

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE - 1514

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Bridges of Fair Hill N.R.M.A.

## 2. Location

street & number from the intersection of MD. Rt. 273 and Big Elk Creek and points south  not for publication

city, town Elkton

vicinity

county Cecil

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

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue

telephone (410) 260-8192

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 HSR or Research report at MHT  
 Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count			
			Contributing	Noncontributing		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape			buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture			sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	5		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social			objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	5		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

These bridges are located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., from the intersection of Maryland route 273 and the Big Elk Creek to points directly to the south, following the Big Elk Creek. There is a dirt access road within the N.R.M.A. that parallels the Creek and from here it is possible to access the bridges.

Bridge #20: is located towards the far south end of the Fair Hill N.R.M.A. near the Scott's Mill ruins. This bridge was almost entirely reconstructed and was originally a covered bridge that dated from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It has a wood frame deck, wooden railings, a steel span on the underside, and concrete piers holding the whole structure in place. Stone entrance walls to the bridge have been retained from the time when this was a covered bridge.

Bridge #22: is located to the north of Bridge #20 directly crossing the Big Elk Creek. It has a wood frame deck, steel side rails, and a steel span that supports the entire structure.

Bridge #23: is located to the north of Bridge #22 directly crossing the Big Elk Creek. It has a wood frame deck, steel side rails, and a steel span that supports the entire structure. In addition there is a concrete pier in the center of the Creek that provides additional support.

Bridge #24: is located to the north of Bridge #23 directly crossing the Big Elk Creek. This includes two bridges, one is a concrete bridge, a single arched span that is no longer used that dates from the early Twentieth century, while the second is part of Maryland route 273, and is a modern concrete and steel structure from the late Twentieth century.

Bridge #25: is located next to the northern side of Bridge #24, slightly due west of the Big Elk Creek. This is constructed of steel and has a wood frame deck. It crosses over a dirt road that provides access to the interior of the N.R.M.A.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

These bridges are significant since they were constructed by the DuPont family for the famed fox hunts. The bridges provided easy access for the fox and riders to cross roads and the Big Elk Creek. They were built during the early Twentieth century when the DuPonts acquired many of the individual farmsteads of the area to create a vast landholding. The concrete Bridges #24 that are part of Maryland route 273, however were mainly used (the late Twentieth century concrete bridge is still in use) for public traffic access and were not part of the DuPont infrastructure.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

#### Resource Type:

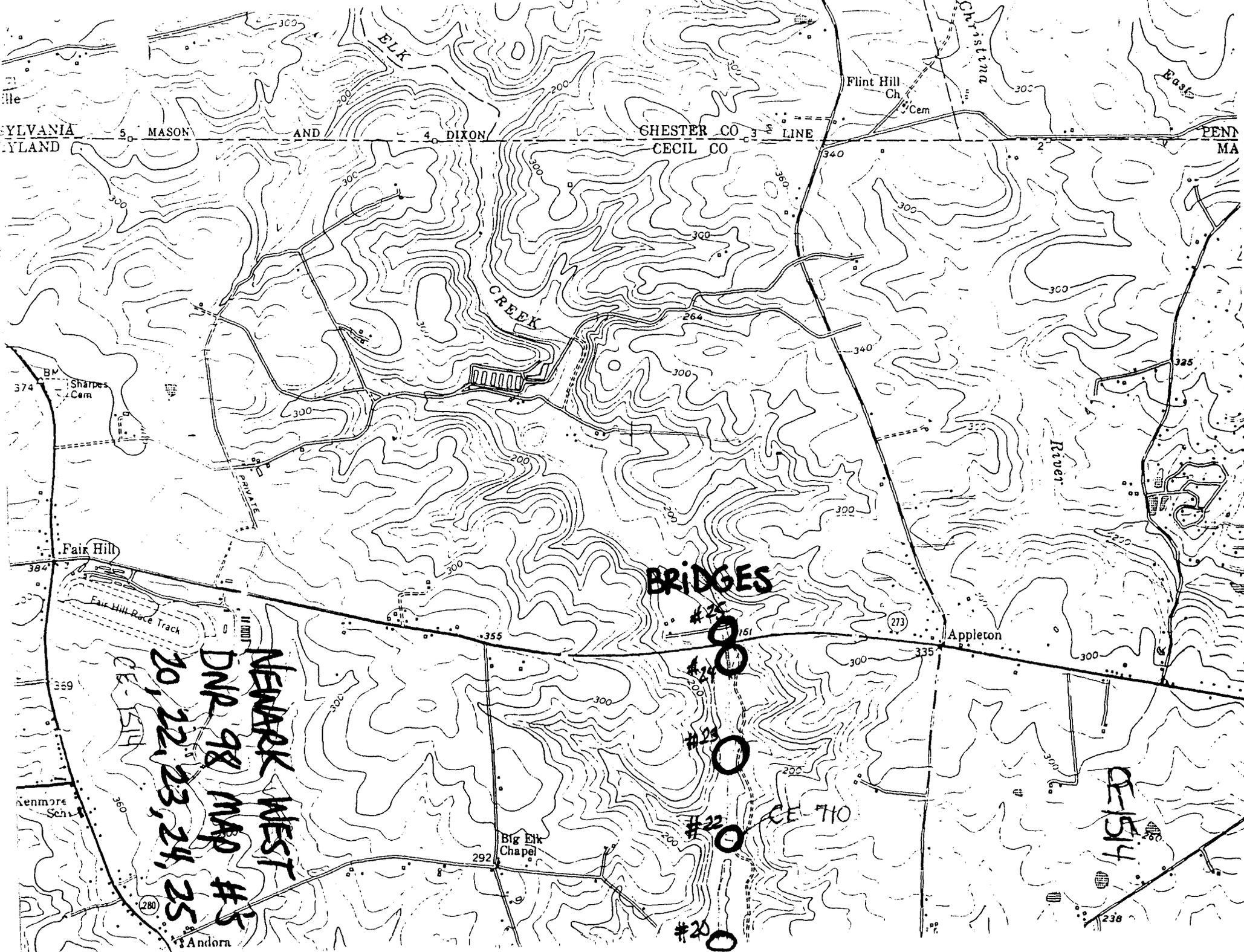
Category: Structures

Historic Environment : Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation

Known Design Source: Unknown

5 MASON AND 4 DIXON 3 CHESTER CO LINE 2 PENN MA  
CECIL CO



**BRIDGES**

- #25
- #24
- #23
- #22
- #20

NEWARK WEST  
DNR 98 MAP #5  
20, 22, 23, 24, 25

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374 Sharps Cem

Flint Hill Ch  
Cem

374 Sharps Cem

Fair Hill

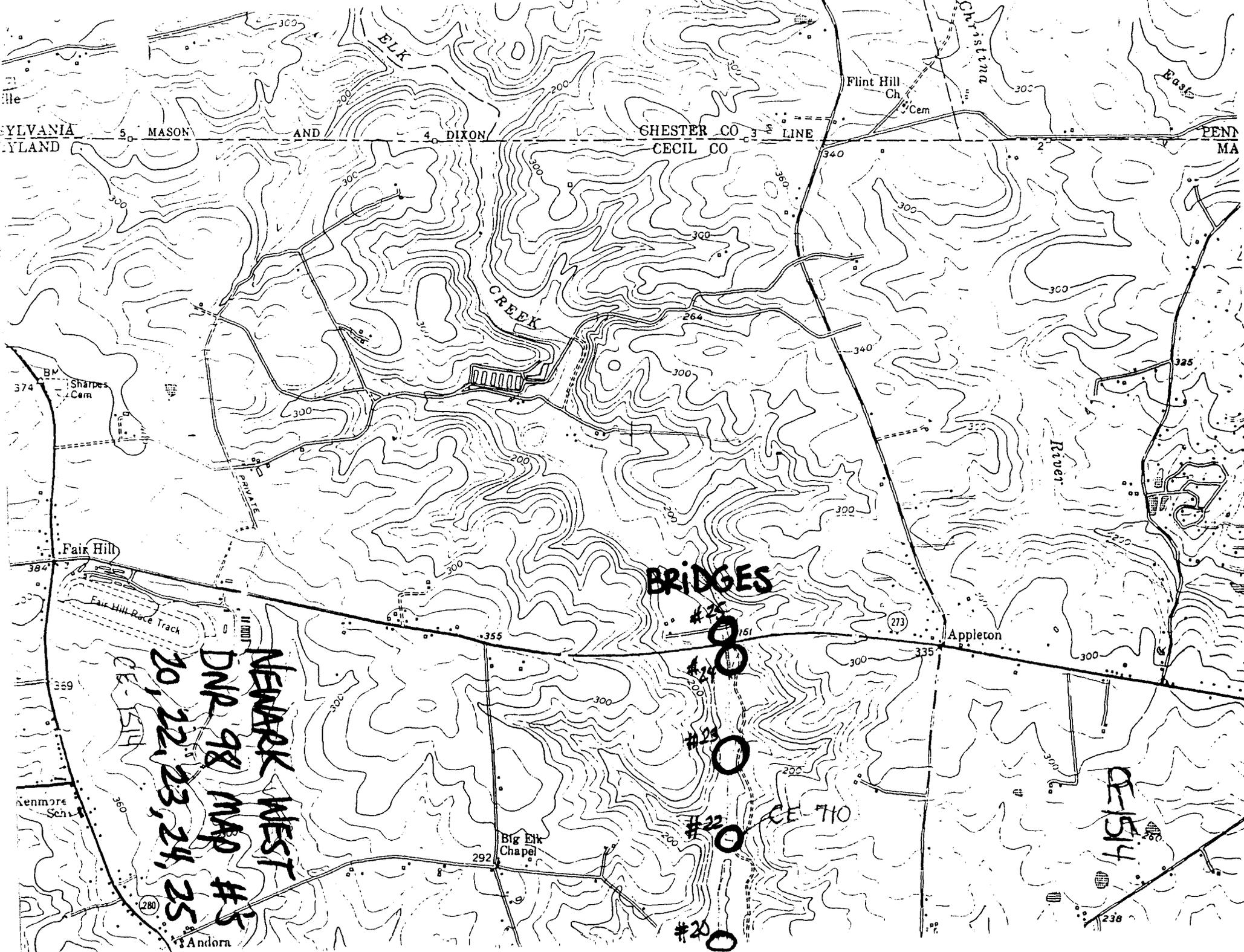
Fair Hill Race Track

Kenmore Sch

Andorn

Big Elk Chapel

Appleton





Bridge # 20

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BRIDGE OVER BIG ELK CREEK, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.  
CECIL COUNTY, MD

186 8661 N N N N N N N N

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW TO NORTH



Bridge # 20

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BRIDGE OVER BIG ELK CREEK, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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VIEW TO THE EAST

<No. 24A 56 106 0563 N N N N-02 2



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BRIDGE OVER BIG ELK CREEK

CECIL COUNTY, MD; FAIR HILL

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WEST ELEVATION

Bridge # 22

N.R.M.A.

<No. 1973 185 0561 N N N N-04 2



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BRIDGE OVER BIG ELK CREEK

CECIL COUNTY, MD; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

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NORTH WEST ELEVATION

<No. 17> 3 185 0561 N N N N N 84 2

Bridge # 23



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BRIDGES OVER Big ELK CREEK (ROUTE 273) <sup>Bridge #24</sup>  
CECIL COUNTY, MD; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

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NORTH WEST ELEVATION

31 AUG 05 11 AM '97



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BRIDGE OVER ROAD

CECIL COUNTY, MD;

C. MAZUREK

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Bridge # 25

NO. 177 28 106 8561 N N N N-87 2

N.R.M.A.