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Town Hill Hotel

Architectural Survey File

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: <u>Town Hill Hotel</u>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Scenic U.S. Route 40</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>eastern Allegany County</u>					
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>			COUNTY: <u>Allegany</u>		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object		☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both		Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
				☐ Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
☐ Agricultural ☒ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment		☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum		☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Hendrick A. Essers, Jr., et al.</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>813 Wellington Road</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Baltimore</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Allegany County Courthouse</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>30 Washington Street</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cumberland</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>146-752</u>					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Town Hill Hotel sets atop Town Hill Mountain on the northerly side of Scenic Route 40 in eastern Allegany County.

The hotel, an early twentieth century establishment, consists of two frame buildings connected by a hyphen. Each building is two and a half stories high with a gable roof. The roof lines run east/west. The westerly building, which appears to be the main structure, has a symmetrical facade (south side) of five bays with a center door and three dormers with windows. There is a one story arcaded porch around the southerly and westerly sides of this building. The easterly structure has roughly five bays on the facade, a porch enclosed with windows on the ground floor and a balustrade above, and no dormers. The major windows in both structures are double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☒ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☐ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) early twentieth century**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | losophy | |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | |
| ☐ Art | Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | |
| ☒ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☒ Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Town Hill Hotel is an early twentieth century hostelry which stands on Town Hill Mountain in easterly Allegany County. The building is representative of the utilitarian type of architecture with little decoration that was commonly used for the less fashionable hotels of the period. The hotel offered the traveler lodging, board, and a panoramic view of the mountains and valleys characteristic of western Maryland. The hotel has not been open in recent years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
 Courthouse
 Cumberland, Maryland

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

8.6 acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

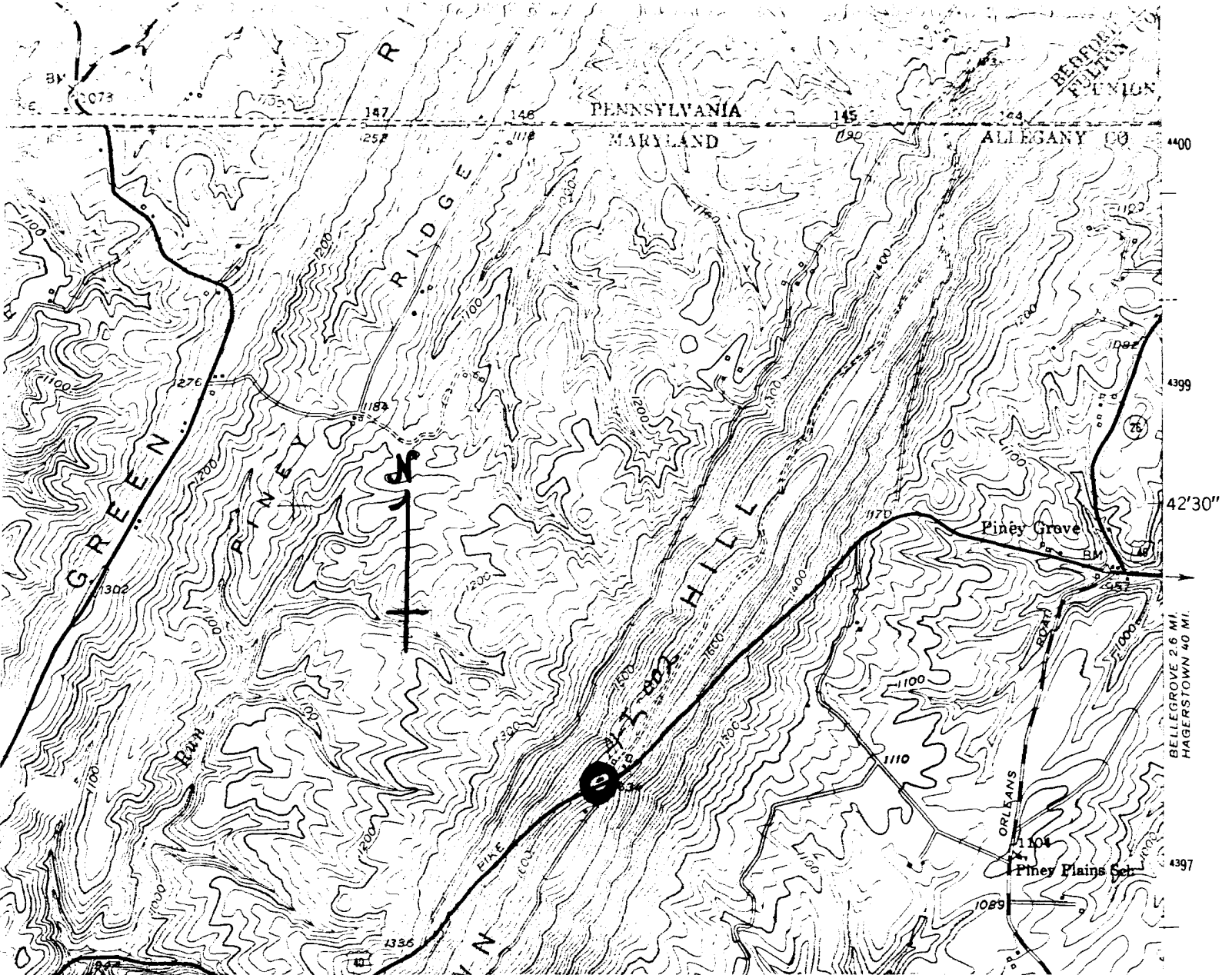
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 9/30/74
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



Town Hill Hotel
 Green Run
 Allegany Co., Md

Artemas, Md.-Pa. (USGS)
 7.5 minute series
 scale 1:24000
 1950

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Town Hill Hotel
Scenic U.S. Route 40
eastern Allegany County
Maryland
SE view
April, 1924

RONALD E. ADAMS