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## Big Elk Greek Revival

### **Architectural Survey File**

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Big Elk Greek Revival

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

On west bank of Big Elk 1/4 mile east of Big Elk Chapel

CITY, TOWN

Fair Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER abandoned

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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 347/415

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Big Elk Greek Revival House is built of stone with a stucco covering that has worn off on some of the walls. The stone is laid in rough rubble fashion with large stone quoins at the corners. This building is two-and-a-half stories in height, five bays long and two bays wide. In each gable end an inside end chimney was built (has deteriorated). The roof was covered with wooden shingles it had a box cornice with returns. The cornice was supported by large wooden blocks only fragments remain.

The central bay of the house houses an entrance hall with doors at each end and stairway to the second floor. The doors had three light transoms and the front entrance has a paneled door frame. On each side of this hall is a large room with fireplace. The doors to these rooms have trim above them in a simple Greek Revival style. In the western room is a pegboard used to hang clothes. The mantels have been removed but the imprint remains. There is also evidence of a chair rail, again only imprint. The walls are plastered and about 14" thick (exterior). The interior sides of the window jambs are rounded. The second floor has a similar floor plan. All of the window sash have been destroyed but they appear to have been 6/6 on the first two stories and 3/3 in the half story. To the rear of the home was a small summer kitchen attached to the house by a porch whose imprint remains. The house also has a cellar.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was a farmhouse apparently although further research may prove it to be a house of the mill owner (D. Scott). It is a unique house in the area due to its construction especially the details of the cornice and interior. Within several more years it will be completely in ruins. A roof and window sealing could protect this building indefinitely.

Current residents are four turkey buzzards.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

ORGANIZATION

Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

DATE

Dec. 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R.D. 2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

STATE

Maryland 21911

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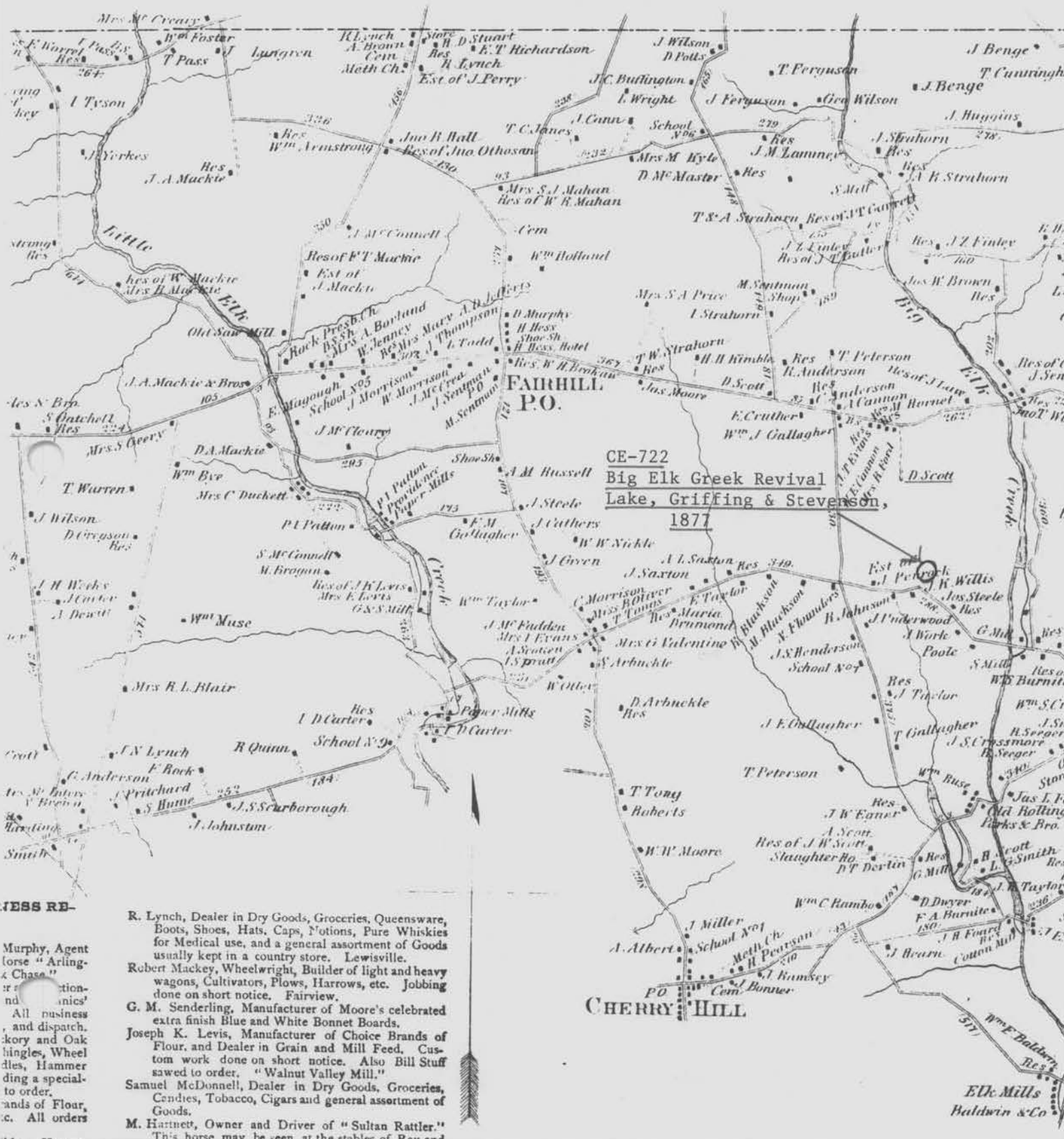
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# FAIRHILL

DISTRICT NO 4

Scale 2 inches to the Mile

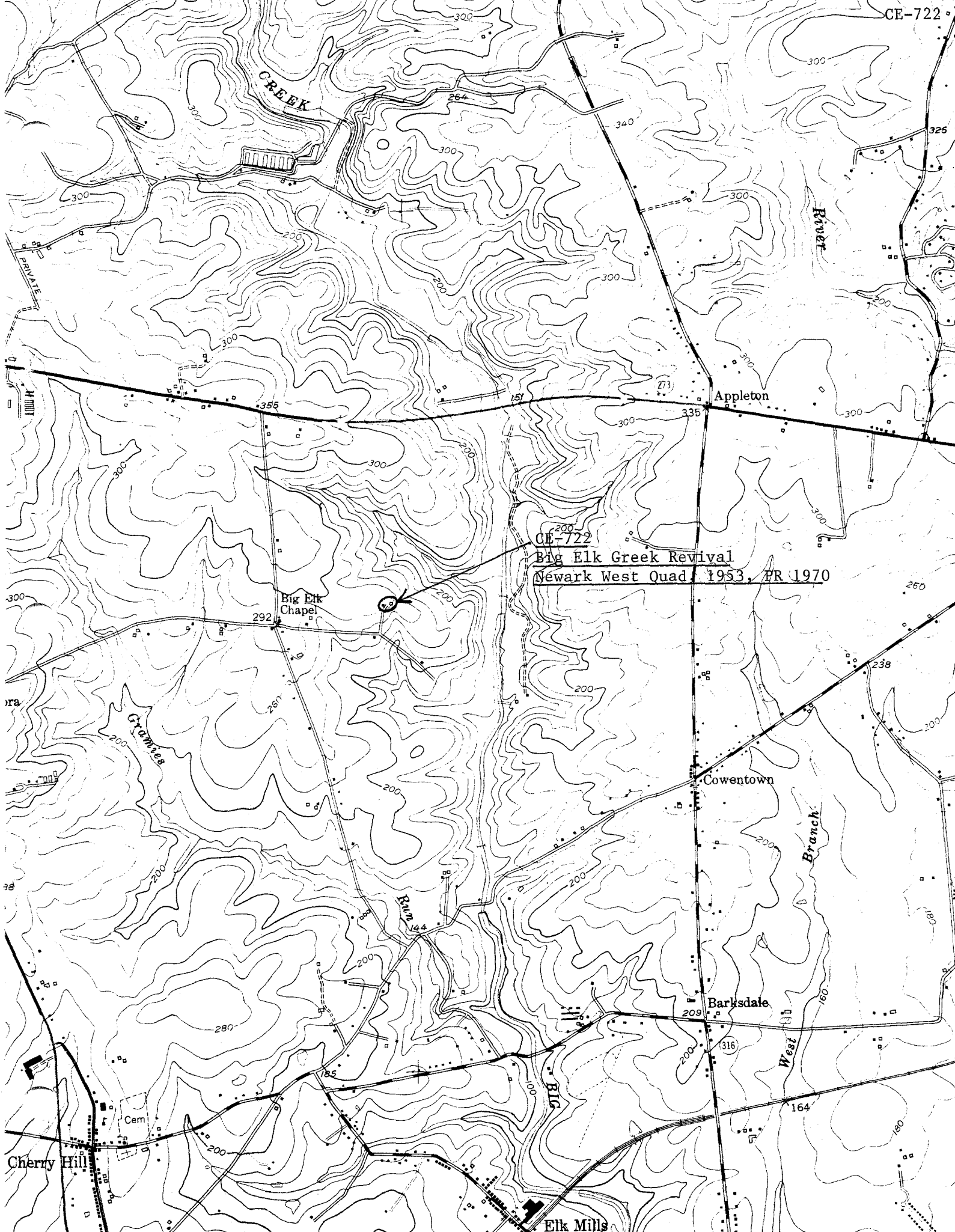


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Big Elk Creek Revival  
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson,  
 1877

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- R. Lynch, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Pure Whiskies for Medical use, and a general assortment of Goods usually kept in a country store. Lewisville.
- Robert Mackey, Wheelwright, Builder of light and heavy wagons, Cultivators, Plows, Harrows, etc. Jobbing done on short notice. Fairview.
- G. M. Sanderling, Manufacturer of Moore's celebrated extra finish Blue and White Bonnet Boards.
- Joseph K. Levis, Manufacturer of Choice Brands of Flour, and Dealer in Grain and Mill Feed. Custom work done on short notice. Also Bill Stuff sawed to order. "Walnut Valley Mill."
- Samuel McDonnell, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Candies, Tobacco, Cigars and general assortment of Goods.
- M. Hartnett, Owner and Driver of "Sultan Rattler." This horse may be seen at the stables of Ray and



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River

Appleton

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Big Elk Creek Revival  
Newark West Quad, 1953, PR 1970

Big Elk Chapel

Cowentown

Barksdale

Cherry Hill

Elk Mills