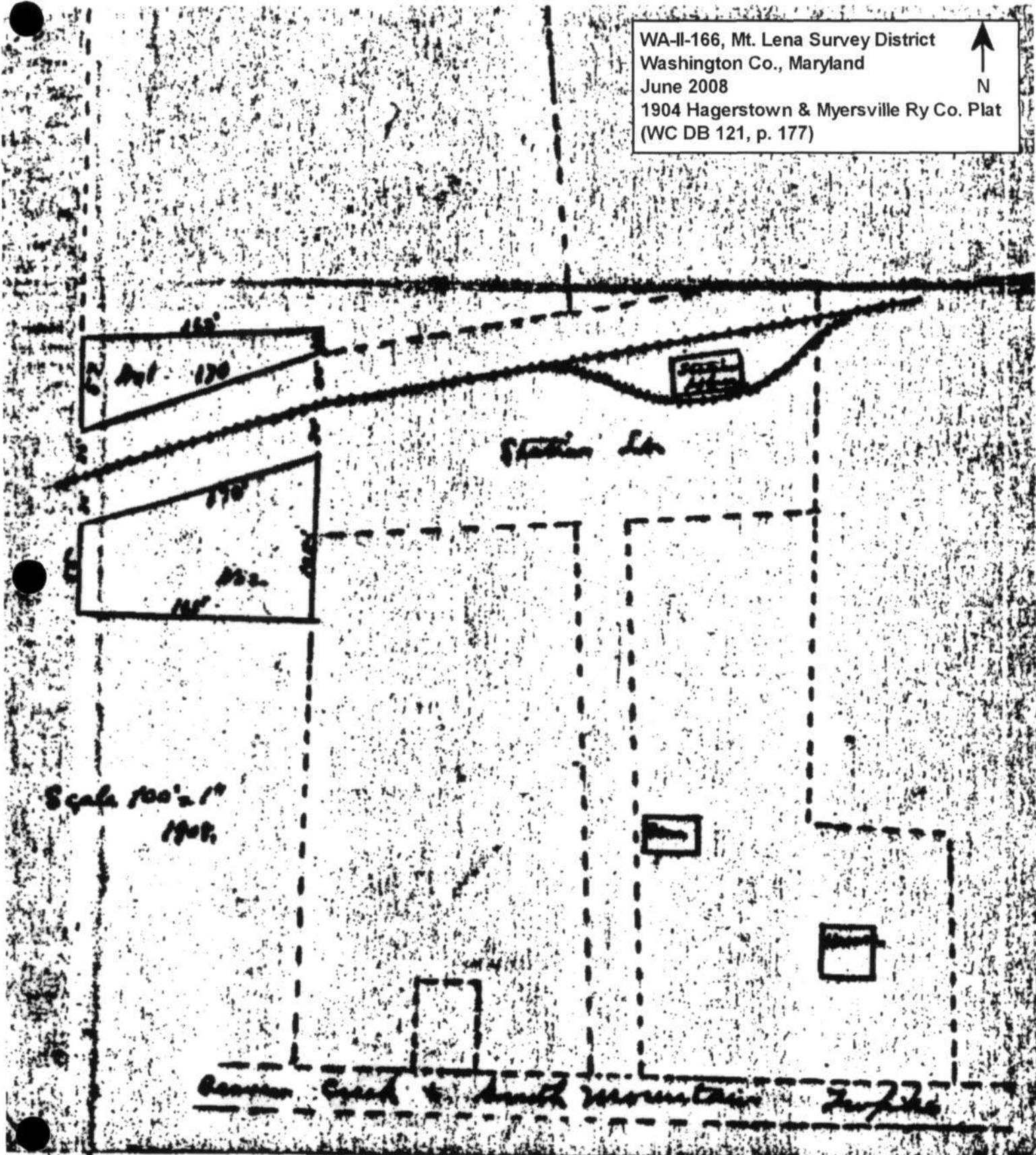
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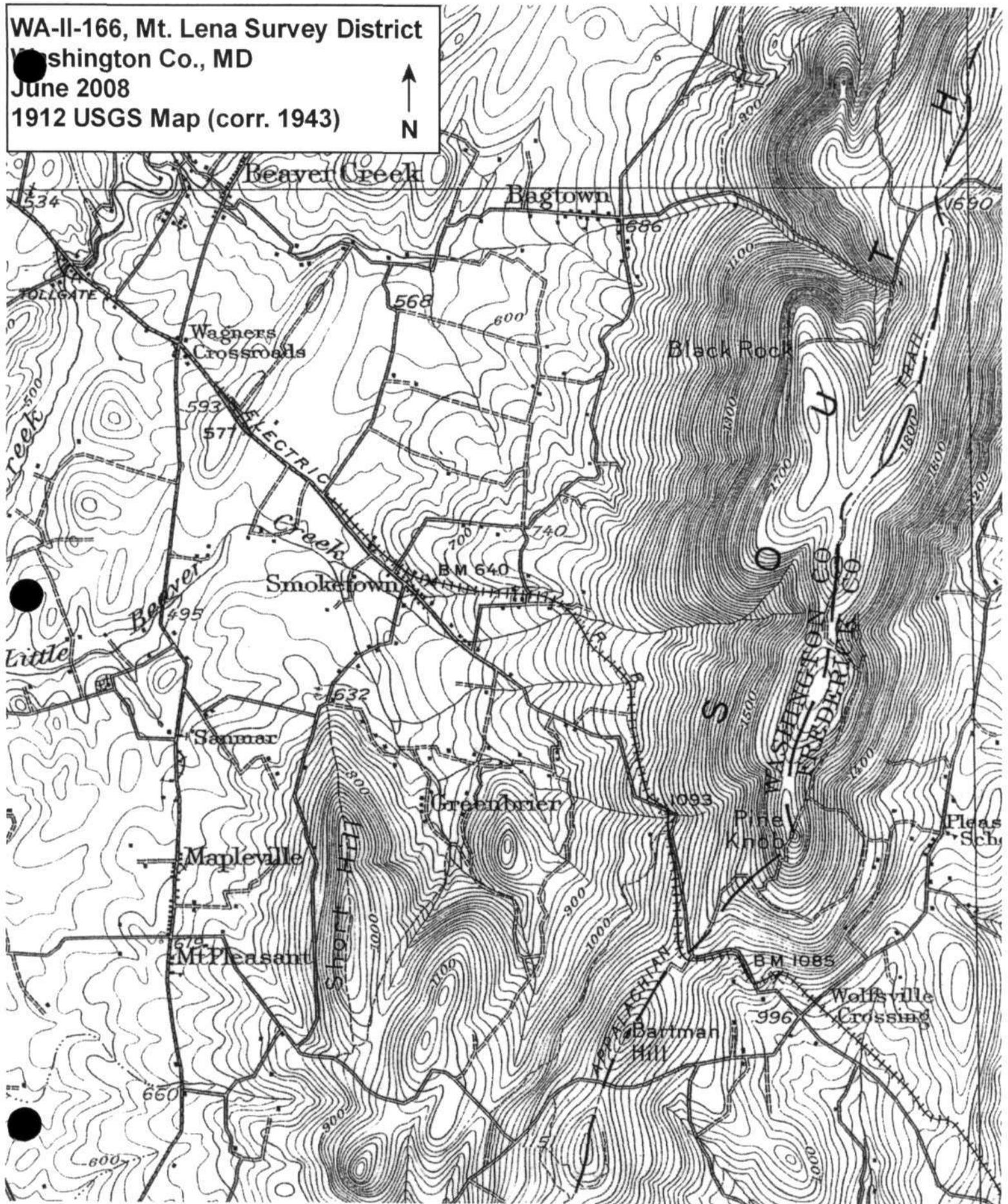
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F. R. Deeb, Proprietor of Woodside Mills. Dealer in
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 6 miles southeast of Hagerstown.

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Washington Co., Maryland
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1904 Hagerstown & Myersville Ry Co. Plat
(WC DB 121, p. 177)



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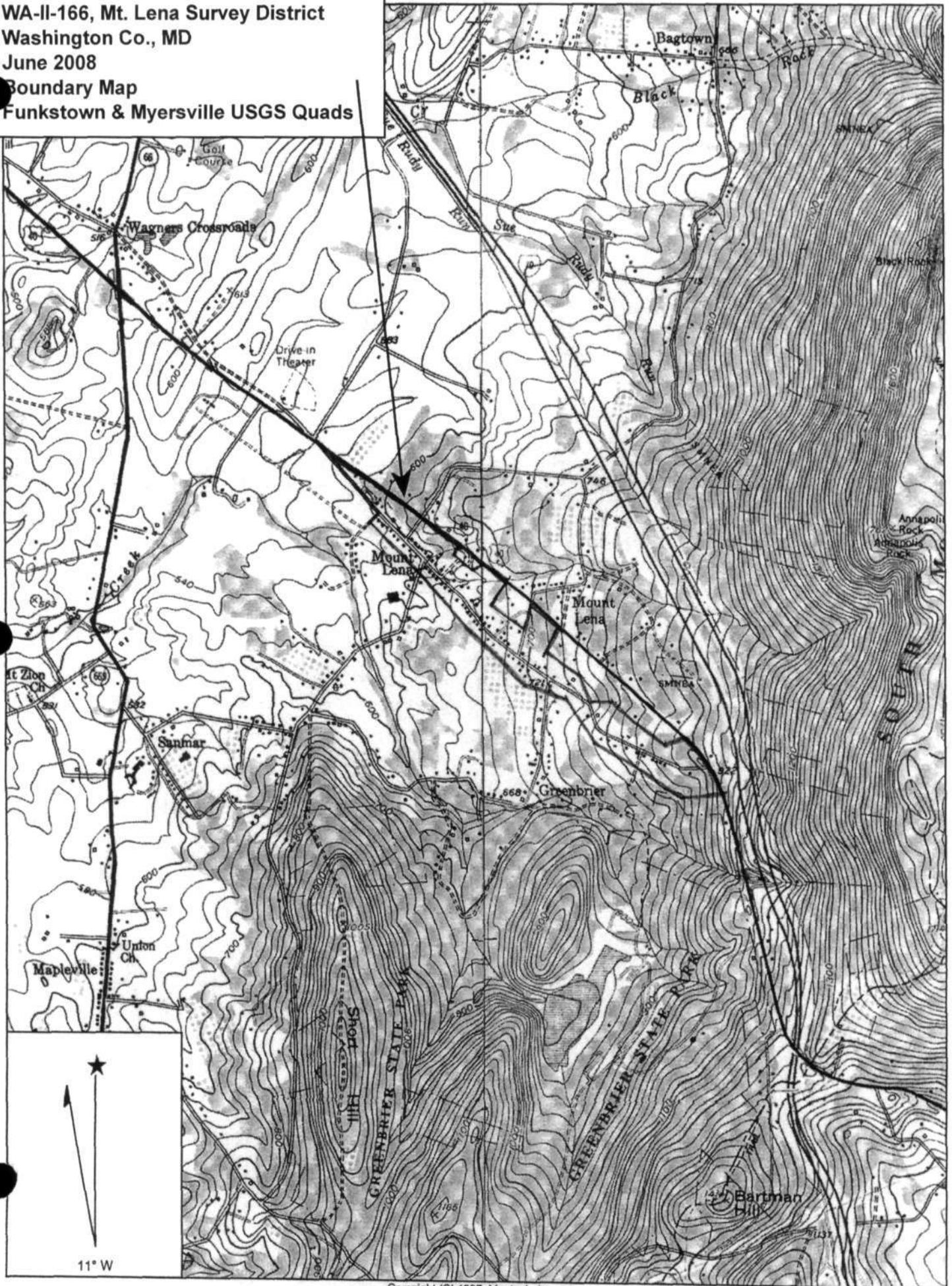
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Boundary Map

Funkstown & Myersville USGS Quads





2/23/84 Mt. Lena 2d.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

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Neg. Loc.: MDSTPO

S $\frac{1}{2}$ E elev.

1/52



21574 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

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Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

S: E elev.

2/52



21245 Mt. Lena Rd.
E $\frac{1}{2}$ N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, INC.

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Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

3/52



21251 Mt. Lena Rd
E & N elev.

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Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHTPO

4/52



21256 Mt. Lena Rd.

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ E elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co, MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS#PO

5/52



21256 Mt. Lena rd.

barn: S. elev.

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Washington Co., MD

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Neg. Loc.: MDSHP

6/52



21271 Mt. Lena Rd.

N&W elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WAII-1166

Washington Co., MD

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4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS470

7/52



21271 Mt. Lena Rd.

E & N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

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4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

8/52



21274 Mt. Lena Rd.

S $\frac{1}{2}$ E elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

9/52



21274 Mt. Lena Rd.
barn: S & E elev.

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Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

10/52



21280 Mt. Lena Rd.
S & E elev.

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4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

11/52



21284 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA II-166

Washington Co., MD

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4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS470

S & E elev.

12/52



21300 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District Wt-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO
w/ 5 elev.

13/52



21304 Mt. Lena Rd.

S & E elev.

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Washington Co., MD

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4/08

Neg. Loc. : MDSHPO

14/52



21305 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Mag. Loc.: MDS+PO

E & Nelev

15/52



21306 Mt. Lena Rd.
S & E elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

DRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc. : MISS+TO

16/52



21309 Mt. Lena Rd.

store: E. elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

17/52



21309 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

N elev.

18/52



21313 Mt. Lena Rd.

E & N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD.

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS470

19/52



21314 Mt. Lena Rd. - Independent Christian Church
S & E elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

DRA 2.1c.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: M³SATD

20/52



21317 Mt. Lena Rd.
E & N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-16k

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSAPO

21/52



21318 Mt. Lena Rd.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ E elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166
Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

22/52



21321 Mt. Lena Rd.

N. elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District

61A-I-106

Washington Co., MD

DRA, -ve.

4/68

Neg. Loc.: MDSFRJ

23/52



21325 Mt. Lena Rd.

E $\frac{1}{2}$ N elev.

Mt. Lena Section District WA-II-1166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc. : MDSHPD

24/5L



21327 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

E & N elev.

25/52



21327 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

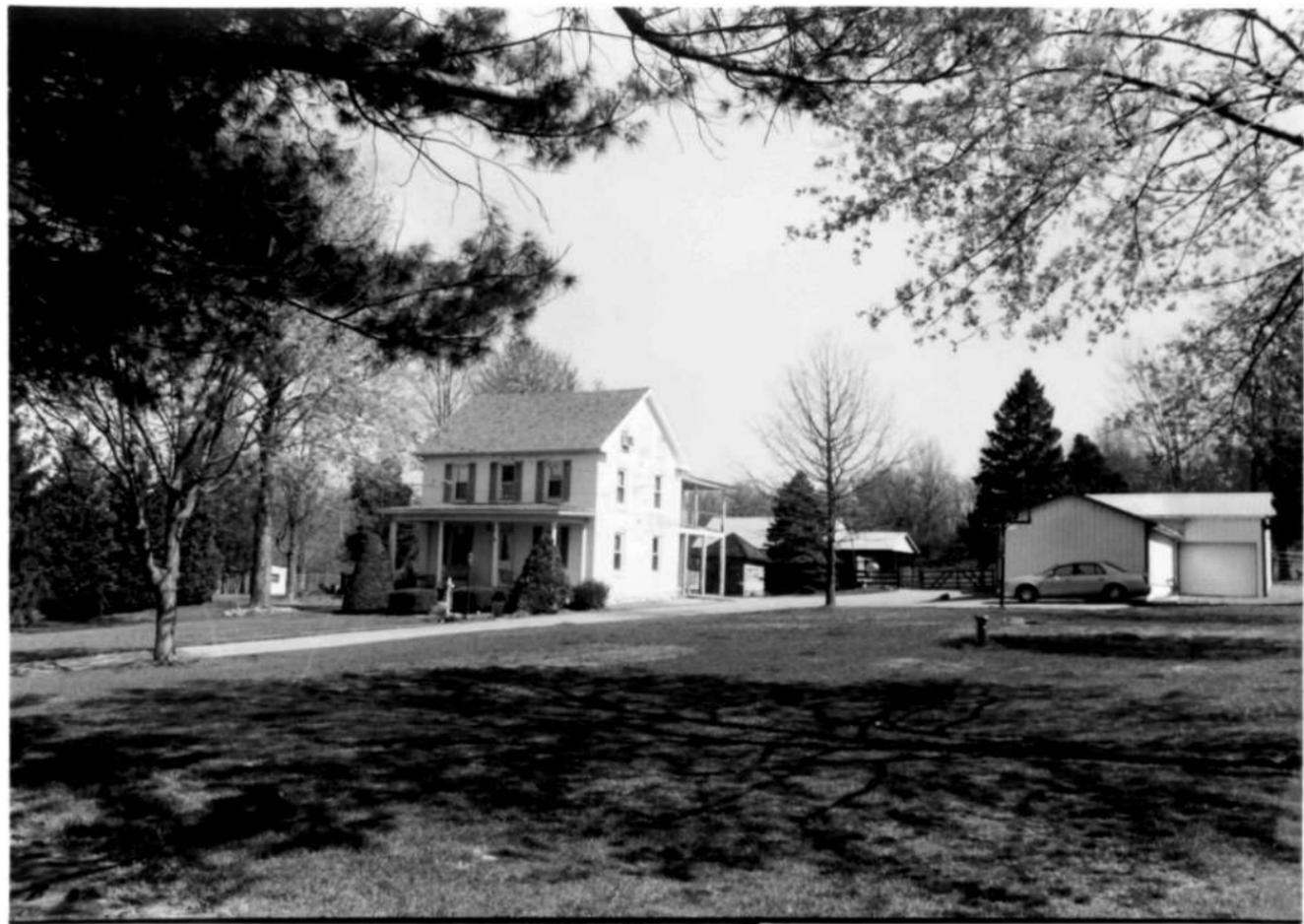
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4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

N is W elev.

26/52



21334 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-1166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSTPO

S & E elev.

27/52



Z1335 Mt Lena 21.

Mt. Lena Survey District 11/A-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS4PO

E $\frac{1}{2}$ N elev

28/52



21339 11th. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

E & N elev.

29/52



2/3/43 Mt. Lena rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MSS+PO

S $\frac{1}{2}$ E elev.

30/52

WA-II-166



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21356 Mt. Lena Rd.

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Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

W²/₄S elev.

31/5L



2135 1/2 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-106

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

-108

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

S 1/2 E elev.

32/52



71360 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WPA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

S & E elev.

33/52



21380 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA II-106

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

S. elev.

34/52



2/384 Mt. Lena Rd.

N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

35/5L



21/68 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-1166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

21/68

Neg. Loc.: MDSEPg

N & W elev.

36/5L

slg



21390 Mt. Lena Rd.
E & N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHT-0

37/51



21825 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-106

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSAPD

N&W Elev.

38/5L



21459 2nd - 2nd Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co, MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHP

E & N elev

39/52



21514 Mt. Lena Rd

E. elev.

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Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHIPG

40/52



21537 Mt. Lena Rd.

E & N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-1166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPD

41/52



2/6 3 Mt. Lena tds

Mt. Lena Survey District

WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS4PO

N&W elev

42/57



2 1/2 x 3 1/2 - Lena Rd.

Mt Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co, MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

E & N elev.

43/52



2109 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey Tract WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRH, Inc.

4/08

Neq. Loc.: M₁S₁T₁

E & N elev.

44/52



21620 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-160

Washington Co. MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHP

S&E elev.

45/52



21625 Mt. Lena Rd.

N elev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

11/08

Neg. Loc.: MDS4FO

46/5L



21631 Mt. Lena Ed

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-1166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSTPO

N/E lev.

47/52



21655 Mt. Lena Rd.
E & Nelev.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc.: MDSHPO

48/52



Looking W on Mt. Lena Rd. - s²¹³¹⁷ on left,
#21306 on right

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co ME

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc. : M25-20

49/52



Looking E at 21325 Mt. Lena Rd.

Mt. Lena Survey District WA-II-166

Washington Co., MD

PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc. : MDSHPO

50/5L



Looking E on Mt. Lena Rd = L-#21374, R-#21379
Mt. Lena Survey District Non-contributing
Washington Co., MD WA-II-1166
PRA, Inc.

4/08

Neg. Loc. : MDSHTD

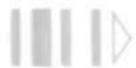
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21310 Mt. Lena Rd.
Mt. Lena Survey District W/S-II-166
Washington Co., MD
PRA, Inc.
4/08

Proj: MD SAFO
S. elev.
52/52



ABSTRACT
WA-II-166
Mt. Lena
Hagerstown Vicinity
private-public

19th Century

Mt. Lena is an example of a small roadside village of vernacular 19th century houses. It is typical of many such settlements which can be found along the mountains' edges in central and Western Maryland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mt. Lena**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Lena Road

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER: **Multiple****4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple Owners

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED \leq 50%

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Lena is a small village located along both sides of Old U.S. Route 40 as it climbs South Mountain southeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland.

The collection of buildings consists for the most part of houses of log, frame and brick construction most of which would appear to date from the second half of the 19th century. The log houses are sheathed with, for the most part, German siding. The Mt. Lena Methodist Church is located at the northwestern end of the village and is a three bay, one story stone structure with modern additions. Most of the dwellings are two stories in height and three bays wide with late 19th or early 20th century trim.

Generally the buildings are in good condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

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March 1978

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County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

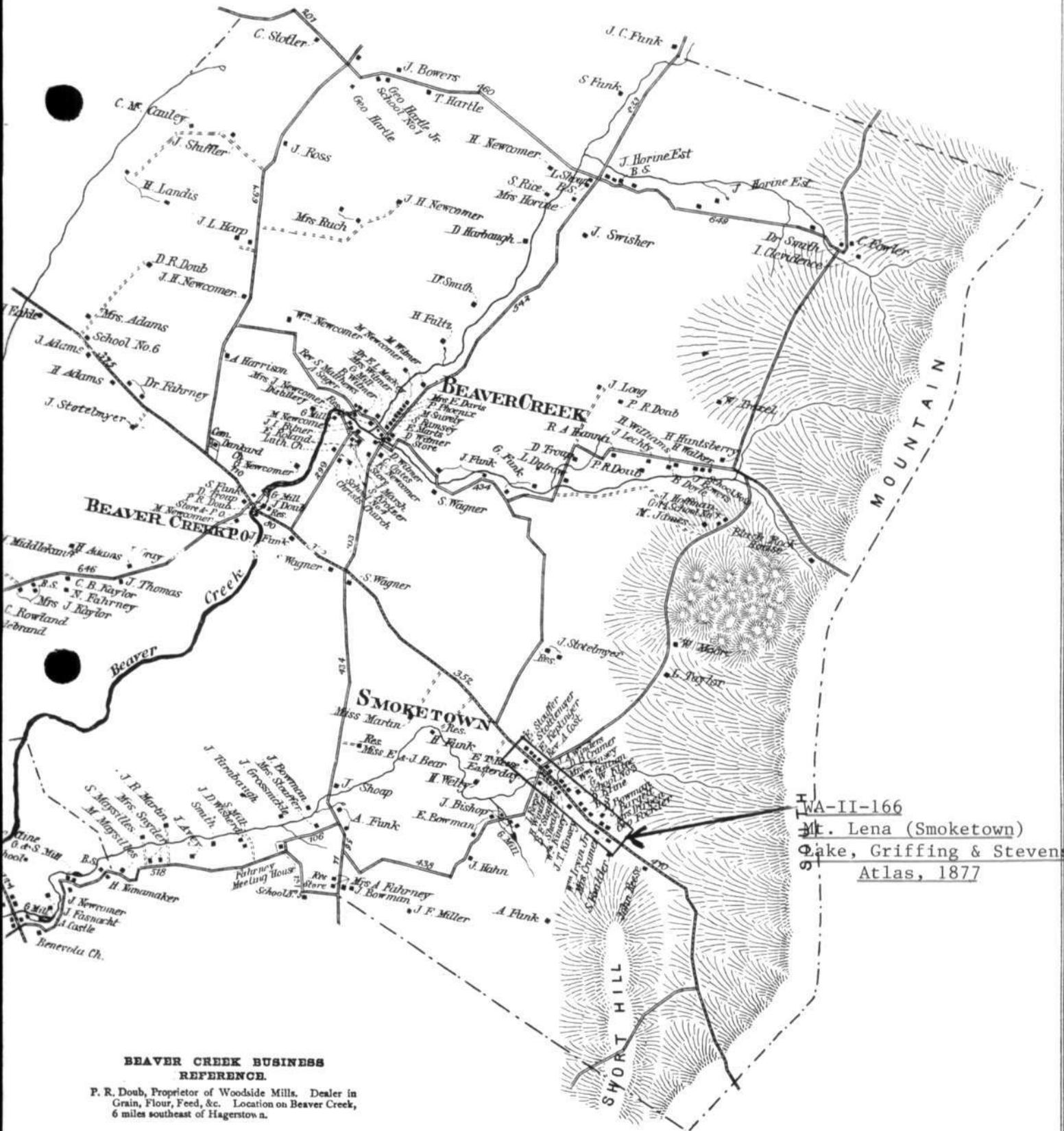
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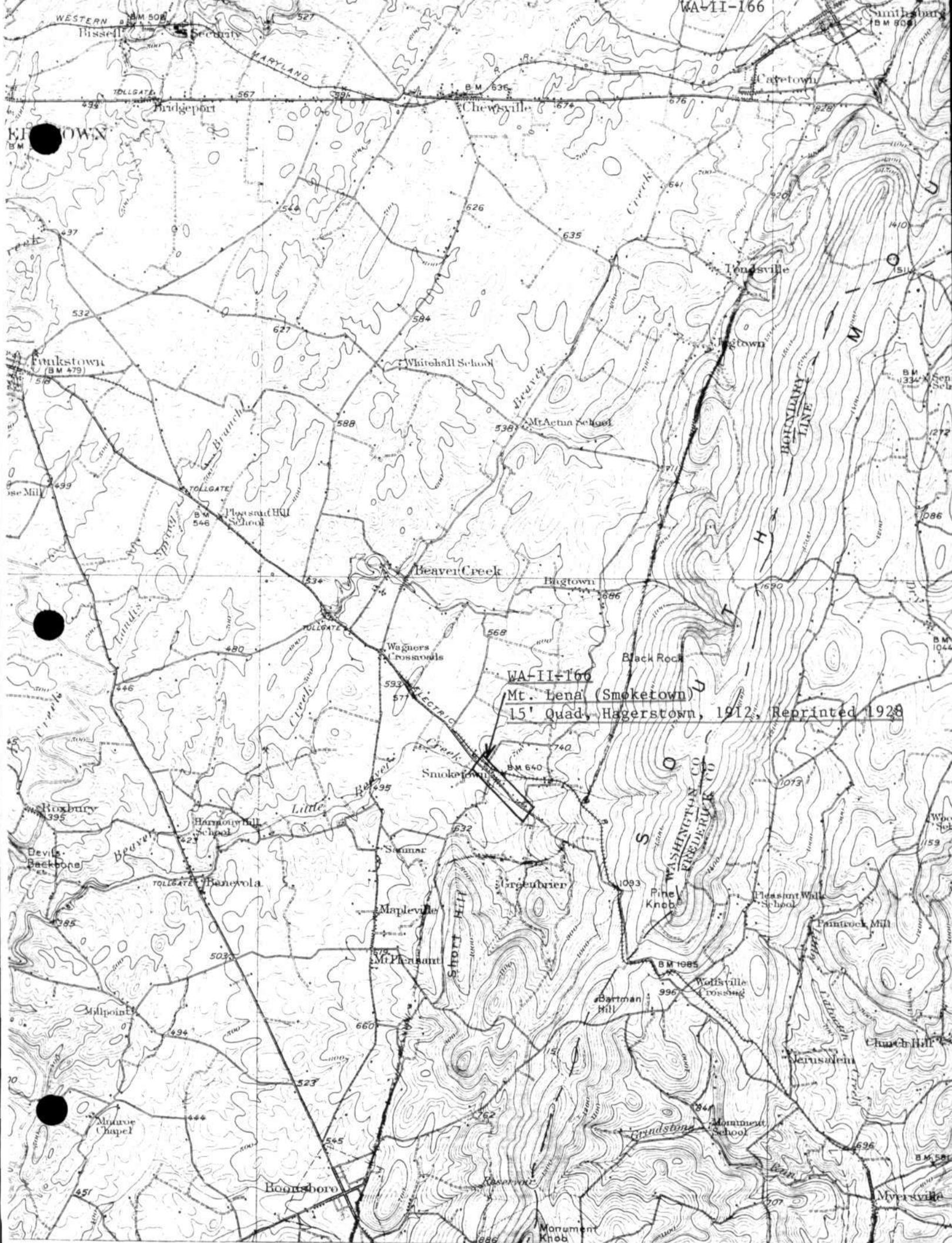
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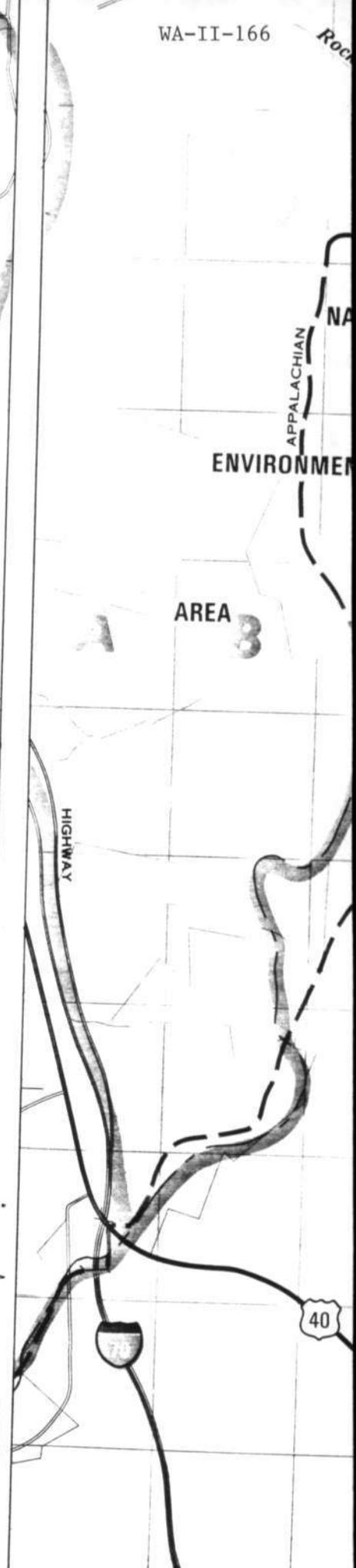
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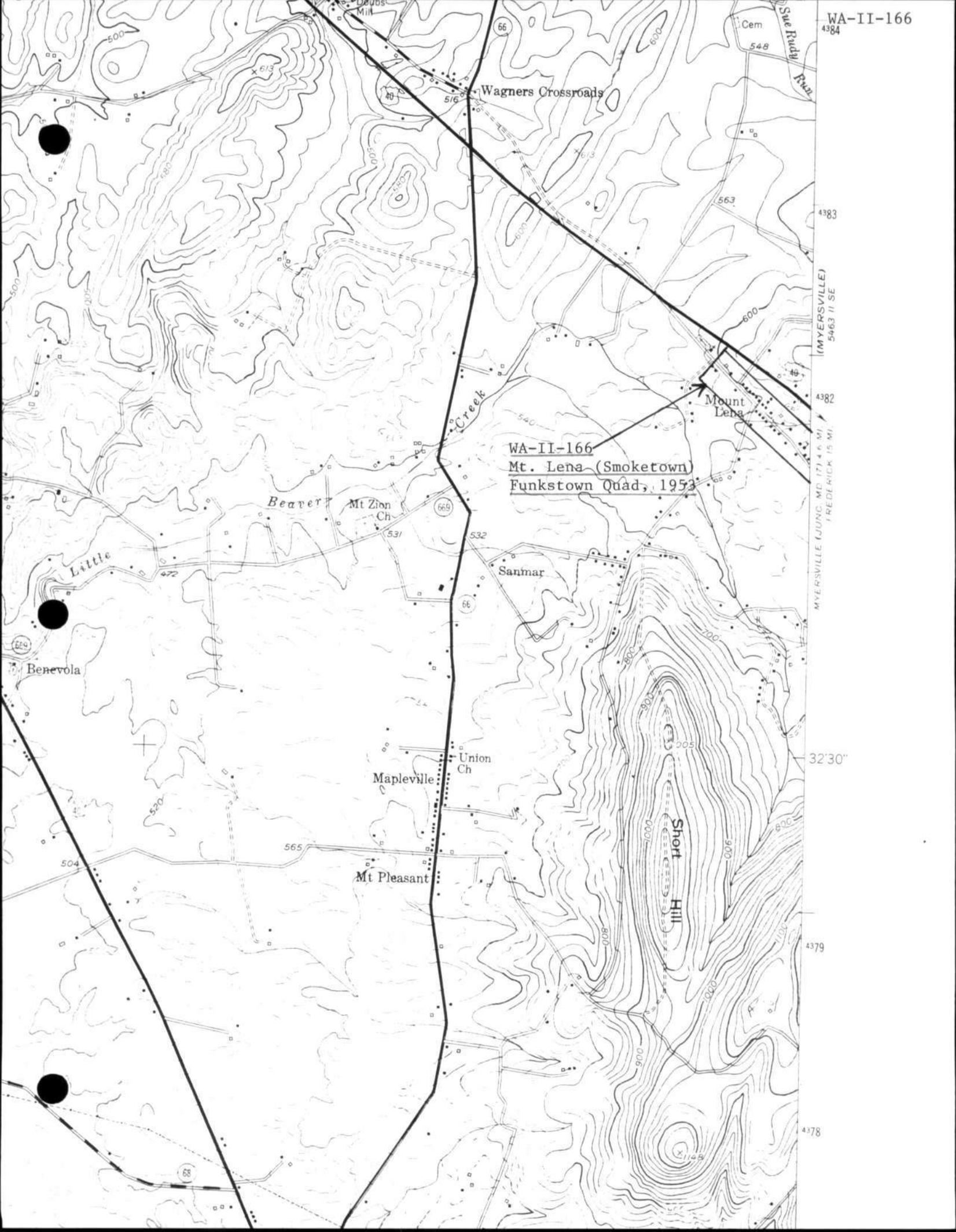


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 Mt. Lena (Smoketown)
 Lake, Griffing & Stevenson
 of
 Atlas, 1877



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 Mt. Lena (Smoketown)
 15' Quad, Hagerstown, 1912, Reprinted 1928





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Mt. Lena (Smoketown)
Funkstown Quad, 1953

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(MYERSVILLE)
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MYERSVILLE (JUNC. MD 17) 4.6 MI
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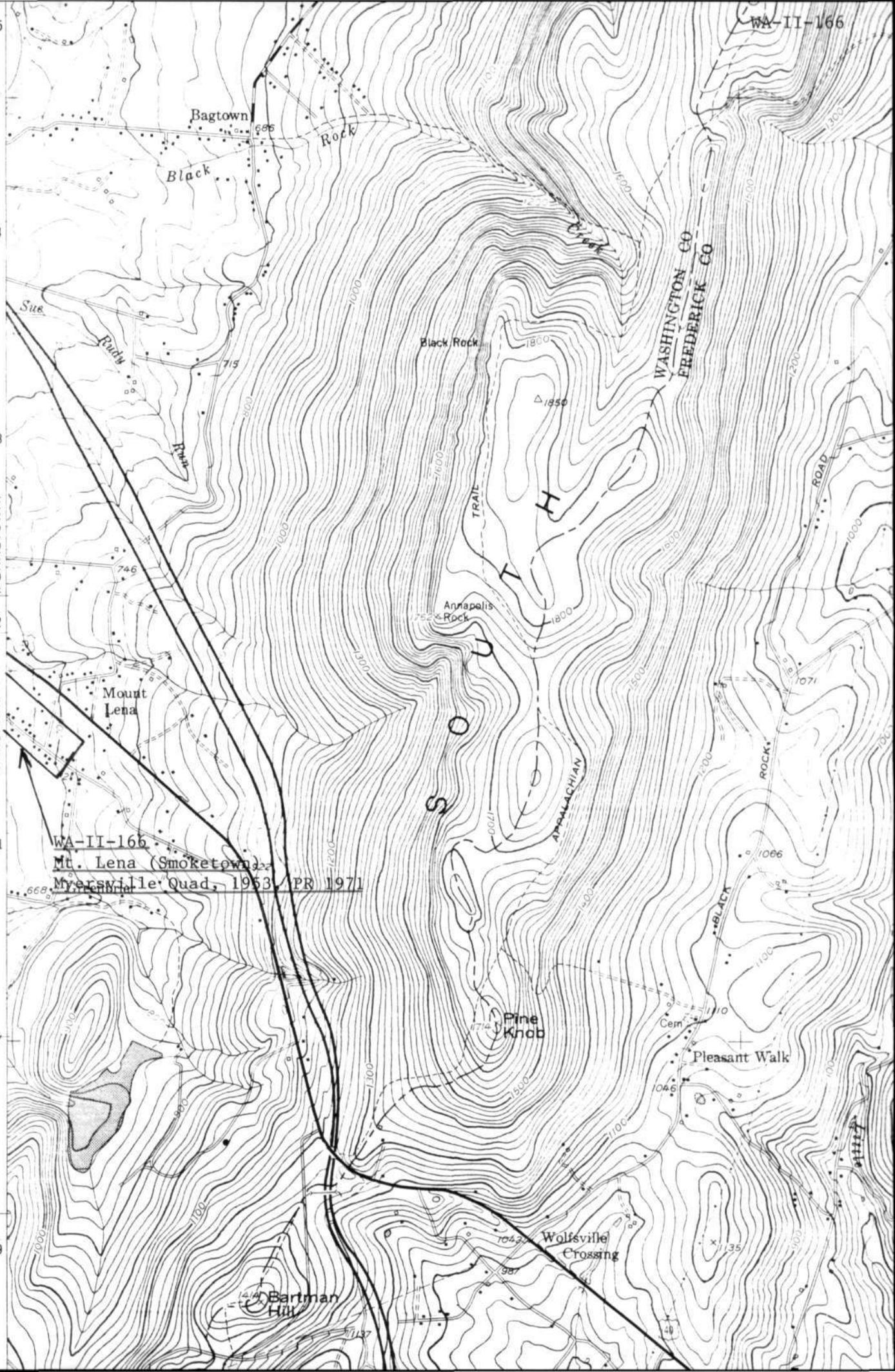
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HAGERSTOWN T. 10
LINCASTOWN T. 10



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Mt. Lena (Smoketown)
Myersville Quad, 1953 / PR 1971

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Mt. Lena

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