

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Annual Dutch Picnic Site Inventory Number: CARR-28

Address: 833 Deer Park Road City: Smallwood Zip Code: 21048

County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Westminster

Owner: Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Verizon Wireless: Starview/14621 Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Annual Dutch Picnic Site was established in 1877, to the west of Trinity Lutheran Church. The event celebrates the heritage of the German settlers of the community. The event is traditionally held the first Saturday of August.

The annual summer event began when George Bitzel cleared several acres of land on the northern side of Deer Park Road. The event is held on a plot of land west of the historic Trinity Lutheran Church, which was built in 1867. There are no above ground structures that date to the original establishment of the event. There is a large section of cleared forest in the center of the plot that is the location of the traditional jousting events. One building and two picnic shelters are associated with the site.

The one-story, side-gabled building is located adjacent to the Trinity Cemetery, on the eastern edge of the site. It is constructed on a concrete slab, with vertical vinyl siding and roof. The west elevation of the building contains six windows, likely used for food distribution during the picnic. Access to the building is via an unglazed, modern aluminum door at the façade's northwest corner. Unglazed, paired aluminum doors provide access via the south elevation. The building dates to the late 20th century. It is utilitarian without an identifiable architectural style.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: Integrally related to CARR-1281

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/22/13

Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

11/23/13

Date

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A raised square picnic shelter on a concrete block foundation is located northwest of the building. The structure has a pyramid shaped shingle roof with a weather vane at its center. There is a metal plaque located on an ornamental brick monument to the west of the structure that states: "Dutch Picnic Tradition Started with Members of our Congregation in 1877." A second rectangular picnic shelter is located north of the gravel driveway. This structure has a side gabled shingle roof supported by wood framing. The picnic area is located on an open-plan concrete slab. These structures date to the late 20th-early 21st century.

These modern structures, although non-contributing, are the only physical representations of the 136-year old event.

Significance:

The Annual Dutch Picnic began in 1877 to serve the German-speaking Lutheran population of the Smallwood area. The annual event has since occurred every summer around the first Saturday of August. Although it began as a congregational event, it is a regional event. It is significant as a continuing social event that celebrates the region's German history.

The Annual Dutch Picnic began in the summer of 1877 when George Bitzel cleared a portion of his land for a church social. It is located west of the Trinity Lutheran Church, which was founded on February 5, 1866 on land donated by Bitzel. He donated the Annual Dutch Picnic land to the church upon his death in 1902.

The event draws approximately 500 people a year. At its height, in the 1950s, over one thousand would attend. The picnic became known for its Jousting event in the 1950s, which drew interest beyond the parish. Jousting is Maryland's official state sport. A cleared area of land in the center of the forested plot is the only distinguishing landscape feature.

Evaluation:

Integrity Statement

Evaluating the Annual Dutch Picnic site based on the seven aspects of integrity: setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, the property has remained in its original location on the north side of Deer Park Road in Carroll County. The site was originally a cleared area to the west of Trinity Lutheran Church. This site has been maintained in its original state. Three structures (one building and two picnic shelters) were added to the site in the late 20th century. These structures are part of the continued cultural use of the site and, while they are non-contributing, do not diminish its historic integrity.

The site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its potential significance as part of historic trends or events that may have made an important contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The Annual Dutch Picnic site is significant as the site of a cultural and social event that celebrates the region's German history and the state sport of Jousting. The picnic has occurred annually at this site since 1877. Therefore, the site meets the criteria for significance under Criterion A: Event.

The Annual Dutch Picnic Site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion B for its potential significance and association with a historically significant person. Research did not identify any important individuals associated with the site at the level necessary to meet the criteria for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Therefore, the site does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion B: Person.

The Annual Dutch Picnic Site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C for its potential significance as a property which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or style of Modern architecture, represents the work of a master architect, builder or craftsman, possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant or distinguishable entity whose components have individual distinction. The site does not have any above ground structures that date to its period of significance (1877-1963). The two picnic shelters and food building are less than 50 years of age do not meet the level of significance to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places Criteria Consideration G. None of the individuals responsible for the design or construction of these structures have been identified; therefore, these structures cannot be considered to represent the work of a master architect, builder or craftsman. Therefore, the site does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion C: Architecture.

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The site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion D for its potential significance and its ability to convey information. It does not and is not likely to convey information important to history. In order for buildings, structures or objects to be considered significant under Criterion D, they need to "be, or must have been, the principal source of information." This is not the case for the Annual Dutch Picnic Site. Therefore, the site does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion D: Information Potential.

In summary, the Annual Dutch Picnic Site is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

Prepared by: Tara Cubie

Date Prepared: September 26, 2013

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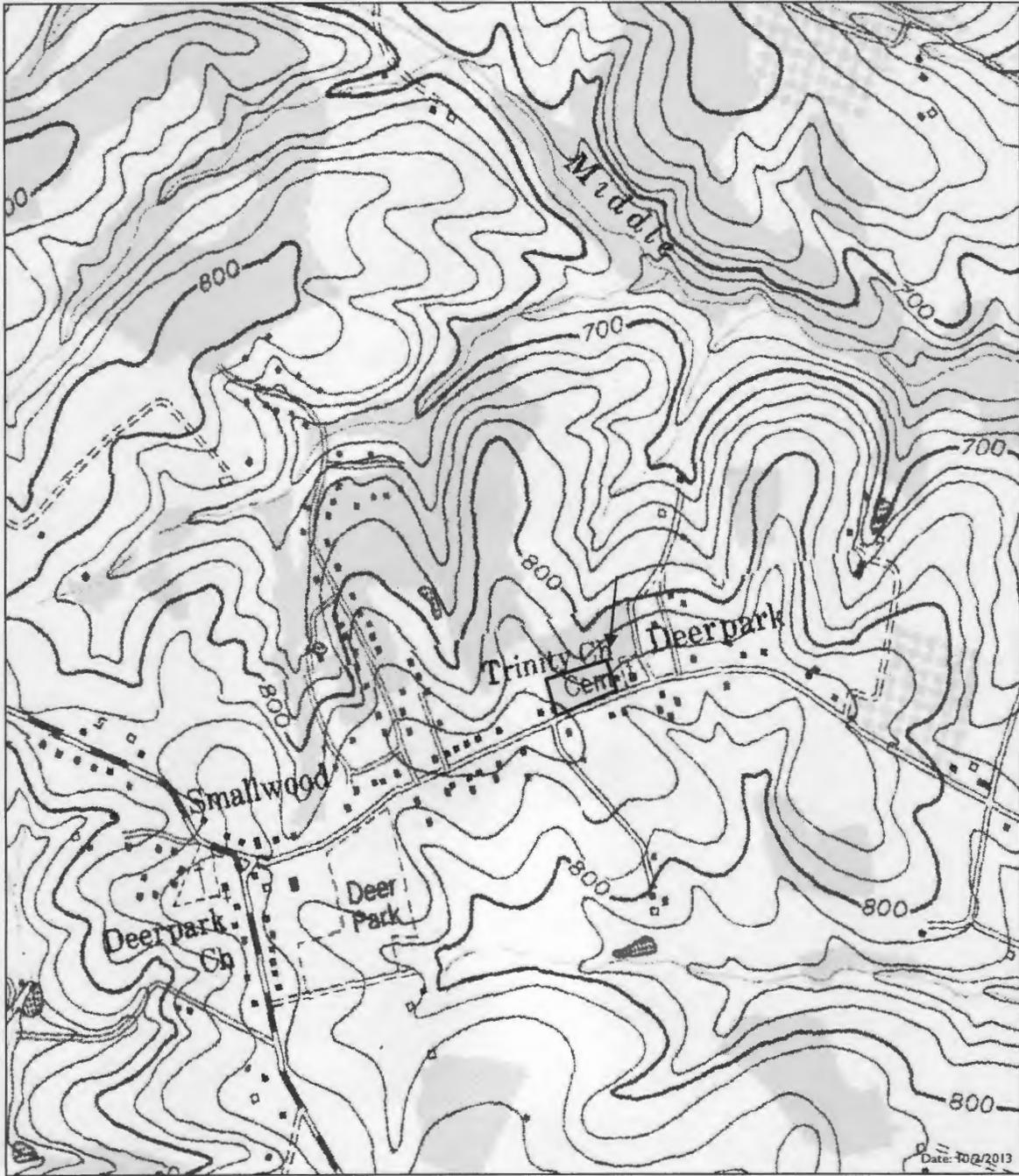
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CARR 428 Annual Dutch Picnic



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

EBI Consulting
environmental | engineering | due diligence

CARR-0028 Photo Log

Printed using Fromex black and white ink and paper (Archival Quality)

1. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_01 View E of Jousting area
2. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_02 View E of wooded area
3. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_03 View W of wooded area
4. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_04 View W toward boundary of wooded area
5. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_05 View SW toward Deer Park Road
6. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_06 View towards Octagonal picnic area
7. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_07 View S towards raised picnic area
8. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_08 View W towards raised picnic area
9. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_09 View towards main picnic area
10. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_10 View E towards raised picnic area
11. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_11 View SE along picnic area road
12. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_12 View E towards picnic food building
13. CARR-0028_2013-09-16_13 View N towards picnic food building



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Annual Dutch Picnic
Carroll County, MD
Photo by: Tara Cubie
09.16.2013
MD SHPO
View E jousting area
Photo #1

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Photo 1/13

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Dutch
Annual Picnic Pt
Carroll County, MD
Photographer: Tara Cubie
09.16.2013
MD SHPO
W of wooded area

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Photo #2/13



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Annual Dutch Picnic

Carroll County, MD

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MD SHPO

W toward boundary of wooded area

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Photo # 3/13



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Carroll County, MD

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MD SHPO

W of wooded area

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MDSHPO

View SW toward Deer Park Road

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Annual Dutch Picnic

Carroll County, MD

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MD SHPO

View towards Octagonal Picnic Area

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View Stowards raised picnic area

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MD SHPO

View W toward raised picnic area

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Annual Dutch Picnic

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Tara Cubie

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MD SHPO

View to main picnic area

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Dutch
Annual Picnic

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Tara Cubie

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MD SHPO

View E towards raised picnic area

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Photo 101B



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CARR 0028

Annual Dutch Picnic

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Tara Cubie

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MD SHPO

View SE along Picnic area road

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Carroll County, MD

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MD SHPO

View E to picnic food building

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Carroll County, MD
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09.16.2013
MD SHPO
View N towards picnic food building

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ANNUAL DUTCH PICNIC

1877 to present

Deer Park

private

The Annual Dutch Picnic is a continuing example of the church socials that were held by all churches throughout Carroll County during the late 19th and early 20 centuries. This event is sponsored by the Deer Park Trinity Lutheran Church (see CARR-1281) and began in 1877. The site includes the original Trinity Lutheran Church and a frame social hall. The survival of the Annual Dutch Picnic can be attributed to the significance of this particular event in its community and its uniqueness in holding an annual jousting competition in Carroll County.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Annual Dutch Picnic Site

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 833 Deer Park Road ___ not for publication

city, town Smallwood vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church

street & number 833 Deer Park Road telephone no.: 848-8923

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster, Maryland state 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date March 1970 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-28

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 type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY: The Annual Dutch Picnic is a continuing example of the church socials that were held by all churches throughout this region during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The site is on the north side of Deer Park Road approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. The site includes the original Deer Park Lutheran Church, built in 1866, and a frame social hall.

DESCRIPTION: The site of the Annual Dutch Picnic is on the north side of Deer Park Road, approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. The site is a fairly level stretch of land partially cleared with a wooded picnic grove. At the center of the grove is a cleared straight-away used for the jousting tournament. There are two buildings on the north side of the road - the 1866 frame Deer Park Lutheran Church and a frame Social Hall (see CARR-1281) on the south side of Deer Park Road is the modum (1955) brick Deer Park Lutheran Church.

8. Significance

Survey No. CAAP-22

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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Specific dates 1877 to present **Builder/Architect**

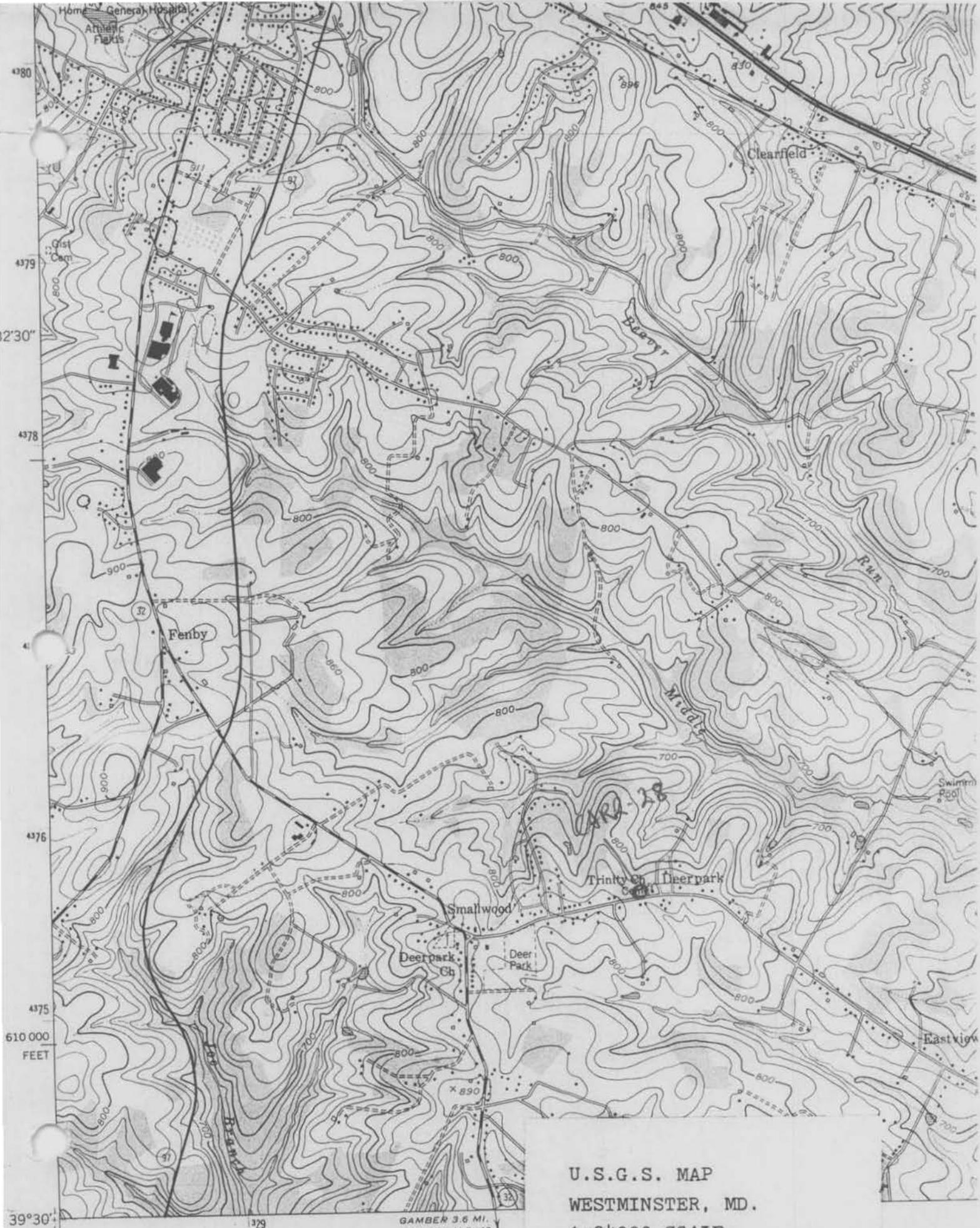
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY: The Annual Dutch Picnic was first held in 1877 and has run annually for 110 years. It was organized by Deer Park Lutheran Church and held on land owned by George Bitzel adjoining the 1866 frame church. The Dutch Picnic was begun at a time when church socials and summertime events were popular throughout this region. Its survival can be attributed to the significance of this particular cultural event in Carroll County and its uniqueness in holding an annual jousting competition.

HISTORY: The 110th Annual Dutch Picnic Program (August 2, 1986) provides the following story of this event: The Dutch Picnic was first held in 1877. The prime mover was George Bitzel, a "cornerstone" of the congregation, who gathered a handful of men and boys to clear a strip of land at the present location, and who took the lead in planning the first picnic. Mr. Bitzel was a native of Leuterhausen, Germany, and lived to see the picnic a popular and widely known affair in this part of the state. When he died in 1902 he left a provision in his will that the three acres of ground on which the picnic is held should come into possession of the congregation.



U.S.G.S. MAP
 WESTMINSTER, MD.
 1:24000 SCALE

Mapped by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey