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## Matthews Homestead

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Matthews Homestead  
Selbysport  
Private

early 19th century  
1835

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The c.1835 home was a two-part log building. The building was covered with clapboards. The chimney of cut sandstone blocks feature a single-block stone lintel.

The 1920's frame farmhouse measures two bays square by two stories high, under a hipped roof. Narrow german siding covers the house, which stands on a concrete covered foundation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Matthews Homestead

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Morgantown Rd.

6th

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Selbysport

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Garrett County

**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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lytle

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Old Morgantown Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

— VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 388

Folio #: 195

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oakland

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead is spread over a hill rising to the southwest, on the Selbysport road less than a mile west of the village. The farm comprises a 1920's structure, facing north on the main road, a machine shed and barn to the southwest, a stone chimney from the original Matthews house to the southwest, a spring and pond east of the homesite, and the Matthews family cemetery on the crest of the hill to the south.

The c. 1835 home was a two-part log building. Both the two-story main section to the east and the one-story western part were covered with gable roofs running east-west. The building was covered with clapboards. The extant chimney marks the east end of the building. This chimney of cut sandstone blocks features a single-block stone lintel. It retains its iron crane used to suspend cooking pots.

The 1920's frame farmhouse measures two bays square by two stories high, under a hipped roof. A single, hip-roofed dormer faces north. A stove-flue chimney rises from the south-facing roof slope at the peak. One over one sash light the house. Paired windows occupy the eastern first floor bays. A door positioned between the cellar and first floor levels is located between the two bays on the west elevations. Enclosed one-story porches cover the north and south elevations.

Narrow German siding covers the house, which stands on a concrete covered foundation. Modern shingles cover the roof.

Several other notable features appear on the farm. The frame barn stands on a stone foundation, which may pre-date the 1920's house. An Esso gravity-fed gasoline pump from an old store in Selbysport stands at the entrance to the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 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            |  |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Matthews, a stage coach driver on the National Pike, bought this farm called "Joseph in Egypt," in 1835 and probably built the original house. He was born in Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Maryland, in 1803, the son of English immigrant Chidley Matthews. He died in 1890 and is buried in the family cemetery along with wife Lydia Compton and several of their thirteen children.

A daughter, Jane Matthews (1855-1941), who married Ulysses S. Frazee, acquired the farm after her parents' death. After Ulysses' death the farm was sold out of the family.

In its early days, the Matthews farm occupied a prominent spot on the busy Morgantown Road near Selbysport. This town was a prosperous and early settlement, and the main crossing point on the Youghiogheny River.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Glades Star Nos. 10, 11 vol. 2 Oakland, MD, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, 1952,  
pp. 166, 169: 176.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

March 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

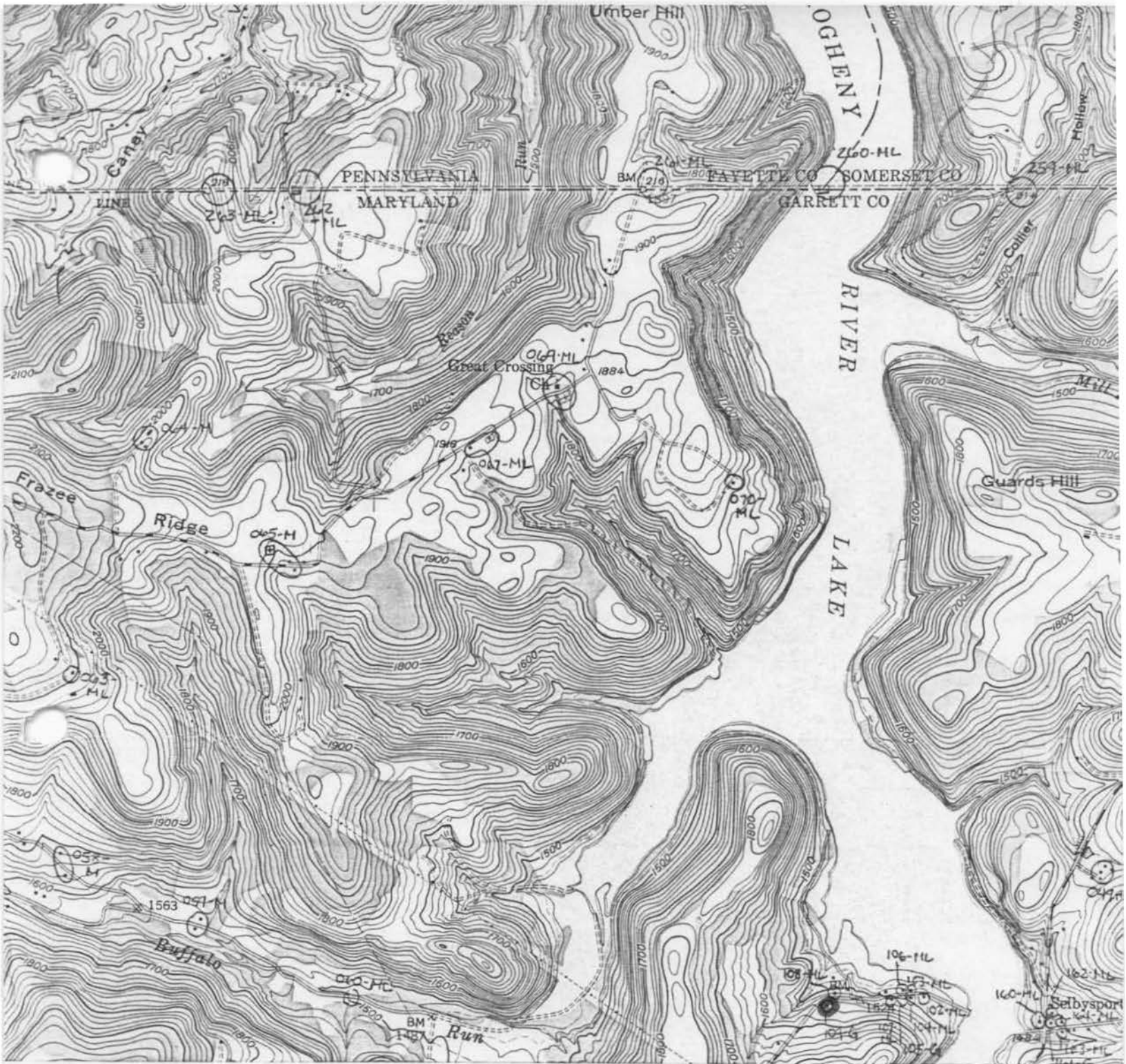
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Maryland 21401

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S & E elevs.



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Facade-N elev; W elev.



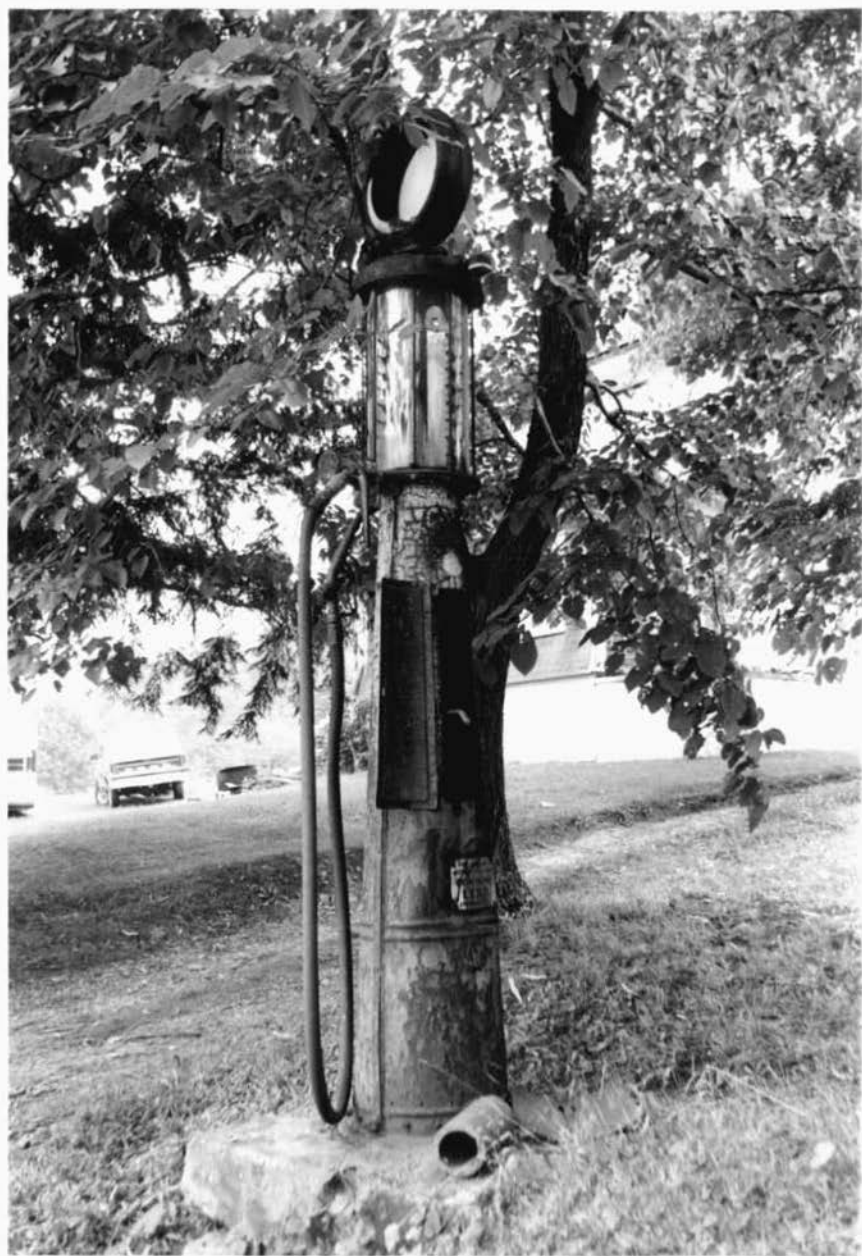
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Chimney, W & S elevs.



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Gas pump, looking SE