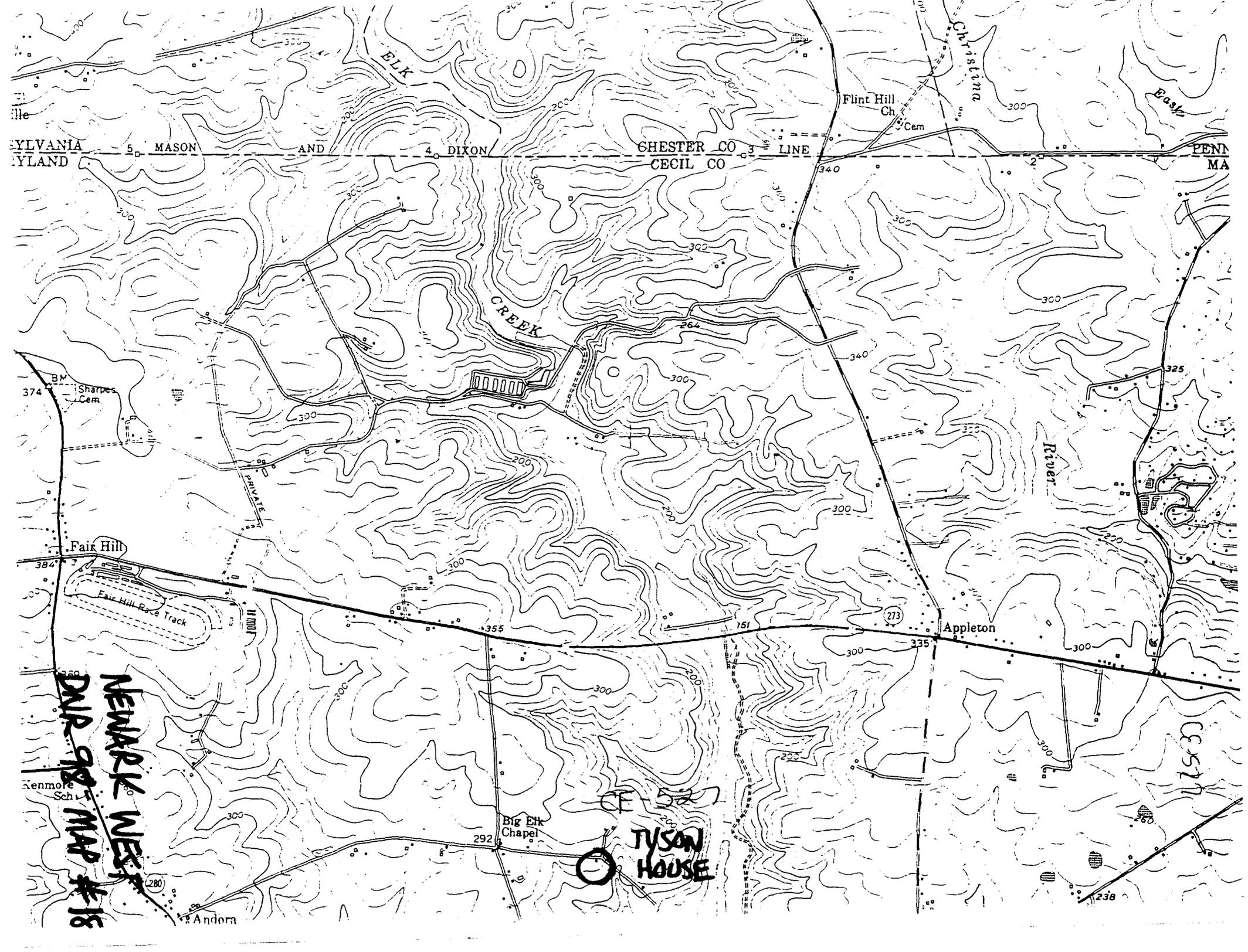


Inventory Number:CE-527
Tyson House
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
June 1998
Section 7.1

Addendum

The Tyson House is located to the east of the intersection of Gallaher Road and Big Elk Chapel Road. It is just beyond the park entrance gate and straight down the dirt access road.

This structure has been unoccupied for many years, and has deteriorated beyond livability. The loss of the roof has further compounded the problem of deterioration. It is a simple plan that may have been divided into two units, is two and one-half stories tall, and is four bays wide. According to the last historic sites survey in 1979 the roof, now gone, was gabled with a central chimney. The entire structure is constructed of uncut fieldstone, with no courses, that appears to have had a stucco finish applied to it at one time. All of the window sashes and doors have deteriorated or have been vandalized. The interior wood framing has fallen into the basement, but it is still possible to see that the walls were covered with a plaster coating. The entire west facade is missing. For the most part the Tyson House is just the shell of the original structure.



PAENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND
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CHESTER CO. CECIL CO. PENN. MD.

ELK CREEK

Flint Hill Ch. Cem

Christina

Bash

374 BM Sharpes Cem

384 Fair Hill

Fair Hill Race Track

Kenmore Sch

Andora

Big Elk Chapel

TYSON HOUSE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
TYSON HOUSE RUINS
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
East bank of the Big Elk Creek below Brewsters Bridge
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Elk Mills VICINITY OF 4
STATE MARYLAND COUNTY Cecil

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
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Maryland, Dept. Of Natural Resources Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER Tawes State Office Building
CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court Liber #: WAS 347
Folio #: 441
STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ruins date from the early to mid-1800's and possibly served as mill workers homes during this period due to the fact that flour mills were in operation within ¼ mile of the houses.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

George W. Lutz III, Field Historian

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The Tyson House ruins are the remains of a two and three-quarters story structure that appears to have been an impressive architectural dwelling for this region. The entire west wall and westernmost bay of the north and south walls have collapsed. However, one can distinguish from the remaining architectural trim, such as the dentil cornice, and by the size and style of this structure that it was a prominent building for its time. It was constructed of stone and had a gable roof. The interior had a central hall plan with a stairway in the central hall. The structure appears to have been built in the early nineteenth century in a Rural Federal style.

The Tyson House Ruins are located on the east side of Big Elk Road. They are approximately .3 mile east of Big Elk Chapel and .5 mile west of Scott's Mill. The structure was located on a slight prominence in the landscape. Its site and the sharp vertical lines of its two and three-quarters story facades projected a prominent visual impact.

The Tyson House Ruins consist of the east gable end of the house and the four-bays of the north and south facade. The west gable end and the westernmost bay of the north and south facade have entirely collapsed. The structure was constructed of field-stone covered in stucco. It is two and three-quarters story tall and originally was a five-bay by two-bay structure. The main facade faced north and had a central entrance. The outer bays of the first story and five-bays of the second story contain six-over-six sash windows. The three-quarter story had three windows

symmetrically arranged in the center bay in the outer bays of the structure. The gable roof contained a boxed and *dentil* cornice. ^{The roof} It was most recently covered in sheet metal. The east gable end has two windows on the first story and two small windows in the gable. There was an interior-end chimney on this wall. It is not possible from the ruins to determine the fenestration on the west wall. The south facade was fenestrated in a manner similar to the north facade but also contains two foundation level three-pane windows.

The interior of the house had a central hall plan with rooms on each side of the hall. The stairway to the second floor rose along the west hall of the central hall. The interior framing that remains can be easily viewed in the ruins. The structure had a common rafter roof.

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CE-527

MEMO

TO: ROSS KIMMEL, State Historian
FROM: Joe Getty, Architectural Surveyor
DATE: April 8, 1984
SUBJECT: Buildings at Fair Hill NRMA

There was some confusion over the sites on my list located within the Fair Hill NRMA. I met with Tom Merryweather and Bill ~~McMaster~~ and I believe we resolved the problems on my list. The problematic sites are:

CE-362 McMaster Farm. The survey form contains an incorrect map location. The house and barn were located on the site where the equestrian center is currently being constructed. The buildings were demolished in 1982.

CE-771 McCleary House. This map location is wrong and Tom Merryweather believes that the photograph is of a house that is actually in Pennsylvania. There is only one brick structure north of Route 273 in the Fair Hill NRMA.

Cockerham Property. A two-story, three-bay by two-bay house with an L-shaped plan located at the site inaccurately marked as McMaster Farm. See survey form.

J. M. Peterson Farm. A two-story, three-bay by two-bay house with an L-shaped plan located at the site inaccurately marked as McCleary House. See survey form.

Gann Property. A two-story, five-bay by two-bay stone house with a collapsed west wall that is not located on previous surveys. See survey form.

Memo to Ross Kimmel
Buildings at Fair Hill NRMA

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DNR-50 New Covered Bridge. Tom Merryweather states that this is not nor never was a covered bridge. The inaccurately labeled structure is actually a gatehouse.

cc: McMosta Farm file
McLewey House file

PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

5 MASON AND

4 DIXON

CHESTER CO
CECIL CO

DAIR - McCLEARY HOUSE
CE-771

BUNTING HOUSE
CE

DNR 23 SCHOOL HOUSE
CE-758

DNR 1617 BARN, FEEDMILL

DNR-28 MCMASTER HOUSE
CE-362

DNR-13 HAY LOFT
CE-300-C

DNR-04 FINLEY BARN
CE-301-A

DNR-12 SMOKE HOUSE
CE-300-B

DNR-47 BARN
CE-364-A

DNR-03 CARP TAKERS
HOUSE

DNR-10 BEERS HOUSE
CE-300-

DNR-45 HOUSE
CE-364

DNR-02 FINLEY HSE
CE-301

DNR-11 BEERS BARN
CE-300-A

DNR-50
NEW COVERED BRIDGE

DNR 03, 93, TRACK STRUCTURES
CE-552

DNR-01 COVERED
BRIDGE CE-238

DNR-103 CLUB
CE-75

DNR-77 HOUSE
CE-544

DNR 90-102 TRACK
STRUCTURES CE-552

DNR 51 HOUSE

DNR 53 STABLES

DNR 56 STONE HOUSE CE-363

DNR 64 STONE STABLES CE-366

SCOTT MILL DAM

TYSON HOUSE
COINS CE-527

GAYLEN HOUSE
RUINS CE-517

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SITE CE-516

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QUAD.

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