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

Property/District Name: Cearfoss Survey District Survey Number: WA-I-301

Project: Cearfoss Roundabout, MD 63 at MD 58 Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Ronald Andrews Date 8/26/94

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)

Based on the information provided by SHA and the site visit by Ron Andrews of MHT, Cearfoss does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria. Located at MD 63 and MD 58 in Washington County, Cearfoss is a small crossroads village in Washington County which functioned historically as a hub of major transportation routes and commercial center to the surrounding countryside. Cearfoss was ideally suited to intercept commercial traffic between Hagerstown and the areas of north-central Washington County and southern Pennsylvania. The town was settled c. 1850 and soon possessed a tavern, post office, store and wagon shop, as well as a number of dwellings. Today the town is composed of largely late 19th and early 20th century houses with few non residential buildings remaining from the 19th century. The town no longer conveys a sense of time or place relating to the 19th century crossroads village. There is a lack of cohesion, with a high percentage of non-contributing properties in among the scattering of contributing properties. A National Register eligible archeological site, the Reiff Archeological Site (18WA454), is located within the boundaries of the survey district, but relates to the early 19th century history of the area, rather than to the crossroads period. It is possible that with further evaluation of its integrity and history, the late 19th century brick schoolhouse on the Resh property could be found to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file, WA-I-301

Prepared by: Rita Suffness (SHA), Paula Stoner Dickey

Elizabeth Hannold October 18, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Andrews 10-18-94
Reviewer, NR program 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: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial, residential, governmental

Known Design Source: na

ABSTRACT

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Late 19th Century

Cearfoss, Maryland
Hagerstown Vicinity
public-private

Cearfoss is a country crossroads village about four miles northwest of Hagerstown, consisting for the most part of large frame or brick dwellings from the late 19th or early 20th centuries. Other structures include an early gas station, a small grocery store and a brick building which was formerly a school.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI # 220554604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

605
1431

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Cunningham's Crossroads

AND/OR COMMON
Cearfoss, Maryland

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Intersection of Md. route 63 and Md. route 58

CITY, TOWN
Cearfoss

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Multiple Owners

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cearfoss is a small 19th century crossroads village located at the junction of Maryland route 63, the Williamsport-Greencastle (Pa) Road; Maryland route 58, the Hagerstown-Mercersburg (Pa) Road; Maryland route 494, the Fairview Road and Rieff's Church Road. Cearfoss is located about four miles northwest of Hagerstown in Washington County.

Most of the houses in Cearfoss are large, of frame or brick construction and would appear to date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. An early 20th century gas station stands on one corner, nearly opposite a small grocery store. A brick building that was formerly a school occupies another corner.

Cearfoss is located on rolling land typical of Washington County. To its west are the slate hills through which runs the Conococheague Creek. To its east is the rich limestone farmland of the lower Cumberland or Hagerstown Valley.

The buildings in Cearfoss appear to be in good condition and the small businesses there are thriving.

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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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE ¹	
<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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" 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

Cearfoss is a country crossroads village about four miles northwest of Hagerstown, consisting for the most part of large frame or brick dwellings from the late 19th or early 20th centuries. Other structures include an early gas station, a small grocery store and a brick building which was formerly a school.

The two main roads which meet at Cearfoss were in existence during the 18th century. Charles Warle's Map of Washington County dated 1808 shows a "plantation" or house near the southeast corner of the junction of the Hagerstown-Mercersburg and Williamsport-Greencastle Roads. There is no early structure at that location now, however.

According to Thomas J. Scharf's History of Western Maryland, Cearfoss was originally called Stearns Tavern, and later Cunningham's Crossroads for John Cunningham who lived there early in the 19th century. In 1852, Daniel Cearfoss came to the village from Pennsylvania and erected several new buildings, including a store. Daniel Cearfoss was a farmer, store keeper and drover who was made post master of the town of Cearfoss in 1877, and for whom the village is now named.¹

¹ J. Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia, Pa: J.B. Lippencott (1882) 1289.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas History of Western Maryland, V. II. Philadelphia, Pa: J.B. Lippencott & Co., 1882.

Varle^r Charles Map of Frederick and Washington Counties. 1808.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

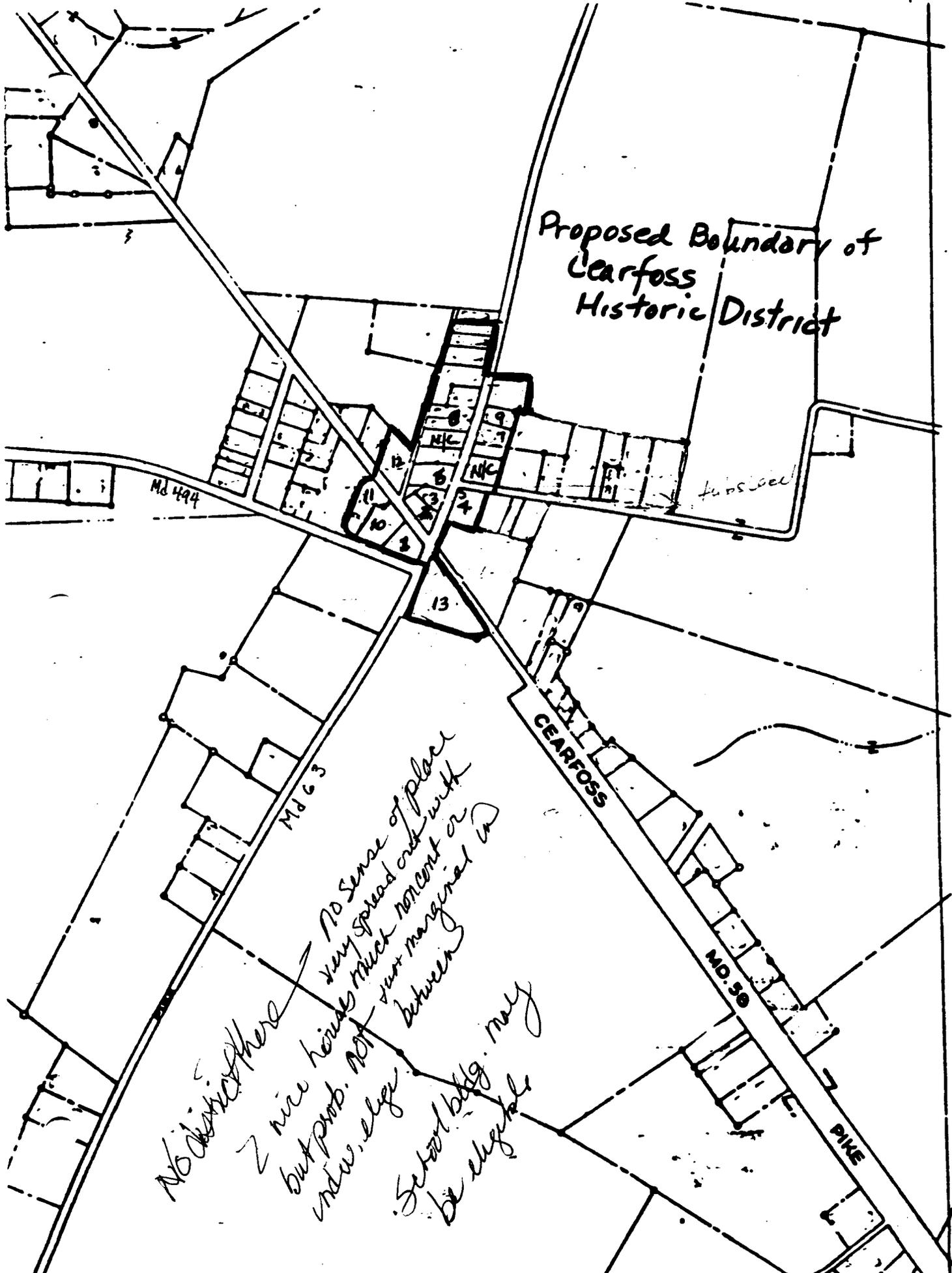
Maryland 21740

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

Proposed Boundary of Cearfoss Historic District



No district here
 2 nice houses
 but prob. not
 indus. edge

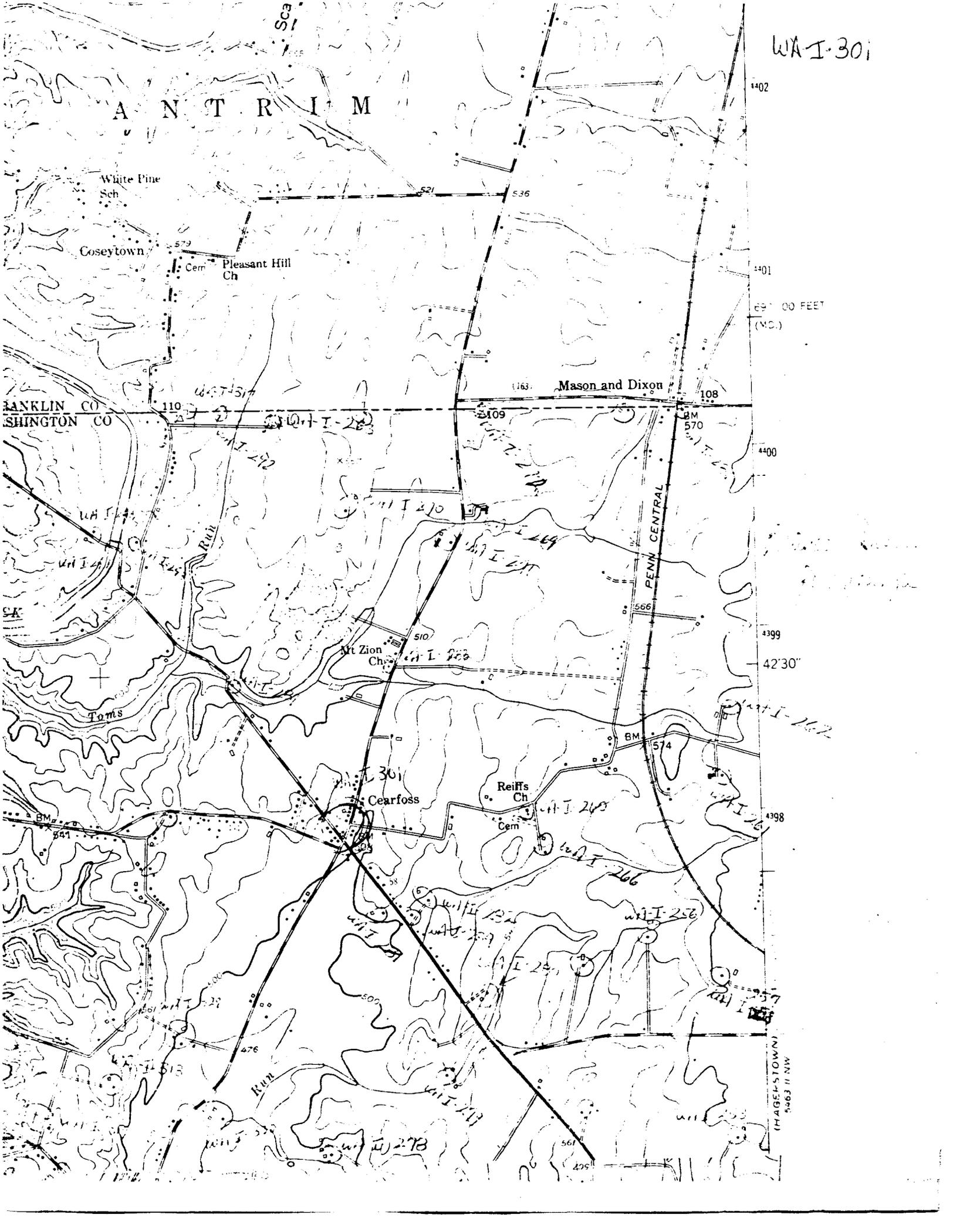
No sense of place
 very spread out with
 much noncont or
 just marginal in
 between

School bldg. may
 be eligible

to be used

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A N T R I M





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Cearfoss Survey District

(Mary Gladhill Property)

(14123 Greencastle Pike)



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23 west side 63

Cearfoss Survey District
(Martin Clair Property) ▲
(West side of Greencastle Pike)



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e side of 63

Cearfoss Survey District
(Richard Leshor Property
14125 Greencastle Pike)



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14108

Cearfoss Survey District
(Mary Synder Property
14108 Cearfoss Pike)





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WD Baker Rendern

14114

Susan Turner Property

Parcel 43

WS Mercersburg Ed



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Cearfoss Survey District
Ingram Property

23/215

(North side of Cearfoss Pike



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Cearfoss Survey District ⁽²⁾
Geoffrey Reed Property
14104 Greencastle Pike



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Cearfoss Survey District
old gas station
Melvin Frye Signs



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Cearfoss Survey District
(Cearfoss School)



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Cearfoss Survey District
(Cearfoss School)



Wilbur Martin

(4)

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14106 Greencastle

Cearfoss! Survey District



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Slone

(15)

14107

Wilbur Marken

Cearloss Survey District



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14109

Wilbur Mauler

Clear foss Survey District

*Proposed Location
of Roundabout*



Rest
Helens Antiques

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101 -
102 -
103 -
104 -

CUNNINGHAM'S CROSSROADS
(CLEARFESS)

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