

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House Inventory Number: WA-I-310
Address: 15203 Fairview Road (MD 494) Historic district: yes no
City: Clear Spring, Washington Co., Zip Code: _____ County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Mason-Dixon
Property Owner: Robert and Melina Soper Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 8 49 Tax Map Number: 49 8
Project: MD 494 at Fairview Church Road Agency: FHWA/SHA
Agency Prepared By: MD SHA
Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian Date Prepared: 7/19/2010
Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Be visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House was inventoried for the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties in 1977 by Paula Stoner Dickey (Reed), and described as a large two story early nineteenth century limestone house that has been extensively renovated on the interior and exterior. The most evident changes since the 1977 inventory are the alterations of the two entrance porches on the east and south sides of the dwelling. In 1977, both porches were surmounted by a balustrade railing above the entrance porches. Since that time, the porches have been replaced and in 2010, both are now have gable roofs supported by square posts set in wooden floors, which replaced larger square pillars that supported square posts and the flat balustrade portion of the porch. The house retains the one story frame addition on the southwest side of the house as well as the shed roof stone addition on the northwest side of the house (both attached to building's the west façade). Dickey did not specify any of the other alterations that had been made to the building prior to or during 1977. However, it does appear that the windows have been replaced and that the interior chimney on the southeast side of the house has been altered.

The 1977 MIHP form also notes that the dwelling may have been used as a tavern or stage coach stop, but no information was found to support that assertion. There is no listing for a tavern in Fairview in the 1877 Atlas or in Scharf's History of Western Maryland, and the road does not seem to have been a designated turnpike. However, the location of the dwelling adjacent to the highway would suggest a close relationship with the traveling public.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
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MHT Comments:

Ann Soper
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

9/1/2010
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

9/2/10
Date

Early maps of Washington County such as Varle's (1808) and Taggart (1859) do not show any kind of village or a line of buildings standing along the highway, but the 1877 Lake Griffing & Stevenson "Washington County Atlas" shows what appears to be nine properties, including a blacksmith shop, a wagon shop, along with a store and post office. Scharf's "History of Western Maryland," states that the Kreigh (sometimes Kreight) and the Firey (or Fiery) families established Fairview, that a postmaster had been appointed during the writing of the history, but only 59 people lived in the village, although it was the largest town in the Conococheague area. By 1953, there were several houses and farms standing on the east and west sides of MD 494. However, since that time, it appears that several have been demolished, particularly on the east side of the highway. The "Twelfth Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics and Information of Maryland" (1903) states that Fairview is one of the "thriving" but unincorporated towns of the county. The farmlands of the 13th District were noted for growing corn, wheat, and hay. The village is characterized by dwellings and commercial buildings that range in height from one story to 2-1/2 stories primarily on the west side of MD 494.

The Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House has lost integrity of materials, design, workmanship and association as a result of repeated renovations and rehabilitations during the twentieth century. Research conducted did not identify either events or persons of local, state, or national significance and the Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A or B. Research conducted under NRHP Criterion C did not identify any association with a known architect or engineer, and while the building clearly represents the architecture of the late eighteenth and very early nineteenth century, alterations noted above prevent it from being eligible under NRHP Criterion C. NRHP Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

The historic boundary for the Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House is confined to Washington County Tax Map 8, Parcel 49.

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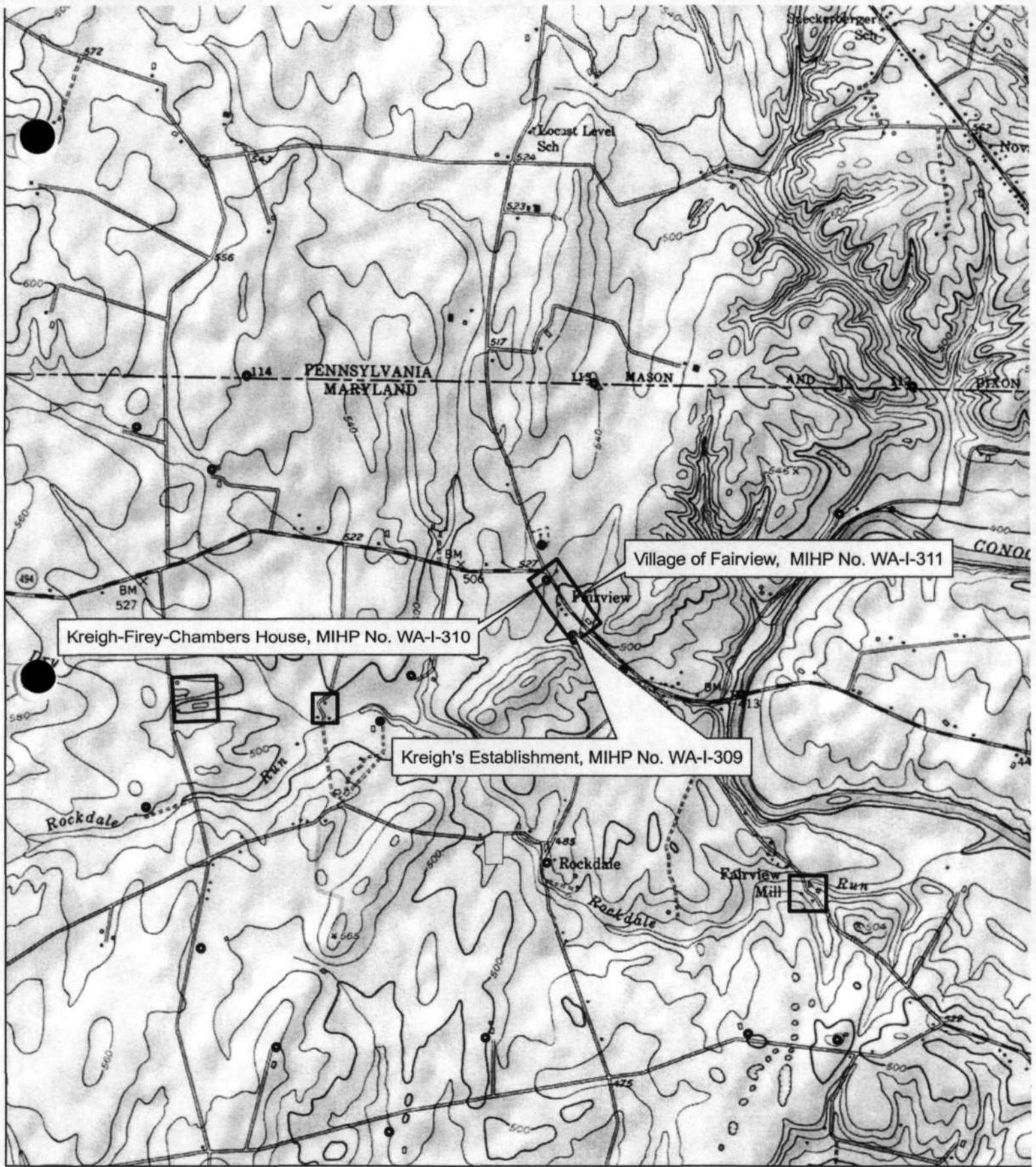
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_____ Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date



Mason-Dixon 7.5' USGS Quadrangle (1':24,000")

MD 494 at Fairview Church Road

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WA-T-310

KREIGH-FISBY-CHAMBERS HOUSE

WASHINGTON CO., MD.

BENDER

JUNE 15, 2010

MD SAPO

LOOKING SOUTHWEST AT EAST &
NORTH FACADES

1/2



WA-I-310

KREIGH-FIREY-CHAMBERS HOUSE

WASHINGTON CO., MD.

BRUNER

JUNE 15, 2010

MD SAPO

LOOKING NORTH AT SOUTH
FACIES.

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ABSTRACT

WA-I-310

19th Century

Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House

Fairview Vicinity

private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fairview Road, Maryland route 494

CITY, TOWN

Fairview

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF about four miles northwest of Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John F. Chambers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 277

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 574

Folio #: 710

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4050

DATE

Summer 1967

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located south and west of Fairview Road, Maryland route 494 at a point where it bends sharply to the west at its junction with the Welsh Run Road just south of the Pennsylvania line at Fairview in Washington County. It is situated on high ground and faces south, overlooking the village of Fairview.

The structure is a large two story, three bay stone dwelling, three bays wide with a two story three bay wing also three bays wide, extending to the rear or north. The house has been extensively remodeled at the exterior and interior. The exterior walls are constructed of roughly coursed local limestones and display modern raised pointing. Some windows are topped with rough keystones flanked by larger flattened stones.

Windows and doors appear to be aligned with each other in the walls with first story windows in the south and east elevations appearing larger than those at the second story level. All windows have wide frames with mitered corner joints finished with a bead at the inside edge. Modern six over six pane sashes are replacements.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door is trimmed similarly to the windows and is hung beneath a four light transom. The entrance bay is sheltered by a modern flat roofed porch with a balustrade around the top. Another major entrance is located in the east elevation of the wing in the first bay north of the front section. This entrance is elaborate, having a wide transom and side lights. It has a porch like that used at the front elevation.

The roof structure is new and is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside the end walls. A pair of chimneys extends from the north end wall of the ell.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 1.91 acres. According to local tradition it served for many years as an inn or tavern.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-I-310

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house was in the Firey (also spelled Fiery) family through the second half of the 19th century and the 20th century until 1967 (73/622, 84/356, 114/40, 125/507, 269/63, 450/665). In an equity case dating from 1875, this property was described as having a large two story stone house and a frame stabling for 10-12 head of stock, a stone spring house, two wells and a young orchard. It then contained 145 acres. The farm included parts of the land grants "Kreigh's Establishment," "Resurvey on Three Friends" and "Three Cousins." It was presumably owned by the Kreigh family through the early 19th century. The exterior appearance of the house would suggest a building date during the early 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.91 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.

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PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

MASON AND BIXON LINE 111 FRANKLIN CO WASHINGTON CO

Mason-Dixon quadrangle

CONOCOCHEAQUE
CREEK

Fairview

Rockdale

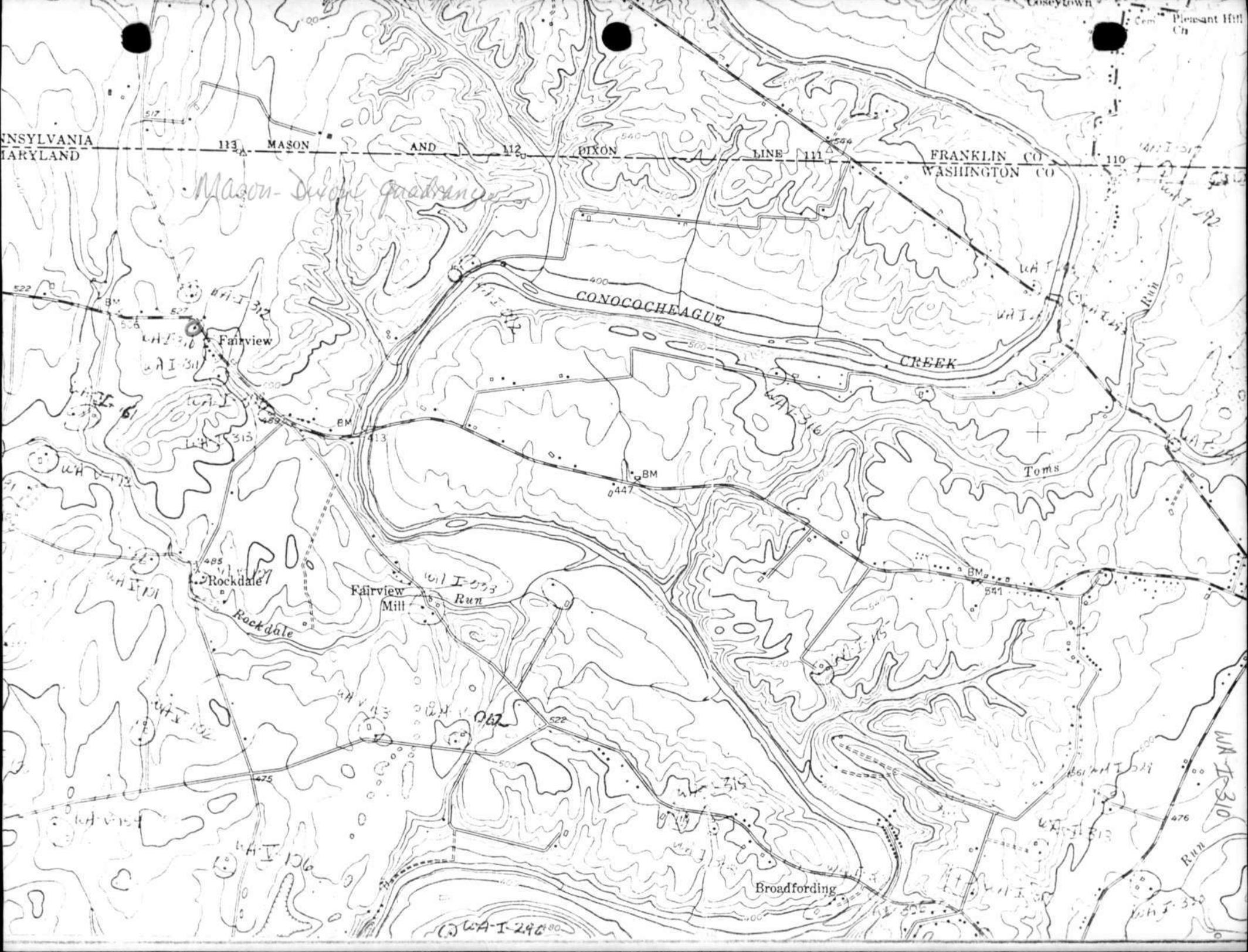
Fairview
Mill

Fairview
Run

Broadfording

Toms

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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
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