

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

PHOENIX MILL FARM

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER east side of Union Grove or Smouse's Mill Road, one mile from intersection with Maryland Route 220.

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Dickens area east of Cumberland VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Allegheny

001

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick W. Miltenberger

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Smouse's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on Old Phoenix Mill Farm stands on the east side of Smouse's Mill Road about one mile from its intersection with Maryland Route 220 in the Dickens area of Allegany County.

Built circa 1845, it is a two and one-half story, brick structure showing Greek Revival style influences. It is laid in Flemish bond and has an A-roof and double internal end chimneys. There are also two internal chimneys between the fifth and sixth bays, perhaps indicating that the two easternmost bays are a later addition.

The principal (south) facade is of seven bays and has a two-story, three-bay porch with a pediment that was added in the first half of the twentieth century. There is a doorway in the center bay on both floors of the porch. Evidence shows that the eastern end bay of the first floor was originally a door. The principal windows have flat brick arches, narrow frames, and double-hung wooden sash with six-over-six lights. A small wing was added to the west end and the east end was repaired recently. The first floor front door has rectangular sidelights and a transom.

A late nineteenth-century photograph shows the house without the portico and its place is a one-story, three-bay porch with four plain, Doric-style columns across the front. The brick is not painted, there are shutters on all the windows, and the opening in the easternmost bay of the first floor is a door rather than a window.

The interior has a floor plan with center hall flanked by two rooms on each floor on both the first and second storys. The woodwork of the main portion, west side, is the typical Greek flat pilasters with pediments. The trim throughout the rest of the house is single-face architrave molding, about four or five inches wide.

Within the twenty acres of Phoenix Mill Farm nominated to the National Register is the site of Smouse Mill (see #8). The site is situated on the south side of Union Grove Road, 3/4 mile southeast of its intersection with Maryland Route 220. There are no remains aboveground at the site.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 circa 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Phoenix Mill Farm is a circa 1845 Greek Revival building erected for John Jacob Smouse, who operated a mill (no longer standing) on the opposite side of the road. The house is characteristic of the Greek Revival domestic architecture that is commonly found throughout Western Maryland. Although the facade was altered with the present large porch, the interior retains much of its original decorative treatment.

The following history of this house and mill is excerpted from articles by Mrs. Helen Straw Hinkle, published in Heritage Press, Allegany County Maryland Yesterday and Today, Vol. I, No. 6 (April 1972), p. 7:

"In the early 1790's, Peter Smouse, son of John Smouse of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Catherine Hickman, daughter of Conrad Hickman of Loudon County, Virginia, settled in Allegany County on Union Grove Road about five miles Northeast of Cumberland, Maryland. After the death of Peter Smouse, his son Henry, with wife Catherine Rice, reared their eleven children on this pioneer homestead. Their son, Henry Peter Smouse, born September 2, 1817 inherited the old original farm. On June 27, 1843, Henry Peter Smouse, called Peter, married Elizabeth Neff; and they, too, raised a family on the Mill Run Farm.

"The old house burned, and was replaced in about 1845 with a large dignifi brick mansion, by John Jacob Smouse, Peter's brother. He constructed the house from bricks fired on the farm. Fireplaces and stoves supplied the heat. . . . There was a separate kitchen with a large brick hearth on the outside and a springhouse located underneath. . . . Peter Smouse had an ice house, or pit, where ice from the creek was stored for future use;. . . . Water was piped from a running spring on the hill to the North into the house and springhouse.

"In addition to the Smouse Mill, the farm had its own blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, carpenter shop and barns. In the smokehouse one would find smoked hams, pork and beef, raised on the farm. In the winter when the C & O Canal was frozen, Peter Smouse boarded the canal mules on his farm. A large building was constructed to accommodate 118 mules at one time.

"The Mill Run Farm, . . . , has the original woodwork, stairway, fire-places and wide plank floors. The front porch was extended to the second

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Phoenix Mill Farm

Allegany County,

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Maryland

ITEM NUMBER 8

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

floor with large columns the full height of the house. The bricks have been painted white"

The mill which gave this farm and house its name, was located across the road from the circa 1845 house. It was a flour mill, but a small store was also operated on the site, selling staples from large barrels, such as sugar, vinegar, chewing tobacco, crackers, and cheese. Power was obtained from Evitt's Creek to move two large, overshot water wheels which operated the mill stone. In the 1890's this system was replaced by the roller process. The Smouses also deeded an acre of their land to the County School Commissioners in 1874 and John Jacob Smouse built a school on this land. The building was used as a school until 1902; it is now a private home (not within the boundaries of this nomination).

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	6,9,7	5,6,0	4,3	9,8	3,3,0	B	1,7	6,9,7	8,6,0	4,3	9,8	2,5,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
C	1,7	6,9,7	9,4,0	4,3	9,7	7,7,0	D	1,7	6,9,7	4,0,0	4,3	9,7	6,7,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

June 6, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

AT

ST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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AL-III-C-005 form
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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Nat Register

8/11/77

1. NAME

COMMON:
Phoenix Mill Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East side of Union Grove Road or Smouse's Mill Road, 1 mile from

CITY OR TOWN: *intersection with Maryland Route 220.*

Dickens area east of Cumberland

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Allegany

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input 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		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. & Mrs. Fredick W. Miltenberger (Mary), & Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Fagan

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 2, Union Grove Road *Smouse's Mill Road*

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
30 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 461-832

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, No. A1-25

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Phoenix Mill Farm stands on the easterly side of Union Grove Road in the Dickens area in Allegany County.

The house is a circa 1845 Greek Revival brick structure, two and a half stories high, with a gable roof and double internal end chimneys and a two stories high porch (added later) with a pediment. The principal facade (south side) has seven bays with a center doorway on both floors of the porch. Evidence shows that the eastern end bay of the first floor was originally a door. The principal windows have flat brick arches, narrow frames, and double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The west end had a small wing added recently. The east was repaired a couple of years ago. The first floor front door has rectangular sidelights and a transom.

The interior has a center hall, four-over-four arrangement of rooms. The woodwork of the main portions, west side, is the typical Greek flat pilasters with pediments. The trim throughout the rest of the house is of the entablature type, about four or five inches wide.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" 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) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Old Phoenix Mill Farm is a circa 1845 Greek Revival house that was built for John Macab Smouse who operated the mill that stood opposite the road. The house is characteristic of the Greek Revival domestic architecture that is commonly found throughout western Maryland. Although the facade was altered with present large porch, the interior retains much of its original decorative treatment.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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"Smouse Family Wilson Academy." Heritage Press. Vol.
I, No. 6 (April, 1972), 7.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	° ' "
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	° ' "

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres (for NR)

Acreage Justification:

The property contains about 247.71 acres.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: MHT Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 6/6/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 21 St. Cir

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland Arnp STATE: Maryland 21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

Addendum to AL-III-C-005 Phoenix Mill Farm

This addendum to the National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, completed in 1975, is based on correspondence with Jack Smouse in October 1990.

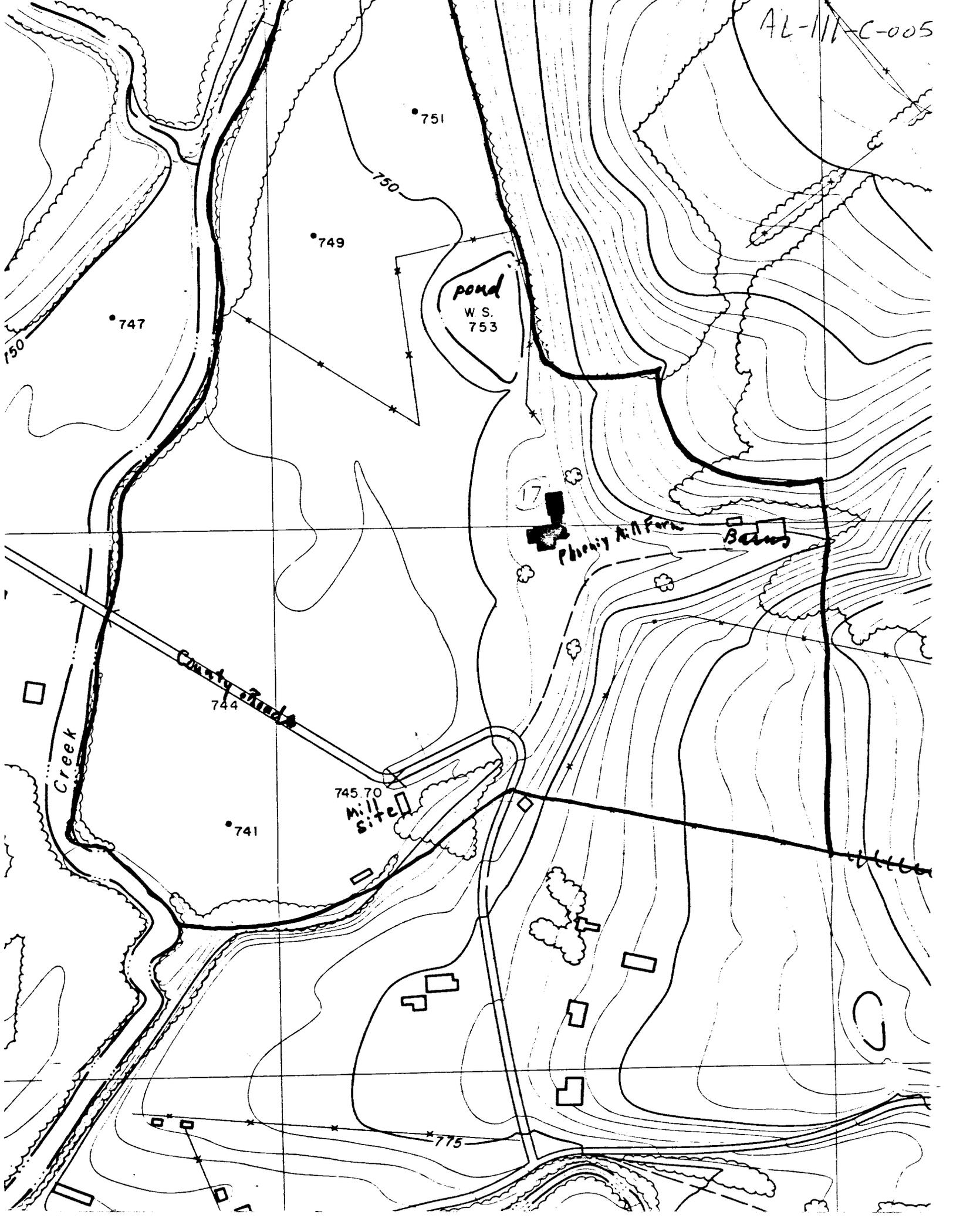
Historically, the farm has also been called Mill Run Farm (see Statement of Significance, paragraph 6).

John Jacob Smouse erected the house circa 1845.

The mill site is approximately 100 yards away from the farmhouse on the opposite side of Smouse's Mill Road.



South Gate



•751

•749

•747

pond
W.S.
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Phony Mill Pond

Barns

County of ...
Creek

744

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Mill
Site

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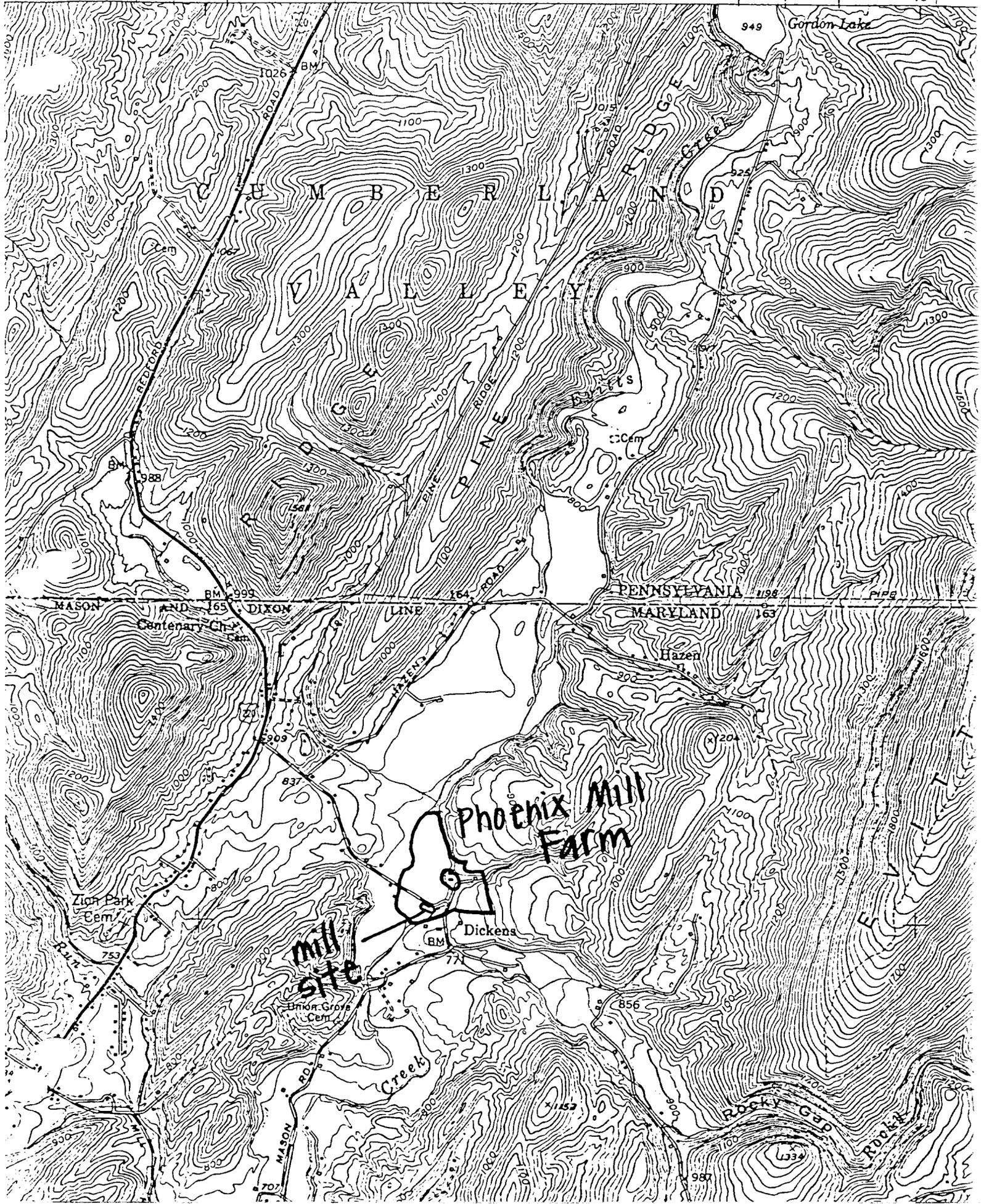
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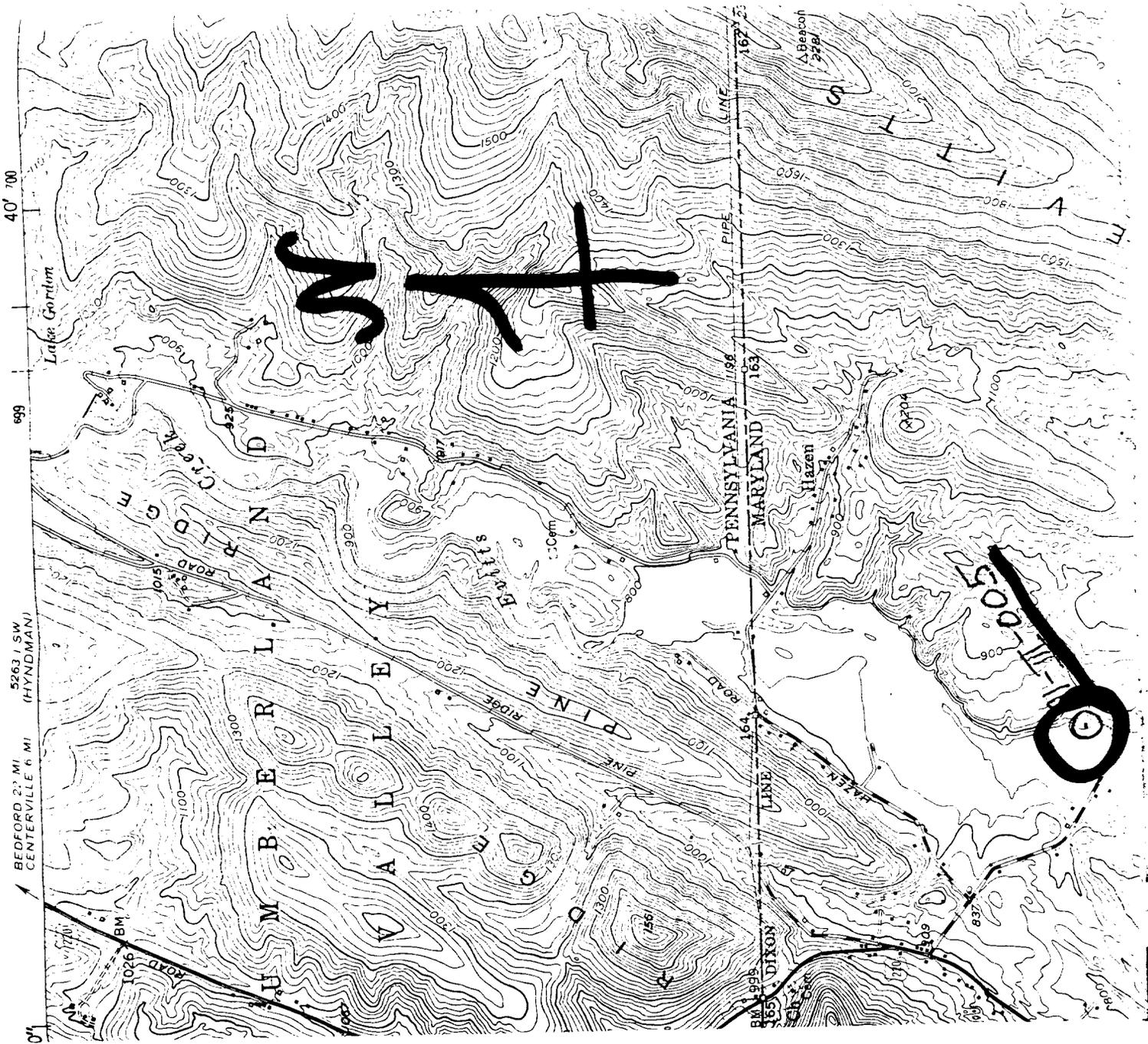
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BEDFORD 22 MI.
CENTERVILLE 6 MI. (HYNDMAN 1:62500)

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Evitts Creek, MD - PA - WV Quad
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 Phoenix Mill Farm
 Union Grove Road
 Dickens area east of Cumberland



Old Phoenix Mill Farm
Union Grove Road
Allegheny Co., Md.
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April, 1975

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RONALD L. ANTONIS



for Trust

Old Phoenix Mill Farm

Allegheny Co., Md.

date late 19th century

Source: Mrs Mary Miltenberger
Old Phoenix Mill Farm

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PHOENIX MILL AL-III-C-005

MULE BARN

(torn down + reconstructed
as barn on farm complex)

- From collection of Mrs Mary
Miltzenberger.



Taken by Helen Straw Hinkle

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Taken by Helen Straw Hinkle
Phoenix Mill Farm

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