

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-191  
ADDRESS: 24-26 South Main Street, Smithsburg, MD  
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Raymond L. Pebble, 303/698, private  
BUILDING DATE: early-mid-19th century

24-26 South Main Street is an east-facing, raised, horizontally massed, asymmetrical, one-story, five-bay, brick, attached, residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The building appears to have been built in two sections. It is covered with manufactured siding. The side gable roof is sheathed in tin and has one center and one interior endwall chimney. The two entrances are approached from a set of stairs on the southern edge of the facade, leading up to a raised, open, balustraded porch. The shed roof of the porch is supported by five squared posts. The porch, itself, rests on brick piers. The entrances are deep set and consist of glazed and panelled doors. There is a variety of fenestration types, all double-hung.

The building is set on original lot 3, a vacant lot that was owned by Benjamin Hartman, according to the 1814 plat of the town. A building owned by J. M. Smith (most likely this one) is shown on the 1875 town map. The building is indicated on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as a dwelling numbered 105 Main. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, this is actually a log house with a brick veneer below the manufactured siding. It was at one time a tailor shop and a polling station during elections.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julie Mueller, April 1991

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition

Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and  
Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: small, rural town

Historic Function and Use: residential

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-IV-191

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 24-26 South Main Street  not for publication

city, town Smithsburg  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

**3. Classification**

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

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

name Raymond Pepple

street & number 24-26 South Main Street telephone no.: 301-824-2231

city, town Smithsburg state and zip code MD 21783

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 303

street & number folio 698

city, town Hagerstown state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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## Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

## Check one

unaltered  
 altered

## Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

### The Setting

This house is located in Washington County at 24-26 South Main Street in Smithsburg. It is sited directly at the public-right-of-way, immediately south of Smithsburg's central commercial district, along the town's principal north-south thoroughfare. It is flanked on either side by residential structures.

### Exterior

24-26 South Main Street is an east-facing, raised, horizontally massed, asymmetrical, one-and-a-half-story house resting on a stone foundation. The building appears to have been built in two sections. It has been altered with the addition of manufactured siding, however, the original fabric may be extant below the siding. The side-gable roof is sheathed in tin and has one center and one interior, endwall chimney. The two entrances are approached from a set of stairs on the southern edge of the facade that lead up to a raised, open, balustraded porch. The shed roof of the porch is supported by five squared posts. The porch, itself, rests on brick piers. The entrances are deep set and consist of glazed and panelled doors. There is a variety of fenestration types, all double-hung.

### Interior

The interior of this building was not accessible for this study.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** mid-19th cent. **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

24-26 South Main Street is an excellent example of the evolution of a most, early 19th-century house in Smithsburg.

The building is set on original lot 3, a vacant lot that was owned by Benjamin Hartman, according to the 1815 plat of the town. However, this is not confirmed by deed research that indicates that the lot was sold by Christopher Smith (the original owner of the land and the founder of the town) to George Boyer. A building owned by J. Hollingsworth (most likely the extant structure) is shown on the 1877 map of the town. The building is indicated on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as a dwelling numbered 105 Main.

According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, this house is believed to be constructed of log, and was given a brick veneer which is extant below the manufactured siding. It served at one time as a tailor shop and an polling station during elections.

It is shown in a c.1900 historic photograph of the west side of Main Street at the far left of the photo (see attached). The building retains the same basic plan today, however, the porch has been remodeled and the siding has been added.

The chain of title was traced to 1815.

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June 12, 1815 (AA/421), Deed from Christopher Smith to George M. Boyer for the sum of \$100, lots 3 and 76)

August 10, 1819 (EE/65), Deed from George Michael Boyers to Jacob Kessinger, lot #3

March 26, 1827 III/268), Deed from Jacob Kessinger to George Kessinger for the sum of \$400, lots 1, 3, 40, 74-76

October 2, 1837 (TT/93), Deed from George Kessinger to Daniel Shank for the sum of \$65

November 13, 1840 (WW/634-635), Deed from Daniel and Susan Shank to Hanna H. Gardner and others for the sum of \$100, the southeast part of lot 3

December 30, 1893 (101/315), Deed from George and Hannah Gardner, Sr. to Eveline Hollingsworth for the sum of \$300

January 23, 1911 (135/160), Deed from Eveline Hollingsworth, widow, to Elizabeth Hollingsworth for the sum of \$5

April 30, 1918 (153/351), Deed from Elizabeth Hollingsworth to Margaret Ziegler for the sum of \$5

June 8, 1929 (183/162), Deed from the heirs of Margaret Ziegler to John and Mattie Snavelly for the sum of \$1700

October 31, 1930 (187/26), Deed from John and Mattie Snavelly to Chester and Susan Brandenburg for the sum of \$10

July 13, 1933 (193/444), Deed from Chester and Susan Brandenburg to Roscoe Brandenburg, et al for the sum of \$1

July 28, 1943 (223/382), Deed from Roscoe Brandenburg, et al to Raymond Pepple and Harrison Lewis for the sum of \$10

November 2, 1955 (303/698), Deed from Harrison and Evelyn Lewis to Raymond and Helen Pepple for the sum of \$5

Significance

A preliminary architectural evaluation of the building was made in January 1991 by Julianne Mueller during a survey of Smithsburg. At that time a survey site number WA-IV-191 was assigned and it was determined that the structure is a contributing element to Smithsburg's historic architectural character. A summary sheet on the building with photographs was submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust in May 1991. The summary provides a basic description of the building and places it with the Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan: State Historic Context (Western Maryland Geographic Organization; the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition; the Historic Period Themes of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning).

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Upon the suggestion of the Smithsburg Historical Society, the general history of the building was researched. It was concluded that the building is a contributing element to Smithsburg's historic streetscape and meets eligibility Criterion C for listing on the Maryland Register.

Criterion A -- The property is not associated with significant historical events.

Criterion B -- The property is not associated with a significant person.

Criterion C -- The building exhibits exceptional architectural design, method of construction, or craftsmanship, or is the product of a trained architect. Although the building would not qualify individually for the Maryland or National Registers, it is a contributing element to Smithsburg's historic streetscapes and as such contributes to the architectural significance of Smithsburg.

Criterion D -- The property may provide important information about history or prehistory. The property has not been assessed for its archeological potential. Because of its long history at this site, it is possible that 19th- and 20th-century archeological remains might be found near the building. However, it should be noted that the building has undergone several remodelings and has been added to over the years. These construction efforts might have obliterated much of the archeological record.

**CONTINUATION SHEET**

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**9. BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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Washington County Deeds

**MAPS:**

1814 Plat of the town

1877 town map

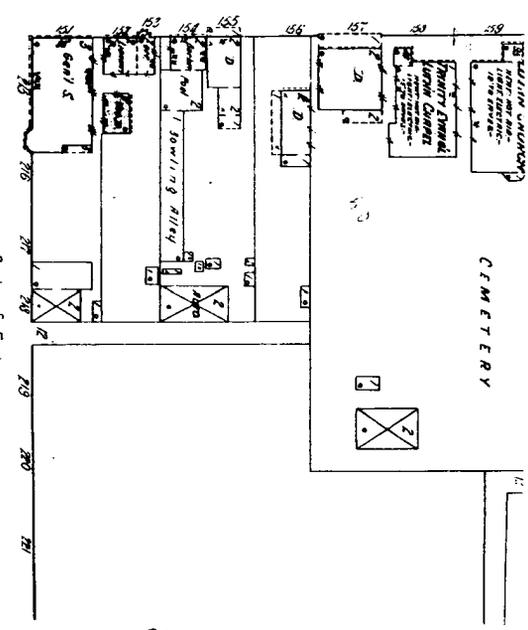
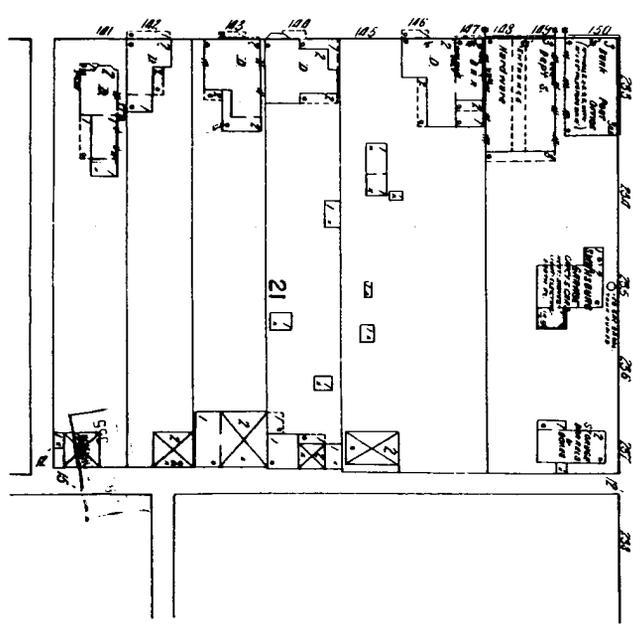
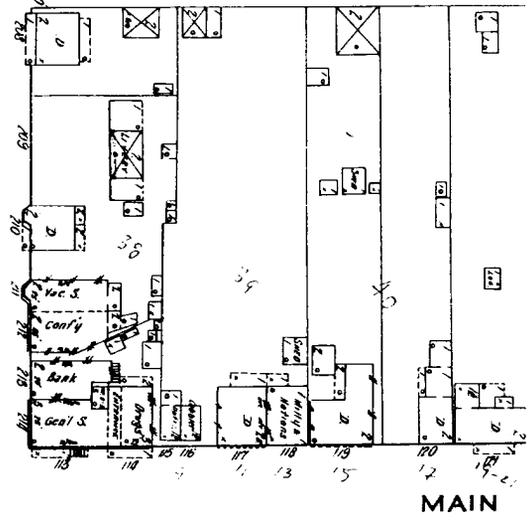
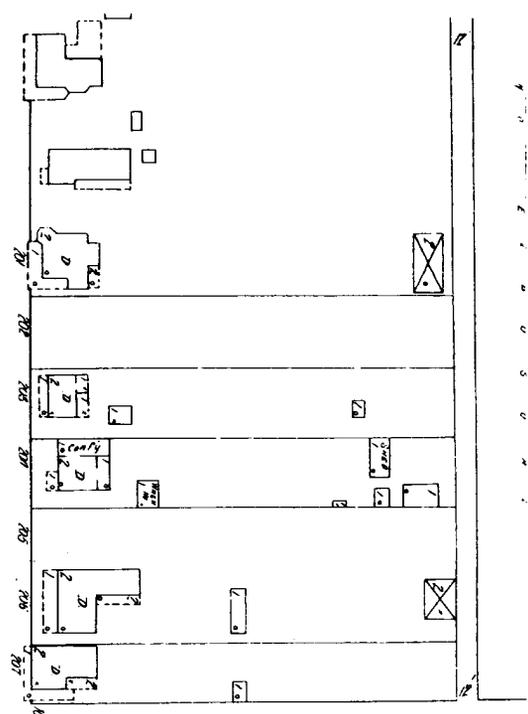
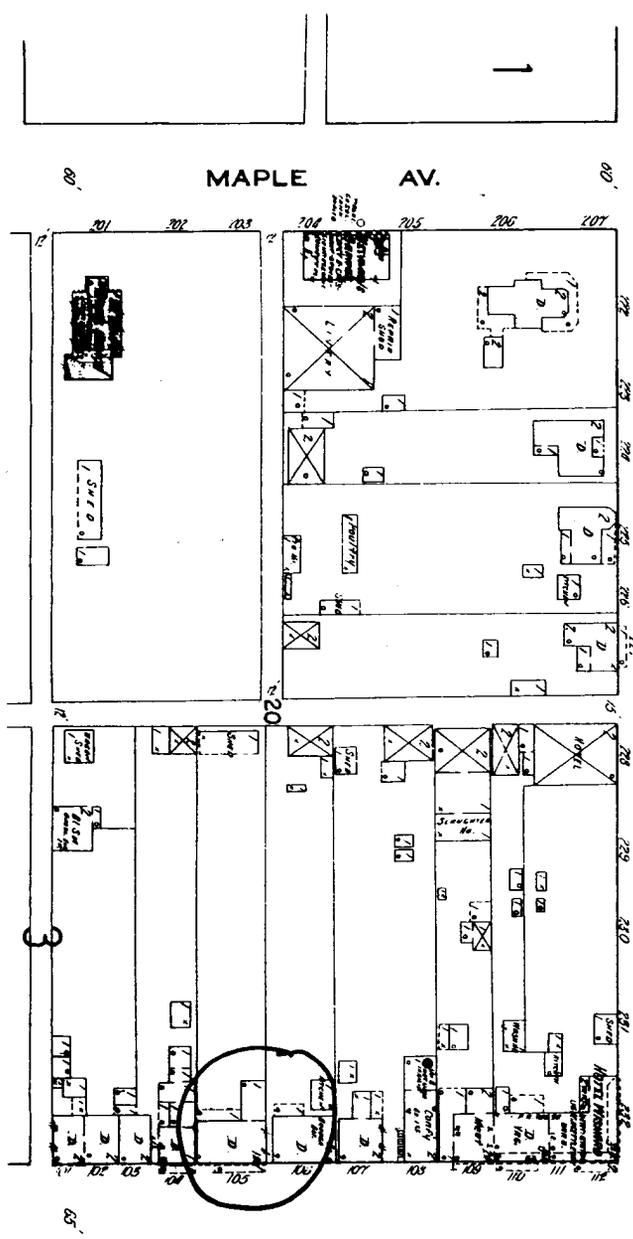
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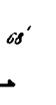


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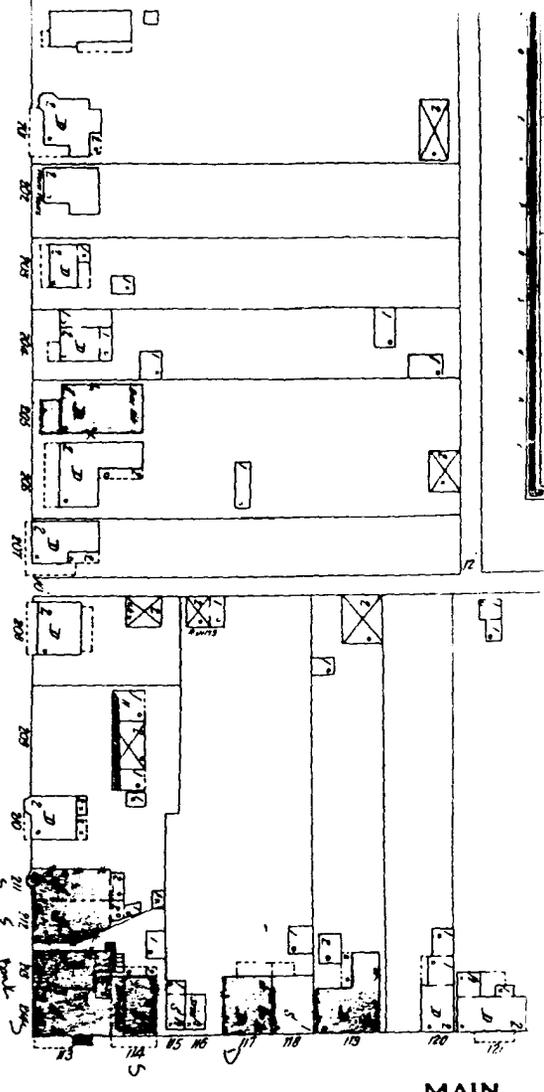
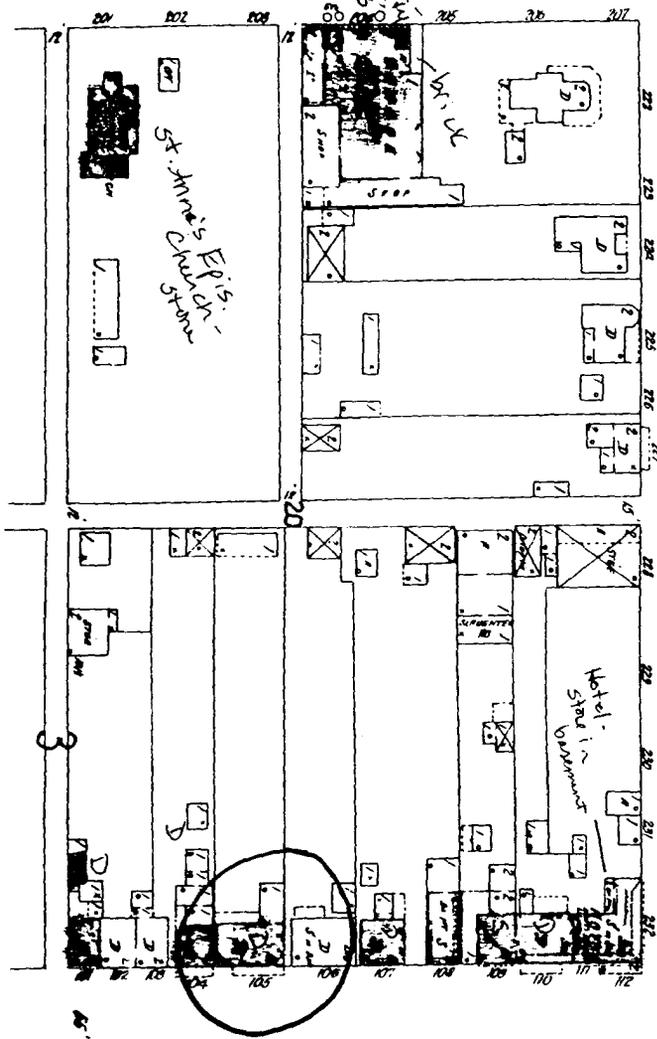
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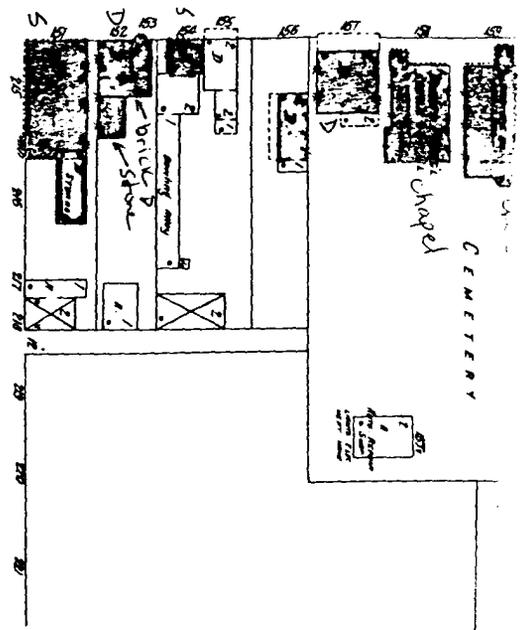
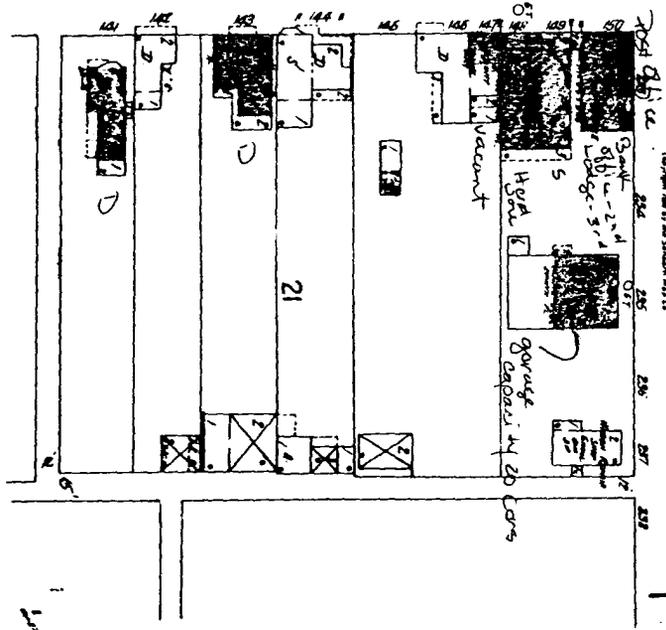
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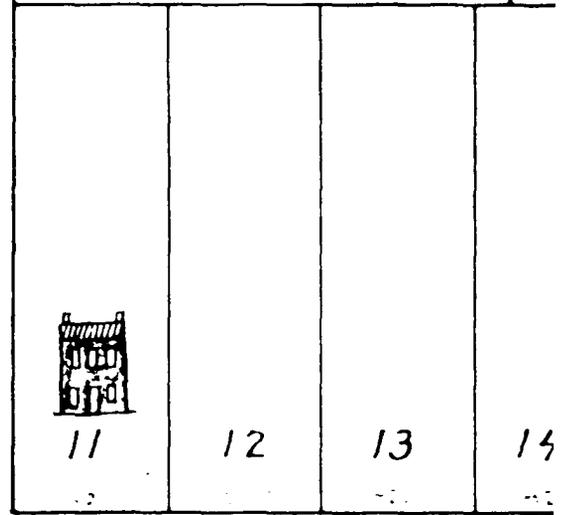
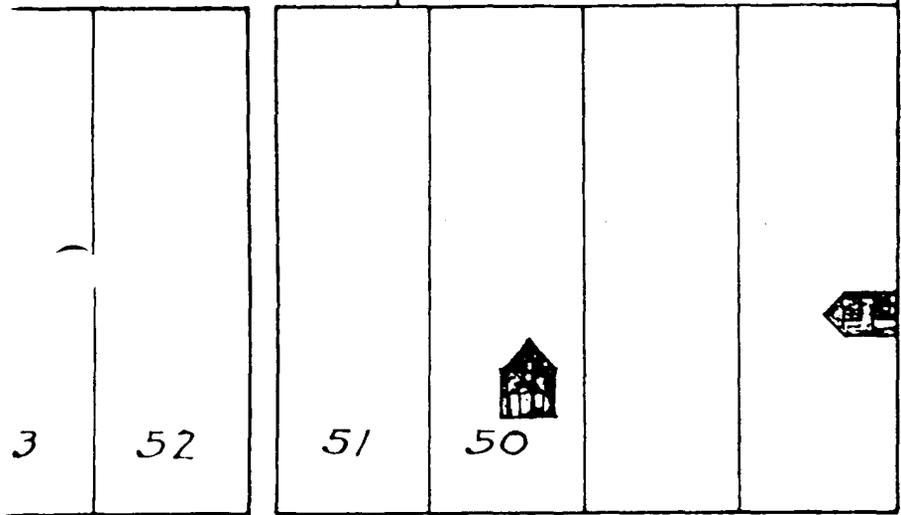
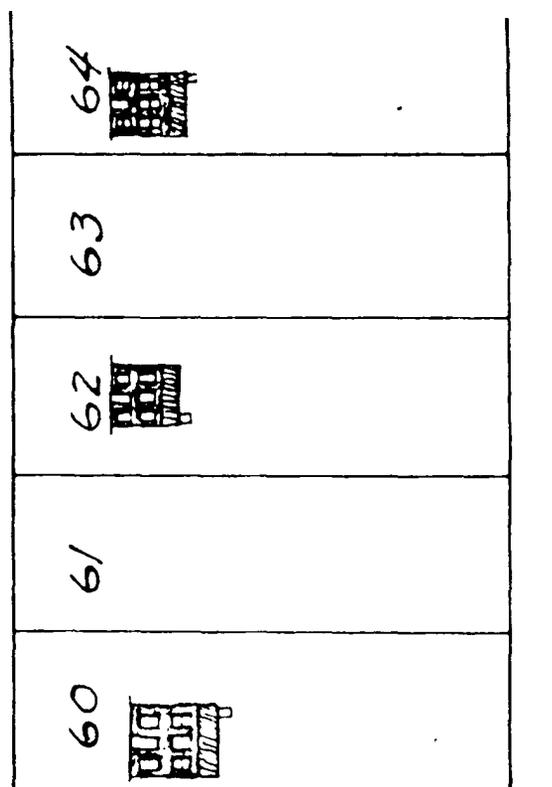
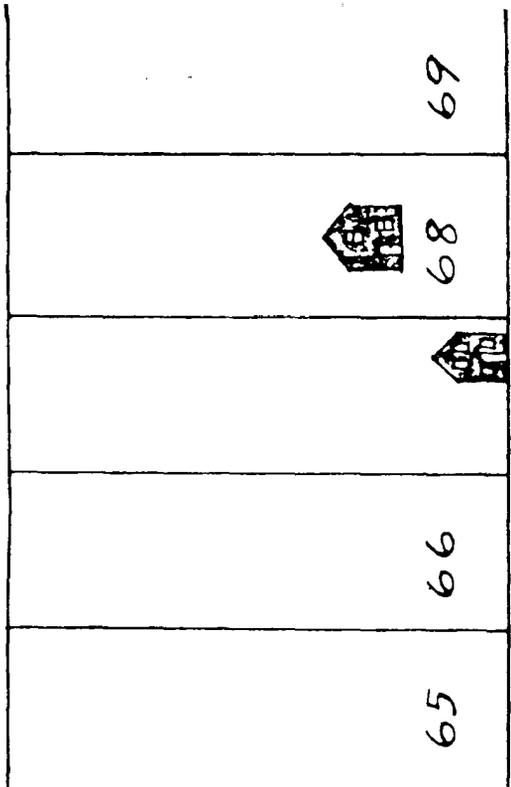


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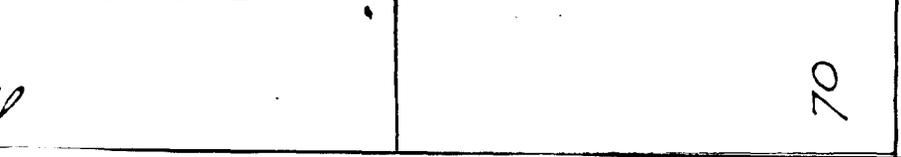
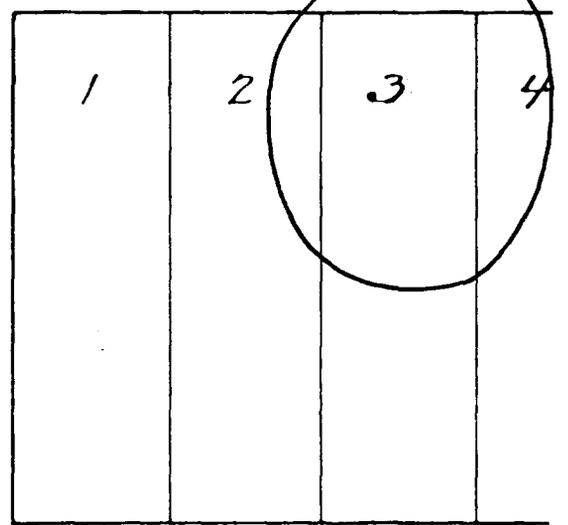
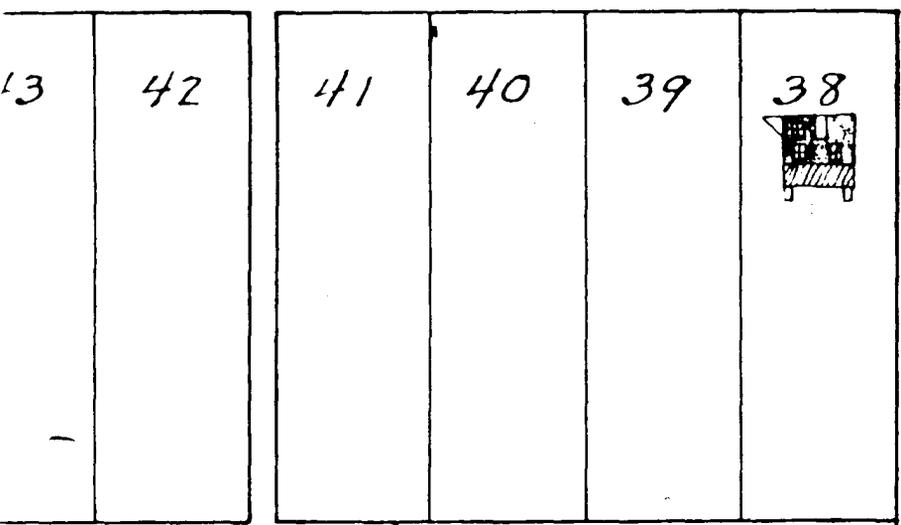
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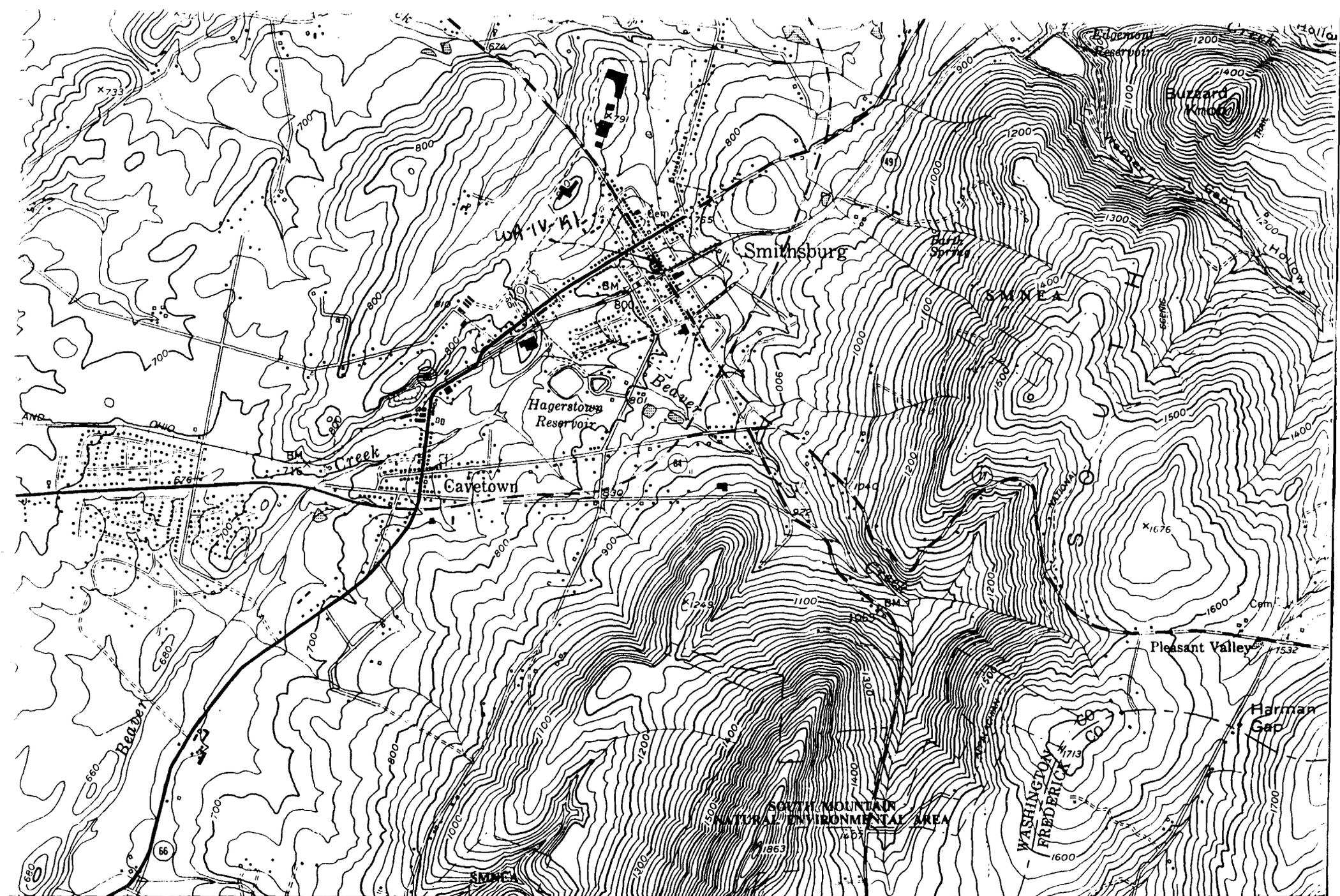
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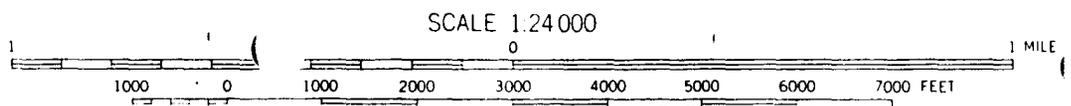




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24-26 S. Main, Smithsburg

4/1991

Julie Mueller

looking NW