

The Cumberland Paper Company
AL-V-B-105
Locust Grove, Cumberland
1890

Paper manufacturing began at this site on the western edge of the Narrows in 1890 when the Potomac Paper Company built a brick paper mill. The company produced pulp wood and paper "of all kinds", employing more than one hundred men. When the mill was sold to the Cumberland Paper Company in 1892 it was described as a "Sulphite Pulp and Paper Mill." An industrial directory of Cumberland published in 1899 estimated the mill's capacity to be "ten tons per day". The Cumberland Paper Company operated the mill until 1902 when it was sold to a West Virginian firm. Months later it was again sold to the Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County which became "financially embarrassed". The machinery of the mill was sold at auction and the buildings were abandoned. After decades of neglect all that remains are mounds of bricks and a tall smoke stack.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Cumberland Paper Company

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Between the Western Maryland and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at the western end of the Narrows

CITY, TOWN Cumberland X Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland VICINITY OF

Allegany COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Cumberland Cement and Supply Co. Telephone #: 724-2000

STREET & NUMBER 419 North Centre Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland VICINITY OF Maryland 21502 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 188 Folio #: 609

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" 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

All remaining of this industrial complex is a series of stone retaining walls, some brick walls and mounds of brick, and a brick furnace with a tall stack. The furnace and stack are made of brick laid in american common bond in random variations. It rests on a low stone foundation of coursed rock faced ashlar. The first stage of the structure is square to an approximate heights of twenty feet. At that point point it tapers in to a square stone base upon which the round stack rests. The tapered stack rises to an approximate height of one hundred and fifty feet. At a brick belt approximately thirty feet from the top it flanges out and is topped with a conical cap. Circular openings on the north and west of the first stage have round arches of double row header bricks.

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		
<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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Paper manufacturing began at this site on the western edge of the Narrows in 1890 when the Potomac Paper Company built a brick paper mill. (1) The history of the mill is interesting because of the five companies which produced paper there during its fourteen years of existence, only one, the Cumberland Paper Company managed to stay in business for more than two years.

The Potomac Paper Company was incorporated in 1889, during an era of optimistic industrial expansion in Allegany County. (2) Easily accessible and relatively inexpensive supplies of high-grade coal and an excellent transportation network made the area "an attractive place to produce goods for a growing national economy." (3) The company produced pulp wood and paper "of all kinds", employing more than one hundred men. (4) In 1892 the mill was sold to the Cumberland Paper Company which manufactured paper there until 1902. The deed transferring the mill describes it as a "Sulphite Pulp and Paper Mill" with machinery including seven large engines, eighteen dryers, revolving reels, cutters, winders, four large digesters, a battery of four boilers, and an acid plant. (5) An industrial directory of Cumberland published in 1899 estimated the capacity of the mill to be "ten tons per day." (6)

The mill was sold in 1902 to a West Virginia firm, the Maryland Paper Company, which three months later conveyed it to the Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County. (7) The latter firm was "financially embarrassed" within three months when it admitted it couldn't pay its employees or creditors, of which there were many. The Recievers of the business continued the production of paper, which remained uninterrupted throughout the different conveyances. After managing the mill themselves for a few months the Recievers leased the business to the Southern Paper Company of Allegany County which within three months was also financially embarrassed. (8)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany county Land Records

Stegmaier, Harry I. Jr. et al. (Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va. McClain Printing Co.)Griffin Sam, Cumberland Its Industries and Its Men, The Independent Industrial and Historical Edition (Cumberland: The Independent Publishing Co. July 10, 1899)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.47 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

August 31, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Although the employees and managers of the mill were convinced that with sound business practices they could produce paper profitably, the business was permanently closed in July of 1903. (9)

The mill was sold at auction to the Cumberland Paper Company which salvaged the machinery and abandoned the buildings. (10) After decades of neglect all that remains are mounds of bricks and a tall brick smoke stack in almost excellent condition.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 72, Folio 697
- (2) Allegany County Certificate of Incorporation Liber 1, Folio 111
- (3) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Company) p. 220
- (4) Certificate of Incorporation Liber 1, Folio 111 and Stegmaier, p.220
- (5) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 72, Folio 697 and Liber 90, Folio 190
- (6) Sam Griffin, Cumberland Its Industries and Its Men, The Independent Industrial and Historical Edition (Cumberland: The Independent Publishing Co., July 10, 1899)
- (7) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 91, Folio 190 and Liber 90 and Folio 567
- (8) Allegany County Equity Case #5340
- (9) Ibid
- (10) Ibid

TITLE SEARCH

Cumberland Paper Company
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 188, Folio 609
Grantee: Cumberland Cement & Supply
Grantor: Allegany County Commissioners
Notes: 13¼ acres known as "Old Paper Mill"

Date: December 17, 1940
Consideration: \$600.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 188, Folio 305
Grantee: Allegany County Commissioners
Grantor: George G. Young, tax collector

Date: October 29, 1940
Consideration: \$394.00

Miscellaneous docket of the Circuit Court of Allegany County #1739
Grantee: George G. Young, Tax Collector
Grantor: Maryland Wood, Fiber, Plaster and Supply Company
Notes: Grantor paid no taxes between 1936 and 1938, mentions an old brick building in very bad repair.

Date: July 20, 1939

Allegany County Deed: Liber 97, Folio 682
Grantee: Maryland Wood, Fiber, Plaster and Supply Company
Grantor: Cumberland Paper Company

Date: July 31, 1905
Consideration: \$8,326.25

Allegany County Deed: Liber 95, Folio 440
Grantee: Cumberland Paper Company
Grantor: Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County
Notes: Transferred by receivers as shown in Allegany County Equity Case #5340, Receivers leased paper mill to Southern Paper Co. of Allegany County from May to June when that company also went out of business.

Date: July 22, 1904
Consideration: \$26,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 90, Folio 567
Grantee: Maryland Paper Co of Allegany County
Grantor: Maryland Paper Company
Notes: Grantor a company from West Virginia

Date: August 5, 1902
Consideration: \$102,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 91, Folio 190
Grantee: Maryland Paper Company
Grantor: Cumberland Paper Company

Date: May 14, 1902
Consideration: \$102,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber72, Folio 697
Grantee: The Cumberland Paper Company
Grantor: The Potomac Paper Company

Date: December 31, 1892
Consideration: \$37,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 69, Folio 60
Grantee: Potomac Paper Company
Grantor: Union Mining Company

Date: September 4, 1890
Consideration: \$2,500.00

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: _____

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: ~~PAPER~~ factory chimney & ruins smoke stack

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Coast Grove

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: Cumberland Cement & Supply Co **V B 105**

ADDRESS: map 15 419 N Centre St 724 2000
No Lines Folio

12.47 Acres (MILL)

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: stone retaining walls - ruins of factory

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. RANDOM
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone coarsed rock face ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced() openings on N/W
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN w/ round arches w/
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards double rows of headers

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

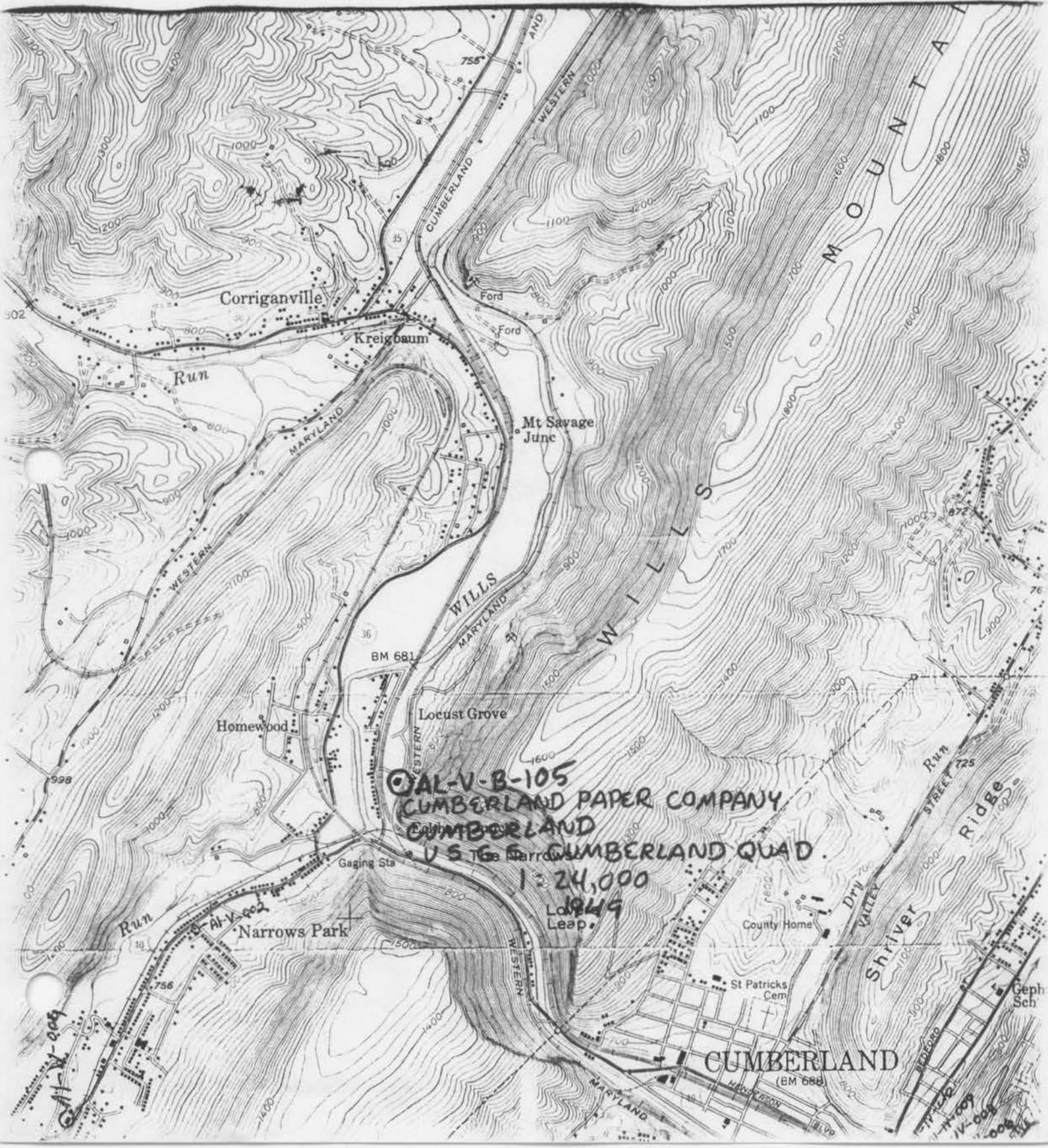
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() Conical cap original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: tower ~ square to 20'
tapers to sq. stone base
for stack

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____



Corriganville

Kreigbaum

Mt Savage Junc

Homewood

Locust Grove

Narrows Park

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CUMBERLAND
U.S.G.S. CUMBERLAND QUAD.

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Leap.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTERN

WILLS MOUNTAINS

SHRIVER RIDGE

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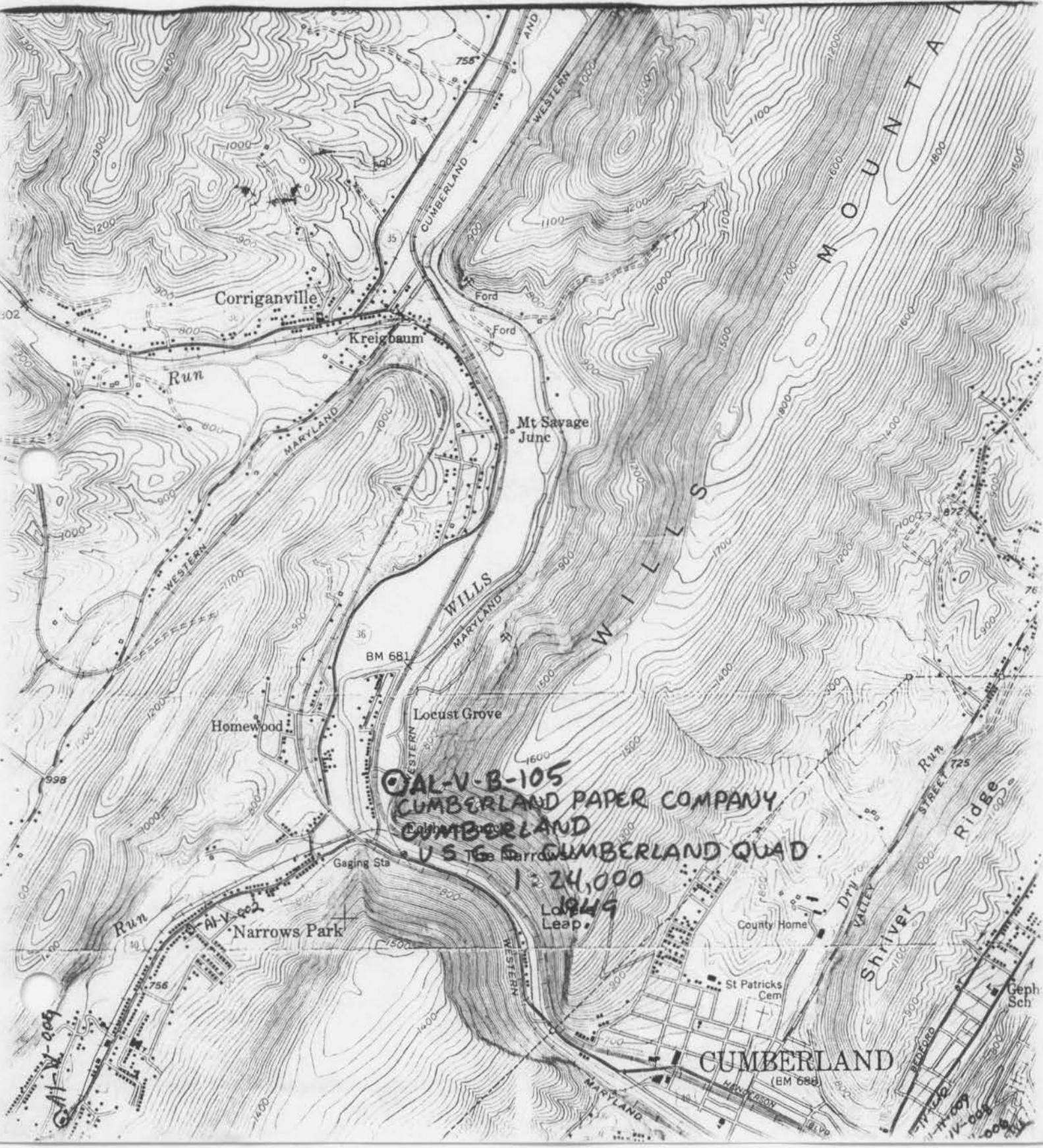
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County Home

St Patricks Cem

Geph Sch

(BM 688)





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LOCUST GROVE, CUMBERLAND

DAVID A. DORSEY

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LOCUST GROVE, CUMBERLAND

DAVID A. DARSEY

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