

Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmarks Nomination Report: *Prospect Hall*

Physical Description:

Prospect Hall is located between Brucetown Road and the Opequon in southwestern Jefferson County, West Virginia. This large property consists of agricultural fields and historic buildings set back from the public road. The Prospect Hall property currently operates as a private hunting club.

Historic Description:

The land at Prospect Hall has witnessed a great deal of history beginning with Joseph Edwards' receiving a grant for 639 acres. In the late 18th century the property was sold to Peter Hunsiker. In 1804, Hunsiker began construction of the main house. Completed in 1808, Prospect Hall stayed in the family until 1951 when the Haines family purchased it. Today, the property is managed for the purpose of hunting game birds.

Historic Resources:

Constructed of brick, the original section of the main house is a 2 story, 5-bay structure. The plan is that of a center hall, single pile type. The front elevation is laid in Flemish bond with flat brick arches over the openings. The front door has six true-raised panels and a double turtle escutcheon plate below the elbow lock. The building has original louvered shutters from its construction. The front elevation has a 2 story, late 19th century addition to the north. A two-story portico on the east elevation was added at the time of the north addition. A fine frame bank barn sits to the south east of the house. There are also two other historic residences on this large property. Just north of the old house lies Violet Plain, a late Victorian frame house. This house has a frame bank barn to its north. The log house, Kingery, dating to the early 19th century is located north of Violet Plain. This house has a large ground barn dating to the early 20th century.

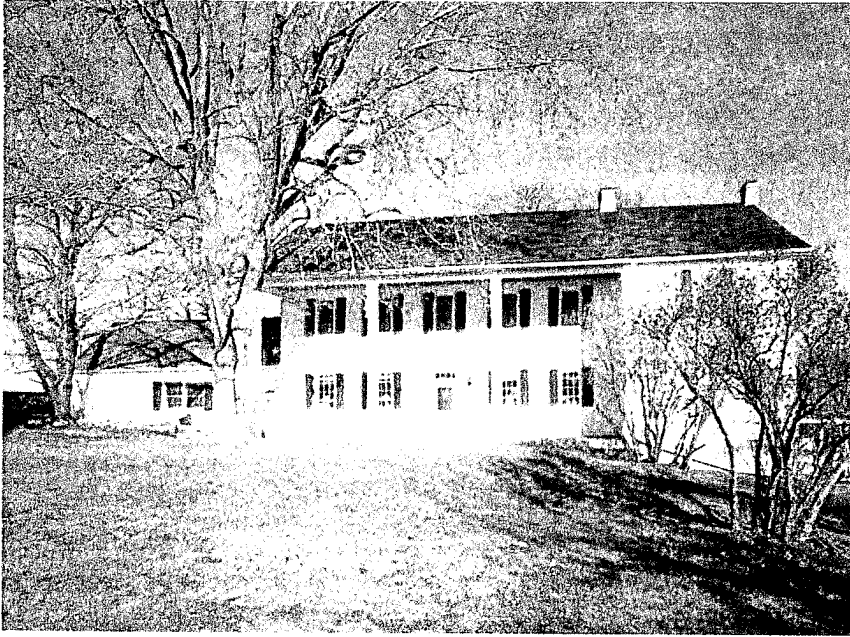
Nomination Criteria:

The JCHLC nominates this property under Criteria C and D for inclusion on the list of registered county landmarks. Criteria C states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the JCHLC, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values. Criterion D states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the JCHLC, it has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. The property owner, Prospect Hall Shooting Club, has agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

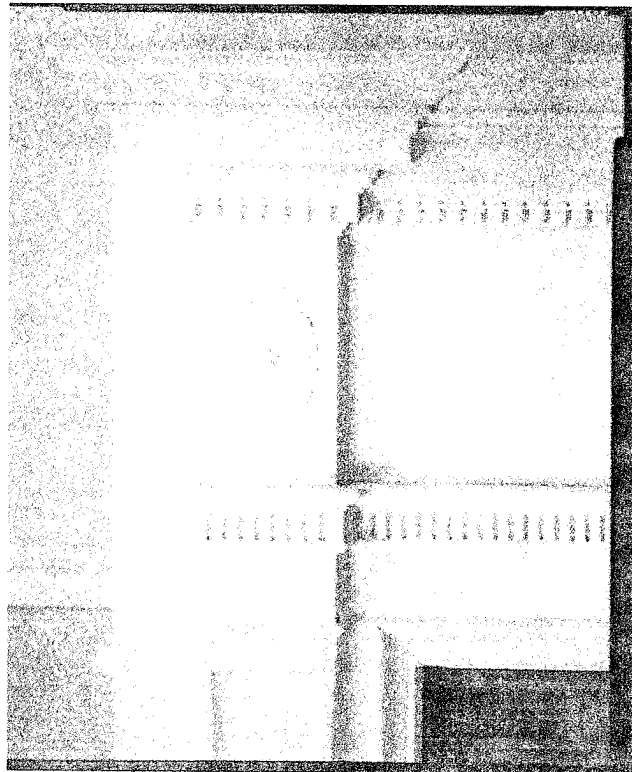
Nomination Action:

The JCHLC voted unanimously to add Prospect Hall, under Criteria C and D, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks on September 20, 2007.

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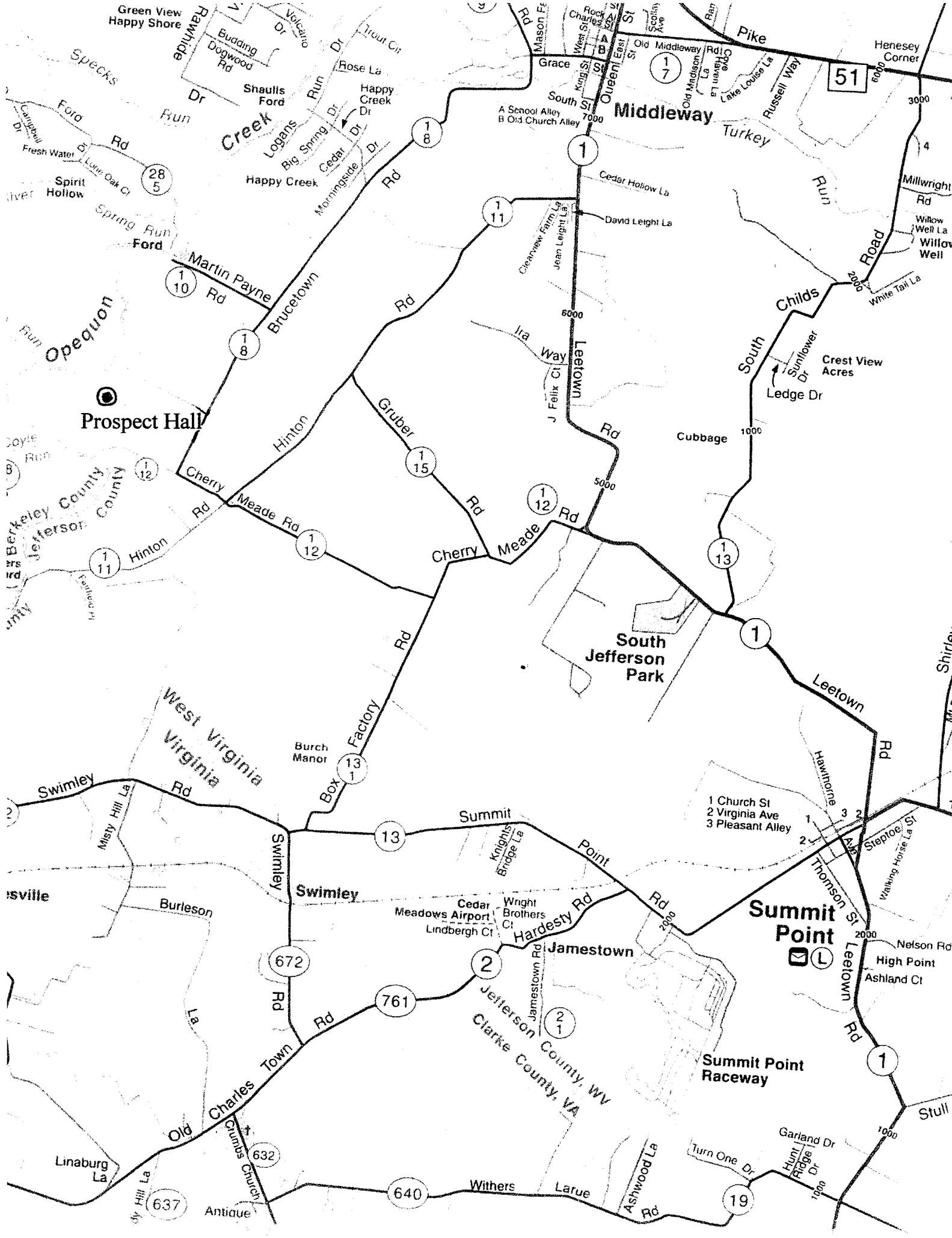


Millwork Detail



Prospect Hall: Barn



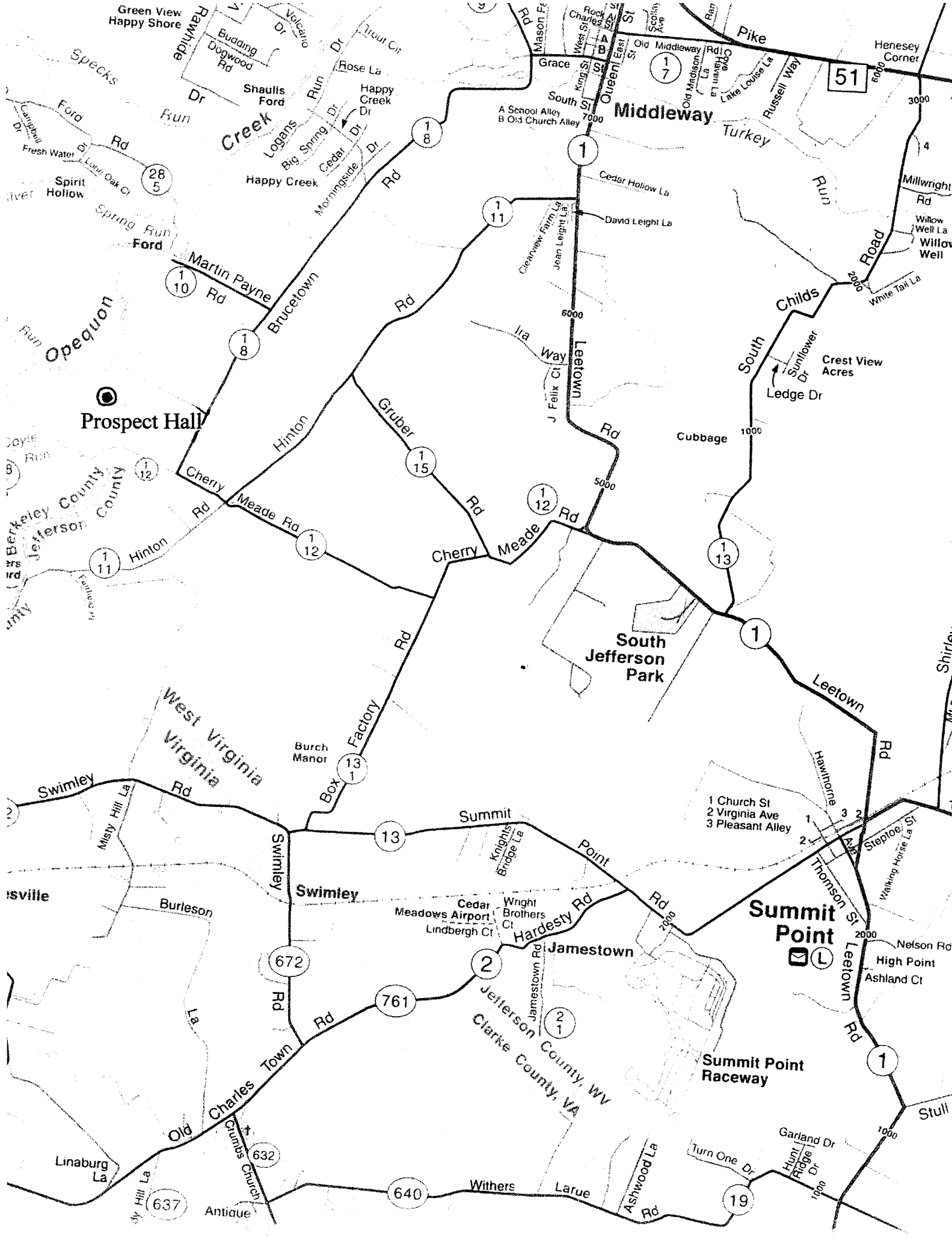


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