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Cooksville Tannery  
3108 Harmony Church Road  
Darlington, MD 21034

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cooksville Tannery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3108 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard W. and Betty Ann Worthington

Telephone #: 836-2660

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 986

Folio #: 419

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This two story stone dwelling is located on the northern side of Harmony Church Road in the village of Cooksville. The house faces south. A block addition is located at the east end.

The structure is four bays by two. The gable flank roof is covered with slate. A corbeled brick chimney is located at each gable end, flush with the wall. There are large stone quoins and stone lintels.

The principle entrance, located on the south facade is in the second bay and is flanked by a now closed, stone archway, on the west and a 6/6 window on the east. The eastern-most bay is blank on the first elevation of this facade. The stone archway on the west is thought to have served as an entrance for water used in the tanning operation alleged to have been performed in this structure.

Three windows and a door are located on the south facade's second elevation. The windows are 6/6 and the door, on the eastern-most bay, opens onto a small, wooden landing. The door, itself, is board and batten.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Harford County Directory, 1956.  
 Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

Mason, Samuel; Historic Sketches of Harford County, 1909.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.22 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded by Harmony Church Road on the south; and by Mill Brook on the west.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

DATE

2/78

TÉLÉPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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

N. R. FIELD SHEET  
1301594409

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Cooktown Tannery

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
North side of Harmony Church Road about 0.3 mi

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cookville, near Glenville west of Poplar Hill Road.

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mr. C. M. ~~Vauber Wo~~ Vauberwardt

STREET AND NUMBER: BFD 1

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Harlab County Courthouse 40 S Main ST

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Maryland CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fieldstone - stucco house, formerly a mill for making leather - a tannery. Two stories, four bays long and one room deep, it faces south, the ridge line running east-west. The east section is a cinder-block addition. Two chimneys rise from heating fire places. There is an upstairs door in the right side (east) of the main building.

A three foot high five foot wide brick arch, ~~is~~ to the left (west) of the central door, where the mill race brought dilute water into the mill.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>     | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>           | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This tannery was run during the mid-eighteen-hundreds as an industry auxiliary to the farming that surrounded this site. Mr. <sup>Wright</sup> Weaver filled in the tanning pits that held the soaking tubs in 1937. The mill was then made into a house and sold.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty space for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *JJ Ewrip*

ORGANIZATION: *Maryland Historic Trust* DATE: *Jan '70*

STREET AND NUMBER: *50 State Circle*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *Md* CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Title Search  
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	986	419	11/20/1975	Grantor: E. James Davison Grantee: Richard W. Worthington and Betty Ann Worthington, his wife Acreage: 2.22 acres
HDC	934	753	8/20/1973	Grantor: Edward V. Somody and Darleen D. Somody, his wife Grantee: E. James Davison Acreage: Buildings
GRG	849	480	7/17/1970	Grantor: C. Marsden Vanderwaart and Helen C. Vanderwaart, his wife Grantee: Edward V. Somody and Darleen D. Somody, his wife
GRG	779	205	6/4/1968	Grantor: James P. Torre, Jr. Grantee: C. Marsden Vanderwaart and wife Acreage: Buildings 2.22 acres
GRG	676	1	5/20/1965	Grantor: Ben G. Denney and Frances L. Denney Grantee: James P. Torre and Joan H. Torre, his wife (deceased) Acreage: 2.22 acres - Buildings
GRG	367	389	12/27/1951	Grantor: Albert P. Close and Lucile R. Close, his wife Grantee: Ben G. Denney and Francis L. Denney, his wife Acreage: Buildings erected
GRG	320	196	9/10/1948	Grantor: N. Lloyd and Mina L. Weaver, his wife Grantee: Albert P. Close Acreage: Buildings
GRG	304	91	10/28/1946	Grantor: Sarah P. Cook, et al
		95	12/30/1946	Jesse H. Travis
DGW	208	56	3/15/1928	W. Worthington Hopkins Grantee: N. Lloyd and Mina L. Weaver, his wife Acreage: Including all buildings
DGW	206	453	1/3/1928	Grantor: J. Stevenson Hopkins and Elizabeth F. Hopkins, his wife Grantee: W. Worthington Hopkins Acreage: "Halls Rich Neck" - buildings 95 acres

DGW	201	220	10/28/1926	Grantor: W. Worthington Hopkins, Attorney Grantee: J. Stevenson Hopkins Acreage: 95 acres including buildings
DGW	187	83	2/13/1924	Grantor: Tyre Joines and Minnie Joines Grantee: W. Worthington Hopkins Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck" - 95 acres
JAR	166	421	2/5/1920	Grantor: Anna E. Ridout and husband Grantee: Benjamin A. Weaver and wife
ALJ	67	350	4/14/1890	Grantor: Franklin A. Ridout and wife Grantee: Anna E. Ridout Acreage: Buildings erected
WHD	17	250	5/8/1866	Grantor: Crawford Neilson and wife Grantee: Franklin A. Ridout
WG	14	107	3/3/1863	Grantor: Samuel G. Cook and Oliver M. Warfield, and wife Grantee: Crawford Neilson Acreage: 95 acres more or less
WG	14	69	4/7/1863	Grantor: John P. Smith and Louisa, his wife Grantee: Samuel G. Cook Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck"

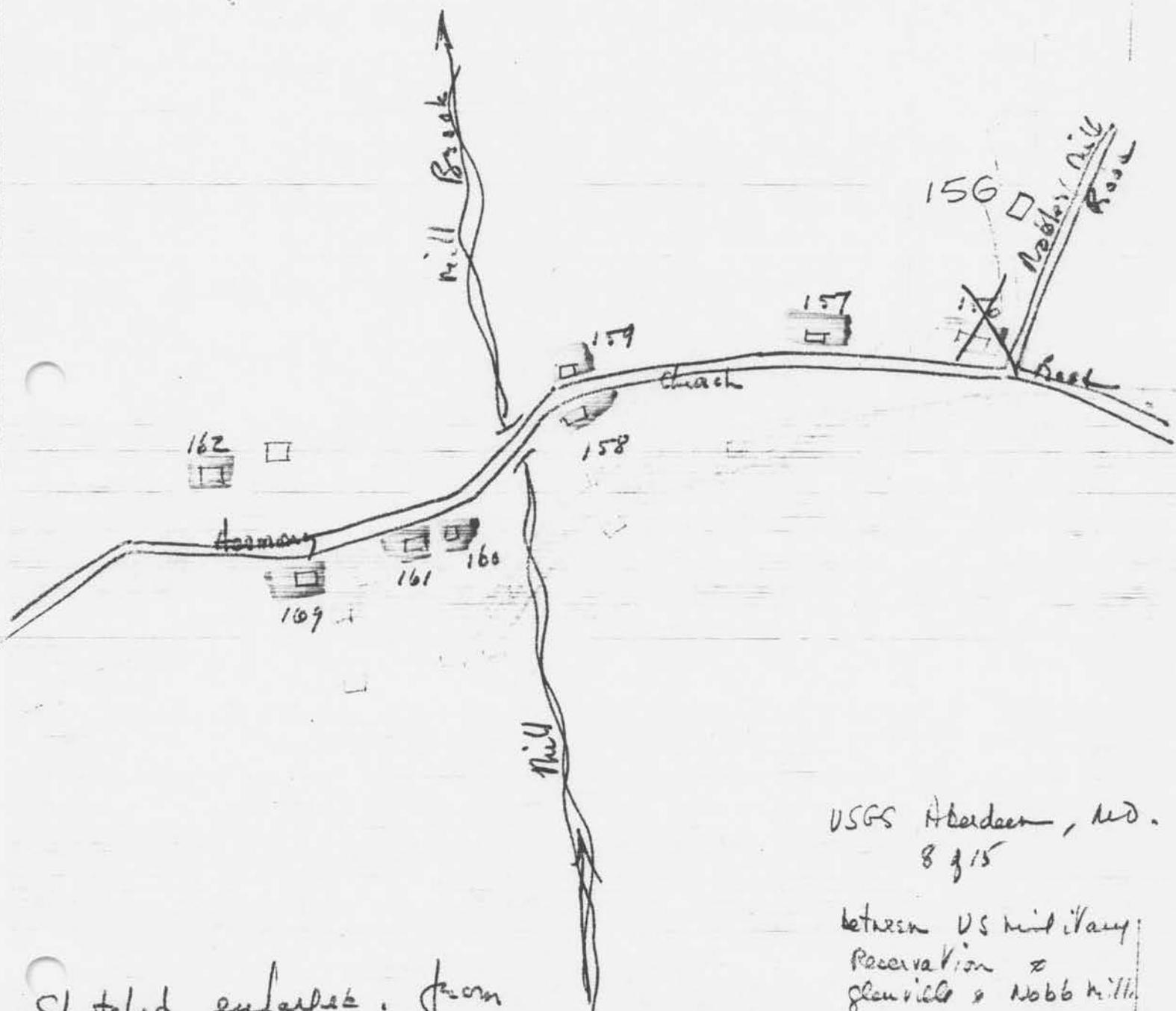
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Cookville

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USGS Aberdeen, Md.  
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Reservation &  
Glenville & Nobbs Mills

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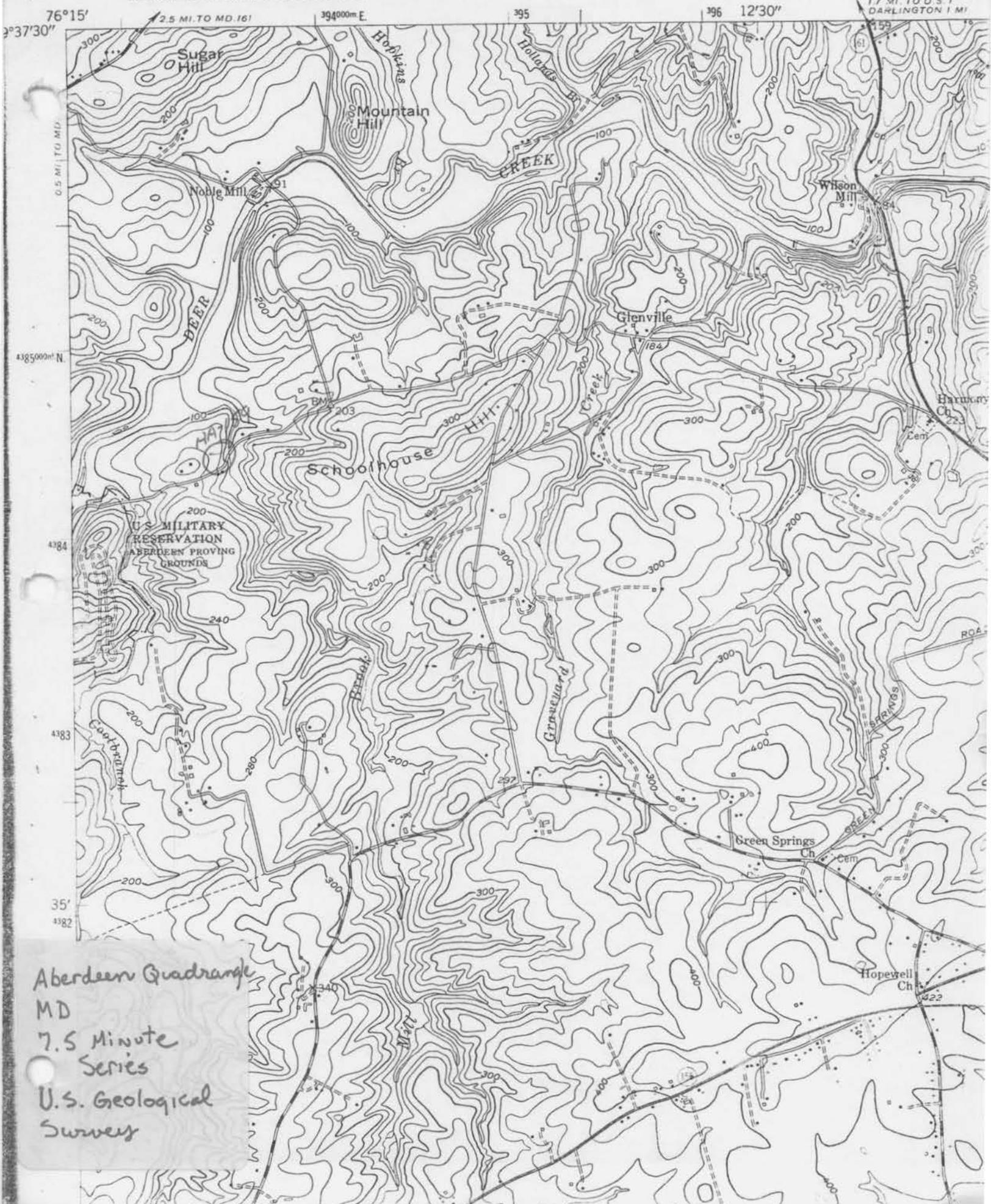
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Aberdeen Quadrangle  
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 U.S. Geological  
 Survey

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 Cooksville Tannery  
 Aberdeen Quad, 1953, PR 1985

U.S. MILITARY  
 RESERVATION  
 ABERDEEN PROVING  
 GROUND

Harford County  
 Airport



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Darlington, MD 21034  
Susan M. Deeney  
February, 1978  
South