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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE NECK MEETING HOUSE AND YARD

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AND/OR COMMON

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE AND GRAVEYARD, DENTON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Maryland Route 404, onehalf mile west of

Denton Bridge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Denton

VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Caroline

CODE

011

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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
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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Vac

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Route 404

CITY, TOWN

Denton

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21629

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

DEED REF 113/197

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

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

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

The Neck Meeting House, situated in a grove of trees on the north side of Maryland Route 404, onehalf mile west of Denton Bridge in West Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, is a one-story, frame building measuring twenty by thirty feet. Constructed in 1802, it is in poor repair, and covered with clapboards of late 19th century date, cut with a circular saw. The building sits on a foundation consisting of the original brick piers filled in with later brickwork. Some of the sills are rotted and need to be replaced, making the structure sag somewhat.

There are two entrances to the building. The southeast facade is three bays long with a wide batten door flanked by two six-over-six sash windows. The one-bay northeast gable end contains the other door. The northwest facade consists of two bays, each with a six-over-six sash window. The southwest gable end also contains a six-over-six sash window. The window sash are later replacements, but the window sills are original. Most of the original shutters remain. They are single board batten shutters, one pair of which is still hung with H-hinges.

The wood-shingled roof was installed in recent years by the Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc., owner of the property. There is a terracotta pipe meant to ventilate a centrally located heating stove projecting from the roof.

On the interior, the walls and floors of the meeting house are still partially covered with the original pit-sawed chestnut and pine boards. Some of the flooring on the first floor has been replaced, but that on the second remains intact.

There are eight original, moveable wooden benches and three original stationary benches in the building. At the eastern end is a closed stairway (railing missing) with its original door. A center support beam on posts was installed after construction to further support the second floor.

Conflicting information regarding the construction of the building indicates that it may have been built in two sections. However, this is not evidenced in the pegged rafters which are all similar.

A broken hand pump is located in the yard south of the building. It stood underneath a small shed roof on posts until 1974 when this collapsed.

The graveyard on the east side of the building contains only stones dated after 1850. Among these are the graves of Jonathan and Rebecca Tylor (see #8).

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1802 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ALSO SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2

"In the year 1801, Quakers living near Denton who had formerly belonged to the Nicho Friends, asked Third Haven Meeting for the privilege of holding preparatory meetings building a meeting house.<sup>1</sup> This request was granted and in the next year, the situa having been selected and plans for the building completed it was found that \$60 was ed beyond what could be supplied by the Neck Meeting. This amount was raised by oth Friends and on September 26, 1802 the first service was held in the new building....

The 1 1/2-acre lot on which the Neck Meeting House stands was conveyed by William Wi an early (1787) settler in Caroline County, to the Society of Friends in 1804 for £4 for a meeting house.<sup>3</sup> The lot was a tiny part of Wilson's home tract called "Contro The original grantees of this lot were Tristram Needles and Samuel Troth, members of Haven Meeting in Talbot County, and Solomon Kenton, James Wilson (son of William), J Dawson, and William Emmerson, members of the Friends Meeting in Tuckahoe Neck, Carol County. The first service was held in the new building in 1802,<sup>5</sup> which indicates th building was erected two years prior to the deed of conveyance for the land.

In the 1850's the meeting house was used as a private school in addition to its reli function. Eliza Heacock of Philadelphia ran this school for a time, making it stron through her efforts and ability. Miss Rachel B. Satterthwaite of Denton was another known teacher of this school. Just prior to the Civil War, abolitionist meetings we held in the Neck Meeting House. During the war itself, it was used as a camping gro and barracks by the Northern troops.<sup>6</sup>

By 1905 the building had been abandoned as a place of worship and was sold by the tr of Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends (Talbot County) to J. Edward Tylor of Talb County for \$200.<sup>7</sup> Tylor's will of 1916 shows that his father and mother, Jonathan a Rebecca Tylor, had been buried in this lot. He devised the entire parcel to his son Edward Scott Tylor of Washington, D.C.<sup>8</sup> In 1928 Edward sold it to his uncle, Wilson Tylor, who in turn sold it to Mrs. Elizabeth White Dixon of Baltimore.<sup>9</sup> In 1930 she made extensive repairs,<sup>10</sup> and in 1949 her heirs sold it to the Choptank Electric Coope Inc., the owner of the land adjoining the east side of the lot. Provision was inclu this deed that the tract be maintained as a historic landmark and that the graves no disturbed, but with no obligation to maintain the building.<sup>11</sup>

It is noteworthy also that Jonathan and Rebecca Tylor were grandparents of former U.S Congressman Edward T. Miller, who wrote a letter to Wilbert L. Merriken, a lawyer in Denton, in 1947 showing that fact and pointing out the significance of the building a graveyard to Eastern Shoremen: "With reference to the old Friends Meeting House on outskirts of Denton, I used to know a good deal about it. As a matter of fact, it h

(see continuation sheet #1)

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great sentimental value in my family and among the families of Eastern Shore Quakers."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>It should be noted that there are statements in Cochrane, et al, History of Caroline County (see #9) that the Nicholite Friends existed as a separate society in Caroline County from 1797 to 1817 and then transferred their three meeting houses in Caroline County, including their Neck Meeting House near Denton, to Third Haven Meeting Talbot County. However, the deed of 1804 conveying the Denton lot is made out to both Third Haven and Tuckahoe Neck Monthly Meeting members.

<sup>2</sup>"The Neck Meeting House at Denton," Rural Living (Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc.), Vol. 26, #3 (January, 1971).

<sup>3</sup>Caroline County Land Record TB I/14.

<sup>4</sup>E. F. Horsey, "Origins of Caroline County, Maryland, . . .", Vol. I (Denton, Maryland: By the Author, 1974), pp. 29-30

<sup>5</sup>L. C. Cochrane, et al, History of Caroline County (Federalsburg, Maryland: Stowell Publishing Company, 1920), p. 113.

<sup>6</sup>Cochrane, p. 113.

<sup>7</sup>Caroline County Land Record TLD 69/586.

<sup>8</sup>Caroline County Will JIH 12/69.

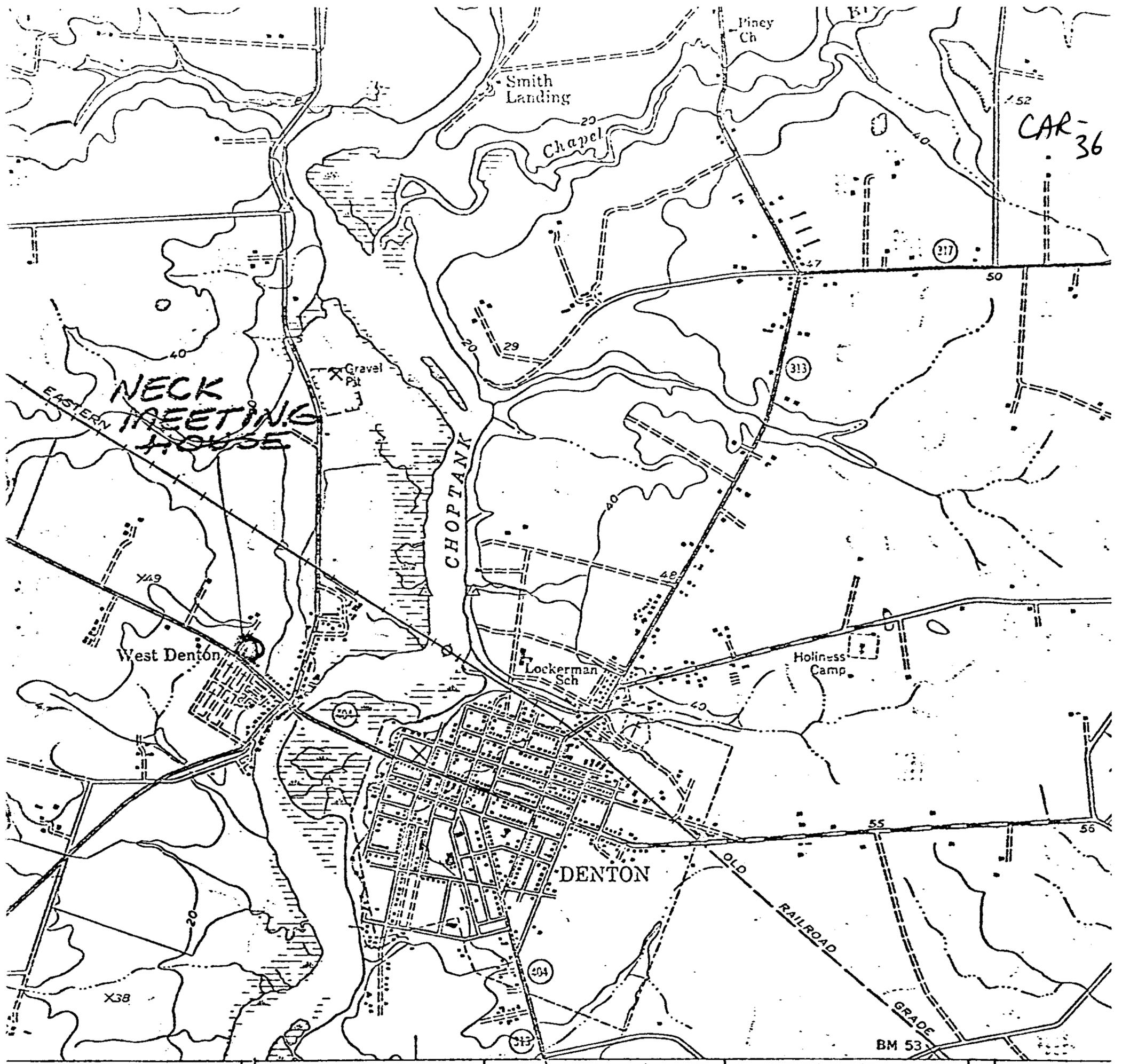
<sup>9</sup>Caroline County Land Records TCH 89/542 and TCH 91/11.

<sup>10</sup>K. Carroll, Quakerism on the Eastern Shore (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1970), p. 179.

<sup>11</sup>Caroline County Land Record DRH 113/197.

<sup>12</sup>Letter, Edward T. Miller to Wilbert L. Merriken, 1/23/1947, copy in files of the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.





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OLD RAILROAD

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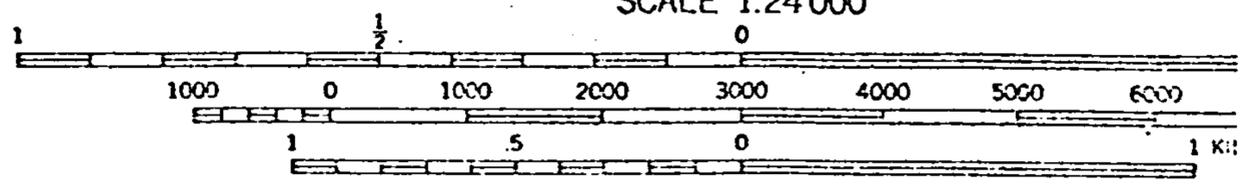
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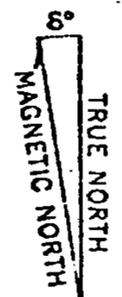
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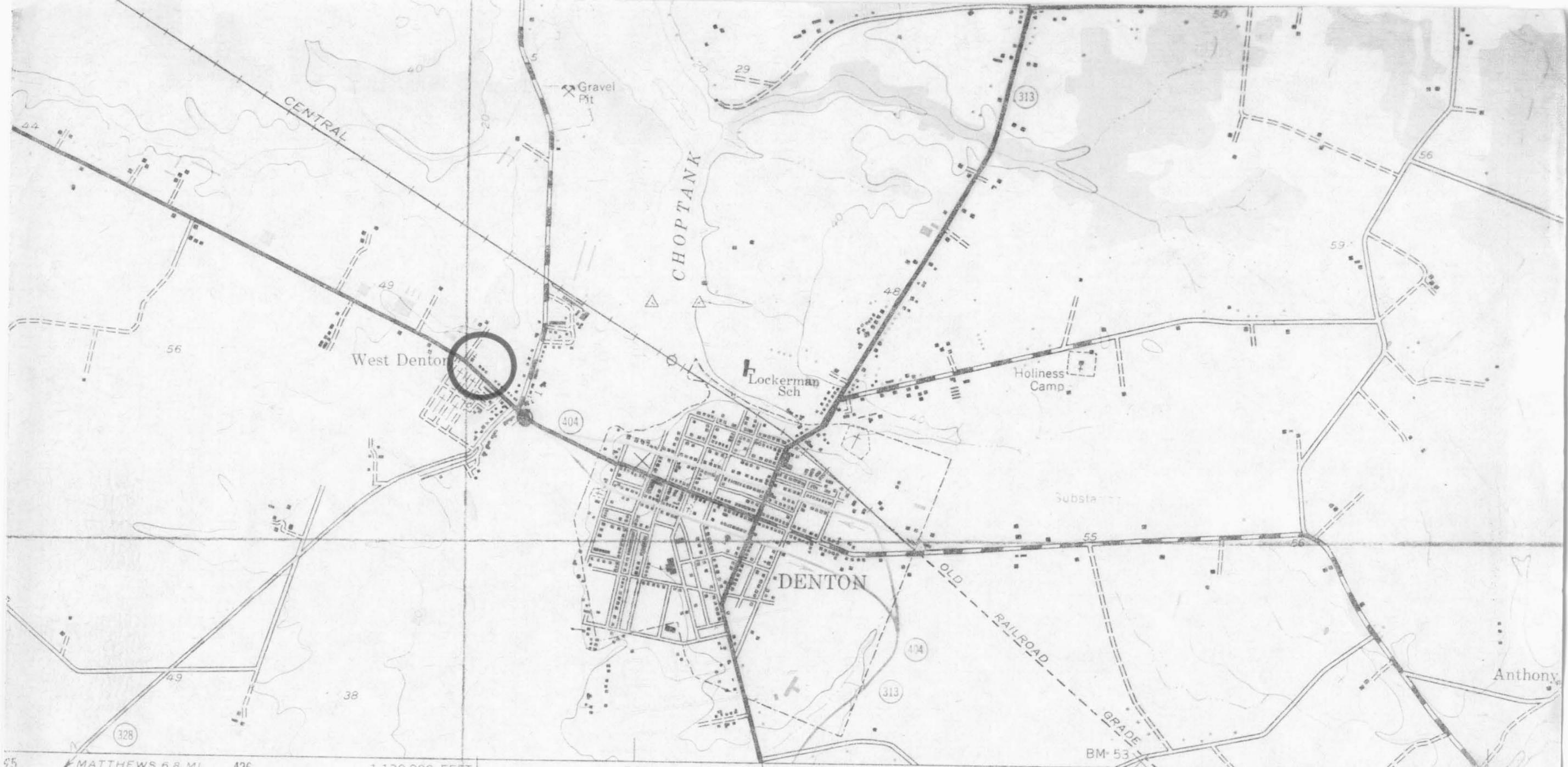
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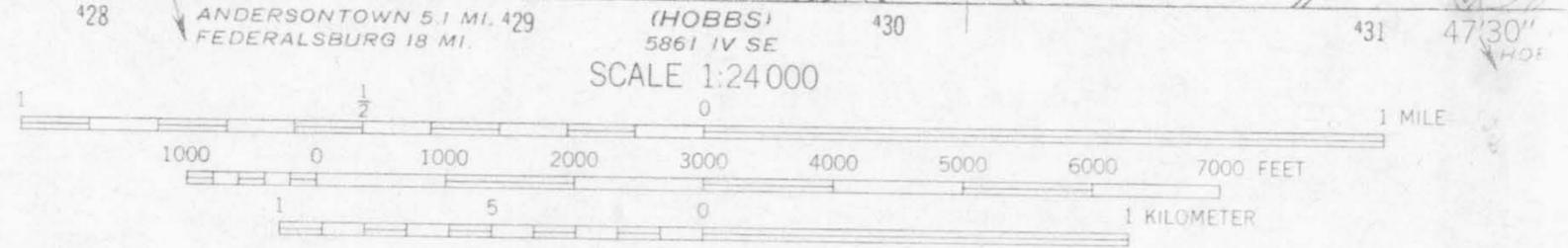
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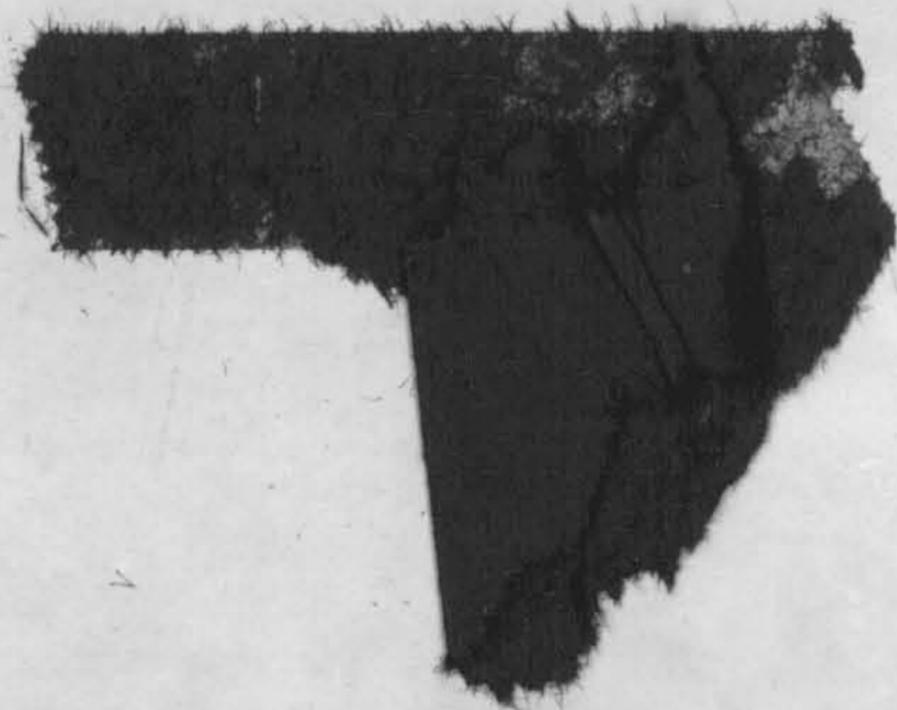
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J.M. Kilvington          June 1976  
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