

**United States Department of the Interior
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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 processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cavetown Historic District

other names/site number WA-IV-014

2. Location

portions of Old Georgetown Road, Cavetown Church Road,
street & number Paden Road, Mapleville Road, Gander Lane, and Goose Street not for publication N/A

city or town Cavetown vicinity N/A

state Maryland code MD county Washington code 043 zip code 21720

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 the 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 and bureau

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 and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<u> </u> entered in the National Register <u> </u> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<u> </u> determined eligible for the National Register <u> </u> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<u> </u> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<u> </u> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<u> </u> other (explain): _____		

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
57	10	buildings
1		sites
1		structures
		objects
59	10	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
none

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure
RELIGION/church
COMMERCIAL/specialty store
FUNERARY/cemetery
TRANSPORTATION/bridge

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure
RELIGION/church
TRANSPORTATION/bridge
VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal
LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate
/Gothic Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/sandstone; BRICK
walls BRICK; STONE; WOOD/weatherboard
roof ASPHALT; SLATE
other

Refer to Continuation Sheet

Narrative Description

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

Refer to Continuation Sheets

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8. Statement of Significance

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c 1820-c. 1950

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Bushey, Frank, builder

Tanner, Jacob, builder

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 a 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

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
- designated 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 33 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
1	18	278040	4391540	3	18	278280	4391100
2	18	278180	4391500	4	18	277840	4391120
N/A 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.)

11. Form Prepared By

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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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name Multiple owners (refer to Continuation Sheet)

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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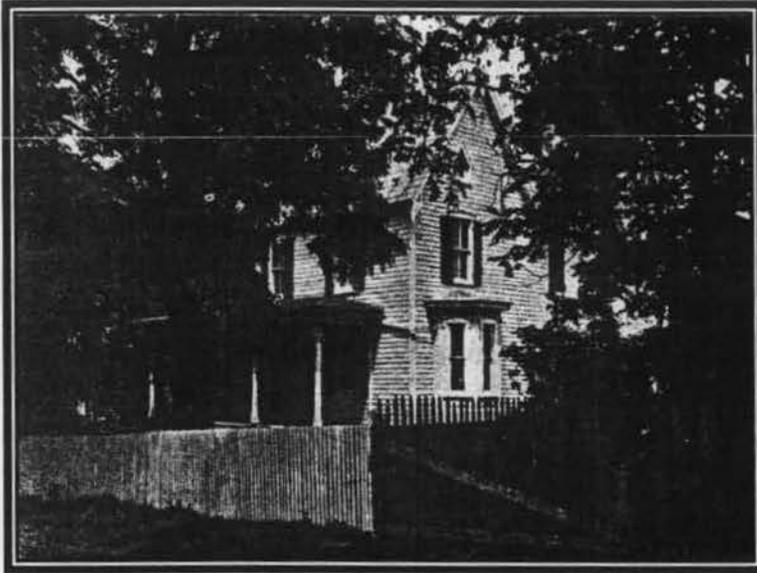


Fig. 2 Much of the district's nineteenth-century domestic architecture is vernacular in character. Some homes, however, exhibit significantly more attention to formal design elements, such as this Gothic Revival-style Manse which was erected in 1881 by contractor W. Bowers at a total cost of \$2,300.

district's architecture is of wood, including buildings of wood frame and log construction. Many of the homes retain their front porches of varying scales and forms along with associated domestic outbuildings including smokehouses, sheds, and garages. Larger dependencies are included in the resource count, while smaller outbuildings (sheds, small automobile garages, etc.) are treated as low-scale landscape features and are not represented in the count. The district lies southeast of Cave Hill, the location of the former limestone quarry and cave which gave the village its name and provided much of the impetus for the historic economy of the community. Neither the quarry nor the hill are included in the district since the cave has collapsed and the historic character of the area between the cave and

the district has been compromised by new construction and sweeping modifications to older buildings. The area which is nominated retains integrity in each of its seven qualities: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The Cavetown Historic District consists of two sections, one on either side of Beaver Creek, a small waterway which traverses the community; the section of the district south of the creek is considerably larger than that to the north of the waterway. Most of the streets in the district are paved with asphalt. Few sidewalks or other pedestrian amenities exist in the district.

The topography of the Cavetown Historic District is essentially flat and the building lots are irregular in plan, reflecting the historic subdivision of land which occurred generations prior to the onset of uniform subdivision requirements. Property setback lines are irregular throughout the district and landscaping includes lawns both large and small.

The buildings in the district are rectilinear in form and generally vary in height between one and one-half and two and one-half stories. The largest building in the district is the Christ's Evangelical and Reformed Church (Resource No.2). Most buildings are roofed with laterally-oriented gable roofs, clad in standing-seam metal or in asphalt shingles.

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Fig. 3 This view of the district dates from 1920 and is taken from the roof of Christ's Church, looking northwest toward the quarry and cave which gave the community its name. Evident is the character of the domestic architecture, characterized by two-story houses with gable roofs and flat-topped fenestration.

Some historic chimneys have been retained, while others have been removed in the course of retrofitting heating systems and replacing roofs. Most fenestration is flat-topped, with little ornamentation; the fenestration of the Christ Reformed Church is round-arched. Some multi-light historic sash has been retained throughout the district. In some cases, a distinctive locally-derived sash design appears, wherein a double-hung, two-over-two window is set within a flat-topped opening with segmental-arched lights in the upper sash.¹ Most of the buildings in the district rest on substantial foundations of coursed limestone, which was likely excavated from the nearby quarry and cave.

As noted above, the architectural character of the Cavetown Historic District is primarily vernacular, executed without reference to any particular building style. Some traditional house types are found in the district, including side-passage single-pile homes and single-pen houses to which have been appended later additions. The properties designed with the most sophistication include the Romanesque Revival Christ's Reformed and Evangelical Church (Resource No. 2) and its former Manse (Resource No. 43).

As noted in the introductory paragraph, the Cavetown Historic District retains historic and architectural integrity. Although modest in its scale and detailing, the overall character of the district is intact and represents the early growth and maturity of this hamlet throughout its one hundred thirty-year-long Period of Significance. Limited demolition has occurred and only a very small number of newer buildings have been built within the boundaries of the

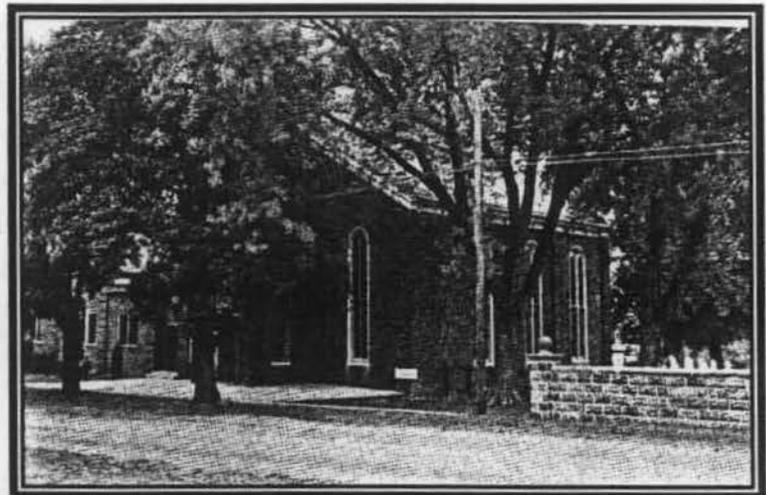


Fig. 4 Christ's Evangelical & Reformed Church appeared in a 1952 history of the congregation and illustrates not only the church but the historic tree-lined character of the community, much of which has been lost.

¹This distinctive window type appears in Hagerstown and throughout Washington County; therefore, it will be referred to as "Hagerstown" sash in the descriptions which appear in the Resource Inventory.

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nominated area. Alterations to buildings within the district include the application of non-historic siding and the installation of replacement windows. These alterations are dispersed widely throughout the district and do not detract significantly from the ability of the nominated area to reflect its appearance throughout the Period of Significance.



Fig. 5 The district's pre-war twentieth-century architecture is represented in the Christ's Church Manse of 1938, built at a cost of \$5,178.90 by contractor Frank Bushey, whose father, George Bushey, had owned the quarry and cave which gave the community its identity. Frank Bushey operated the planing mill which still is in business just outside the district.

Viewed in its entirety, Cavetown Historic District is an architecturally-cohesive settlement which grew up in the economic shadow of an early nineteenth-century limestone quarry. The nominated area retains integrity and contains sixty-nine modestly-scaled historic properties, primarily residential but also including the Christ Reformed Church, the Cemetery (a contributing site), and the Beaver Creek Bridge (a contributing structure).

The following properties lie within the Cavetown Historic District. The numbering corresponds to the district map which was submitted with the nomination documents. All properties are assumed to contribute to the character of the district except those after whose description an "NC" appears; these properties are non-contributing to the character of the district, either because they date from outside the Period of Significance of the district or because their extent of alteration has significantly compromised their individual character with reference to the district. Most dates of construction are approximate and are based upon physical examination, upon the scant

written documentation which exists for the district, upon property tax data, and upon oral interviews conducted in the course of the preparation of the National Register documents; dates which appear in italics are confirmed.

1. 22517 Cavetown Church Road

[second Manse, Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church] two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with main entrance offset on the left side, suggesting a side-passage traditional house plan; integral one-car garage on east side

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with second story added; non-historic siding (1938; Frank Bushey, builder)

2. 22514 Cavetown Church Road

[Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church] Romanesque Revival church of brick with newer brick cladding; gabled roof with gable-end orientation to the street; centered on the facade is a square bell tower with a wood belfry capped with a slate steeple; a Parish Hall addition is on the left side with a 1947 date stone and an additional 1968 date stone suggesting the entire building was clad and brick at that time with a loss of integrity (1828; NC)

3. 22515 Cavetown Church Road

1½-story stone building with laterally-oriented gable roof and small shed dormer; three-bay facade with the main entrance centered thereon; windows flat-topped with historic sash intact; presently serves as the village Post Office (c. 1840)

4. 22508 Cavetown Church Road

two-story vernacular residence of wood frame construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with flat-topped windows; main entrance centered on facade, suggesting a central-passage interior plan (c. 1840)

5. 22507 Cavetown Church Road

two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof clad in standing seam metal; four-bay facade; windows flat topped, 2/2, with decorative surrounds (c. 1860)

6. 22504 Cavetown Church Road

1½-story Cape Cod-style house of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof, central chimney, three-bay facade with 2 gable dormers (c. 1947)

7. 22503 Cavetown Church Road

1½-story modern residence built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)

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8. rear, 22501 Cavetown Church Road 1½-story gable-roofed outbuilding of wood construction with board-and-batten siding and 6/6 windows (c. 1850)
9. 22502 Cavetown Church Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with main entrance centered and shielded by a gabled hood matching the hood employed on the entry over the house at 22508 Cave Town Church Road. In the 1877 county atlas, this is shown to be the home of John E. Kelly, who was listed in the atlas as a teacher. (c. 1850)
10. 22501 Cavetown Church Road two-story vernacular residence of brick construction with an early German siding-clad addition of wood on the right side, clad in German siding; laterally-oriented gable roof; windows on the original portion of the house are flat-topped, while those on the addition feature "Hagerstown" upper sash and retain original exterior shutter hinges; windows on the brick portion incorporate some jack-arched lintels. The 1877 county atlas shows this to have been a store owned by G. I. Brown. (c. 1840)
11. 22434 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with 6/6 windows retained and a one-story hipped-roof front porch; the eaves are decorated with sawn bargeboard. In the 1877 county atlas, this is shown to be the home of J. Stottlemeyer. (c. 1840)
12. rear, 22434 Goose Street non-historic cement block garage, built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)
13. 22432 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented standing-seam metal roof; three-bay facade with flat-topped windows with molded heads and replacement units; inappropriate non-historic exterior shutters; one-story shed-roofed porch with replacement supports (c. 1840)

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14. 22429 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; four-bay facade with 2/2 windows; an enclosed shed-roofed front porch extends across the facade; non-historic siding (c. 1850)
15. 22430 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented roof; three-bay facade; likely a side-passage interior plan; windows flat-topped with Hagerstown sash; non-historic siding (c. 1840)
16. 22425 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with steeply-pitched laterally-oriented gable roof clad in corrugated metal; interior gable-end chimneys three-bay facade with windows flat-topped 2/2; one-story hipped-roof porch on the facade has been enclosed (c. 1840)
17. 22426 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with centered entry; non-historic siding (c. 1850)
18. 22424 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof into which a sky light has been inserted; two-bay facade with some 6/6 windows; exterior clad in shiplap siding; single-story shed-roof porch (c. 1850)
19. 22421 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with three-bay facade and laterally-oriented gable roof; exterior clad in asphalt shingles; three-bay facade with flat-topped windows and main entrance offset on the right suggesting a side-passage interior plan (c. 1850)
20. 22422 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with single-story ell at the rear; laterally-oriented gable roof clad in corrugated metal; four-

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- bay facade; windows flat-topped 2/2; one-story hipped-roof porch with standing-seam metal roof and turned porch supports (c. 1860)
21. 22417 Goose Street 1½-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof of standing seam metal; three-bay facade with centered entry; windows flat-topped 2/2 (c. 1850)
22. rear, 22428 Goose Street single-story, two-bay cement block garage built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)
23. 22418 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with standing seam gable roof, laterally-oriented; windows flat topped with molded heads, 2/2 with some 6/6 sash retained; exterior clad in asbestos shingles (c. 1850)
24. 22416 Goose Street two-story vernacular brick residence with laterally-oriented gable roof; windows flat-topped 2/2 with jack-arched lintels; four-bay facade (c. 1840)
25. 22402 Goose Street two-story modern utility building of metal built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)
26. 22419 Goose Street two-story vernacular residence of brick which appears to have been constructed in two sections; the entire building is covered with a laterally-oriented gable roof with paired wall dormers on the facade; windows flat topped, some with jack-arched lintels (c. 1840)
27. 22331 Old Georgetown Road 1½-story vernacular cottage of wood construction with gable roof and gable-end orientation to the street; three-bay facade on first floor with 6/6 windows; 1 story hipped-roof porch on the facade (c. 1890)

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28. **22335 Old Georgetown Road** two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; two-bay facade with windows flat topped with molded heads; one-story hipped-roof porch on facade supported by battered wood posts (c. 1840)
29. **side, 22402 Old Georgetown Road** two-story modern storage building built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)
30. **22402 Old Georgetown Road** two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof retaining historic slate; three-bay facade with centered entry way; windows flat topped with modest surrounds; non-historic siding; one-story, hipped-roof front porch, one bay in width and supported by rock-faced concrete block piers capped with Ionic columns; along the front lot line is an historic cast-iron fence bearing the manufacturer's plate from the Stewart Iron Works of Cincinnati [a leading producer of cast and wrought iron materials in the nineteenth century] (c. 1840)
31. **22401 Old Georgetown Road** 1½-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; two-bay facade with centered entrance shielded by hipped-roof portico supported by Eastlake posts and decorated with sawn ornament (c. 1880)
32. **22408 Old Georgetown Road** two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with gable roof and gable-end orientation to the street; three-bay facade with windows flat topped in a variety of sash patterns; non-historic siding; one-story hipped-roof porch supported by brick and wood piers and posts (c. 1920)
33. **11904 Paden Road** two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with gable roof and partial return on the cornice; windows flat topped 2/2, with original shutter hinges retained, the building is built upon a foundation of brick

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and stone. In the 1877 county atlas, this is shown to be the home of B. Flecker. (c. 1850)

34. rear, 11904 Paden Avenue

one-story smoke house (c. 1850)

35. 22412 Old Georgetown Road

two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with 2/2 windows and a centered entryway ornamented by a Neo-Colonial broken pediment; attached dependency at rear. (c. 1840)

36. rear, 22412 Old Georgetown Road

single-story dependency of indeterminate use built of wood and erected during the historic period of the property with which its associated

22416 Old Georgetown Road

two-story vernacular residence of brick with laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade and centered entry; the original building appears to have been of brick construction with a second floor added and presently clad in non-historic siding (c. 1840)

38. 22418 Old Georgetown Road

two-story vernacular residence of wood construction, with laterally-oriented standing-seam metal roof; facade has been clad in brick at an indeterminate time, but on the gable ends the original weatherboard is visible; four-bay facade; windows 2/2; single-story porch supported by Eastlake posts is on the facade; the building is L-shaped in plan, with a double-gallery porch on the rear in the angle of the ell (c. 1850)

39. rear, 22418 Old Georgetown Road

one-story three-bay automobile garage built outside the Period of Significance of the district (NC)

40. 22420 Old Georgetown Road

mobile home built outside the Period Significance of the district (NC)

22426 Old Georgetown Road

2½-story vernacular building which appears to have been a commercial/residential building during its historic period; five-bay facade, built

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of brick with a facade clad in non-historic siding; windows flat topped with some historic 2/2 sash remaining; most historic sash has been replaced; one-story hipped-roof porch. In the 1877 county atlas, this is shown to have been a hotel owned by E. Davis. (c. 1840)

42. 22504 Old Georgetown Road

two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof and historic slate retained; non-historic siding; three-bay facade with centered entry, giving the appearance of a central-passage double-pile plan (c. 1850)

43. 22506 Old Georgetown Road

two-story vernacular residence of brick construction with laterally-oriented gable roof of standing-seam metal and interior brick chimneys; four-bay facade with flat topped windows; one-story hipped-roof porch with Eastlake posts and trim on the facade (c. 1840)

44. rear 22506 Old Georgetown Road

one-story brick dependency with corrugated-metal roof (c. 1840)

45. 22510 Old Georgetown Road

one-story cottage of cobblestone construction partially clad in wood shingles; three-bay facade with laterally-oriented gable roof (c. 1920)

46. 22514 Old Georgetown Road

[first Manse, Christ's Reformed & Evangelical & Reformed Church]
 two-story vernacular residence of wood construction clad in wood shingles; steeply-pitched, laterally-oriented gable roof with historic slate retained; one-story bay window on the left side; three-bay facade with centered entry; windows flat topped 2/2; in the pediments of the gables are pairs of pointed-arched windows whose design appears elsewhere in the district as well; one-story porch extends across the facade; some windows have Hagerstown sash (1880)

47. rear, 22514 Old Georgetown Road

one-story dependency of wood construction with board-and-batten siding located at the rear of the property with which it associated (c. 1880)

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48. side, 22514 Old Georgetown Road single-story two-car garage of wood construction, gable roof, gable-end orientation of the street with cross-buck wooden doors on rollers (c. 1920)
49. 11919 Mapleville Road 1½-story cottage of wood construction built outside the Period of Significance of the District (NC)
50. 11922 Mapleville Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof and a large centered gable on the facade; three-bay facade with entry ornamented by transom sash and sidelights and shielded by one-story gabled portico; windows flat topped with replacement sash; non-historic siding; the property is partially enclosed by a historic cast-iron fence (c. 1880)
51. rear 11922 Mapleville Road one-story concrete block garage with gable roof and gable-end orientation of the street (c. 1930)
52. 12008 Mapleville Road 1½-story vernacular residence/commercial building of brick with broadly sloping laterally-oriented gable roof and large shed dormer; the roof extends to shield a front porch; on the left side of the facade is a storefront with traditional configuration and window-to-wall ratio (c. 1920)
53. 12009 Mapleville Road 1½-story brick cottage, vernacular in character, with laterally-oriented standing-seam gable roof; eyebrow windows on three-bay facade; most windows are flat topped with jack-arched lintels; a single-story 1920s hipped-roof porch on the facade is supported by brick piers and battered wood columns (c. 1840)
54. 12014 Mapleville Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with standing-seam metal-clad, laterally-oriented gable roof; three-bay facade with centered entry; one-story hipped-roof porch; non-historic siding (c. 1840)

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55. 12011 Mapleville Road 1½-story cottage of wood construction with laterally-oriented, standing-seam, metal roof; eyebrow windows on second floor; four-bay facade; non-historic siding; one-story hipped-roof porch (c. 1840)
56. rear, 12011 Mapleville Road two-story dependency of wood construction with gable roof and gable-end orientation to the street; overhead garage door and some 6/6 sash retained (c. 1900)
57. 12013 Mapleville Road one-story ranch-style house of modern construction built outside the Period of Significance (NC)
58. 12015 Mapleville Road two-story cottage of wood construction, vernacular in character, with a laterally-oriented gable roof clad in standing-seam metal; three-bay facade with centered entry (c. 1840)
59. 12016 Mapleville Road 2-story vernacular residence of wood construction, built upon a stone foundation, with flat-topped windows and little notable ornamentation (c. 1860)
60. Beaver Creek Bridge The only structure in the district, this is a 2-lane highway bridge of concrete with solid railing and no identifying marks
61. 12018 Mapleville Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with laterally-oriented gable roof clad in standing-seam metal; partial return on the cornice; three-bay facade with centered entry; non historic siding (c. 1840)
62. 12015 Mapleville Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with three-bay facade and a laterally-oriented gable roof with a partial return of the cornice; non-historic siding; enclosed front porch with awning windows (c. 1840)

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63. 12016 Mapleville Road two-story building of wood construction with compromising window replacement and non-historic siding with resultant loss of integrity (NC)
64. 12019 Mapleville Road a repetitive house type, identical to 12023 and 12025 Mapleville Road; this is a two-story, Gothic Revival vernacular residence of wood construction with a laterally-oriented gable roof with centered pediment containing a pointed-arched 2/2 window; three-bay facade with centered entry; hipped-roof porch (c. 1860)
65. 12014 Mapleville Road two-story vernacular residence of wood construction with three-bay facade with a hipped-roof front porch; non-historic siding and laterally-oriented gable roof with centered gable (c. 1850)
66. 12023 Mapleville Road a repetitive house type, identical to 12019 Mapleville Road and 12025 Mapleville Road; this is a two-story Gothic Revival vernacular residence of wood construction with a one-story front porch supported by chamfered columns and trimmed with sawn sandwich brackets; 2/2 windows; laterally-oriented gable roof and centered gable with pointed-arch 2/2 windows (c. 1850)
67. 12025 Mapleville Road a repetitive house type, identical to 12019 Mapleville Road and 12023 Mapleville Road, this is a two-story Gothic Revival vernacular residence of wood construction with a three-bay facade and a single-story hipped-roof porch; windows are flat-topped 2/2, without notable ornament; laterally-oriented gable roof with a centered pediment containing a pointed-arched 2/2 window (c. 1850)
68. Cavetown Cemetery Community cemetery which consists of the largest single parcel in the district; dates from the early years of the nineteenth century, with grave-stones and memorials of a variety of forms, some of traditional folk character and others—primarily later examples—factory produced; located immediately adjacent to the community church. The original deed for the

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property was executed in 1827; early expansions of the Cemetery occurred in 1860 and 1873.

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8. Significance²

The Cavetown Historic District is significant under National Register Criterion C for *architecture*, containing a contiguous collection of locally-significant properties whose designs reflect many of the popular modes prevalent in western Maryland from the 1820s through the 1930s. The Cavetown Historic District's properties reflect primarily vernacular design in the rural reaches of western Maryland throughout the Period of Significance, which begins c. 1820, spans the dates of construction of the district's earliest extant buildings (Resource No. 2, 3, 10, 11, 21, 26, 30, 3341, and 43), and ends c. 1950, the approximate date of construction of the latest of the district's historic resources (Resource No. 22504). With respect to Criterion C, the district contains locally-distinctive examples of vernacular architecture which, although executed without reference to formal design tenets, nonetheless represent the manifestation of local building traditions in this section of Washington County. The district also contains a limited number of examples of formal styles including the Federal and Gothic Revival. The Cavetown Historic District clearly retains its historic rural character along with the physical integrity necessary to reflect its appearance during its Period of Significance.

The Cavetown Historic District includes those contiguous properties within this village whose architectural integrity has remained relatively uncompromised. The district is in Washington County Election District No. 7, known as the Cavetown District. The community was settled in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth century; by 1820, it is recorded that the village had a population of 105, including two slaves. In 1882, J. Thomas Scharf described Cavetown as a village which

nestles at the foot of the South Mountain in a little valley, and is celebrated for its romantic and picturesque location and its health-giving atmosphere The town is surrounded by limestone quarries, and has general stores, school, churches, and other elements pertaining to a healthful and growing country village.³

Prior to European settlement of the area, local accounts note that the cave was used for shelter by local tribes of

²The chronicling of the history of Cavetown is hampered significantly by the dearth of information available for the community. Little was written about the village in two county and regional histories, and most material on the village deals with the cave, which, while clearly a part of the community's history, is outside the boundaries of the nominated area.

³Scharf, J. Thomas *History of Washington County, Maryland 1882*; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1968, p. 1268

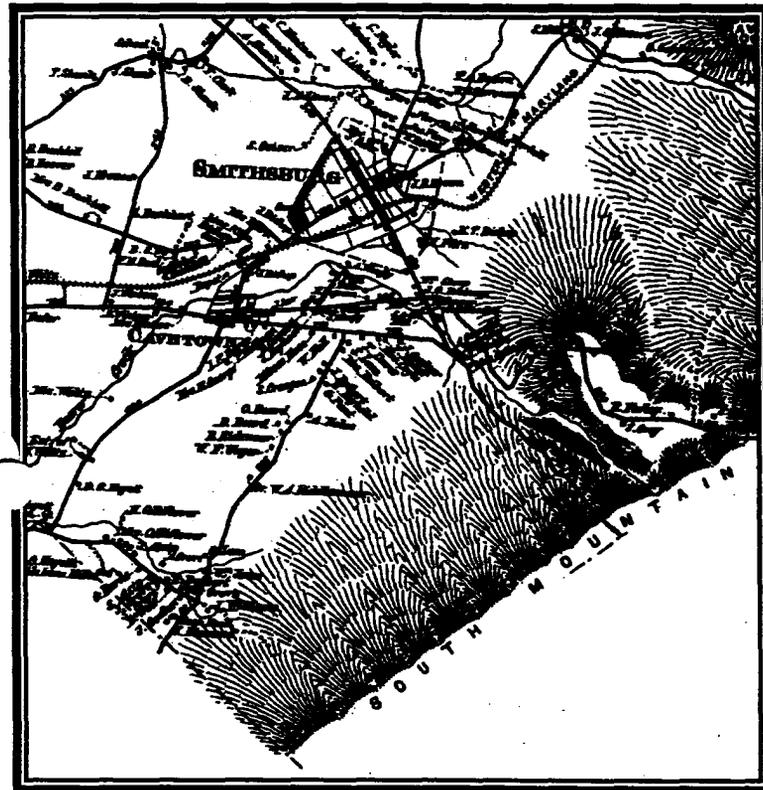
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Native Americans.⁴ The first incursion into the area by non-native settlers occurred in 1748. Local tradition holds that during the 1763-1767 surveying of the boundary line which bears his name, Charles Mason attended a church service held at the mouth of the cave; that tradition does not note whether or not Mason's associate, Jeremiah Dixon, attended



Historian Thomas Scharf's characterization of Cavetown as being nestled at the foot of South Mountain is clearly shown in this atlas map from the 1883 county atlas. Mapleville Road was formerly known as the Hagerstown-Smithsburg Turnpike.

as well.⁵ Cavetown was likely settled sparsely late in the eighteenth century and took on a more permanent character with the establishment of stable institutions. Among these were a post office, which was established at Cavetown in 1815, a school, and the Christ's Reformed and Evangelical Church (Resource No. 2), which dates from the 1820s. The congregation's 1827 brick church, built by one Jacob Tanner and altered with a 1947 addition and a late-twentieth-century brick cladding, is nonetheless an important institutional reminder of the district's earliest days. Cavetown became a quiet farming and quarrying community, a character which it retained throughout the Period of Significance of the district.

Although the cave lies outside the boundaries of the nomination, the history of Cavetown cannot be told fully without discussing the history of the cave. As early as the 1820s, this significant natural feature was being promoted as a tourist attraction. In 1823 the owner of the property advertised in a Hagerstown

newspaper that for the Fourth of July, the cave would be open to the public:

James Camper, having been at considerable expense in fitting up the cave for the accommodation of the public, most respectfully informs them and his friends that he will, in commemoration of the glorious independence of the United States, brilliantly illuminate it on the 4th, 5th, and 6th

⁴Some of the artifacts discovered at the cave are now part of the collection of the Smithsonian Institute.

⁵Fontaine, Stephanie, "Cavetown—A Historical Tidbit," *Crackerbarrel* (October, 1973), n. p.

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days of July next. That no one may be disappointed, he begs leave to state that he cannot admit any person into the cave on those days for less than 12½ cents. Any person throwing stone[s] or any thing else in any part of the cave, particularly in the water at the extreme end of the subterraneous passage, will be fined one dollar. The cave will be kept in good order during the summer. Families or parties wishing to visit this wonderful work of nature can have it illuminated at any time by sending a letter (post-paid) to James Camper, Cavetown, or they will be admitted and provided with light for 6½ cents each. For the accommodation of visitors and others, he will have a supply of good porter, beer, and ale.⁶

At the front of the cave was a large entrance room which contemporary estimates noted could hold up to 1,000 people. Several small passageways, lined with stalactites and stalagmites, led deeper underground from the first room. Far into the cave the passageways opened onto a large subterranean lake, estimated at being twenty feet in width and one hundred feet long; it was this water to which Camper referred in his advertisement.

The village was on the stage coach round between Hagerstown and Baltimore and the present post office at 515 Cavetown Church Road (Resource No. 3), is said to have been one of the regular stops. During the Civil War, horses were kept in the cave in order to avoid their confiscation by the government, and vats and troughs were set up for the collection of saltpeter to be used in ammunition. Robert Hughes eventually acquired the cave but by the 1880s he had sold the property to Dr. Elisha Bishop, a major landowner in the area. Bishop began the quarrying which defined the community for generations to come. The cave became known as "Bishop's Cave," a name which it retained throughout the balance of the nineteenth century. In the spring of 1881 a second cave was discovered while blasting a large limestone boulder for Dr. Bishop's lime kiln.

Late in the nineteenth century, the cave and quarry were acquired by George Bushey, who continued the quarrying activities around the cave and became a leading businessman in the community. The quarrying for limestone continued unabated for the next forty years, eventually taking its toll on the geology which created the cave. In 1913, the underground lake began to shrink and by 1920 had drained away. Continued blasting weakened the mouth and walls of the cave and local accounts indicate that in 1925 both the entrance and the interior walls collapsed, ending forever Cavetown's link to its geological past. Quarrying on the site ended completely in 1944. George Bushy's son, Frank, opened a planing mill in Cavetown and secured the contract for building the new Manse for Christ's Church in 1938. The mill remains active in a facility located between the Cavetown Historic District and Cave Hill.

⁶Quoted in Scharf, J. Thomas *History of Washington County, Maryland 1882*; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1968., p. 1271.

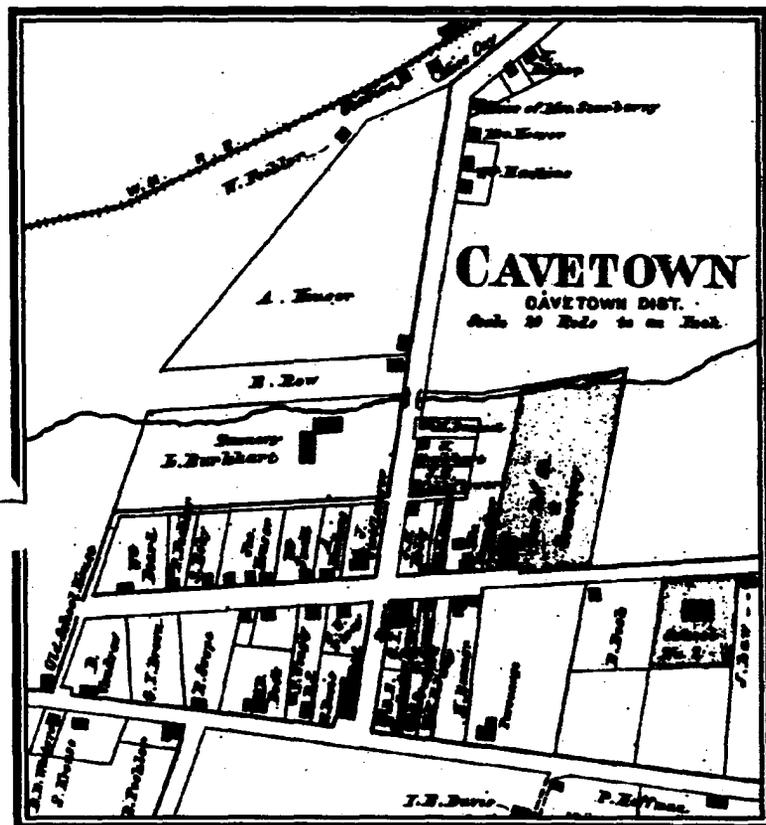
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Cavetown never became more than a working-class rural settlement, a character which it retains at the time of preparation of the nomination documents. The quarry and a lime kiln provided employment for many of the citizens,



This excerpt from the 1877 county atlas shows Cavetown to have been reasonably self-sufficient, with a hotel, tannery, lime kiln, and store. Many of the buildings depicted on this map remain within the Cavetown Historic District at the time of preparation of this document.

while others worked in the farms and fruit orchards in the immediate environs. Data is not available to track the level of quarrying over the years. With the demise of the quarry, the Bushey planing mill became a leading source of local employment. The village developed neither the institutions or business anchors that were found in larger neighboring communities. The 1877 atlas map of the village depicts a hotel owned by E. Davis, G. I. Brown's store, the tannery of L. Burkart on the south side of Beaver Creek on the west side of Mapleville Road. It appears that Cavetown's social activities revolved around the church and the school. Smithsburg, located one mile northeast of Cavetown, has always been a larger community, with a central business district, banks, and a more developed social and business climate.

Evaluating the Cavetown Historic District with other similar resources in the area, the closest areas for which National Register nomination documents have been prepared are Highfield and Pen Mar, both north of Cavetown near the Franklin County,

Pennsylvania border. Highfield is a Blue Ridge Mountain resort community with a series of substantial seasonal homes which were built early in the twentieth century by affluent citizens of Washington, Baltimore, etc. Highfield developed late in the nineteenth century. Pen Mar was a park built and owned by the Western Maryland Railway, and included several large wood resort hotels, a nineteenth-century amusement park and seasonal cottages. Developed in the 1870s, Pen Mar Park was razed by the railroad in the early 1940s and nearly all of the resort hotels are gone. The remaining architecture of Pen Mar is generally vernacular in character with a significant amount of modern alteration. Ringgold, settlement west of Cavetown, contains a primarily linear historic area which, like Cavetown, includes a preponderance of residential architecture along with a church and an associated cemetery. Ringgold's historic resources include two

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Federal-style brick homes and other properties larger in scale and more pretentious than those found in Cavetown. The various historic districts in Hagerstown, the county seat, are more urban in character than Cavetown, including a substantial downtown commercial district.

Viewed in its entirety, the Cavetown Historic District satisfies National Register Criterion C for *architecture*, in that it represents an intact western Maryland village which developed very late in the eighteenth century, grew and matured in the nineteenth, and throughout most of its Period of Significance had as its focus a quarry and a distinctive limestone cave. While neither of these feature are extant, the district, however, clearly retains architectural and cultural integrity sufficient to merit its listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Beginning at the eastern intersection of the Cavetown Cemetery and Cavetown Church road, then north along the eastern boundary of the Cemetery c. 390' to a point at the northeastern corner of the Cemetery; then west c. 90' to the eastern property line of Resource No. 58; then northerly c. 510' along the rear property lines of the properties fronting on Mapleville Road to the northwest property corner of Resource No. 68; then westerly c. 600' along the northern property lines of Resource Nos. 68 and 65 to the northwest property corner of resource No. 65; then southerly c. 780' along the rear property lines of the properties fronting on Mapleville Road, and crossing Gander Street to the southern curb line of Gander Street; then westerly along the southern curblin of Gander Street c. 450' to the northwest property corner of Resource No. 26; then north c. 300' along the west property line of Resource No. 26 and crossing Goose Street to the northwest curblin of Goose Street; then southwesterly c. 120' along the northwest curblin of Goose Street to the northwest curblin of Old Georgetown Road; then westerly c. 180' along the northwest curblin of Old Georgetown Road to a point opposite the northwest property corner of Resource No. 27; then southerly c. 300' crossing Old Georgetown Road and preceding along the west property line of Resource No. 27 to the north curblin of Maryland Route 64; then easterly c. 390' along the north curblin of Maryland Route 674 to the western curblin of Paden Road; then northeasterly along the western curblin of Paden Road c. 330' and crossing Old Georgetown Road to the south curblin of Old Georgetown Road; then easterly along the south curblin of Old Georgetown Road c. 780' to the southeast property corner of Resource No. 48; then northerly along the eastern property line of Resource No. 48 to the rear property line of resource No. 1; then easterly along the rear property line of resource No. 1 to the southeast property corner of Resource No. 1; then northerly c. 350' along the eastern property line of Resource No. 1 and crossing Cavetown Church Road to the northern curblin of Cavetown Church Road; then westerly c. 90' to the place of beginning.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of this nomination were selected to include the unincorporated village of Cavetown and the including domestic architecture dating from the last decade of the eighteenth century through the early twentieth century. The boundaries were selected in order to include as much of the village as retains integrity of character and which dates from the Period of Significance, and to exclude areas which date from outside the Period of Significance or which have been significantly altered. The boundaries incorporate those properties which reflect the growth and prosperity of the village throughout the Period of Significance of the nominated area.

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STREET & NUMBER

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Cavetown is a small 19th century village at the intersection of two state roads. Houses are of sided log, brick or frame. Two stone houses were observed each being only one story high. Many of the houses have domestic outbuildings such as out kitchens or bake ovens in their back yards. Cavetown deserves its name from Cave Hill, a nearby ridge which has a cave said to have been the first commercial cavern in the United States.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cavetown is a typical small rural village which serves the nearby agricultural area. The cave for which the town is named is also significant as a once-profitable enterprise.

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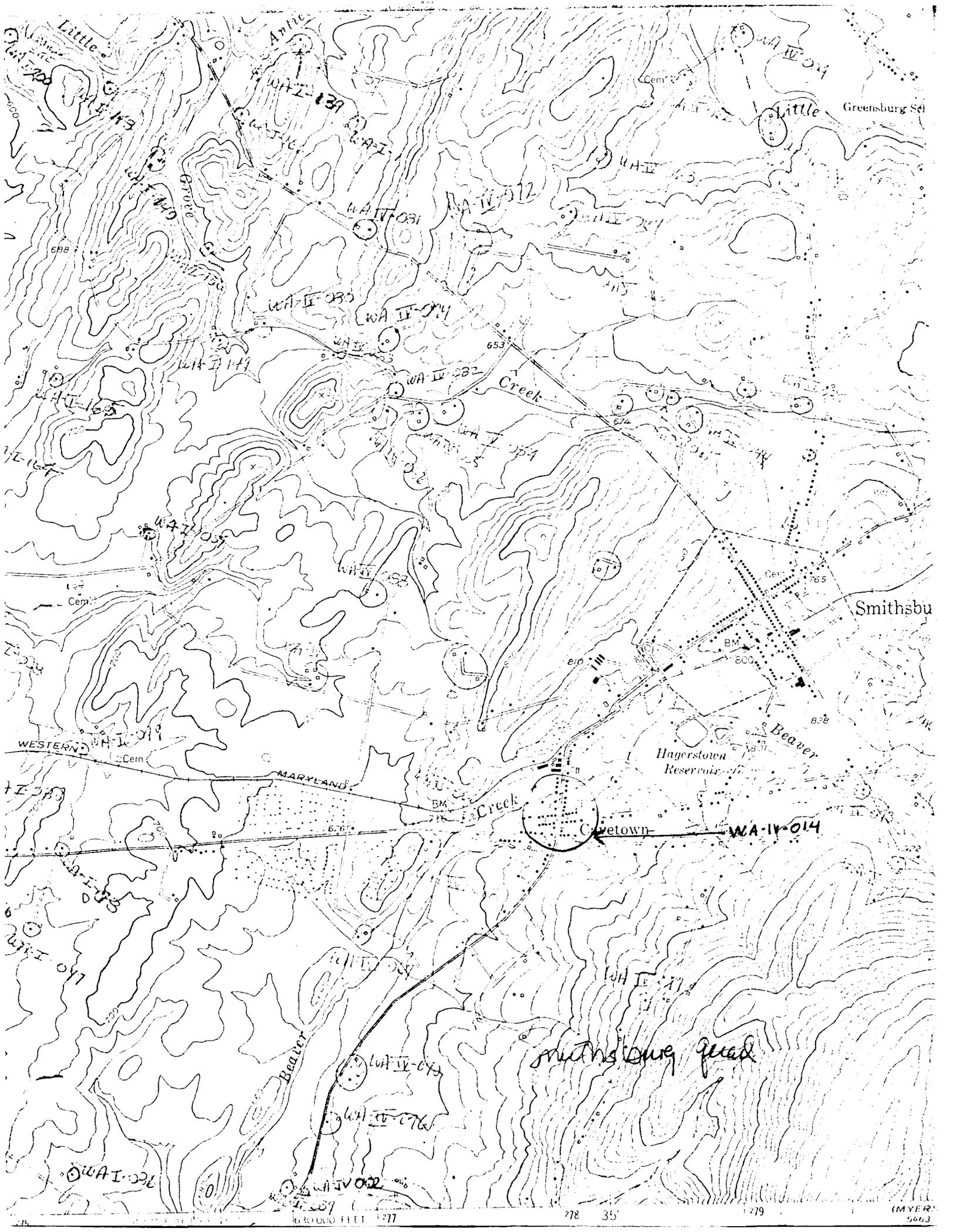
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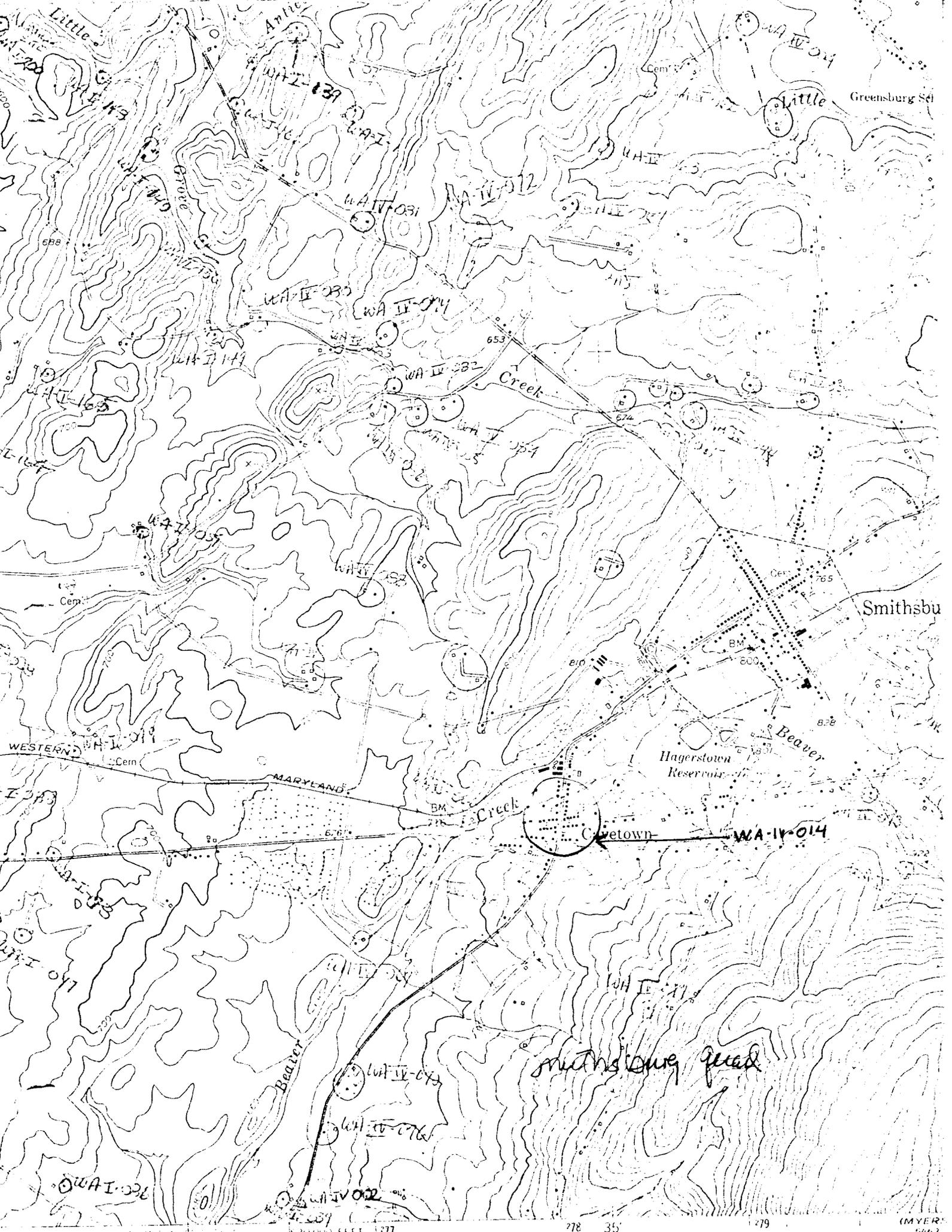
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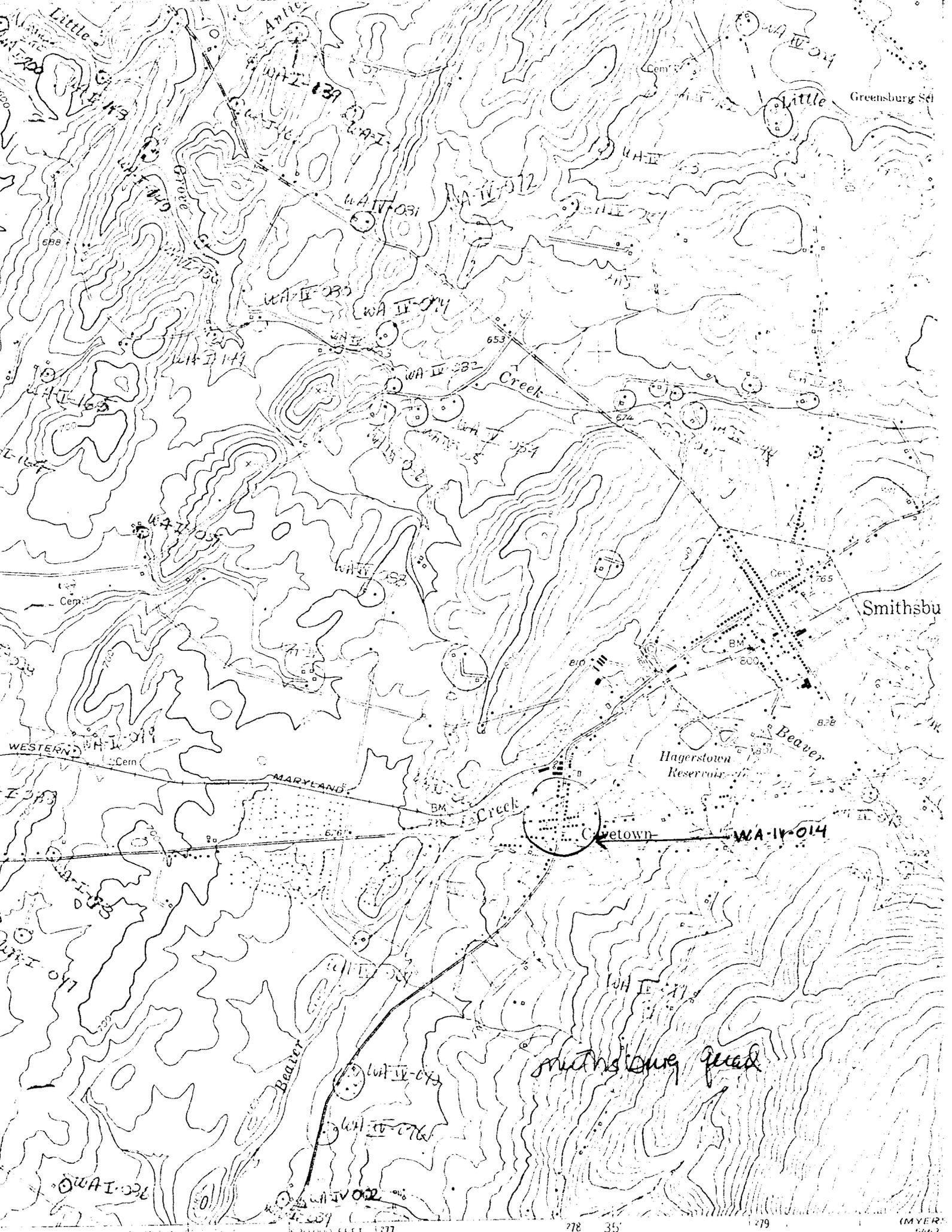
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DISTRICT MAP (PHOTOGRAPHY)

Scale: 1" = ± 300'

Legend:

District Boundary: 

Contributing Resource 

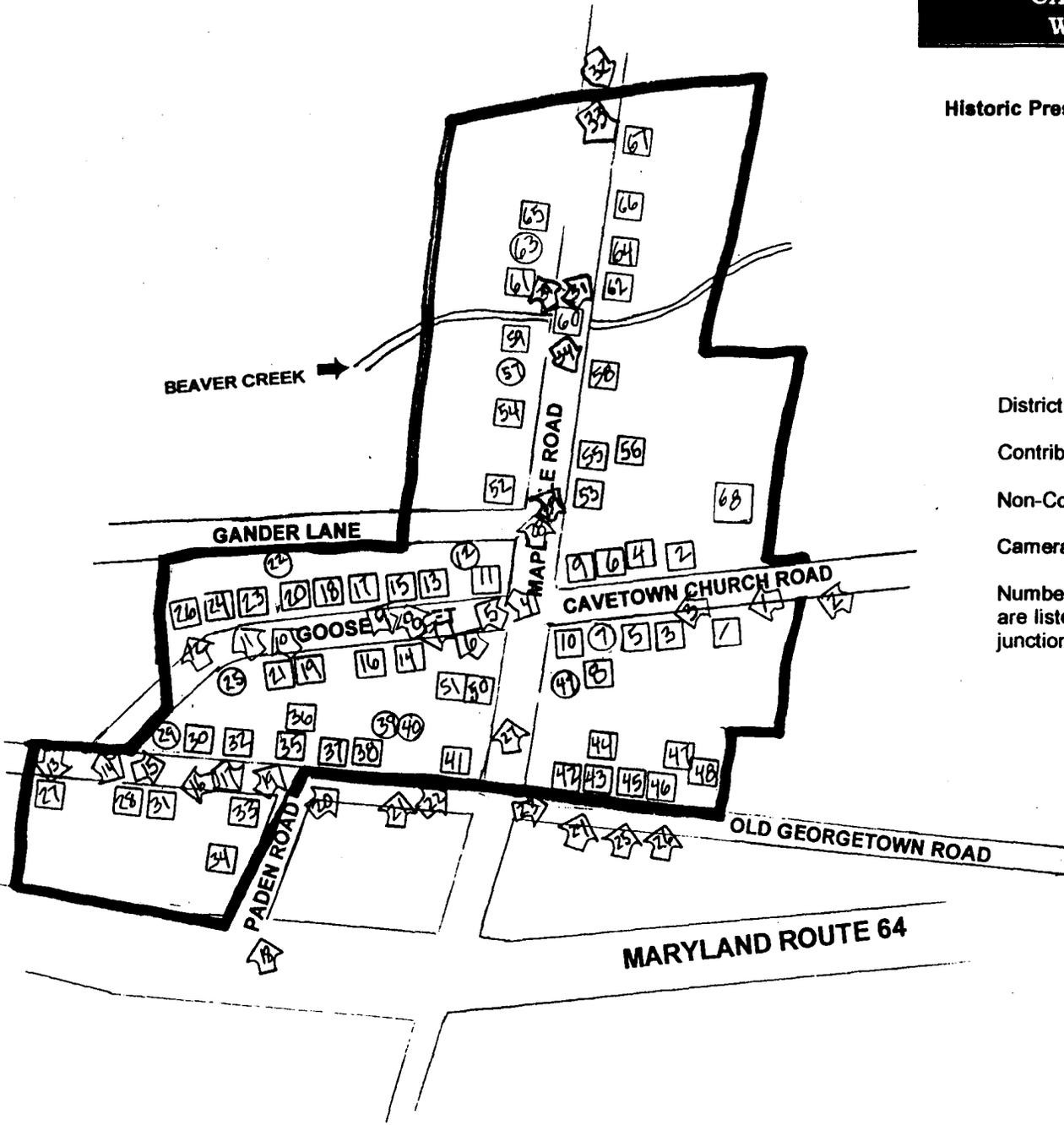
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Numbers correspond to the individual properties which are listed in the Resource Inventory prepared in conjunction with the National Register documents.



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Streetscape Cavetown Church Road Southside
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Cavetown Church Road Northside looking West

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Intersection Cavetown Church Road looking South
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Cavetown Church Road Southside looking
West with post office in foreground

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22434 Goose Street and its dependency
looking North West

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22432 Goose Street looking North West

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Streetscape Goose Street Southside with
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22430 Goose Street looking North

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Streetscape Goose Street Northside looking North West
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22416. Goose Street looking North

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22331 Old Georgetown Road looking South

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Streetscape Old Georgetown Road Southside
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22401 Old Georgetown Road looking
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11904 Paden Road looking East along
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Streetscape Paden Road looking North West

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Streetscape Old Georgetown Road looking
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Dependency at the rear of 22418 Old Georgetown
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22426 Old Georgetown Road looking North
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Streetscape Old Georgetown Road East of
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22506 Old Georgetown Road and its
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22510 Old Georgetown Road looking
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22514 Old Georgetown Road and its
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Streetscape Mapleville Road looking North
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Streetscape Mapleville Road looking at Gander Lane

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Streetscape Eastside Mapleville Road looking toward
the Beaver Creek Bridge on the Eastside

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Streetscape Mapleville Road Eastside North of
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Streetscape Mapleville Road Westside North of
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12025 Mapleville Road looking South East

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Streetscape Mapleville Road Eastside looking
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Streetscape Mapleville Road Eastside Looking
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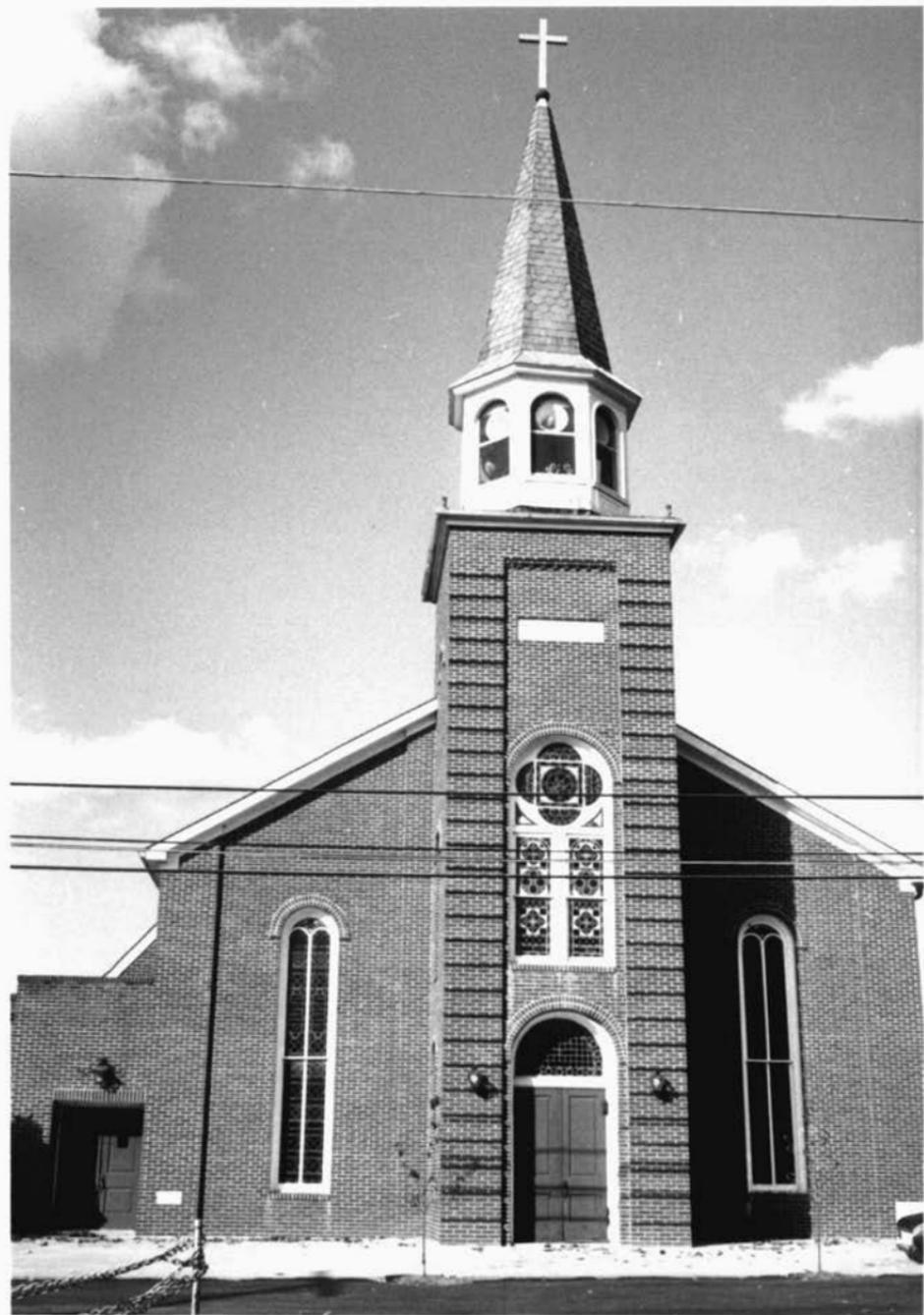
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