

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Crockett Springs Cottage

other names/site number Cap Alta Mons Cottage; 60-487

2. Location

street & number 1 mi. south of the junction of VA Rts. 637 & 609 N/A not for publication

city, town Piedmont vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24162

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>4</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and Historic Resources of Montgomery County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the Property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

HEALTH CARE: resort

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions).

DOMESTIC: camp

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER; double-cell cottage

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof METAL; tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The two-room, one-story cottage is situated to the northeast of the site of the Crockett Springs Hotel at the mouth of Bishop Hollow. The four-bay structure is supported on brick piers. The two rooms are divided by a partition incorporating a chimney with bracketed mantels. The building has six-over-six double-hung sash windows flanking a pair of doors with transoms in the center bays. Door and window trim are reeded on the exterior and the exposed rafter ends are beveled for a decorative effect. The front (southwest) and the northwest ends are sheltered by a porch with flat decorative wood posts and a square baluster railing. The rear (northeast) facade has the same piercings as the front. A small frame shed has been added near the southeast corner. The building is in reasonably good condition although it has not been used for several decades. A nearby modern privy is noncontributing.

b. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

ca. 1889

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Crockett Springs Cottage is significant under criterion C as a rare example of resort architecture from the late nineteenth century. It is one of few surviving structures from the large number of resorts within the county. It takes a familiar double-cell form, not unlike a late nineteenth-century cottage at Yellow Sulphur Springs. Although not in use at this time, the building retains its significant form and decorative elements and is in structurally sound condition.

Crockett Springs opened in 1889 on the South Fork of the Roanoke River, several miles upstream from Alleghany Springs. It operated under the ownership of the newly formed Virginia Arsenic Bromide and Lithia Springs Company. A 2 1/2-story frame hotel was built in 1889. The company operated at a loss for some years but the resort's financial condition improved by the end of the century just as the county's two largest springs resorts went out of business. Crockett Springs advertised that its waters, which contained arsenic, bromide, magnesium, and lithium, were efficacious in treating eczema and other skin diseases, rheumatism, arthritis, kidney ailments, insomnia, and nervousness (Bengochea et al, p. 40-47). Today only the two-room cottage and a modern privy remain at the site. The springs property has been incorporated into a camp operated by the Methodist Church. Crockett Springs was the last of an important group of springs resorts to open in Montgomery County, including the Yellow Sulphur Springs, the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, the Alleghany Springs, and the Carper Alleghany Lithia Springs. The Crockett Springs went out of business in 1939 (Sublette).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bengochea, Arthur S. et al. "Springs of Montgomery County." Paper submitted for History 4120, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1976.

Sublette, Margaret C. Personal correspondence with G. Worsham, 20 September 1977.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 17 5661320 4105300
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A 10 feet north and 35 feet west of the northwest corner of the building, thence east 65 feet along the slope of the hill to point B, thence south 105 feet along slope to point C, thence west 55 feet along slope to point D, thence north 110 feet along the east side of road to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include the cottage, privy, and landscape features associated with the domestic space.

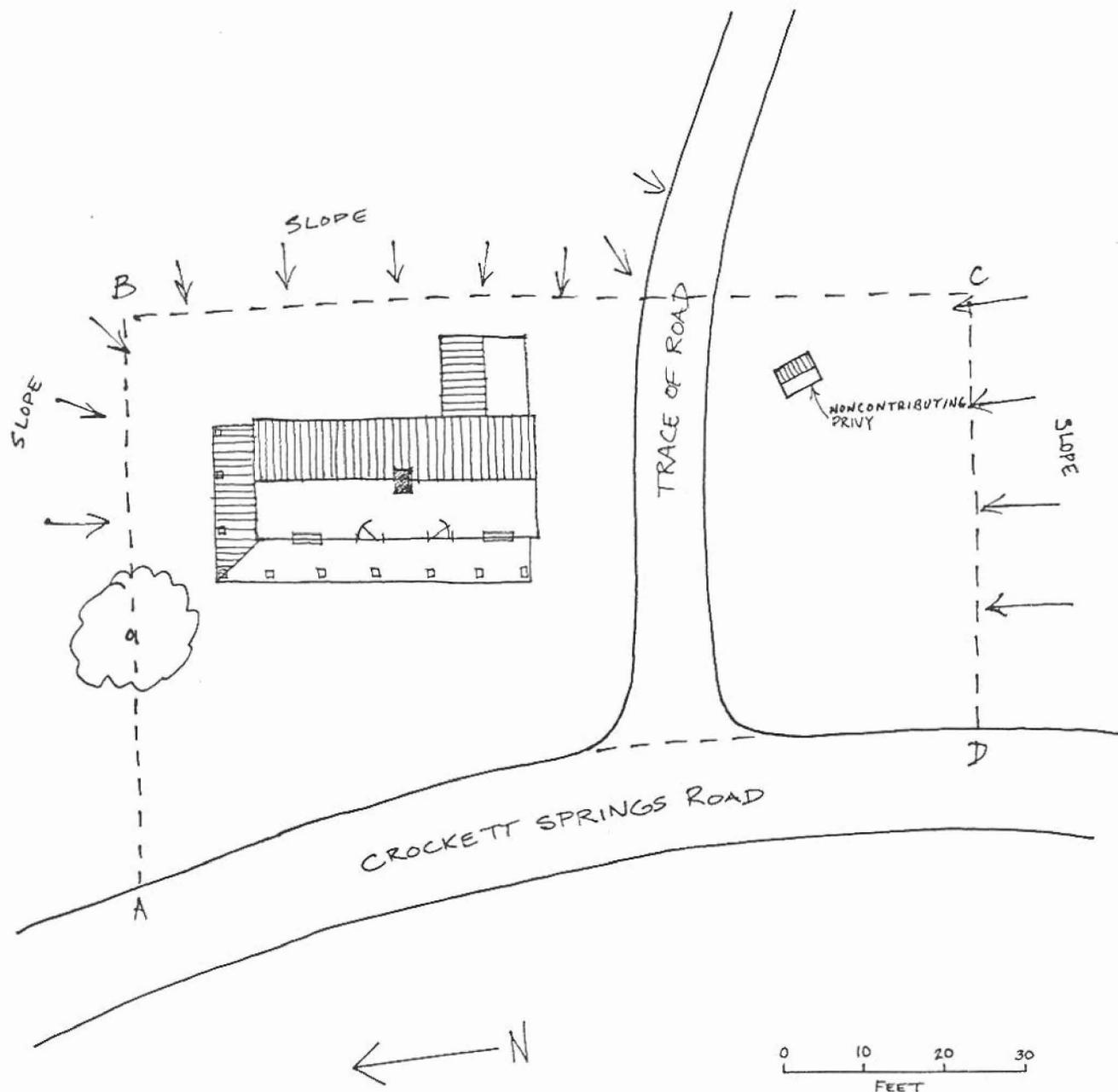
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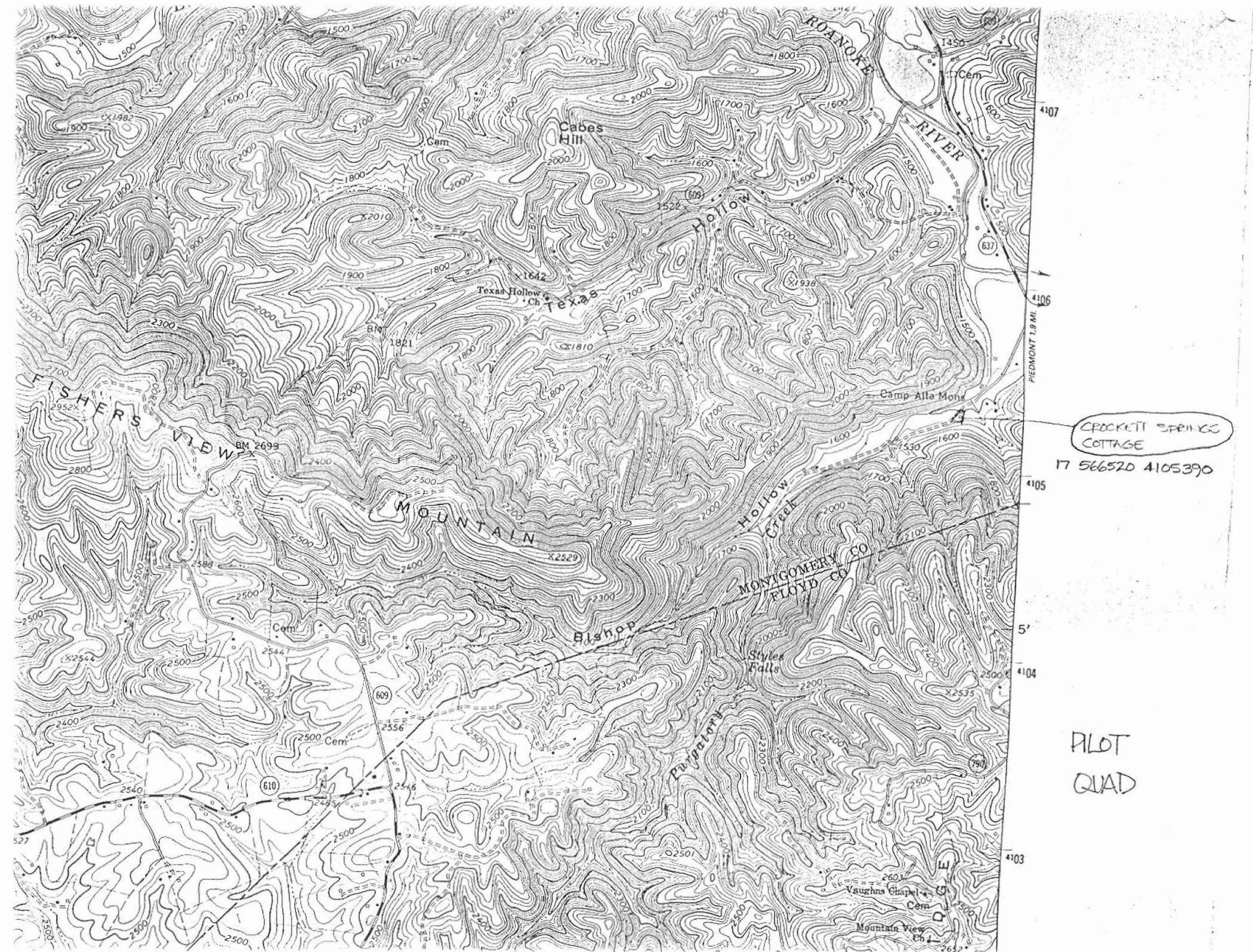
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