

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE-1517

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

historic

other "Beloved" Movie Set

## 2. Location

street & number Fair Hill N.R.M.A., west of Appleton Rd., north of the Covered Bridge  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry			
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape			
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture			
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion			
		<input type="checkbox"/> social			
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: movie set			

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

DNR 98 MAP #8

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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.

\*See attached

Inventory Number: CE-1517  
Movie Set  
Cecil County, MD  
C. Mazurek  
July 1998  
Section 7.1

The Movie Set is located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., and off of the dirt access road. It is to the west of Appleton Road, to the north of MD route 273, to the east of MD route 213, and to the south of the Mason-Dixon Line. The Movie Set is situated on a hillside right above Big Elk Creek.

The Movie Set was created in 1997 to replicate a Kentucky farmstead within the late Nineteenth century. A number of structures were created on the site including a farmhouse, an outhouse, three barns, two sheds, and a collapsed shed. In addition a split rail fence was constructed at the bottom of the hillside.

The farmhouse is two-stories tall, with a cross gable addition on the west facade, and a one-story shed addition on the north facade. A one-story wraparound porch covers the south and west facades. The exterior on the first story has a covering of stone, constructed of plaster, while the second story has a covering of wood clapboard. The roof is constructed of wood shingles. A chimney, half stone and half brick, has a decorated corbel. Windows are few, with sashes varied between 6/6 to fixed and 3 paned. The front facade is hinged to open out for filming of the interior spaces. This house, although only one year old, has been weathered to appear 150 years old including worn sections of wood complete with fake termite holes created by nails that were driven into the wood and then removed. In addition fake icicles overhang sections of the roof.

The outhouse is constructed of clapboard with a standing seam tin roof. Fake ivy is stapled to the side of the structure, and the weathered appearance is similar to the farmhouse.

The barns have the appearance of stonework, although they are constructed of plaster. Sections of the barns have been constructed of vertical wood clapboard, while other sections have log construction with stone chinking. The log constructed sections have come from original historic structures that have been shipped to the site and incorporated into the set design.

The sheds are constructed of the plaster stone, as well as, vertical wood clapboard. The roofs have a covering of wood shingles.

The collapsed shed has log construction with no chinking within the logs. It appears to be a historic structure shipped to the site and reconstructed.

All of the structures have been aged to suggest a working farmstead. The set designers have strived for a high degree of authenticity, and have achieved this goal since it was very difficult to see that the materials were not as they appeared unless viewed up close.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input 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).

\*See attached

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The Movie Set is significant for its association with the motion picture business, in Hollywood, California. The famous actors Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover have starred in the production, due for release in late 1998. This set, with its location in Cecil County, is an example of how the movie business today shifts the production to locales other than the movie lots of Southern California. It shows the extent to which set designers can completely alter a landscape, one with no structures on it previously, to suit their own needs. The set also has a certain historical significance in that the log structures are actual historic structures.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.  
ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)

#### Resource Type:

Category: Structures

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Movie Set, Entertainment

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 07/01/98

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state and zip code Maryland 21401

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023  
410-514-7646

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MARYLAND

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MARYLAND

5 MASON AND 4 DIXON 3 LINE 2

SHESTER CO  
CECIL CO

**THE BELOVED  
MOVIE  
SET**

CREEK

BM 374  
Sharps  
Cem

Flint Hill  
Ch  
Cem

River

Fair Hill

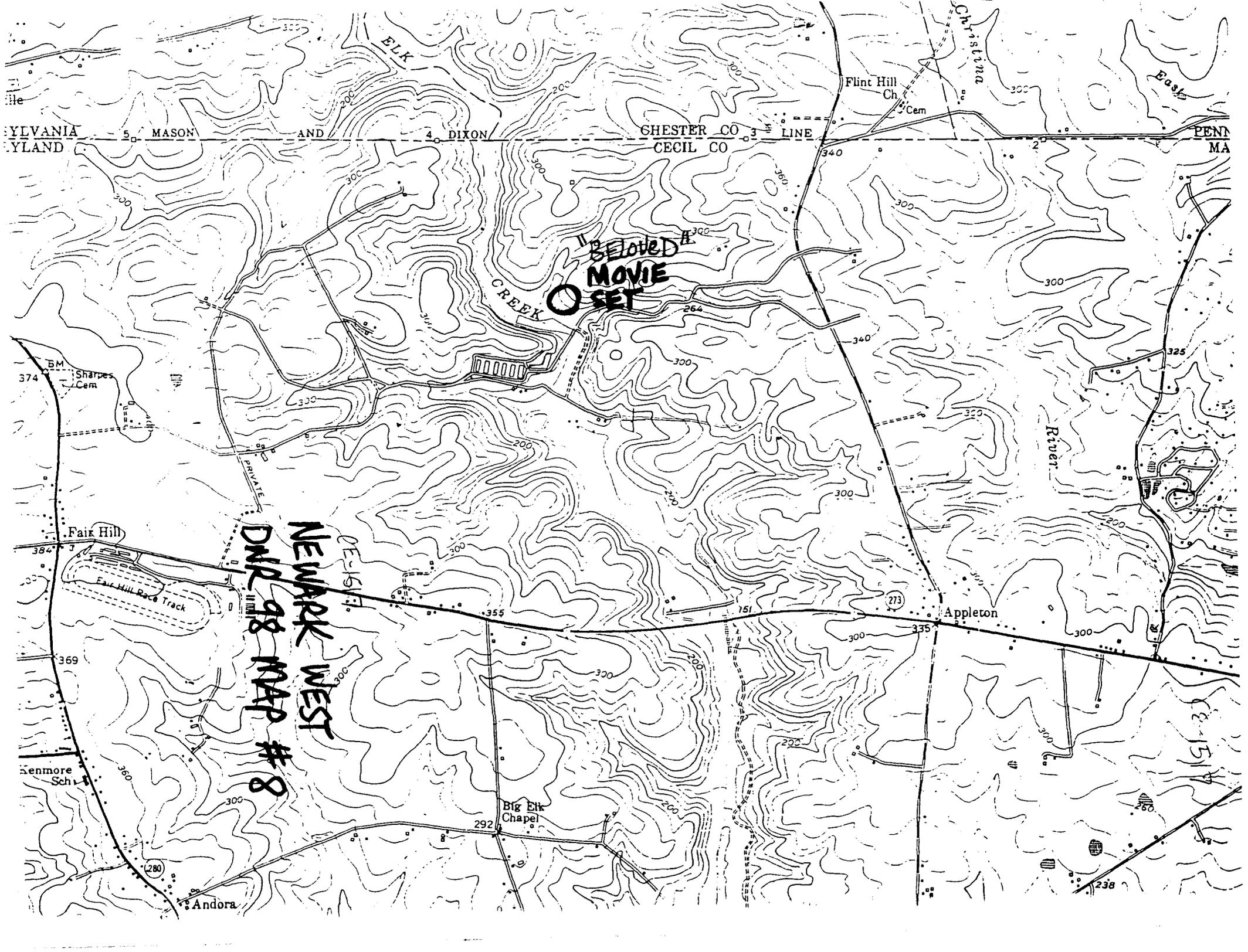
Fair Hill Race Track

**NEWARK WEST  
DNR 98 MAP # 8**

Appleton

Big Elk  
Chapel

Andora





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HOUSE; FAIR Hill N.R.M.A. (MOORE SET)

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NO. 19 196 0561 N N N N-22 2



CE-1517  
(MOVIE SET)

Complex; FAIR Hill N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MOVIE SET, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.E. ELEVATIONS

<No. 319> 01 186 0561 N N N N-03 2



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MOVIE SET, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

EAST ELEVATION

<No. 7041> 98 105 0561 N N N N-19 2



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MOVIE SET, FAIR HILL N.R., M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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S.E. ELEVATIONS

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LOG STRUCTURE; FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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MOVIE SET, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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CECIL COUNTY, MD

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S.E. ELEVATIONS

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