

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Tenmile Creek Stream Valley
2. Planning Area/Site Number 13/32
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 6
I-12
4. Address Northwestern Montgomery County between Route 121 & West Old
Baltimore Road

5. Classification Summary

Category Multiple Resource
 Ownership Various
 Public Acquisition In process
 Status Occupied
 Accessible Yes: restricted
 Present use Agriculture, Park, Private Residence
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State X County X Local
 (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites 1976)

6. Date
7. Original Owner

8. Apparent Condition

- a. Excellent
- b. Altered
- c. Original Site

9. **Description:** Tenmile Creek Road, one of but a few dirt roads remaining in the County, winds past a nineteenth century schoolhouse, a slave cabin, a fire-roof house built on the site of a turreted mansion destroyed by fire in 1945, a Victorian summer boarding house and private park, a mid-nineteenth century mill site and pond, and a deserted, early road. The road leads through a green valley where jersey cows graze, up a gentle rise and around a bend where the trees meet overhead, through a ford, to the intersection with West Old Baltimore Road and a pond of pink and yellow water lilies. The creek valley contains numerous natural springs, many lined with watercress, meadows of wildflowers, surrounded with tree covered hills.

10. **Significance:** The valley of Tenmile Creek, immediately northwest of Boyds, Md. is an uncompromised historic & environmentally significant area that has succeeded in maintaining its character. Saved from development, it is now threatened by an impoundment. Historically the area contains potentially significant archeological sites -- possibly of prehistoric Indian culture -- associated with woodland settlements of eighteenth century tobacco planters, a mill site, pond, race & house, a large boarding house constructed to accommodate summer visitors after the area became accessible by railroad in 1873, & later structures erected by dairy farmers. Environmentally characterized by extensive forest areas, it provides superior habitat for a variety of wild animals, fish & aquatic life, as well as wildflowers. Tenmile Creek itself has excellent water quality, is a popular place for swimming & wading, & has even been used for baptismal services. The scenic roads of the area have recently been surveyed by Sugarloaf Regional Trails for the M. County Planning Board, but no adequate study has been given to the area's ecology, archeology or natural resources.

11. Date researched and researcher Peg Coleman, 1978

12. Compiler Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled 1/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage :

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Tenmile Creek Stream Valley

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER Northwestern Montgomery County between Route 121 and W.
Old Baltimore Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME VARIOUS

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
VICINITY OF _____**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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SURVEY RECORDS

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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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ARCHEOLOGY

Excellent water sources in the valley indicate the likelihood of an Indian settlement, and residents near the stream report finding arrowheads in their yards. A survey was recommended by Tyler Bastian, archeologist, U.S. Geological Survey, but not carried out as yet. (1) Richard Naylor, WSSC archeologist, said that WSSC had recommended an archeological study for Tenmile Creek, to take place early in 1978, but one had not been done.

BIOLOGY

The valley contains abundant wildlife, from freshwater crustaceans to racoons and white-tailed deer. Roughly a dozen springs gush from the rocky hill bordering the valley on the east. This hill is mostly uncleared, and contains native tree and plant species which retain moisture, prevent erosion and reduce summer water temperatures, thus providing excellent habitat for woodland creatures. Specimens noted include racoon, deer, rabbit, gray squirrel, deer mice, salamanders, frogs, snakes, turtles and crawdads. Principal fish species are the blacknosed and rosaside dace, mottled sculpin and white sucker. (3)

(Continued on Attachment Sheets A-P)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwestern Montgomery County, between Route 121 and W. Old Baltimore Road. U.S. Geological Survey Map, Germantown Quadrant NE/4 Seneca 15' See enclosed map.

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

STATE NONE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

1978-79

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

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Tenmile Creek

Attachment Sheet A

According to a M-NCPPC inventory of fish, the highest number of species of the creeks studied was found at Tenmile Creek. (4) (See Figure 1.) Three specimens of the Comely Shiner (Attractive Minnow), Notropis amoenus, were found. "This is the only stream in this study where these fish were found." (5) Tenmile had the lowest turbidity of any stream sampled, and unusual clarity. The Comely Shiner is listed in an inventory of threatened fish. (6) It may be found in other states, but this is the first recent record of this species in the County. "The environmental impact on this species should be determined before any major construction projects are initiated in the Tenmile Creek Watershed." County regulation of toxic materials, e.g. herbicides and pesticides, is urged and also the replacement of the two fords on the Tenmile with bridges in order to protect this quality stream from grease, oil and added turbidity. (7)

ECOLOGY

In direct contrast to the publication cited, the County Department of Environmental Protection has issued a report stating that water quality is poor at Tenmile, and coliform counts are significantly above average. (8) The only monitoring station on Tenmile Creek is located directly below the pasture of the Lawson farm. (See Figures 2 and 3.)

Several acres of the valley can be considered marsh, an essential element in the food chain. The balance of nature gently exists in this place, from microscopic creatures in the marsh, coots, wood ducks and mallards in the pond, to red-shouldered hawks and owls overhead.

GEOLOGY

According to Dr. Antonio Segovia, a major fault lies near the head of the valley. A well was dug at this location, and the resultant flow calculated at approximately 110 gallons per minute. (9) A study by the U. S. Geological Survey found that this well was a possible sole source aquifer for the entire area. (10)

The land bordering the valley on the west is a source of diabase rock, desirable for quarrying, but untouched at the present time by the owner, Rockville Crushed Stone, Inc.

HISTORY

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the Seneca watershed (Figure 1). This fish is not commonly collected in Maryland streams in recent years. It is, however, found in a number of other states. The collection of these specimens is the first recent record of this species in Montgomery County. The environmental impact on this species should be determined before any major construction projects are initiated in the Ten Mile Creek watershed.

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Cutlips Minnow, *Exoglossum maxillina*, was collected in two stations on the Seneca Creek watershed as seen in Figure 3. This fish has been listed by Miller (7) as depleted in Maryland. It would seem that this fish is uncommon, as it has been rarely collected in Montgomery County. The adaptation of the

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Cyprinidae							
Blacknose Dace <i>R. atratulus</i>	50	7	300	100	25	25	20
Longnose Dace <i>R. cataractae</i>		1					2
Creek Chub <i>S. atromaculatus</i>	6	4	55	15		2	1
Stoneroller <i>C. anomalum</i>				5			
Silverjaw Minnow <i>E. buccata</i>			50	55	46		
Common Shiner <i>N. cornutus</i>			125	75	17	2	10
Spotfin Shiner <i>N. spilopterus</i>			15	2	2		7
Attractive Minnow <i>N. amoenus</i> *			2	1			
Swallowtail Shiner <i>N. procer</i>			11	25	7		
Rosyside Dace <i>C. funduloides</i>	75	3	35	100	10	14	80
Bluntnose Minnow <i>P. notatus</i>				4	1		
Catostomidae							
White Sucker <i>C. commersoni</i>		2	1	41	4	1	45
Hogsucker <i>H. nigricans</i>			17	1			
Salmonidae							
Brook Trout <i>S. fontinalis</i> *			1				
Rainbow Trout <i>S. gairdneri</i>		11					
Ictaluridae							
Margined Madtom Catfish <i>N. insignis</i>		1	1				
Cottidae							
Mottled Sculpin <i>C. bairdi</i>	2	2	2	8		1	2
Centrarchidae							
Rockbass <i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>		1	2				
Pumpkinseed Sunfish <i>L. gibbosus</i>			1				
Percidae							
Fantail Darter <i>E. flabellare</i>	1	2	1	3			2
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Figure 2 - WSSC Monitoring Station
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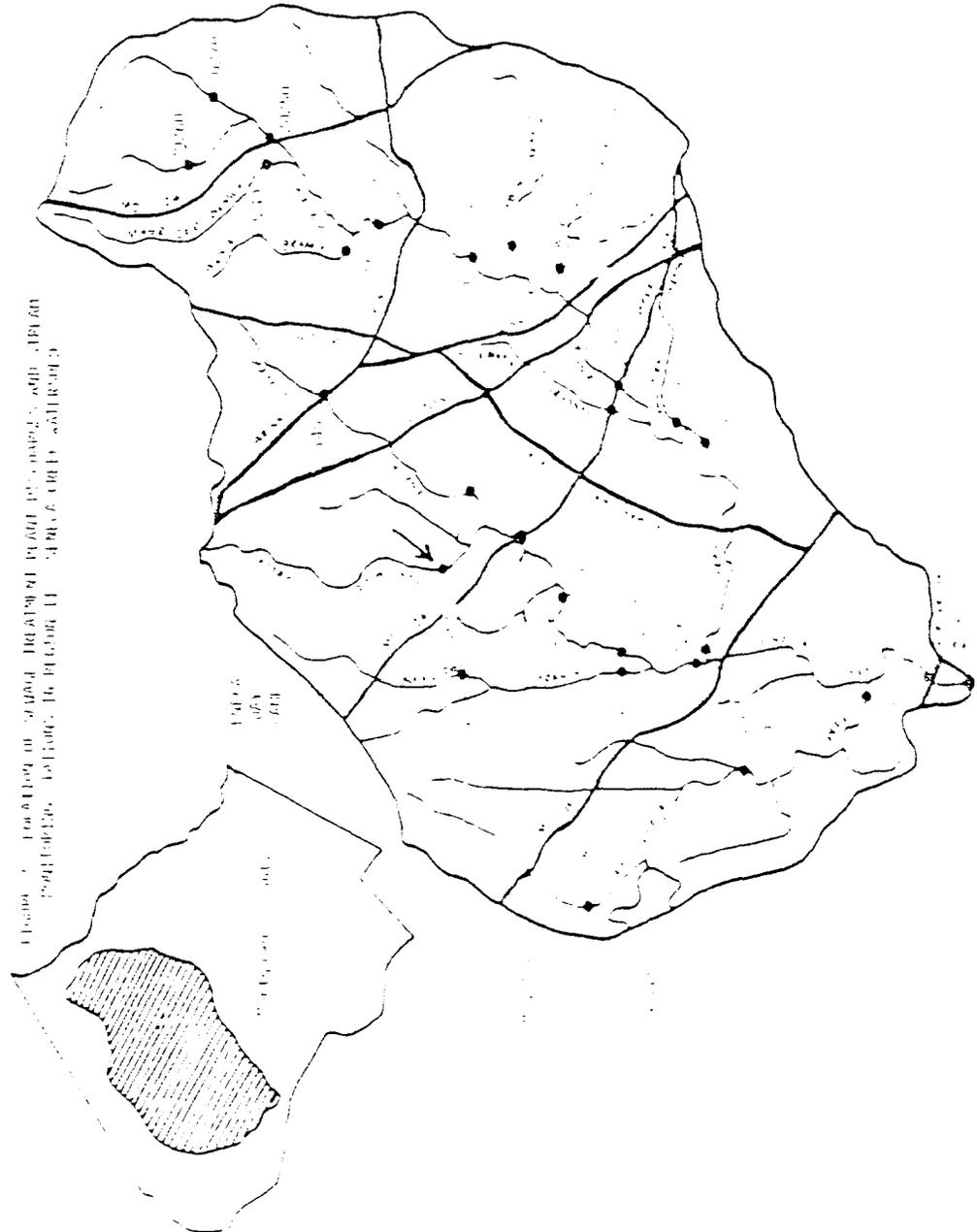
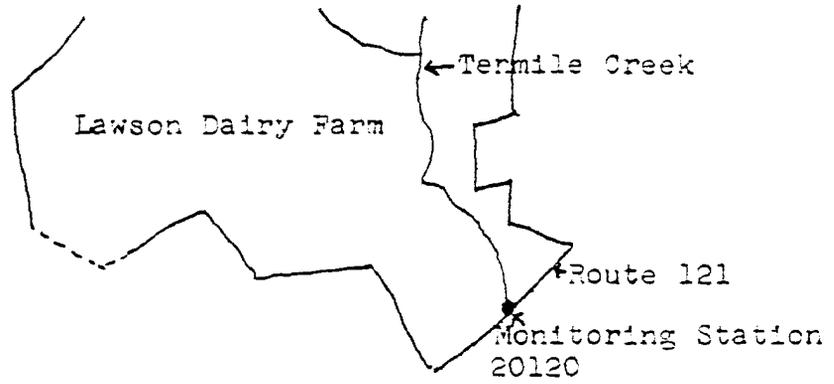


FIGURE 2 - LOCATION OF WSSC MONITORING STATION AT TENMILE CREEK

Figure 3 - Map Showing Relationship of
Monitoring Station 20120 to
Lawson Farm



Tenmile Creek Schoolhouse, 20430 Tenmile Creek Road

A school for white children operated here from 1868 to 1936. (11) It was one of the first public schools in the County. According to a former Tenmile schoolteacher, it was made into a "Model School" in the early 1920s, indicating interest in progressive, experimental methods of education in the County. (12)

The Boyds Presbyterian Church was organized in this building in 1870. (13)

The schoolhouse has been re-made into a house, owned by C.V. Barteé.

Perry Dimes Cabin, 20601 Tenmile Creek Road

The land around Tenmile Creek was cleared by Cambden R. Nicholls, a slave holding tobacco planter, who was a large landowner. (14) One of his slaves was named Perry Dimes, according to the "Slave Census of 1867." When Wilfred and Georgia Lawson bought this property in 1937, the agreement included a verbal arrangement that Dimes would always have a home on the farm. He lived in the cabin and is remembered as "Uncle Perry." The Lawsons understood that the addition to the cabin was about 75 years old in 1937. The chimney bricks were made from clay from the banks of the creek between the present horse barn and the dairy barn. Dimes' father was born in another cabin which stood on the hill behind Lawson's house. This house was of log construction, with two stories and an attic. It had a central section and a wing on either side. A huge tobacco barn once stood on top of the hill. (15) Perry Dimes Cabin, it can be seen, had a dirt floor originally. An upper loft is reached by an opening in the kitchen ceiling.

Tenmile Creek below the cabin was used for swimming and also for the ceremony of Christian baptism by immersion. The Evening Star featured a front page photo of this recreational spot in 1962. (See copy) According to Mrs. Lawson, the swimming hold was wellknown "long before I came here in 1937." Lawson gave permission to the boys of the community to have a ball diamond at the south end of the meadow. A score board was erected, and games scheduled with nearby communities.

The Lawson Home, 20610 Tenmile Creek Road

Georgia Lawson's home is an unusual fireproof structure on the site of an earlier, fourteen-room house used at one time as part of the Chautauqua movement which was destroyed by fire in the 1940s. (See enclosed pictures.) Mrs. Lawson's husband, Wilfred, was a professor at Tennessee State College, and an officer in World War I. He taught agriculture, and wanted to practice the profession more than to teach. He and Georgia bought the house and 162 acres in 1937 from Herbert R. Price. (16)

When fire destroyed their home, Wilfred and Georgia searched for plans for a fireproof house. They chose a Better Homes & Gardens design. The house was built with tile walls, concrete block partitions and an asbestos roof. The fireplace was built with stones from the original foundation. The window frames and central staircase are the only examples of wood in the house.

In 1943 Lawson died as the result of an accident on his farm. The house has never been completed.

Mrs. Lawson is wellknown throughout the county. She worked as a senior volunteer at the USO in Washington for several years, and adopted a young soldier as her son. She has taught in County schools 25 years and at the Boyds Day Care Center. She has served on various committees in the County. Mrs. Lawson owns an unusual collection of family memoirs, including letters written during the Civil War, and the manumission papers of Miss Lucy Price of Southern Maryland. In 1844 Miss Price bought her own freedom, and was issued her papers complete with thumbprint and detailed description of color shade and marks on her hand.

The Lawson farm is still used for a dairy business, run by Mariliee Hershberger. The dairy business was well established before the Lawsons bought the property and continued by them. Lawson's great-granddaughter, Teresa Wheeler, was raised from infancy by Mrs. Lawson.

Fleet Staley Boarding House and Beauty Spot, 21000 Tenmile Creek Road

Fleet and Mary Jane Staley of Frederick County bought a former tobacco plantation in 1886, which is the year that the summer boarding houses on Tenmile Creek Road began to be described in the Star. The Staleys' borrowed money from Horace Waters, and built a commodious but small hotel, with a wide curving porch on two sides, and developed a Beauty Spot, or park. (17)

The tourist business was a sideline introduced by the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad in 1873. Until the development of air-conditioning, summers in Washington were difficult to endure. Federal workers found it relatively easy to bring their families to Boyds on the train. Fleet, and later on his son, Ralph, met the trains in their horse-drawn wagons, and brought the tourists to Tenmile Creek.

Staley developed a park near the creek, called the Beauty Spot. Rope swings were hung, tables, benches and chairs built. He dug a pond, and built a dam; remains of both can be seen today. The dam was closed in the fall, and the lake filled. The water froze solid, was sawed into blocks and carefully layered with clean straw in the ice house. In this way the guests had plenty of ice for summer use. Figure 4 is a picture from the Washington Star, July 1962.

The Staley's five girls and one boy were born in this house. The son, Ralph Fleet, designed a garden at the Beauty Spot shortly after his marriage to his wife, Nell Claggett, in 1929, and planted lilies in a pattern of intertwined initials, R & N. The planting survived until the disastrous flood caused by Hurricane Agnes in June, 1972.

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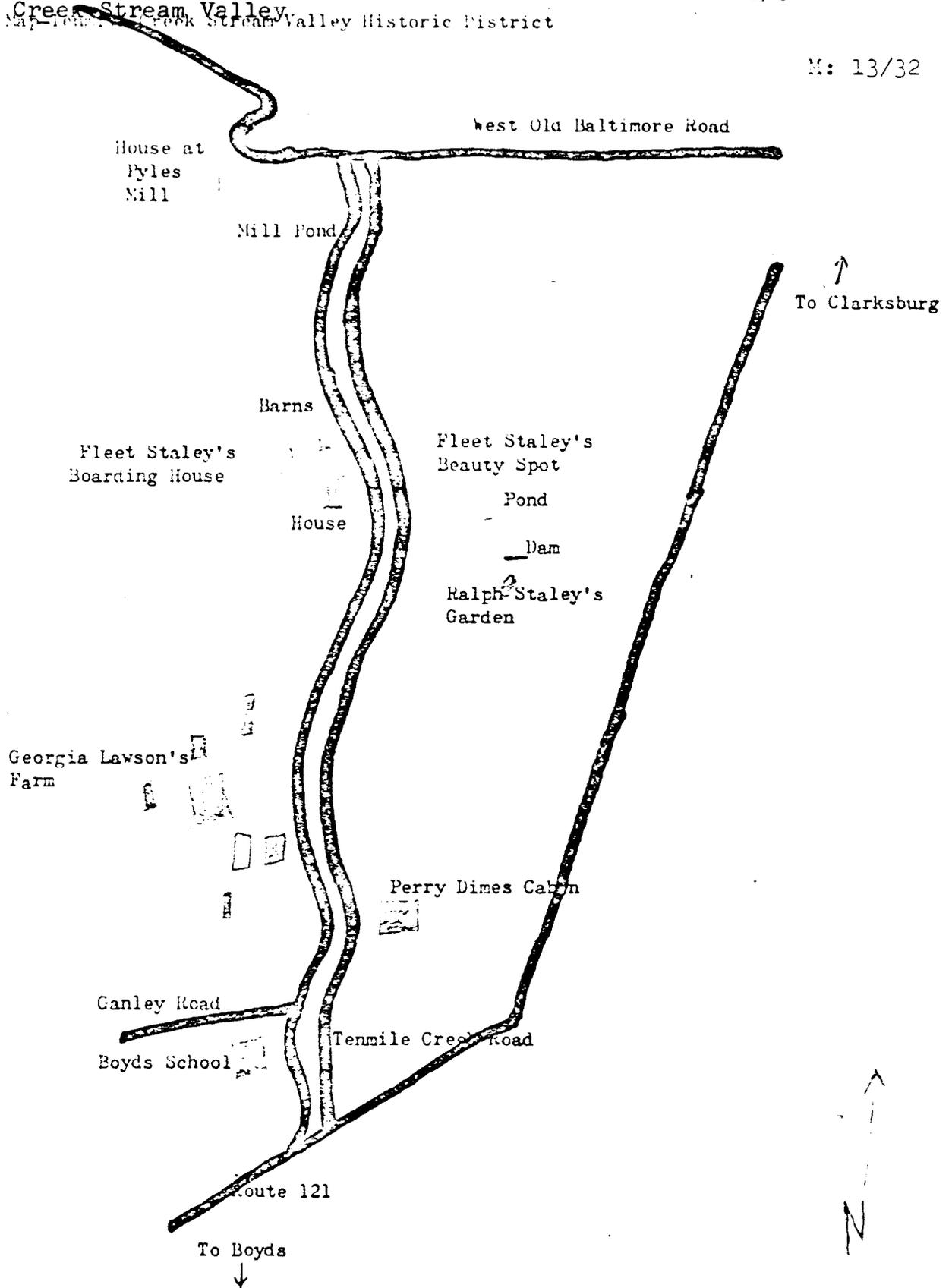
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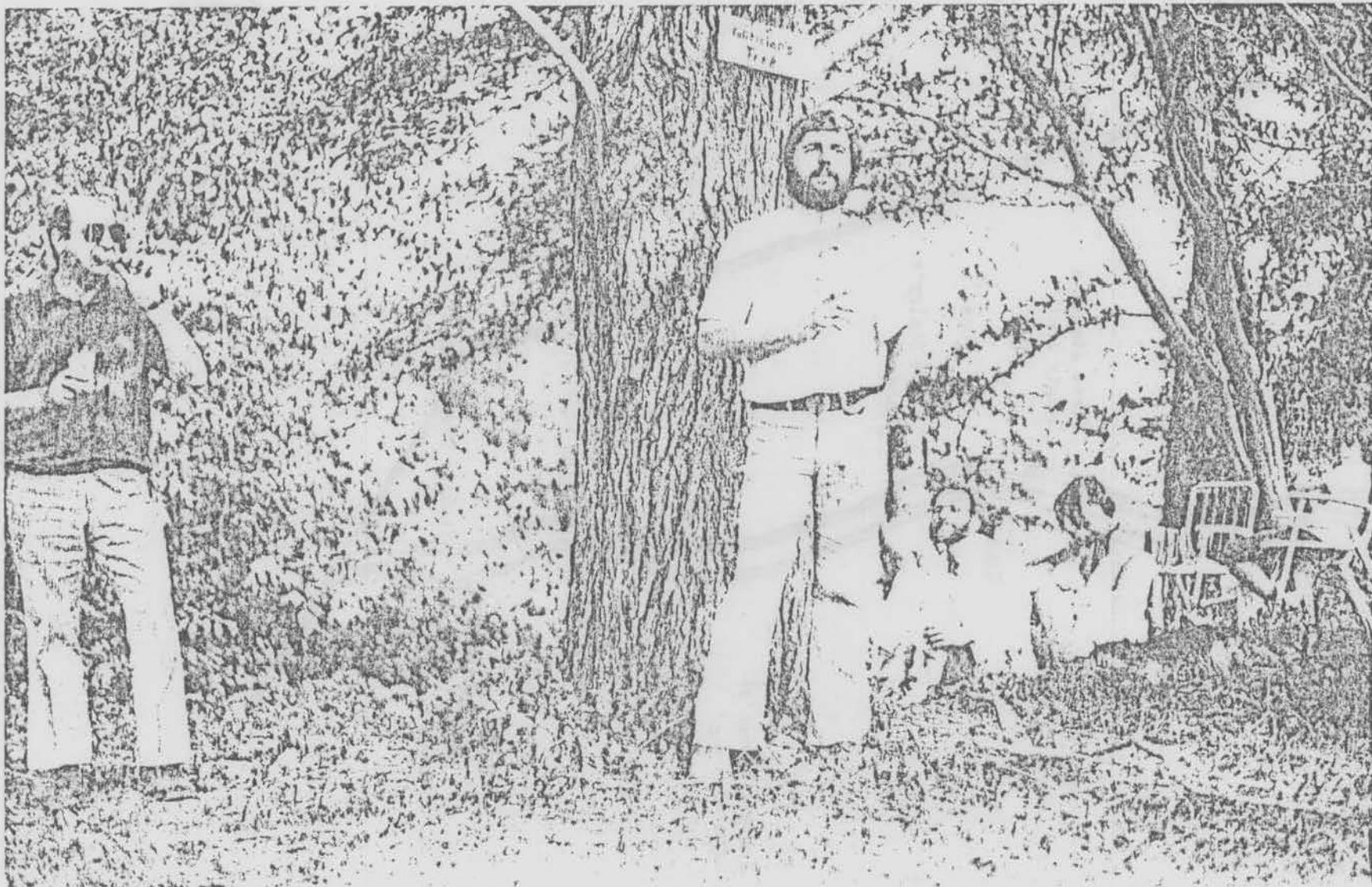
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Fleet Staley Beauty Spot - Tennile Creek, Boyds, Md.
Boys-Clarksburg Historical Society Picnow, June, 1978
Jay Cinque under the Politician's Tree
(Photo by David Heisler, Boyds, Md.)



ke Is Threat Boyd's Area, Beauty Spot'

By Kay Manning

Imaginative, it's just an old dirt road, winding through a tangle of trees and underbrush outside of Montgomery County.

Coleman, who regularly navigates this stretch of Moore Road in her Ranger truck, can almost hear turkeys squawking as they waddled to the area by area farmers years ago.

"I might they'd have to stop and camp by the roadside because the turkeys had to roost," chuckled Coleman who dug out that bit of lore from descendants whose homes lined the road that once was the site of markets in Baltimore.

On an intersecting road in the late 1800s that was used to whip his horses drawing the wagon, Friday met passengers disembarking at the O railroad station. They were coming from town to spend the weekend in the country at a boarding house and "resort," a scenic, grassy area in the wilderness along Ten Mile Creek.

Staley built a 'beauty spot,' with a swimming hole, a gazebo and rope swings," Coleman said. "He put up a dam on Ten Mile Creek to flood his ponds in the fall, and he'd remove the dam in the spring."

To better accommodate his guests, Staley built an ice chest completely buried in the ground. He would store chunks of ice from the frozen stream in winter in straw in the chamber and use them to keep cream in the heat of summer.

Guests at the Staley boarding house got all dressed and went over to the beauty spot and carved their names in the trees as they strolled around," Coleman

the boarding house is occupied by two families. A Sale sign stands on the front lawn. The man's house hasn't been used to house boarders since the 1930s. It overlooks the beauty spot on land now owned by the National Capital Park and Planning Com-

mission on Saturday, after furious mowing by Coleman and the beauty spot was the scene of a picnic sponsored by the Washington-Clarksburg Historical Society. Guests sampled a home-fashioned potato salad, played such staple lawn games as croquet and wandered down to the natural swimming hole in a re-creation of the bygone resort days.

The historical society, formed in the spring under the leadership of Coleman, wanted to draw attention to the



Montgomery County Journal, July 12,
1978.

Figure 5

Attachment Sheet J
Tenmile Creek Stream Valley
Weather Forecast

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District and vicinity—Fair and somewhat warmer tonight, low 64 to 68. Partly cloudy and warm tomorrow. Today's high, 82, at noon; low, 65, at 5 a.m.

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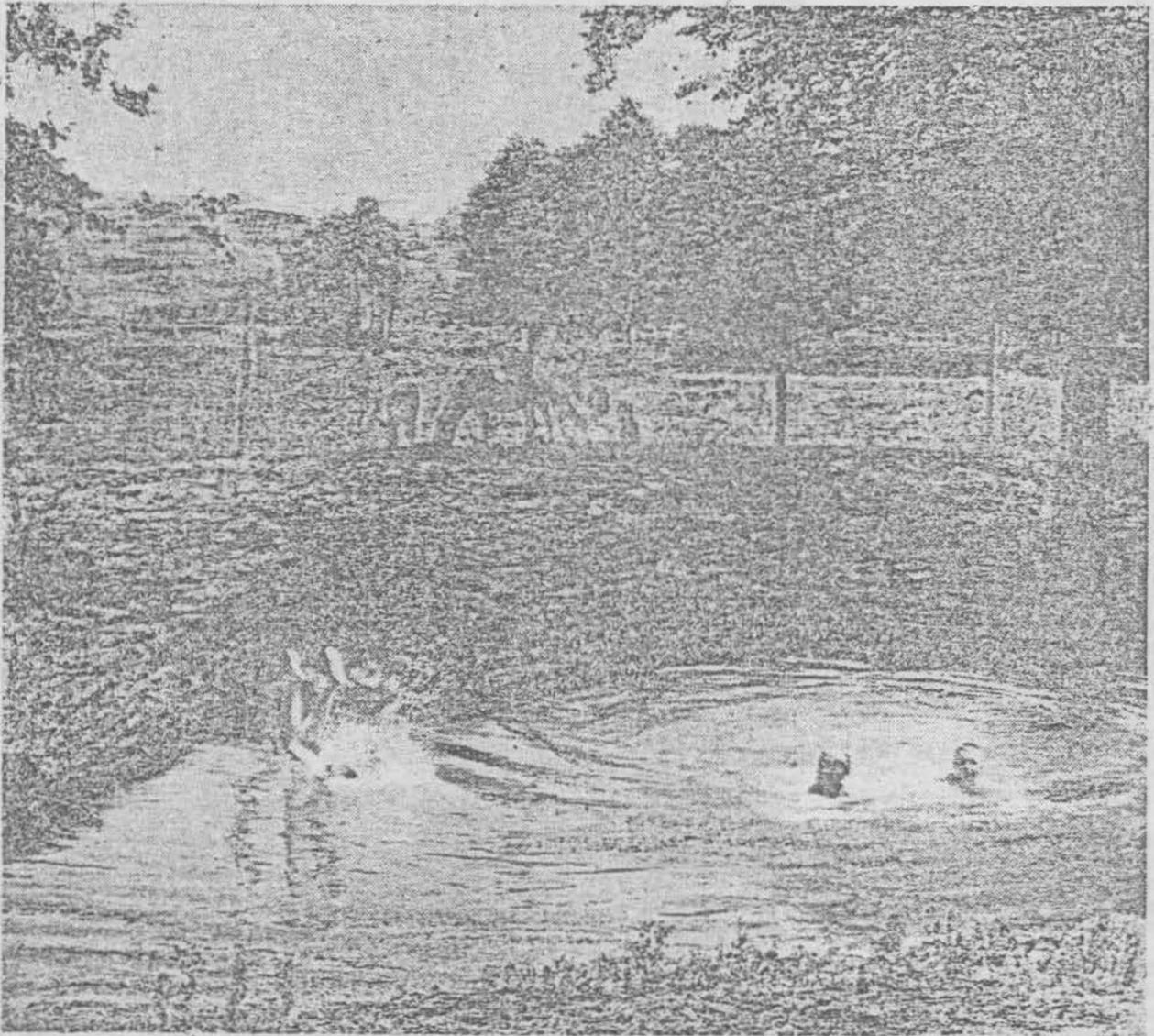
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS ARE BACK

This scene brings back memories of the old swimming hole. The boys have their clothes hung on the fence instead of a hickory limb,

but there is shade and the water is deep in Ten Mile Run near Bovds in Montgomery County, Md.—Star Staff Photo by Tom Hoy.

The Evening Star, July 6, 1932



Fleet at a Beauty Spot, Tennie Creek, Boyds, Md.
Boys-Clarksburg Historical Society Picnic, June, 1978
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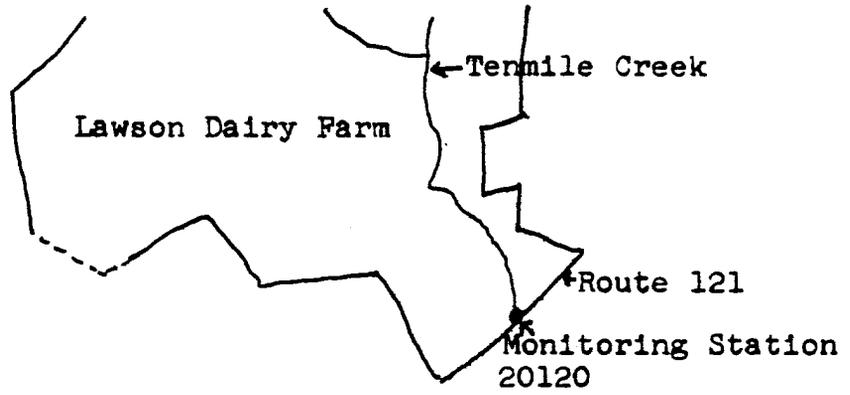
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Figure 3 - Map Showing Relationship of
Monitoring Station 20120 to
Lawson Farm



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Tenmile Creek Schoolhouse, 20430 Tenmile Creek Road

A school for white children operated here from 1868 to 1936. (11) It was one of the first public schools in the County. According to a former Tenmile schoolteacher, it was made into a "Model School" in the early 1920s, indicating interest in progressive, experimental methods of education in the County. (12)

The Boyds Presbyterian Church was organized in this building in 1870. (13)

The schoolhouse has been re-made into a house, owned by C.V. Bartee.

Perry Dimes Cabin, 20601 Tenmile Creek Road

The land around Tenmile Creek was cleared by Cambden R. Nicholls, a slave holding tobacco planter, who was a large landowner. (14) One of his slaves was named Perry Dimes, according to the "Slave Census of 1867." When Wilfred and Georgia Lawson bought this property in 1937, the agreement included a verbal arrangement that Dimes would always have a home on the farm. He lived in the cabin and is remembered as "Uncle Perry." The Lawsons understood that the addition to the cabin was about 75 years old in 1937. The chimney bricks were made from clay from the banks of the creek between the present horse barn and the dairy barn. Dimes' father was born in another cabin which stood on the hill behind Lawson's house. This house was of log construction, with two stories and an attic. It had a central section and a wing on either side. A huge tobacco barn once stood on top of the hill. (15) Perry Dimes Cabin, it can be seen, had a dirt floor originally. An upper loft is reached by an opening in the kitchen ceiling.

Tenmile Creek below the cabin was used for swimming and also for the ceremony of Christian baptism by immersion. The Evening Star featured a front page photo of this recreational spot in 1962. (See copy) According to Mrs. Lawson, the swimming hold was wellknown "long before I came here in 1937." Lawson gave permission to the boys of the community to have a ball diamond at the south end of the meadow. A score board was erected, and games scheduled with nearby communities.

The Lawson Home, 20610 Tenmile Creek Road

Georgia Lawson's home is an unusual fireproof structure on the site of an earlier, fourteen-room house used at one time as part of the Chautauqua movement which was destroyed by fire in the 1940s. (See enclosed pictures.) Mrs. Lawson's husband, Wilfred, was a professor at Tennessee State College, and an officer in World War I. He taught agriculture, and wanted to practice the profession more than to teach. He and Georgia bought the house and 162 acres in 1937 from Herbert R. Price. (16)

When fire destroyed their home, Wilfred and Georgia searched for plans for a fireproof house. They chose a Better Homes & Gardens design. The house was built with tile walls, concrete block partitions and an asbestos roof. The fireplace was built with stones from the original foundation. The window frames and central staircase are the only examples of wood in the house.

In 1943 Lawson died as the result of an accident on his farm. The house has never been completed.

Mrs. Lawson is wellknown throughout the county. She worked as a senior volunteer at the USO in Washington for several years, and adopted a young soldier as her son. She has taught in County schools 25 years and at the Boyds Day Care Center. She has served on various committees in the County. Mrs. Lawson owns an unusual collection of family memoirs, including letters written during the Civil War, and the manumission papers of Miss Lucy Price of Southern Maryland. In 1844 Miss Price bought her own freedom, and was issued her papers complete with thumbprint and detailed description of color shade and marks on her hand.

The Lawson farm is still used for a dairy business, run by Mariliee Hershberger. The dairy business was well established before the Lawsons bought the property and continued by them. Lawson's great-granddaughter, Teresa Wheeler, was raised from infancy by Mrs. Lawson.

Fleet Staley Boarding House and Beauty Spot, 21000 Tenmile Creek Road

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ten Mile Creek Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Ten Mile Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

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

STATUS

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

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

various owners-most of the area is owned Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER by Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Chadwick

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

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Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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There are several, late-19th/early-20th Century buildings along the road. These include: a one-room, frame schoolhouse, now converted into a private residence; across from this is a small, three-bay tenant dwelling, allegedly of part log construction; a large, concrete-form house, built and lived in by the Lawsons; and a two-story, frame guest house/hotel with German siding and a metal, mansard roof.

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SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ten Mile Creek has carried this name since before 1750 in official land records (see Survey Certificate-Md. Hall of Records for "Benton's Lot".) There is a wide flood plain here that has limited the land use mostly to grazing. However, rail passengers from the city would take the train to Boyds and stay in summer hotels, such as the one along the road-north of the Lawson Farm.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

4/30/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

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See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

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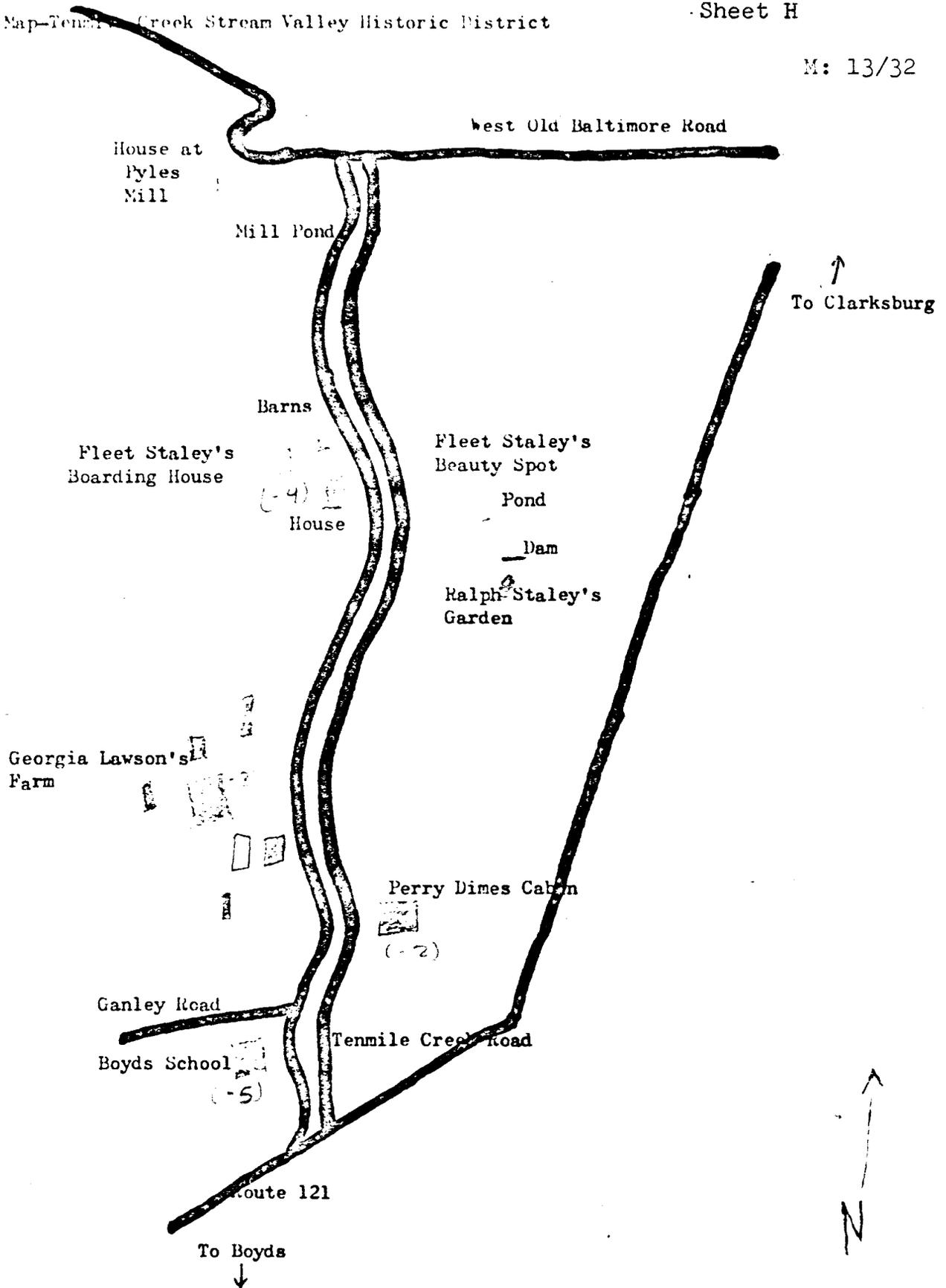
The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

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	15/69		27/7
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*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



House at Pyles Mill

Mill Pond

West Old Baltimore Road

To Clarksburg

Barns

Fleet Staley's Boarding House

(-4) House

Fleet Staley's Beauty Spot

Pond

Dam

Ralph Staley's Garden

Georgia Lawson's Farm

Perry Dimes Cabin

(-2)

Ganley Road

Boyds School

(-5)

Tenmile Creek Road

Route 121

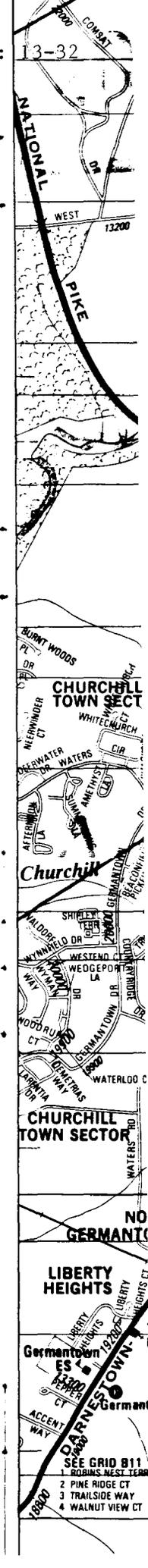
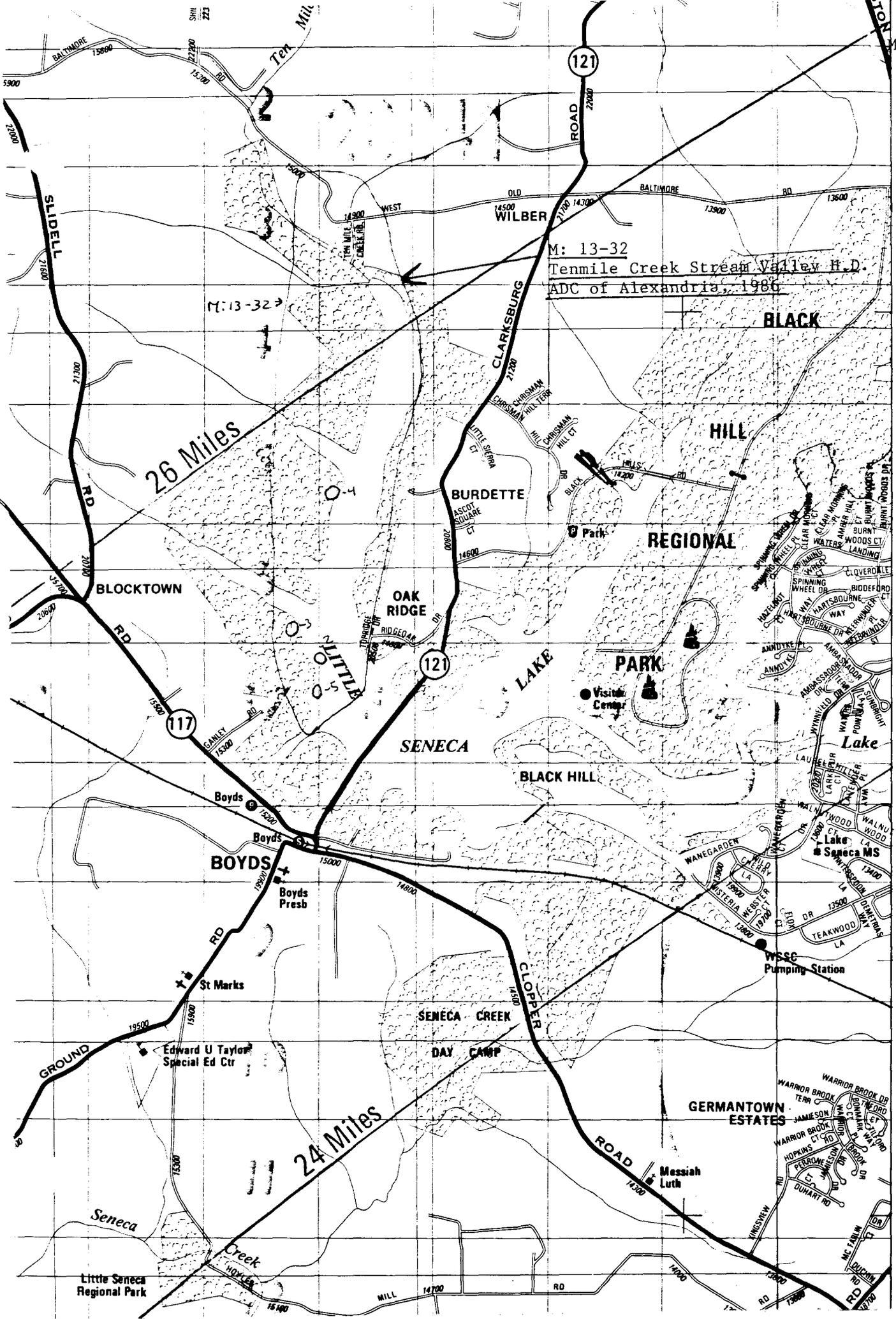
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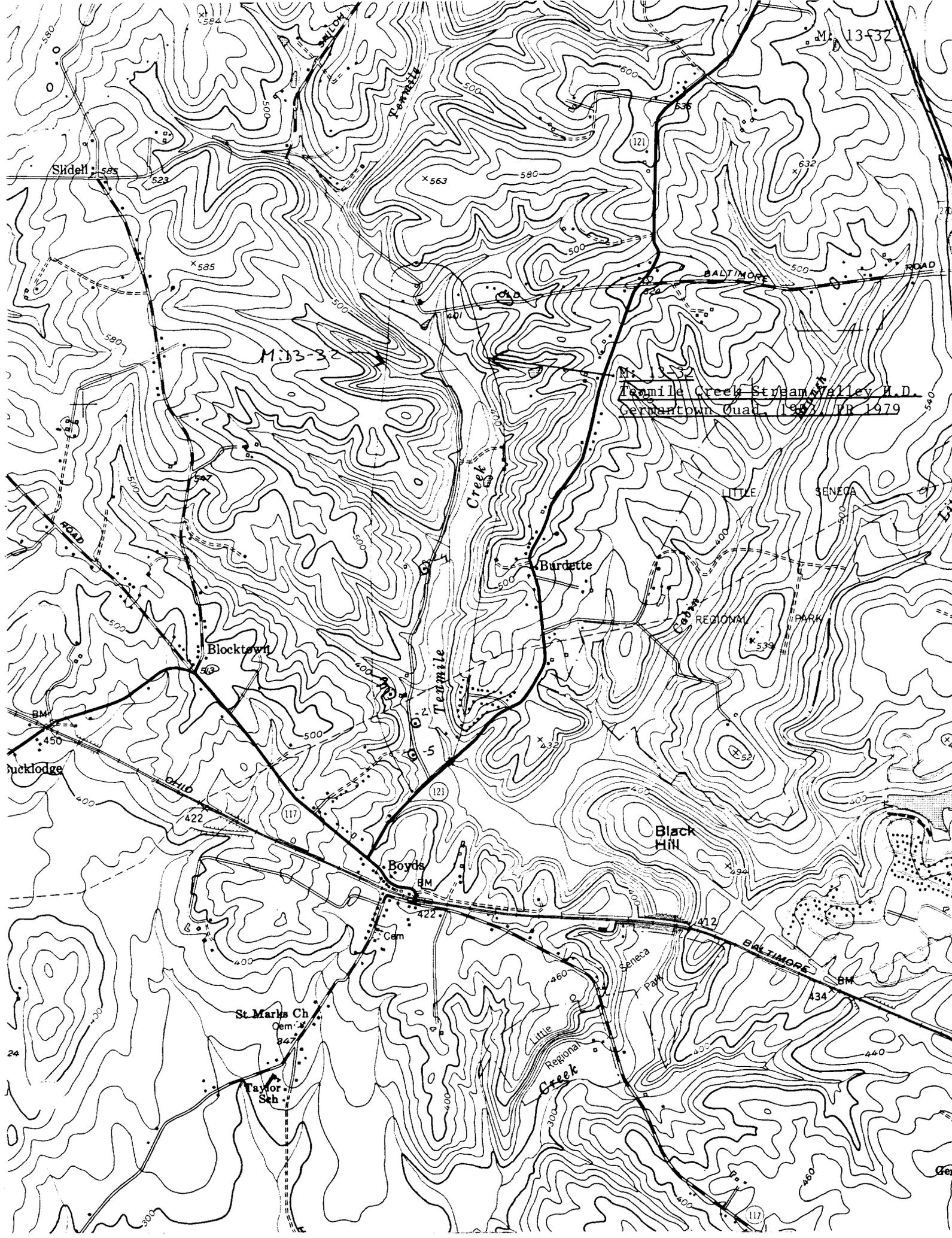
Pre 1900

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- SEE GRID B11
1. PINE RIDGE CT
 2. TRAILSIDE WAY
 3. TRAILSIDE WAY
 4. WALNUT VIEW CT



Seneca Park Stream Valley H.D.
Germantown Quad. 1957 / 7R 1979

M. 13-32

Seneca Park

Black Hill

Little Seneca Creek

Tenmile Creek

Blocktown

Burdette

Boyd's

St. Marks Ch. Cem.

Taylor Sch.

OHIO

BALTIMORE ROAD

121

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NAME Wm. LAWSON FARM

M#13-32

(-3)

LOCATION W SIDE 10 MILE CREEK Rd BOYDS, Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 4/30/74 H. DWYER



M# 13-2

NAME Fleet Staley Boarding House

(-4)

LOCATION 10 MILE CREEK Rd. BOYDS, Md.

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 4/30/74 M. DWYER



NAME

LOCATION

10 MILE CREEK Rd FROM Rte 121 BOYDS, Md

FACADE

LOOKING NW

PHOTO TAKEN

4/30/74 H. DWYER

L to R:

- M: 13-32-5 Tenmile Creek schoolhouse
- M: 13-32-3 Georgia Lawson House
- M: 13-32-2 Perry Dime L Log Cabin



Photo by David Heisler, Boyds, Md.

June, 1978

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Fleet Staley Beauty Spot - Tenmile Creek, Boyds, Md.
Boyds-Clarksburg Historical Society Picnow, June, 1978
Jay Cinque under the Politician's Tree
(Photo by David Heisler, Boyds, Md.)

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Picnic - Boyds-Clarksburg Historical Society

June, 1978

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