

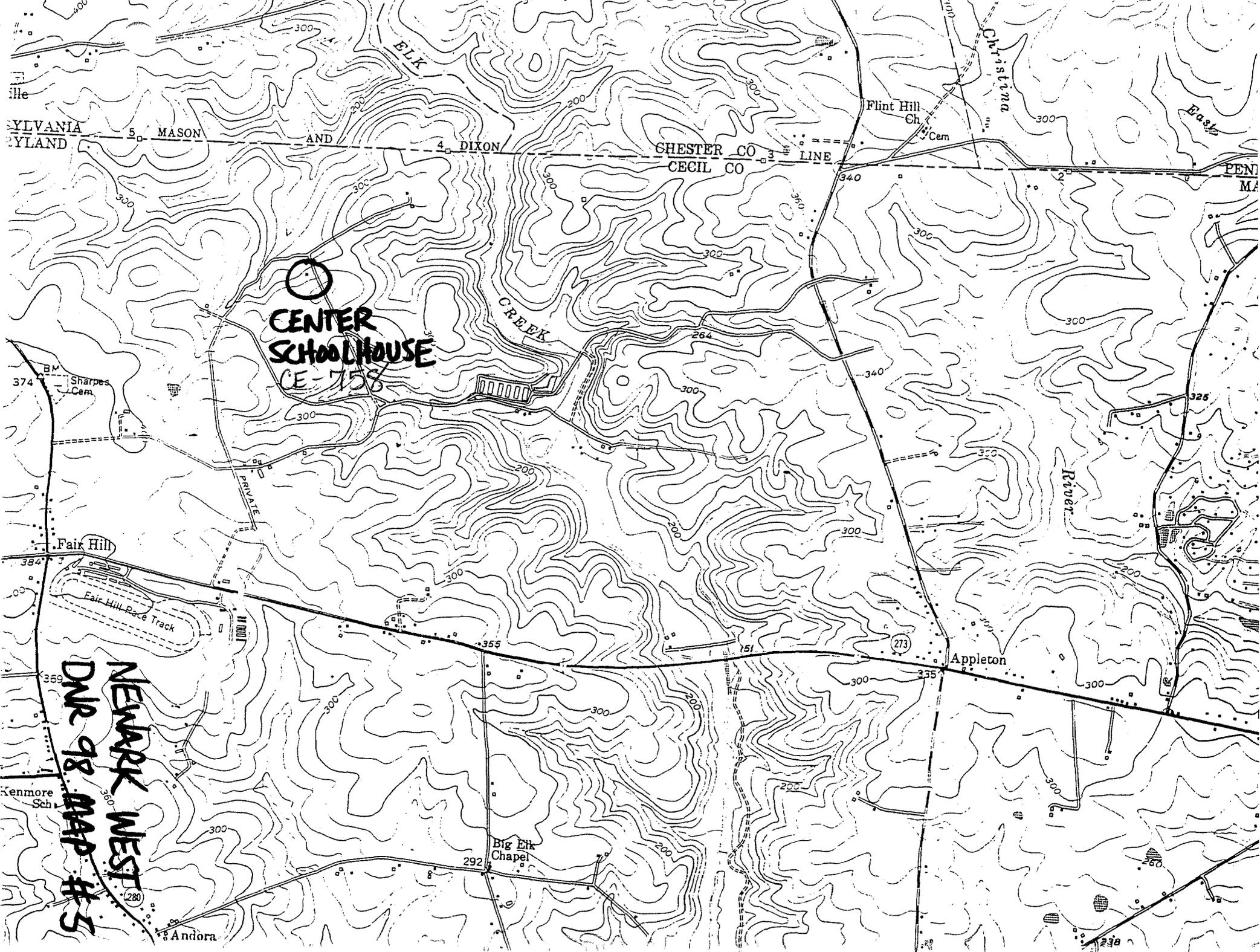
# Easement

Inventory Number: CE-758  
Center Schoolhouse  
Cecil County, MD  
C. Mazurek  
June 1998  
Section 7.1

## Addendum

The Center Schoolhouse is located in Cecil County, within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., and on the Management Area dirt access road. It is situated on a slight rise of a hill to the west of Big Elk Creek.

The Schoolhouse has been partially restored by the Department of Natural Resource's division of Engineering and Construction, and the Maryland Conservation Corp. Repair work was completed on the stonework and a new roof of shingle shakes was added. Much of the overgrown vegetation near the foundation was removed to protect the structural integrity of the School.



**CENTER  
SCHOOLHOUSE**  
CE-758

**NEWARK WEST**  
**DNR 98 MAP #5**

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

374 Sharpes Cem.

Flint Hill Ch. Cem.

384 Fair Hill

Fair Hill Race Track

Kenmore Sch.

Big Elk Chapel

Andora

273 Appleton



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Department of Natural Resources  
ENG/ECONST / M.C.C.

Governor William Donald Schaefer  
and the citizens of Maryland

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SCHOOLHOUSE, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NORTH VIEW

No. 29  
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## SCHOOLHOUSE - RECOMMENDATIONS

CE-758

This structure has long been a favorite of local historians and preservationists. It would be possible to lease the structure for the use of one or another of these groups, with provisions for its restoration. In any case, the school is beginning accelerated deterioration, and requires immediate attention. If the Department of Natural Resources cannot stabilize the structure immediately and plan for its future restoration, steps must be taken to involve the private sector, either by means of a lease agreement as above or through some other agency. Eligible for the National Register.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Schoolhouse Ruins

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East of Md. 213, north of Md. 273

CITY, TOWN

Fairhill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**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

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

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

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

A one story stone structure under a gable roof, ridge running east-west, with entrance on the west gable end. The western entrance is the only opening on that elevation, with two symmetrically placed openings on each other wall. The stonework is uncoursed rubble. The roof is covered with shakes. The one room interior has deep reveals which curve outward toward the plastered interior walls in a smooth transition. The door and shutters are board and batten.

**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure housed a country school up to about 1915. It appears on the 1877 Atlas as School Number 6. George Johnston, author of A History of Cecil County, taught at the school in 1849 (according to Mr. Lutz).

The reveals of the windows are typical of second-quarter 19th century masonry buildings of the neighborhood.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lutz, George, Cecil Co. Field Historian, 1977 notes  
1877 Atlas of Cecil County

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

J.H.D. Hnedak

1978-79

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Md.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Center School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

On Fair Hill tract east of Route 213

CITY, TOWN

Fair Hill, Elkton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 347

Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cecil County Courthouse

STATE

Elkton

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CE-758

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED    DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Center School is a small stone structure on story in height on bay long by two deep. It is built of fieldstone with walls nearly two feet thick. The gable roof has wooden shingles and a plain box cornice. The outside diminsion are roughly 25' by 30'. In the south gable end is the entrance. The door is board and batten shutters. A small stove chimney was located at the north was located at the north gable end. The floor and part of the roof are in sad shape.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small country school operated through the better part of the 19th century and until 1915. George Johnston, the author of A History OF Cecil County taught here in 1849.

The building is a restoration project of the Elk Creeks Preservation Society, Inc.

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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 3rd Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

DATE

Feb. 1977

STREET & NUMBER

RD2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

STATE

Maryland

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The Schoolhouse Ruins consist of a stone shell in which the roof and floor is beginning to collapse. The structure is a twenty-four by twenty-eight foot structure. The east gable end has a single entrance. The north and south facades have three windows each. The south facade has two windows. The interior had plastered walls and a plastered ceiling. At the west gable end was an opening for a brick flue for an interior stove. The interior was plainly ornamented with wooden sills to the windows. The windows have double shutters on the exterior. The Schoolhouse Ruins provide an example of mid-nineteenth century schoolhouse construction.

The Schoolhouse Ruins are located on the Fairhill NRMA Access Road, approximately one mile north of Maryland Route 273. This site gently slopes from east to west and has become overgrown with small trees.

The Schoolhouse was constructed of fieldstone with large stone quoins. The main (east) facade was at the upper end of the sloping site and contained a single entrance. The door is a tongue-and-groove door hung with strap hinges with round ends. The north and south facades each have three windows. The windows have plain board frames and had double shutters on the exterior. A similar pair of windows is located on the west gable end. In the gable of the west gable end is brickwork forming a stove flue with a chimney projecting at the peak of the roof. The structure had a common rafter roof covered with wood shingles. The roof has suffered severe deterioration.

The interior of the structure had a very plain design. The walls were plastered right on the stone and whitewashed. Lathe and plaster was applied to the underside of the rafter joist and the ceiling was whitewashed. The windows had wide wood sills and the stonework was rounded on the inside windows to allow more light into the room. On the west wall was a pipe hole near the ceiling for the stove flue.

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND 5 MASON AND 4 DIXON CHESTER CO 3 LINE CECIL CO

DNR-771 McCleary House CE-771

Bunting House CE

DNR-33 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-300-13

DNR-47 Barn CE-364-A

DNR-03 Caretaker's House

DNR-45 House CE-364

DNR-10 Beers House CE-300-

DNR-50 New Covered Bridge

DNR-02 Finley 1/2 CE-301

DNR-11 Beers Barn CE-300-A

DNR-03, 93 Track Structures CE-552

DNR-01 Covered Bridge CE-238

DNR-103 Club CE-75

DNR-90-02 Track Structures CE-552

DNR-77 House CE-544

DNR-51 House

DNR-53 Stables

DNR-56 Stone House CE-363

DNR-64 Stone Stables CE-366

Scott Mill Dam

Tyson House Ruins CE-527

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House Ruins

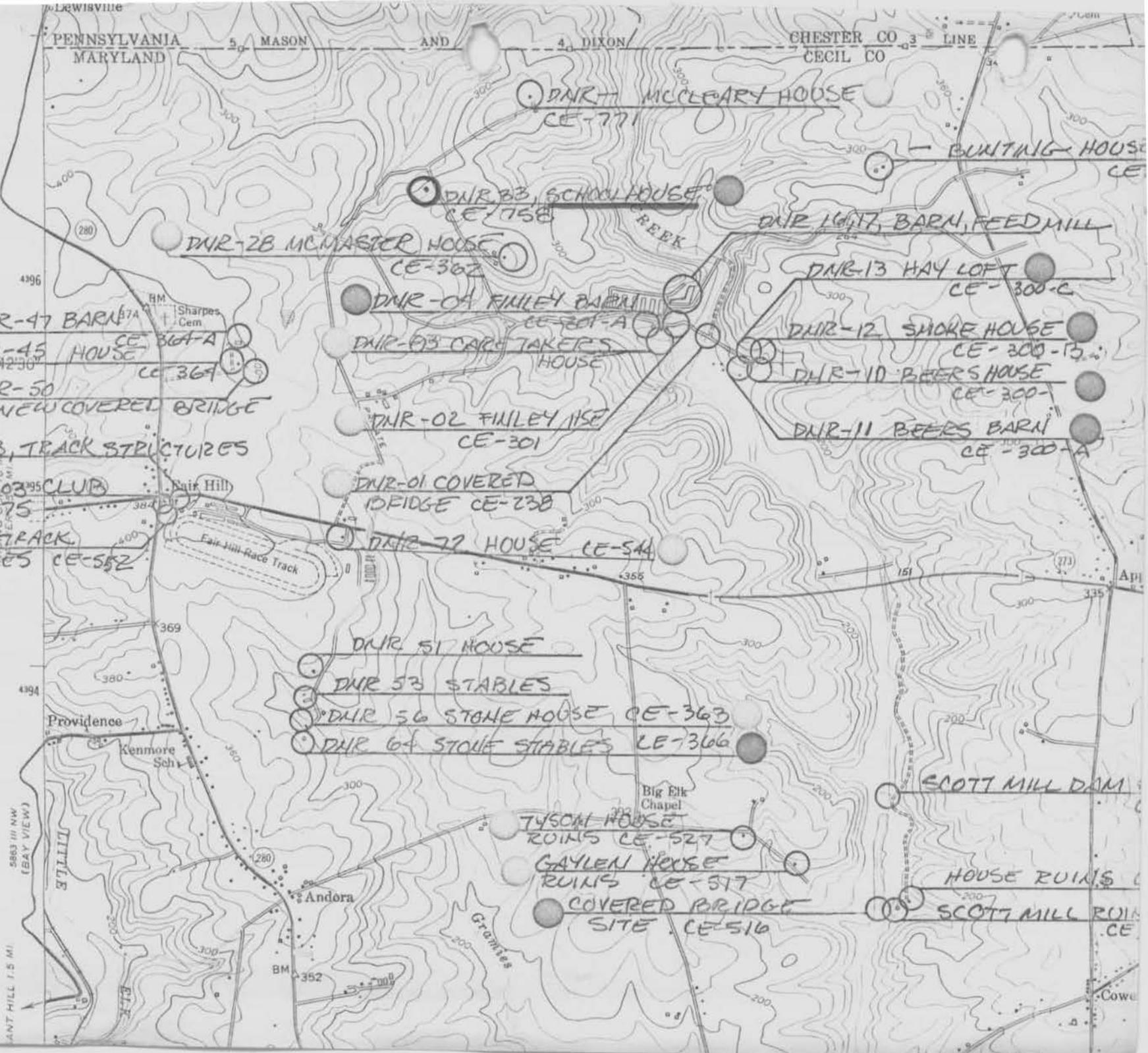
Covered Bridge Site CE-516

Scott Mill Ruins CE

NEWARK WEST QUAD.

CE-758

5863 (1/4 NW) (BAY VIEW) ANT HILL 1/4 MI





CE-758 CENTER SCHOOL



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CENTER SCHOOL  
SOUTH ELEVATION  
NR FINE HILL  
GWL

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Schoolhouse (Center School)

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