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

Property/District Name: Eden Mill Dam Survey Number: HA-562

Project: Rehabilitation of Dam Agency: COE

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)  
As constructed in 1917, the Eden Mill Dam consisted of a rock rubble gravity dam across Deer Creek. The dam structure is a weir-crest dam, approximately 18 feet height. A flash-board controlled outfall structure is located in the middle of the dam. The west abutment is a very steep massive rock slope. The east abutment is a gunite-coated masonry wall which forms part of the foundation of the mill. Two raceways are located under the mill. Improvements and repairs were necessary after Hurricane Agnes in 1972; the resulting dam retains its appearance from the 1970s repairs which included pressure coating, additional coating of gunite and wire-reinforced concrete slab on the downstream face. Due to these alterations of material, design and workmanship, I feel the dam no longer possess sufficient integrity to be eligible for the National Register.

This office acknowledges that the dam is a component of a larger historic resource, Eden Mill. At this time, we do not have enough information to evaluate the nineteenth century complex for its eligibility for the Register. The Trust believes that the area of potential effect is confined to the dam and does not include the mill, since the scope of the project is limited to the rehabilitation of the dam.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Eden Mill Dam compliance file  
and attached to this form

Prepared by: Buchart Horn project engineers

Lauren Bowlin August 18, 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
R. Quenness 8-27-94  
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 Adaption

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: structure

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): industrial/dam

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

3.19.43  
TGS

DEER CREEK →

357.04  
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☉ DIVERSION CHANNEL

UPPER  
COFFERDAM AND  
CAUSEWAY

MILL

\* 337.

LOWER  
COFFERDAM

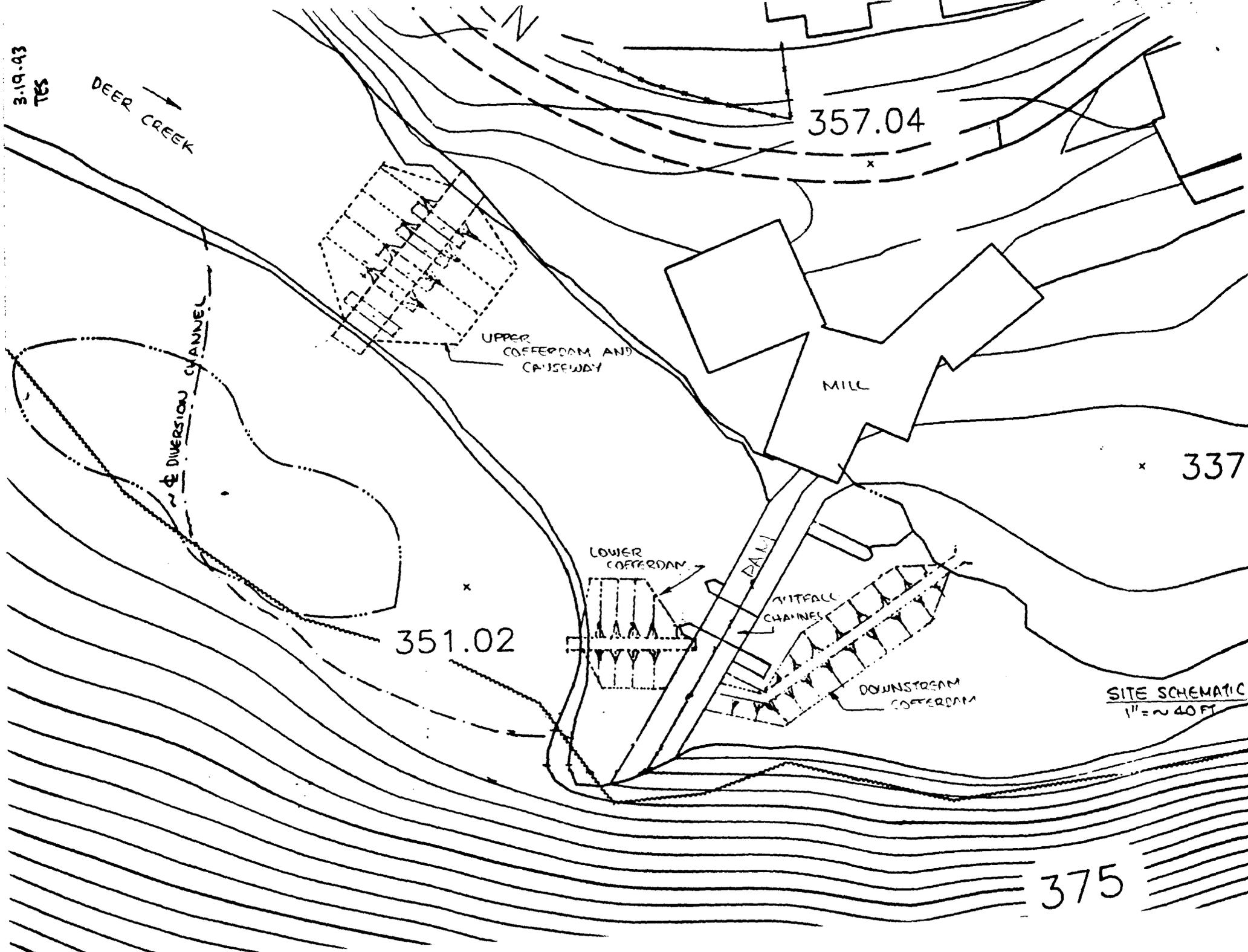
DAM  
WTFALL  
CHANNEL

351.02  
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DOWNSTREAM  
COFFERDAM

SITE SCHEMATIC  
1" = ~ 40 FT

375



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Eden Mill

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Eden Mill Road, 0.2 miles west of Fawn Grove Road

CITY, TOWN

Pylesville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harford County

Telephone #: 838-6000

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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**

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The mill is located on the northern bank of Deer Creek, directly below the Stansbury Mansion. It is Y-shaped, with the forks being recently-added corrugated metal buildings. The center stem is the original mill, built upon a jetty directly into the millpond, which is impounded by a stone dam and spillway. The original portion is three-story, with walls of bevelled frame and a high stone foundation. There are sloped additions on the southern, eastern and western sides. It is four bays by three, but the size, spacing and arrangement of windows vary on each floor and side. The panes are mostly 6 X 6, but there some 3 X 3's on the extensions of the mill. Three diagonal board-and-batten doors are stationed on the northern wall, one directly above the other, while a regular portal faces the dam on the northern shed-addition. The main roof is gambrel and slate-shingled, with wide eaves. A hoist shelter, where a block and tackle was used to raise and lower grain sacks, protrudes from the peak of the roof on the northern extreme. A single brick chimney is sited on the southeast corner of the southern to the gambrelled section.

The Interior

Hand-hewn beams are prevalent throughout the inside of this building. Most of the original machinery has been retained. The addition adjacent to the spillway contains the dynamos that once powered the mill and the nearby Stansbury Mansion. These turbines were water-propelled and provided electric service for the Sawm Grove Power and Light Company. The first level also contains the assorted stones for water-ground flour and corn meal, hopper chutes, bins, Fairbanks scales and vertical conveyor belts. The second and third levels contain the storage and sifting facilities, as well as the inspection slots for "quality control". Magnets are also stationed along these slots to remove bits of metal. There are flour baggers, silk screens for sifting the various grades of flour and meal and networks of chutes. Wooden wheels and pulleys are still intact.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original date of the establishment of the mill is clouded, but the Indians settled in this area long before the white man, as a Mingo encampment was located downstream. The large hill across Deer Creek from the mill is still known as Mingo Hill. When Elijah Stansbury, Sr., obtained the tract, called Spittle Fields, Miller's Fancy and St. Cloud, a mill had already been established. The original patentee is said to have been a Mr. Isaacs, who acquired 138 acres in 1789, but there is no mention of him in the land records or on the 1783 Tax List. The mill was given the name of Eden after a Father Eden, who allegedly established a mission in the vicinity. He was a relative of Sir Robert Eden, a former Royal Governor of Maryland. The mill was operated throughout most of the 1800's by the Stansbury's, after which it changed hands quite frequently as different millers tried their luck. The Stansbury family no doubt improved the original mill, but much of it burned in 1906, when it was operated by Jesse C. Carr, the last of the county gristmill magnates. In the first quarter of this century, the mill also served as a power plant for the manufacture of electricity for Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania. The most extraordinary feature of this mill is that almost all of the machinery has been left intact, including the electrical dynamos.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Directory- 1953  
 Harford County Land Records  
 Martenet's Map, 1878  
 Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Pub., Philadelphia  
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 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET FOR REFERENCES

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 57.4993

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This mill is situated on the southern side of Eden Mill Road, about 0.2 miles west of the intersection with Fawn Grove Road.

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	August 11, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	267-1212
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

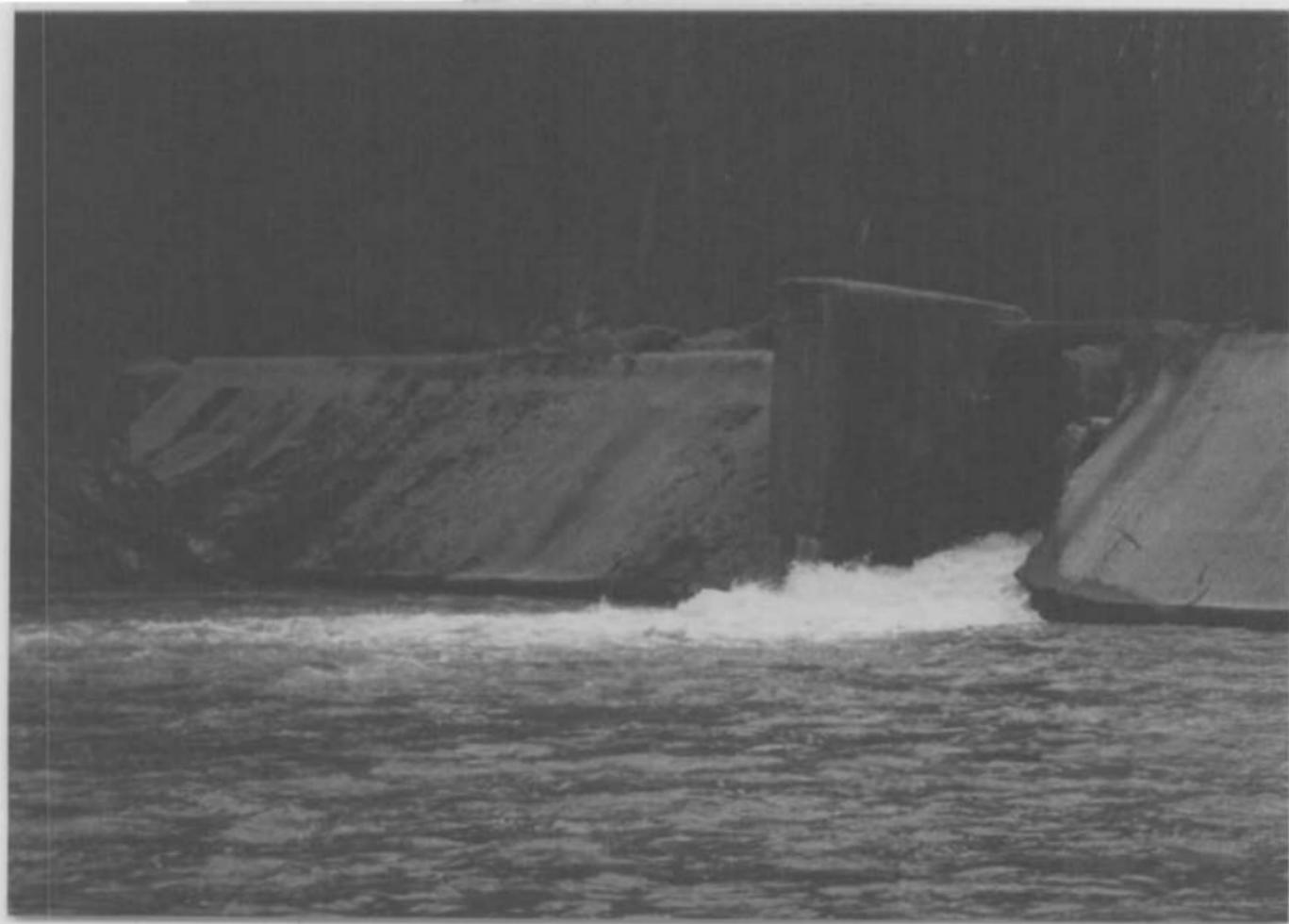
<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	699	81	In 1965, Ward Vaughn sold 57.4993 acres to The Commissioners of Harford County.
GRG	678	91	In 1965, Ward Vaughn acquired 135.10 acres from James T. Smith.
DGW	204	414	In 1927, the Fawn Grove Power and Light Company sold the tract to James T. Smith.
JAR	162	339	In 1919, James T. Smith sold 35 acres to the Fawn Grove Power and Light Company.
JAR	158	211	In 1917, Marshall Stokes conveyed the property to James T. Smith.
JAR	145	61	In 1914, Harry P. and Oscar Stokes sold the land to M. Marshall Stokes.
JAR	139	200	In 1913, J. Martin McNabb and Clarence H. MacNabb transferred 160 acres to Harry P., Oscar and M. Marshall Stokes.
WSF	102	116	In 1901, Howard S. Jefferson conveyed Miller's Fancy and St. Cloud to John Marsteller.
WSF	100	243	In 1900, Howard S. Jefferson received the property from John T. Anderson.
WSF	91	304	Otho Lee sold the parcel to John Anderson in 1897. Lee was named trustee following an 1896 court case, J. L. Griffith v.s. George L. Anderson.
Will ALJ	49	473	In 1883, Roger E. Stansbury transferred 150 acres to George L. Anderson.
Will WSR	9	237	In 1879, James Stansbury left the property to John E. Stansbury.
WG	12	248	In 1861, Isaac Stansbury sold 136 acres of Spittle Fields to James Stansbury, which also included part of Miller's Fancy.
HD	24	243	In 1841, John E. Stansbury conveyed 20 acres of Miller's Fancy to Isaac Stansbury. The deed mentions that Elijah Stansbury had willed the property to John E. Stansbury.
SBG			

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
JLG	O	656	In 1800, Patrick Doran sold 20 acres of Poor Dependence to Elijah Stansbury.
JLG	G	186	In 1778, Margaret Doran conveyed Richardson's Wilderness to Patrick Doran.



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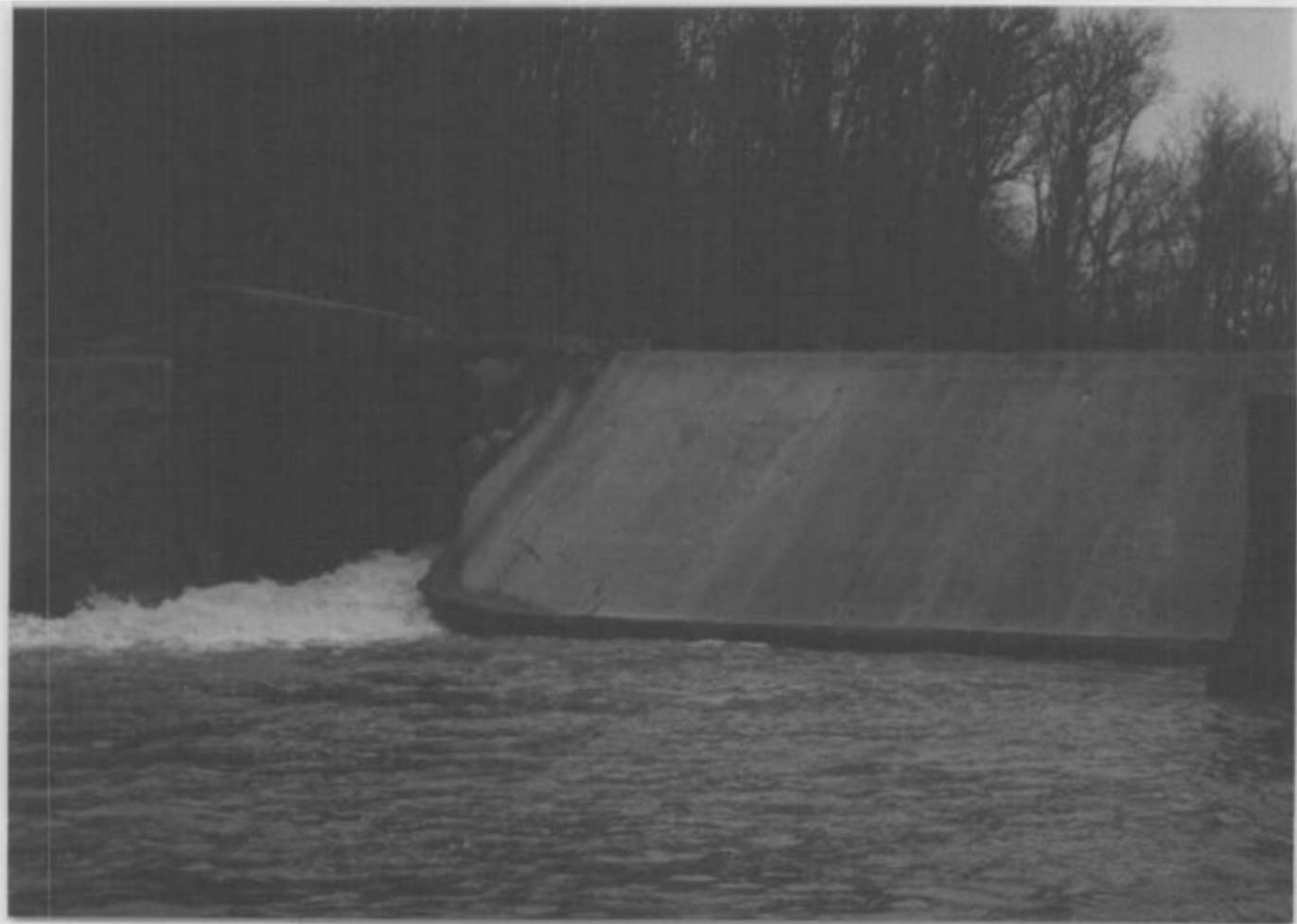


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EDEN MILL DAM

UPSTREAM LEFT ABUTMENT 1 OF 4

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EDGEW MILL DAM

UPSTREAM OUTFLOW CHANNEL 2 OF 4

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EDEN MILL DAM

UPSTREAM RIGHT ABUTMENT 3 OF 4

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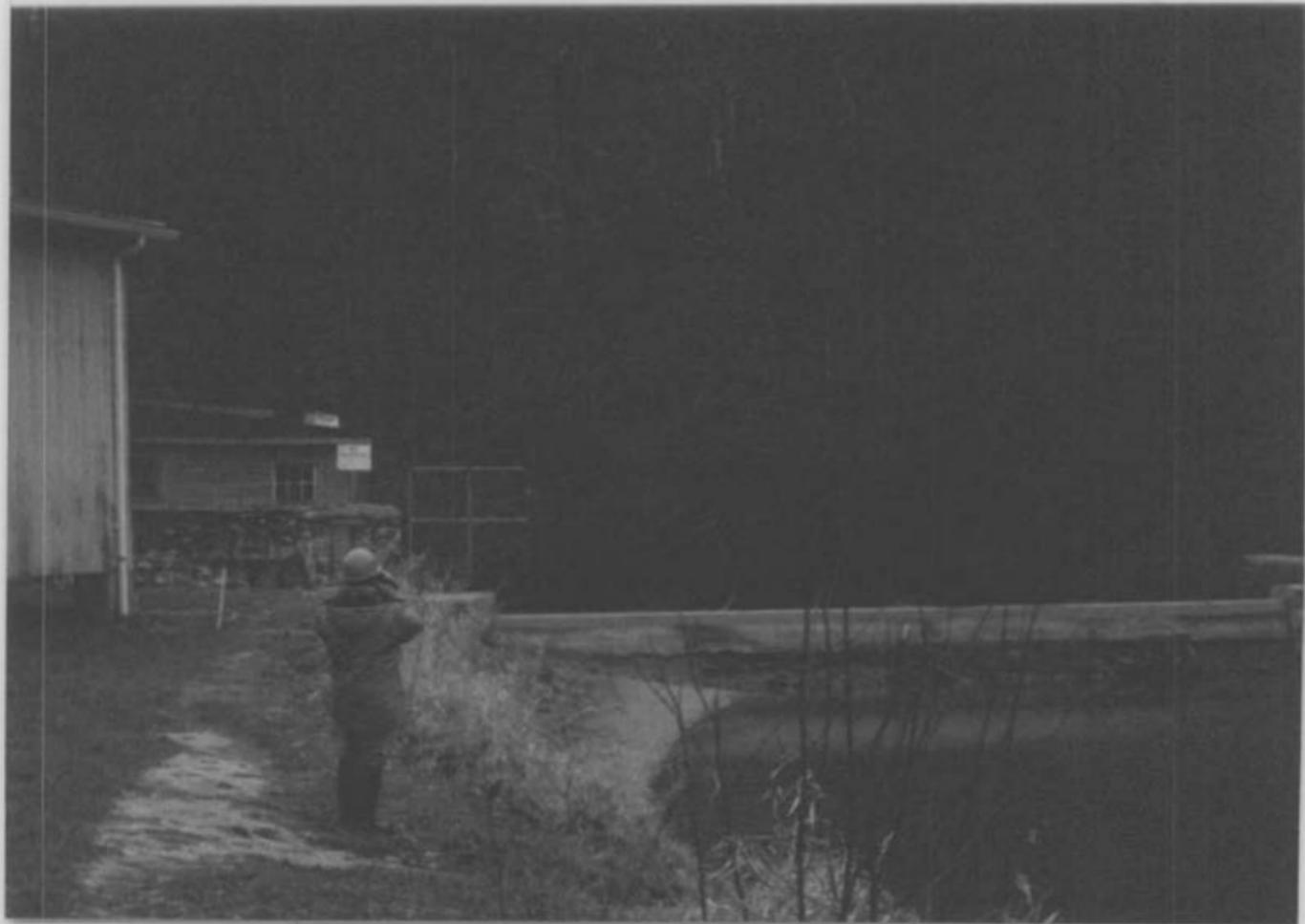


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EDEN MILL DAM

UPSTREAM RIGHT ABUTMENT & MILL 4 OF 4

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EDEN MILL DAM

DOWNSTREAM VIEW - MILL ON LEFT

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EDGEMILL DAM  
UPSTREAM VIEW

DEC 92 23435 NIADA #87



Eden Mill HA-562  
Eden Mill Road  
Pylesville, MD  
Paul Penrod  
North side

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