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TIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Union Grove Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Mason Road, about 2 miles north of its intersection with Mill Road ___NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland XX VICINITY OF Dickens

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Allegany

CODE
001

3 CLASSIFICATION

This is a Building JK 12/31/97

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
___DISTRICT	___PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE	___MUSEUM
___BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	___UNOCCUPIED	___COMMERCIAL	___PARK
X STRUCTURE	___BOTH	X WORK IN PROGRESS	X EDUCATIONAL	___PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	___ENTERTAINMENT	___RELIGIOUS
___OBJECT	___IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	___GOVERNMENT	___SCIENTIFIC
	___BEING CONSIDERED	___YES: UNRESTRICTED	___INDUSTRIAL	___TRANSPORTATION
		___NO	___MILITARY	X OTHER 4-H Club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Union Grove Boys 4-H Club Trestees:
W. Wilson, D. Heavener, R. Evans, Betty Evans

STREET & NUMBER
Mason Road

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland ___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Prospect Square, Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	X_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
XGOOD	_RUINS	_ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Union Grove Schoolhouse is a one-storey frame building, rectangular in plan, containing a single classroom and an entrance vestibule. These rooms are distinguishable on the exterior by differences in their respective roofs: the major roof, that of the classroom, is hipped, ridge on the long axis of the building (roughly east-west); that of the vestibule, on the east elevation, is lower than the main roof, half hipped to the front wall of the classroom, ridge perpendicular to the building axis, with a small gable over the entrance set in the manner of a wall-dormer. The structure is clapboard on the exterior, painted white, with a black asbestos shingle roof. There are widely flaring boards on the foundation. The window frames, simple classical aedicules, are painted black, as is the door and its frame. Muntins are white in all windows. The windows themselves are 4/4 double-hung sash on the east wall (one on either side of the door), tall rectangular 6/6 on the south wall (four bays), and six-pane awning sash in four square windows on the north wall. All eaves are finished with the same simple moulding. All exterior vertical angles are finished with cornerboards. There is a simple brick chimney centered on and set into the north wall.

The interior is divided into a single large rectangular classroom and an entrance, flanked on either side by closets. There is tongue and groove wainscoting around the classroom, with a blackboard across the entire front (west) wall. The window frames are composed of wide reeded moulding with corner roundels.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	X EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1905 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Grove Schoolhouse is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse on its original site and in unaltered condition, interior and exterior, in Allegany County. It represents a method of education which was once the norm for the entire region and is now a rarity.

It was built in 1905 to replace the old Wilson Academy, which stands nearby on Bedford Road, now converted to a residence. The name was changed to Dicken School until 1920, when it was changed to Union Grove Academy. It remained in use as a one-room schoolhouse until 1949, when it was deeded to the Union Grove 4-H Club, the current owners and users. The building has recently been restored by the club and interested local residents. The only change from the original is the omission of the gabeled ventilators which once sat on the hips of the main roof.

The building fits into no particular style, although certain details may be interpreted as classical. The composition, proportions and execution of detail are very fine.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Allegany County, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

Information from Helen Straw Hinkle, Allegany County Historian, and the Heritage Press of the Preservation Society of Allegany County.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-half acre

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A				B			
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE John Hnedak, MHT/SHA Preservation Planner
Mel Collins and Mary Miltenberger, Allegany County Committee

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust
DATE: 1977-78

STREET & NUMBER: 21 State Circle
TELEPHONE: (301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis
STATE: Maryland 21401

12 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 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNER

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GPO 892-453

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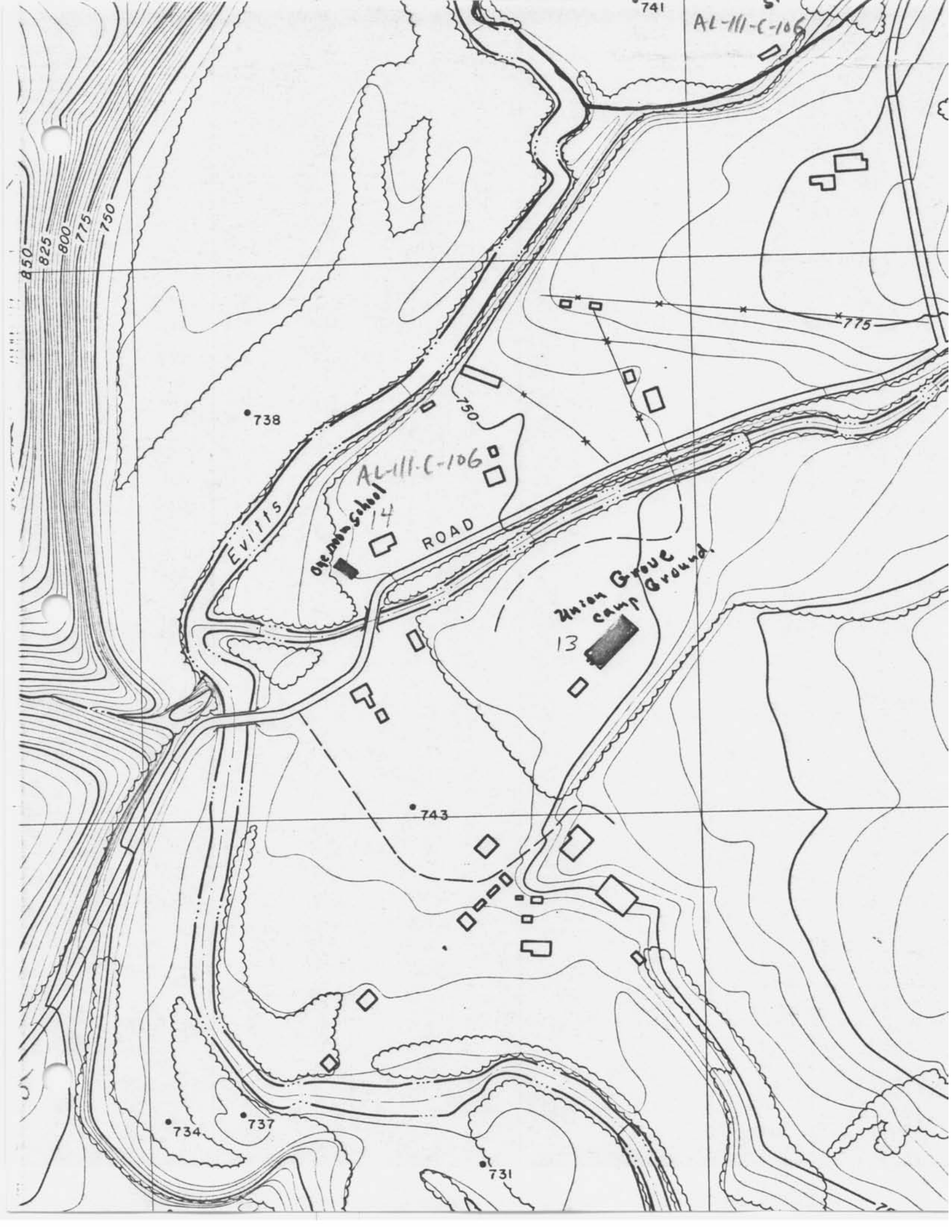
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
Verbal Boundary Description

BEGINNING for the same at an apple tree with two forks and marked with six notches on each fork, standing about seventy-five feet on the North side of the Rocky Gap Branch and on the North Edge of the Rocky Gap County Road near the Mouth of said Branch, and near the "Smouse Camp Ground" in Election District No. 21, and running thence North 45 degrees West 8 perches to a planted stone, then South 45 degrees West 8 perches to a point between a large flat stone and locust tree with three notches, standing on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch, then South 50 degrees East 8 perches to a stone planted on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch and witnessed by three small trees with three notches each, and then 45 degrees East 7¼ perches to the beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed by the Board of Education of Allegany County, a corporation, to George C. Smith, Harry C. Gillum, and Charles E. Drake, Trustees of the Union Grove Community Club by deed dated the 21st day of April, 1928, and recorded among the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland in Liber No. 159, folio 226.

TOGETHER with the improvements thereon and the rights, roads, ways, waters, privileges and appurtenances the reunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.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Union Grove
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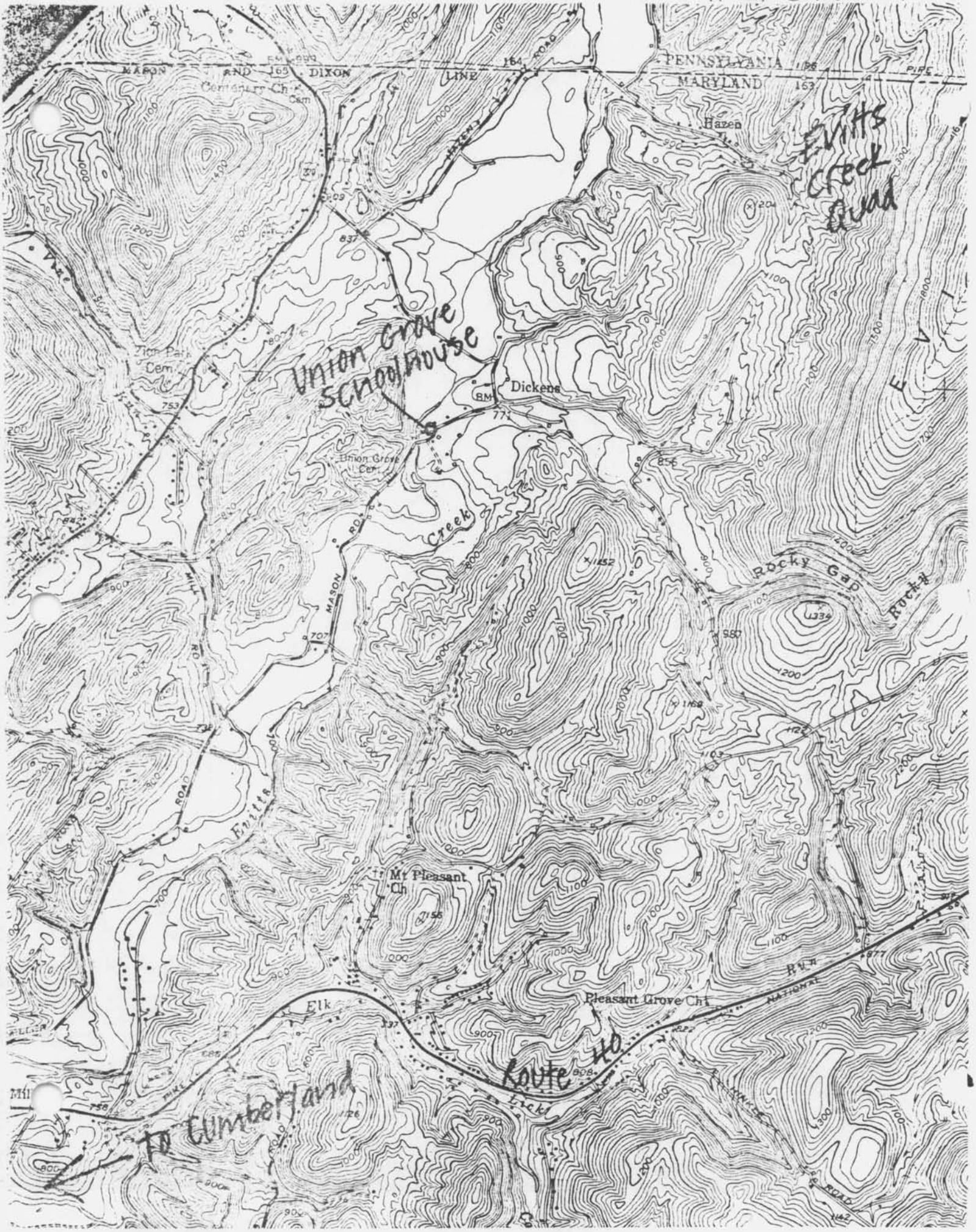

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PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND
Hazen
Evitts Creek Quad
Union Grove Schoolhouse
Dickens
Union Grove Cem
Creek
Rocky Gap
Rocky
Mt Pleasant Ch
Pleasant Grove Ch
Route 40
To Cumberland
Elk
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