

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Amos Alexander (Beers) Farm Survey Number: CE-300

Project: Restoration of Springhouse Agency: DNR/non profit organ.

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Amos Alexander Farm is an early to mid-nineteenth century farm complex consisting of one and a half story stone house with subsequent nineteenth century additions, c. 1826 bank barn, smokehouse, food storage building and springhouse. Located in the Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area, the farm complex was surveyed in 1977 and determined eligible for its architectural significance and method of construction. The property retains its design, setting, location, and materials. Recent investigations by James Wollon reiterated the eligibility of the property. The stone springhouse has suffered deterioration including the collapse of the shingle roof, mortar failure and wood rot. The original door and louvered openings remain. The overall integrity of the property is sufficient for eligibility while the springhouse demonstrates the most deterioration. It will be restored in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
MarylandInventory

Prepared by: JohnHnedak

L. Bowlin 11-29-93  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

[Signature] 1-15-94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic, agricultural

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Numbers: CE-300, CE-300-B, CE-300-C  
Beers Complex  
Cecil County, MD  
C. Mazurek  
June 1998  
Section 7.1

#### Addendum

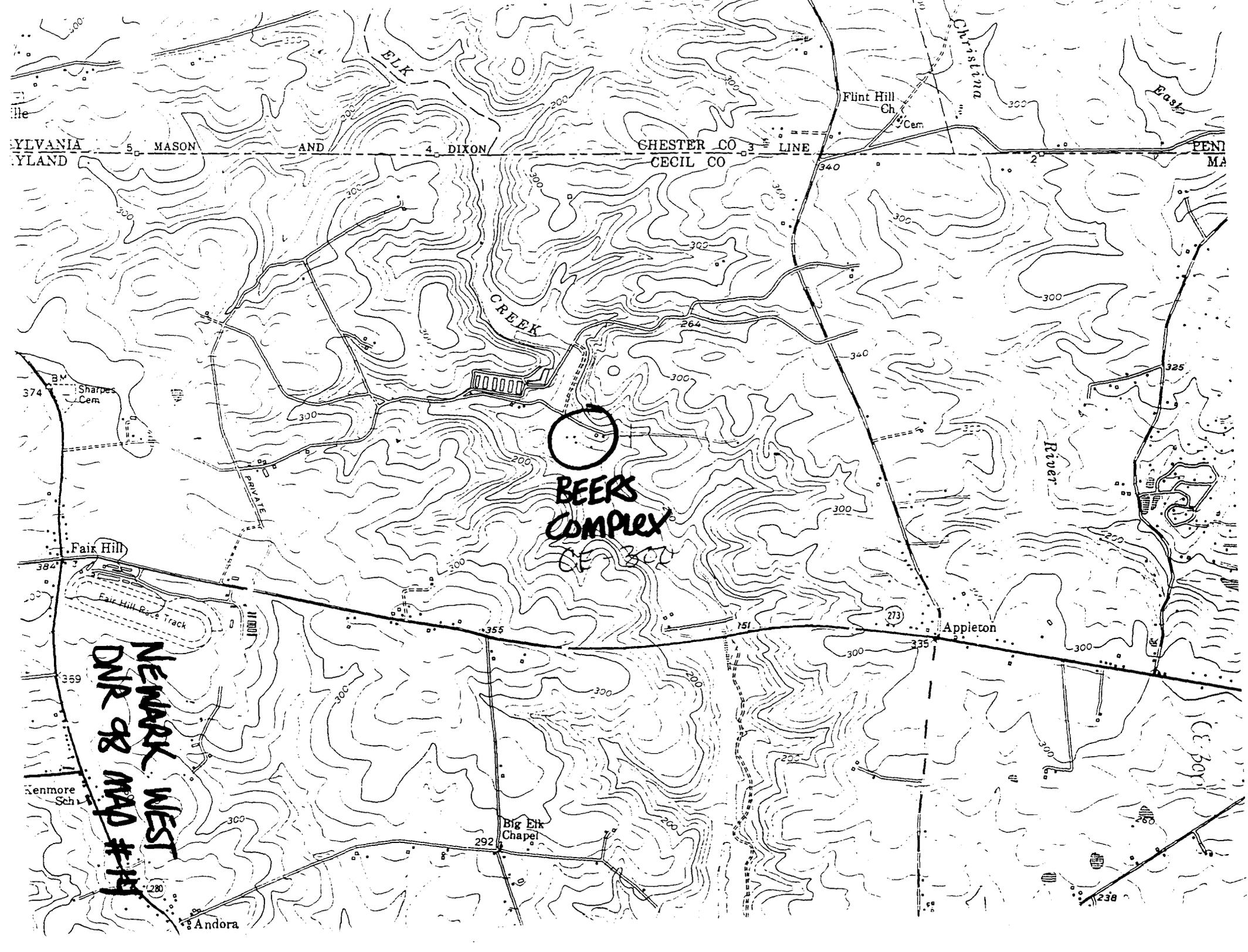
The Beers Complex is located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., and to the east of the Big Elk Creek Covered Bridge. It is situated right on the Management Area dirt access road, on a hillside overlooking the Big Elk Creek.

The Beers house (CE-300) is a rental property by the Department of Natural Resources and is in excellent condition. Since the last survey was completed in 1978-1979 the exterior structure has remained the same, with the exception of the front porch posts. The old wood posts, the bottom half a squared shape and the upper half a rounded shape with a doric capital, have been replaced with completely squared wood posts with straight brackets at the top.

The Beers Smokehouse (CE-300-B) has lost it's front batten door with tapered iron strap hinges, however it may still be located on the property somewhere. The gable roof is intact and keeps the rain out of the understructure. Some of the vegetation around the Smokehouse has been allowed to grow too close to the foundation and stone retaining wall, but it has not yet led to deterioration.

The Beers Stable and Hayloft/Garage (CE-300-C) are kept in good condition, with no apparent alterations to the exterior of the structures. As with the Smokehouse, vegetation near the Hayloft/Garage has been allowed to grow too close to the foundation.

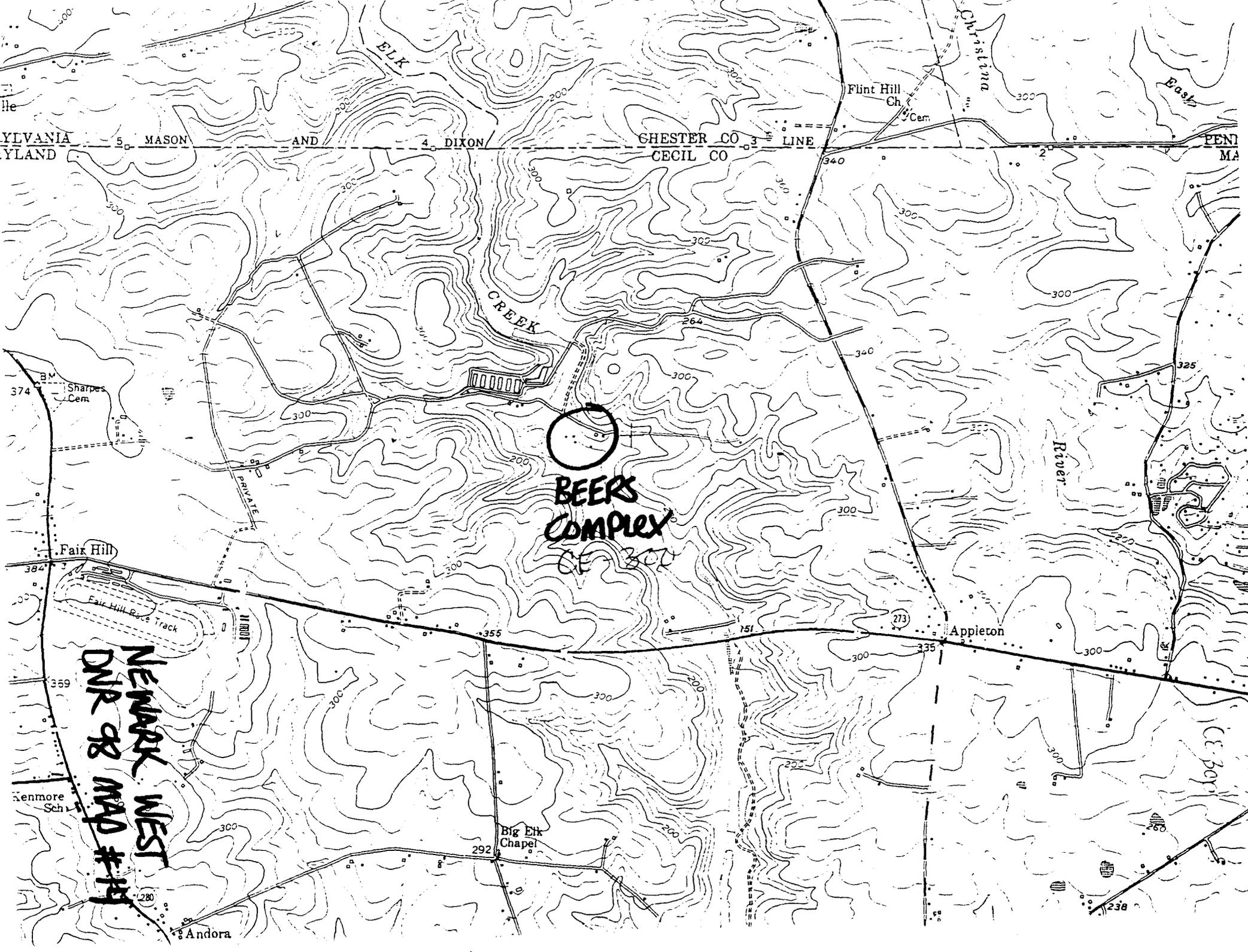
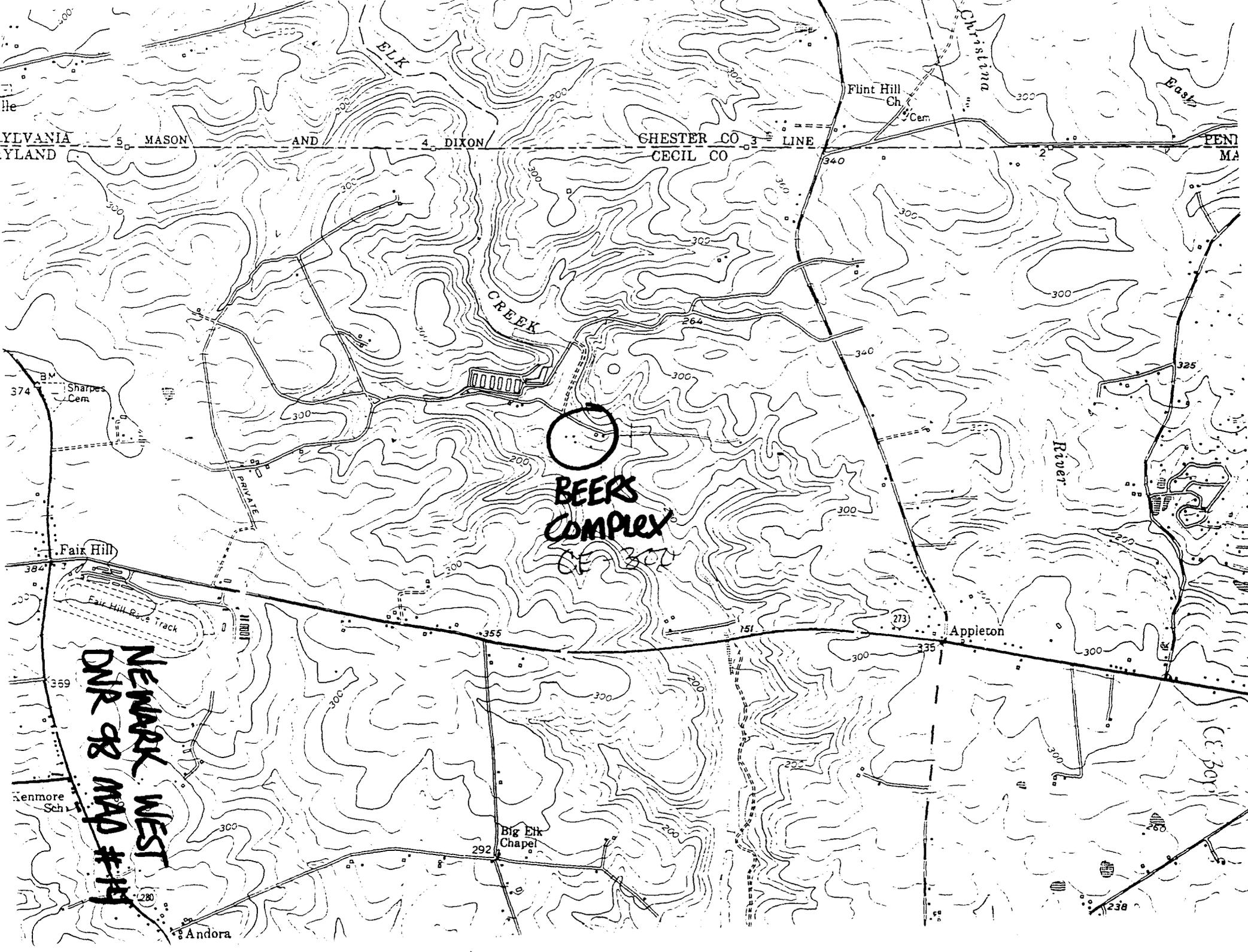
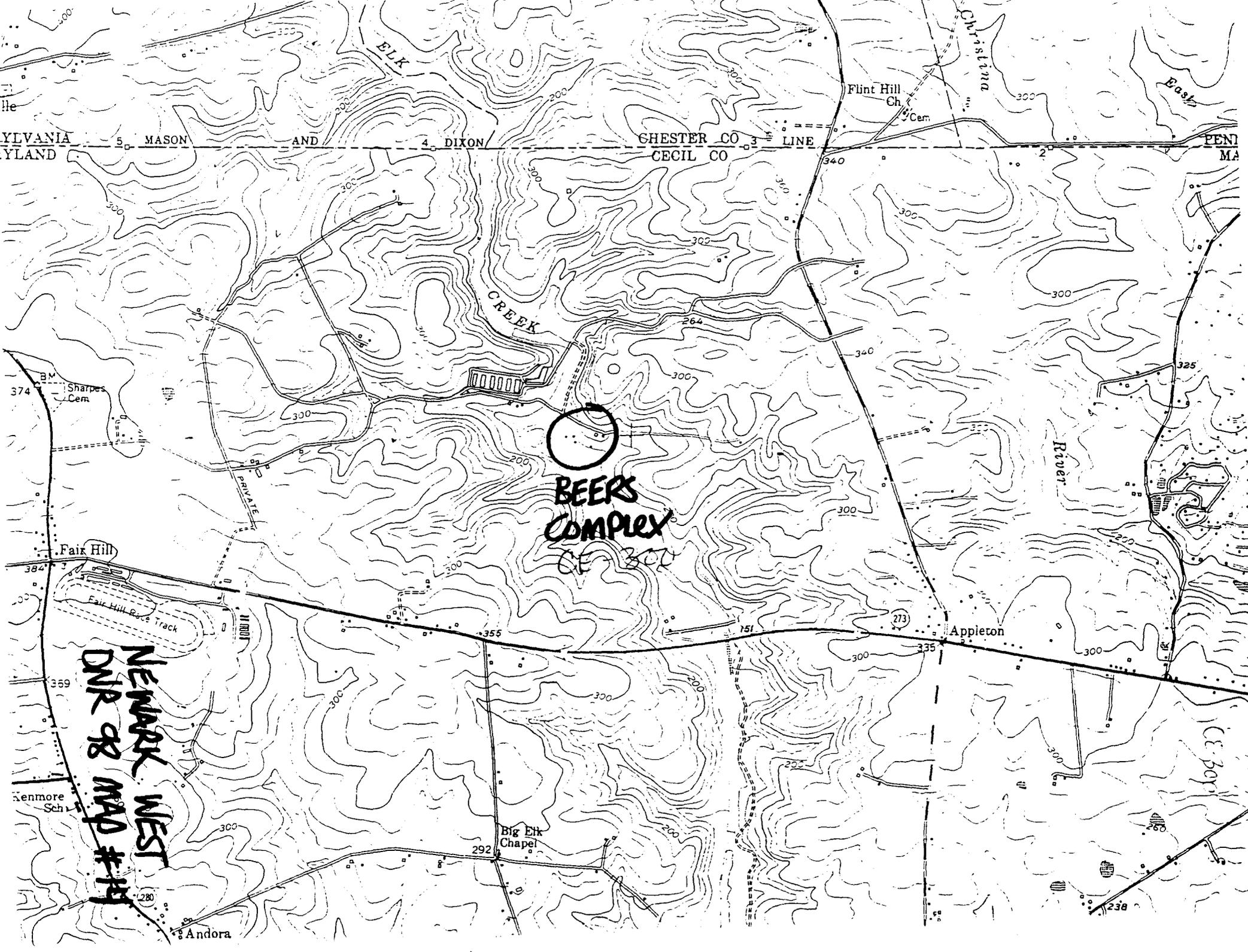
A wood frame storage barn with sheet metal siding has been constructed just to the east of the Beers House. The rear facade (south) opens up to a wood fenced-in field. This structure is not historic.



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BEERS  
COMPLEX  
CE 300

NEWARK WEST  
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CE-300

BEERS BARN, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZUREK

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.W. ELEVATION

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BEERS HOUSE, FAIR HILL N.R., M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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N.E. ELEVATION

91-165 8061 X N N N-08 2



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BEERS BARN, FAIR HILL N.R. M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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EAST ELEVATION

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BEERS COMPOUND, BARN, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

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N.E. ELEVATION

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BEERS COMPOUND HAY LOFT, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.  
CELIL COUNTY, MD

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S.W. ELEVATION



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BEERS COMPOUND SMOKEHOUSE, FAIR Hill N.R. M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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S.E. ELEVATION

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BEERS COMPOUND SPRINGHOUSE, FAIR HILL N.R. MA  
CECIL COUNTY, MD

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BARN

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

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NORTH EAST ELEVATION

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BEERS FARM - RECOMMENDATIONS

- DNR-10 House CE-300
- DNR-11 Barn CE-300-A
- DNR-12 Smokehouse CE-300-B
- DNR-13 Hayloft CE-300-C

At least the 1826 Barn, if not this entire complex, is eligible for the National Register, probably in company with its near twin across Big Elk Creek, the Finley Barn (DNR-4/CE-301-A). The complex is occupied and appears to be prosperous and in good repair. Routine maintenance and upkeep should be carried out with an eye toward a return to an original appearance.

For example, the replacement of a composition roof should be done in shakes or standing-seam metal. There appears to be no serious structural problems. The house raises some interesting questions of date, and a detailed physical examination is warranted because of them. This may be arranged with the Maryland Historical Trust. In anticipation of future needs for major work, it should be done soon. Any changes in the property should be carried out only after consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust.

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **NO**

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The south port of the stone structure is a one and one half story, three bay house having a chimney in each end. It appears to be the earliest portion of the house, though the half on the north must have followed soon after. The latter is built "down hill" from the former and is two full stories tall, even though the roof line is continuous. A frame wing and porches probably date from Mr. DuPont's ownership. Although the house is presently unoccupied, it is in good physical condition.

North of the house is a stone bank barn with a plaque bearing the date 1826. It has three sides of stone and a "bridge" from the road into the second story. There are several other sheds surrounding the barn.

Courtesy of William Shelton, Mgr.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered **NO**    Interior    Exterior **good**

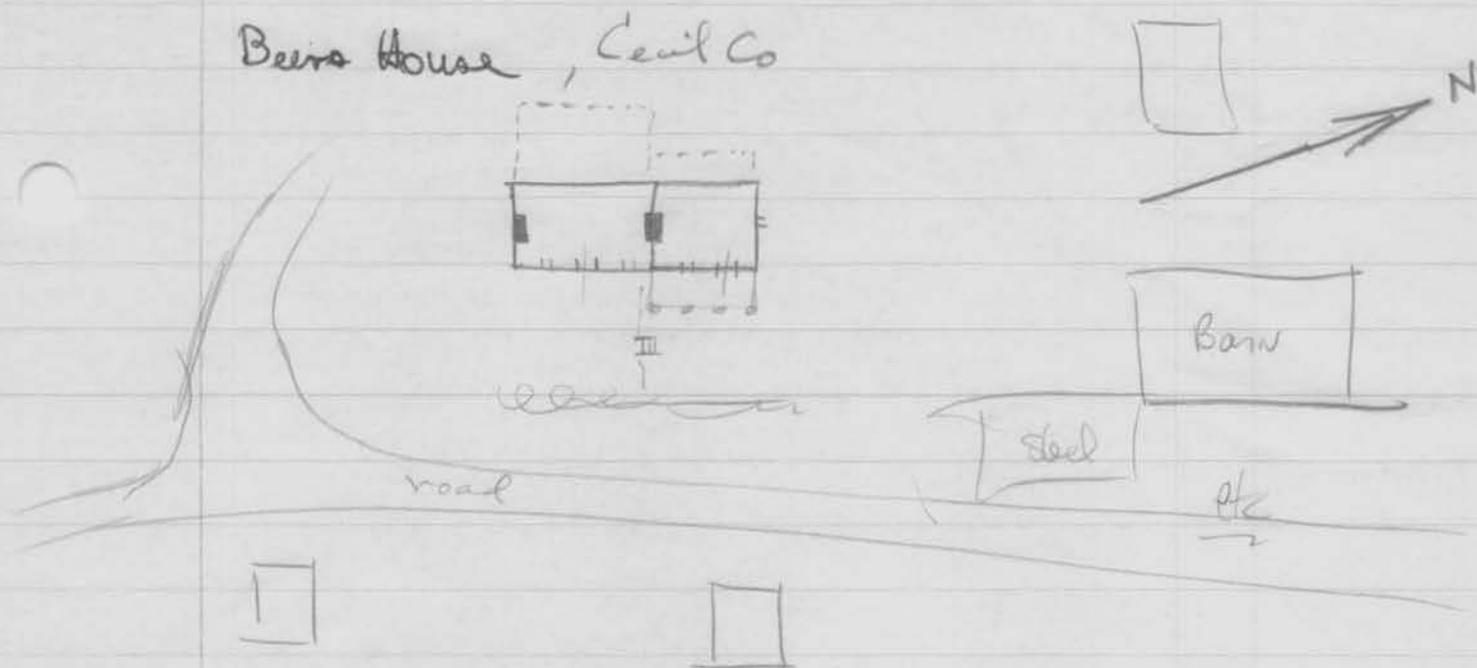
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## Beers House, Cecil Co



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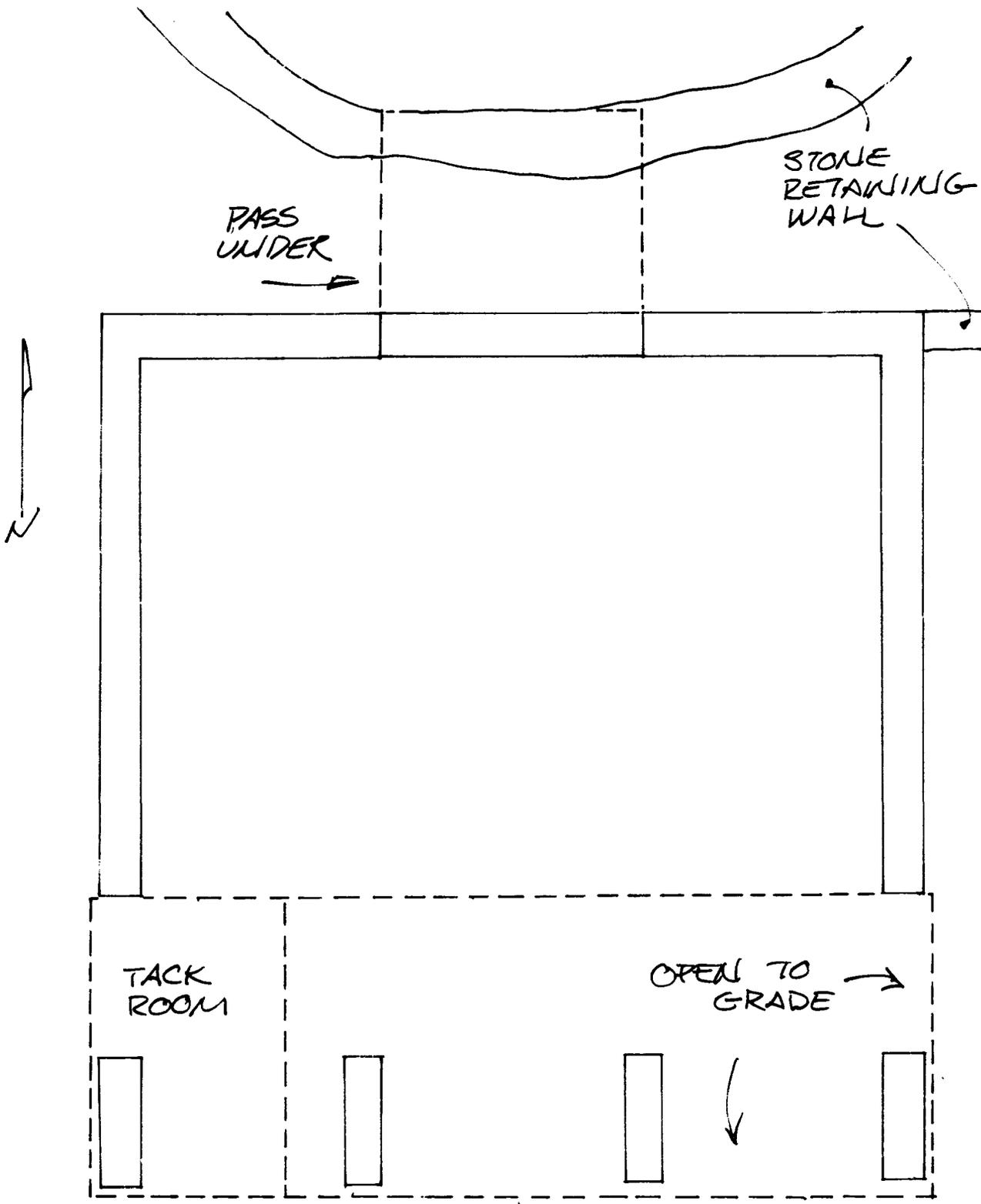
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FINLEY BARN FOUNDATION PLAN

SCALE: APPROXIMATELY 1" TO 8'

CE 200



MA  
AVR



Beers House  
1976 CE-300

Big Elk

Fair Hill, MD.

MAY

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Beers House

Fair Hill, MD

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Beers House  
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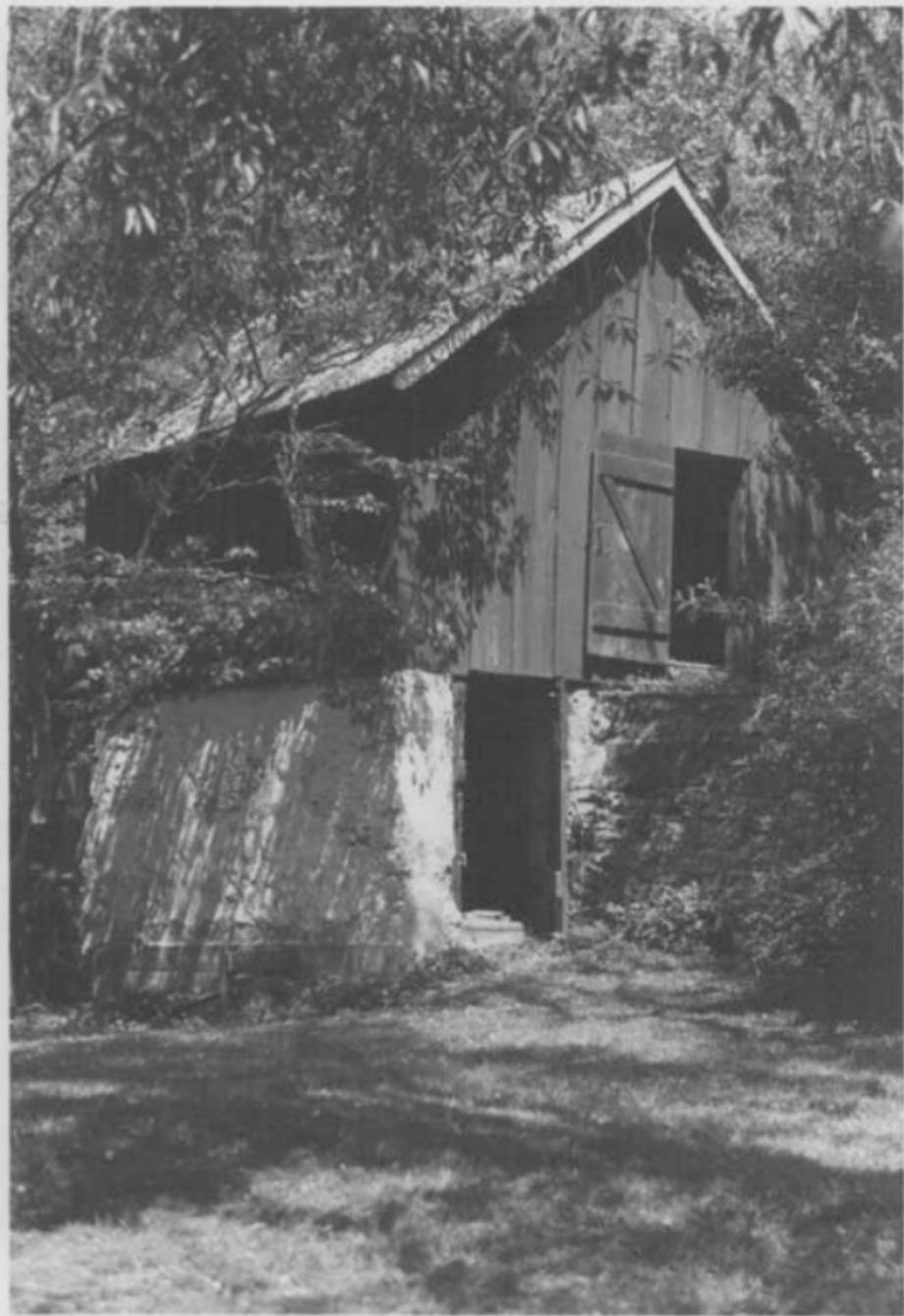
Barn and House

Beers

Fair Hill, MD.

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Outbuilding Beers  
1976 CE-300

Farm Hill, MD.



Outbuilding Beers  
1976 CE-300

FAIR Hill, MD.



Interior Beers Outbuilding  
1976 CE-300

FAIR Hill,  
MD.



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Fair Hill, MD.



Beers House  
Near Fair Hill  
Northeast Elevation  
MOB/1971  
NEG - MD. Hist. Trust

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