Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE-75

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Fair Hill Racing Clubhouse

other Fair Hill N.R.M.A. Headquarters Building

2. Location

street & number Fair Hill N.R.M.A. , off of route 213 ____ not for publication

city, town Elkton x vicinity

county Cecil

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building telephone (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland, 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. tax map and parcel

city, town liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
Contributing Resource in National Register District
Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
Recorded by HABS/HAER
HSR or Research report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

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Category		Ownership		Current Function			
	district	x	public		agriculture		landscape
x	building(s)		private	x	commerce/trade	x	recreation/ culture
	structure		both		defense		religion
	site			x	domestic		social
	object				education		transportation
					funerary		work in progress
					government		unknown
					health care		vacant/not in use
					industry		other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
		Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

x	excellent		deteriorated
	good		ruins
	fair	x	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

*See Attached

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Fair Hill N.R.M.A. Headquarters Building
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
June 1998
Section 7.1

Addendum

The Fair Hill N.R.M.A., Department of Natural Resources, Headquarters Building is located on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Maryland route 213 and Maryland route 273. In the previous survey in 1979 this building is called the Fair Hill Races Clubhouse, however as noted on this addendum it is currently the location of park operations for the Fair Hill N.R.M.A. The structure has changed little since the last survey was undertaken, except for the addition of an unpainted exterior wood emergency staircase on the north facade.

DNR 1998 MAP, #17

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
x1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	x exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	x transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register X not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

*See Attached

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): ~~Farming~~ DOMESTIC

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property

Quadrangle name Newark West

Quadrangle scale

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C.Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor	
organization Maryland Department of Natural Resources	date 9/28/98
street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building	telephone 410 260-8192
city or town Annapolis	state and zip code Maryland 21401

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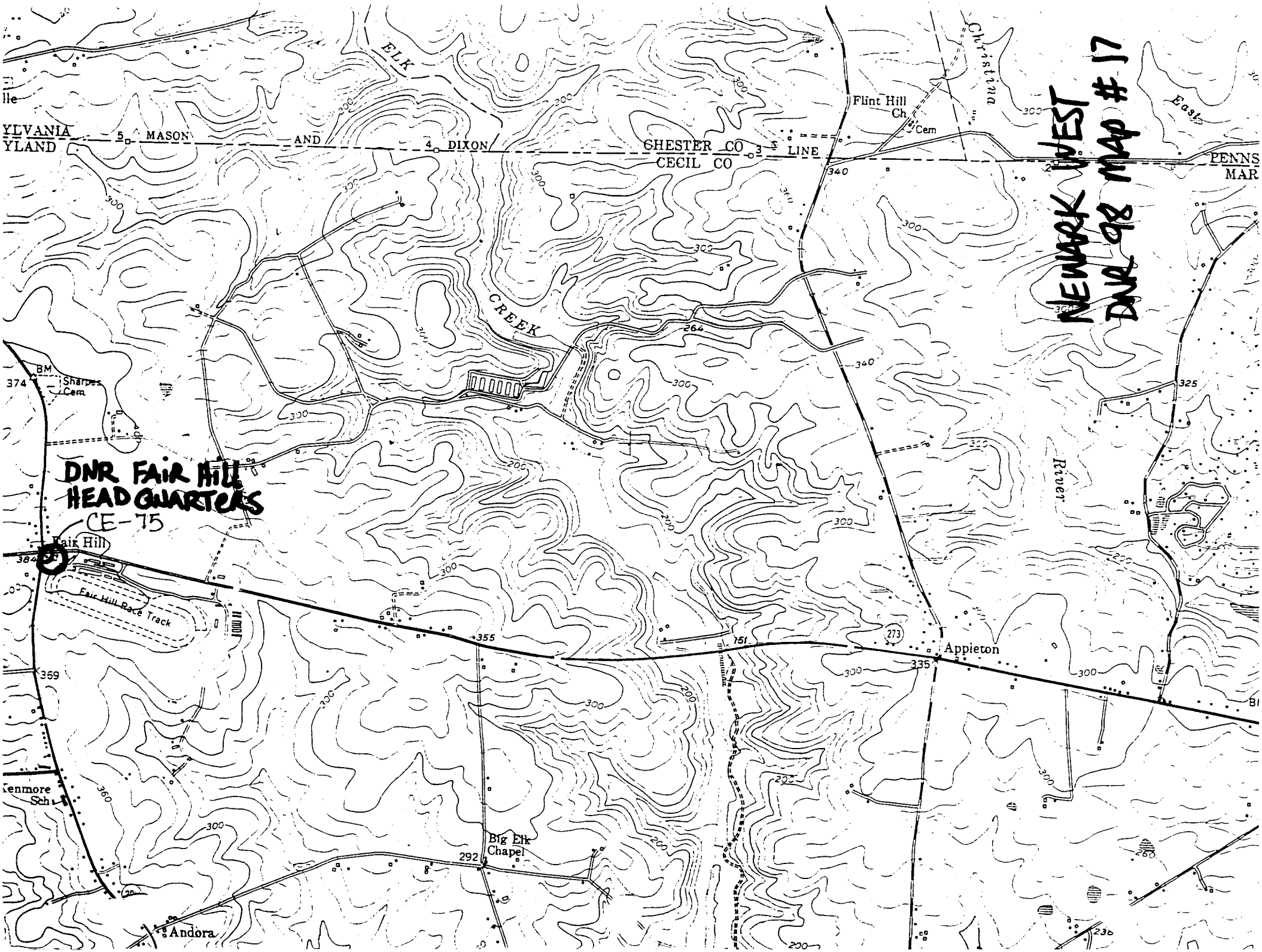
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023
410-514-7646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DNR FAIR HILL
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
FAIRHILL RACES CLUBHOUSE, N.R.M.A. H.O.

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
S.E. corner Md. Rt. 213 and Md. Rt. 273

CITY, TOWN
Fairhill

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	X GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes Building

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Land Records
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Elkton

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
(1967 County Survey, Paul Brinkman, done on HABS sheets)

DATE
1967

__FEDERAL __STATE X COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
MHT

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure is a large rectangular plan house with long axis running east to west, two storeys under a gable roof with east-west ridge. The house was built in two sections. The older (c. 1840) is stone, with a modern frame extension to the east, on axis. The number of bays is not constant, at a maximum of six on the first storey, south elevation. There are four dormers on the south slope of the roof, five on the north. A frame porch-addition, completely weather-tight, spans the first storey of the south elevation. A massive stone chimney (1960's) rises out of the fireplace at its west end. The porch has a central entrance (south) with sidelights and transom. There is a one storey frame addition of three bays on the east end of the north elevation. The original main chimney rises out of the east wall of the stone section, now roughly in the center of the main roof. Details of the exterior belong generally to the 1960's rennovation, including boxed eaves and cornices, cornice returns at the eaves, on both the main roof and the dormers (very heavily proportioned on the dormers). All frame portions are clapboarded. All windows are 6/6. The stone section has brick flat-arched lintels with shaped "keystone" brick on the north elevation, very massive flat granite arches of two slabs with keystone elsewhere. There seems to be some original late federal/early greek revival woodwork on the interior of the stone section (original reveals of the entrance, e.g.) which has been mixed with considerable reproduction work.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1840/c. 1960 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Among the first properties to be bought by William DuPont in his campaign to purchase Fairhill, probably his first house, acquired between 1925 and 1930. The extensive rennovations of the 1960's are intimidating, in that they overwhelm and nearly engulf the stone section, and have been richly but not very sensitively done. The original house remains of some interest, especially in such original woodwork as remains. The additions and alterations are interesting in their own right as "popular" attempts to deal with an historic structure.

This house appears on the 1877 atlas as the residence of W.H. Brokaw.

Recommendation:

The house is needed and well cared for, and good maintenance is assured. Regardless of its compromised character, changes which are contemplated should be discussed with the MHT before initiation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1858 Martenet Map
1877 Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atlas, Cecil County
1967 MHT form
1979 Interview with Mr. Merriweather, NRMA superintendant

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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
John Hnedak

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Cecil
TOWN VICINITY
STREET NO. Fair Hill

ORIGINAL OWNER ---
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER ~~Estate of Wm. duPont~~
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Fieldstone & Clapboard
NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY CE - 75

2. NAME --Fieldstone House, Fair Hill
DATE OR PERIOD Late 18th century
STYLE Colonial
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

This is a large composite house five bays long. The right three bays are fieldstone while the other two are clapboard. The house is three bays deep. It has large generous and deep proportions and is set on a very high basement and is capped by a steeply pitched A-roof. All of the windows are 6/6 sashes. There is one chimney enclosed at the ~~east~~ west end of the house. There are 5 6/6 dormers on the roof. The windows on the front of the stone section have flat brick arches while those on the side and rear have arches composed of two large fieldstones, each with a smaller stone keystone between them. There are large high windows on the basement level. The clapboard section of this house is probably later in date than the stone part and may date from the first quarter of the nineteenth century. At the rear of the house is a large fieldstone chimney which may have been for a now non-existent kitchen wing. Unfortunately this house has been altered in that the door has been moved and the windows are new aluminum sashes, but otherwise it is in good condition and its exterior remains relatively unchanged.

FAIR HILL, INC.

~~Condition: Good, but altered~~

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior good

Color 2 b&W neg.
2179 1 B&W

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH 4-1/2 x 3-1/4

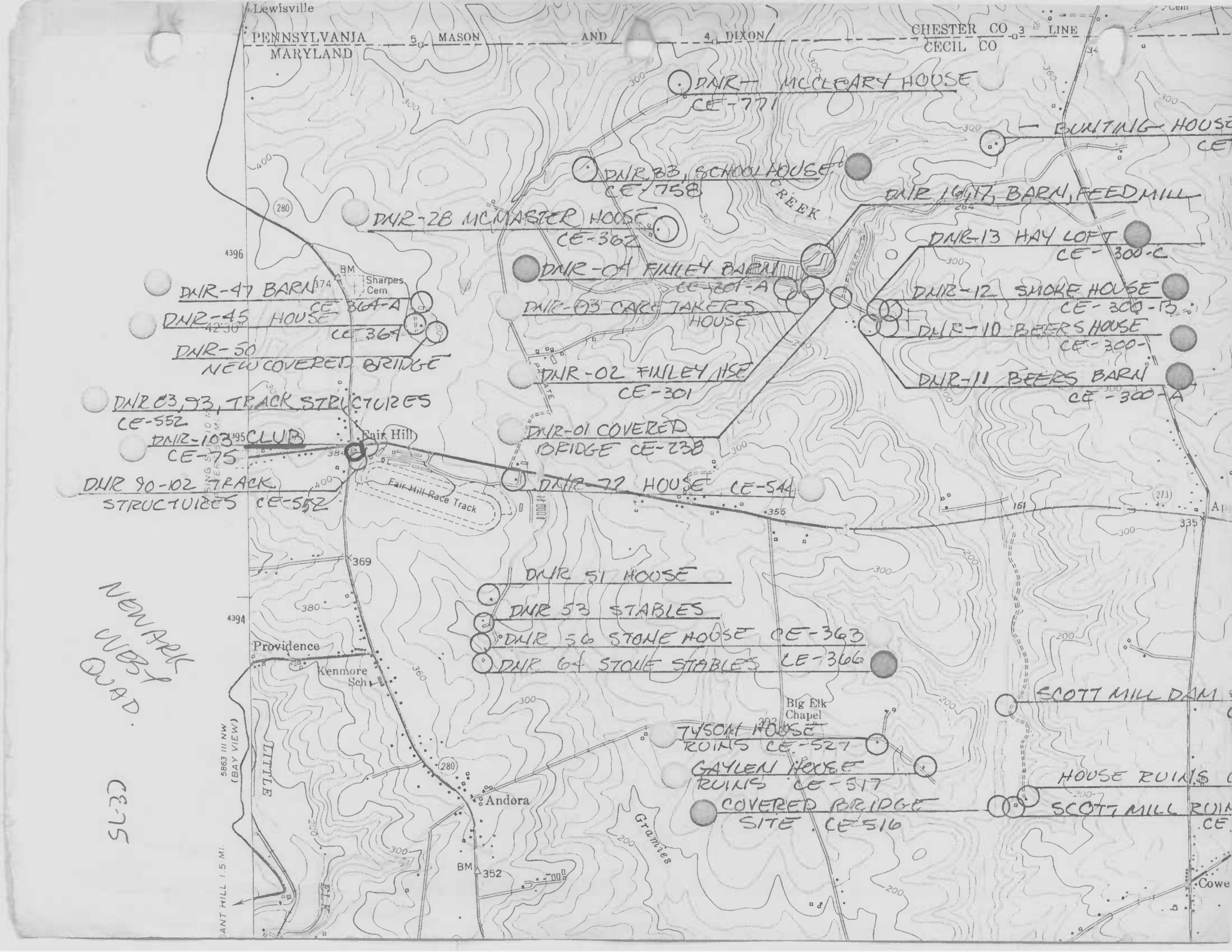
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Paul Alan Brinkman
19 December 1967

DATE OF RECORD

MBS 4/70



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DNR 33, SCHOOL HOUSE CE-758
CREEK
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DNR-04 FINLEY BARN CE-301-A
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Fair Hill
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DNR 56 STONE HOUSE CE-363
DNR 64 STONE STABLES CE-366
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SCOTT MILL DAM
TYSON HOUSE RUINS CE-527
GAYLEN HOUSE RUINS CE-517
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Atlas, 1877

FAIRHILL

DISTRICT No 4

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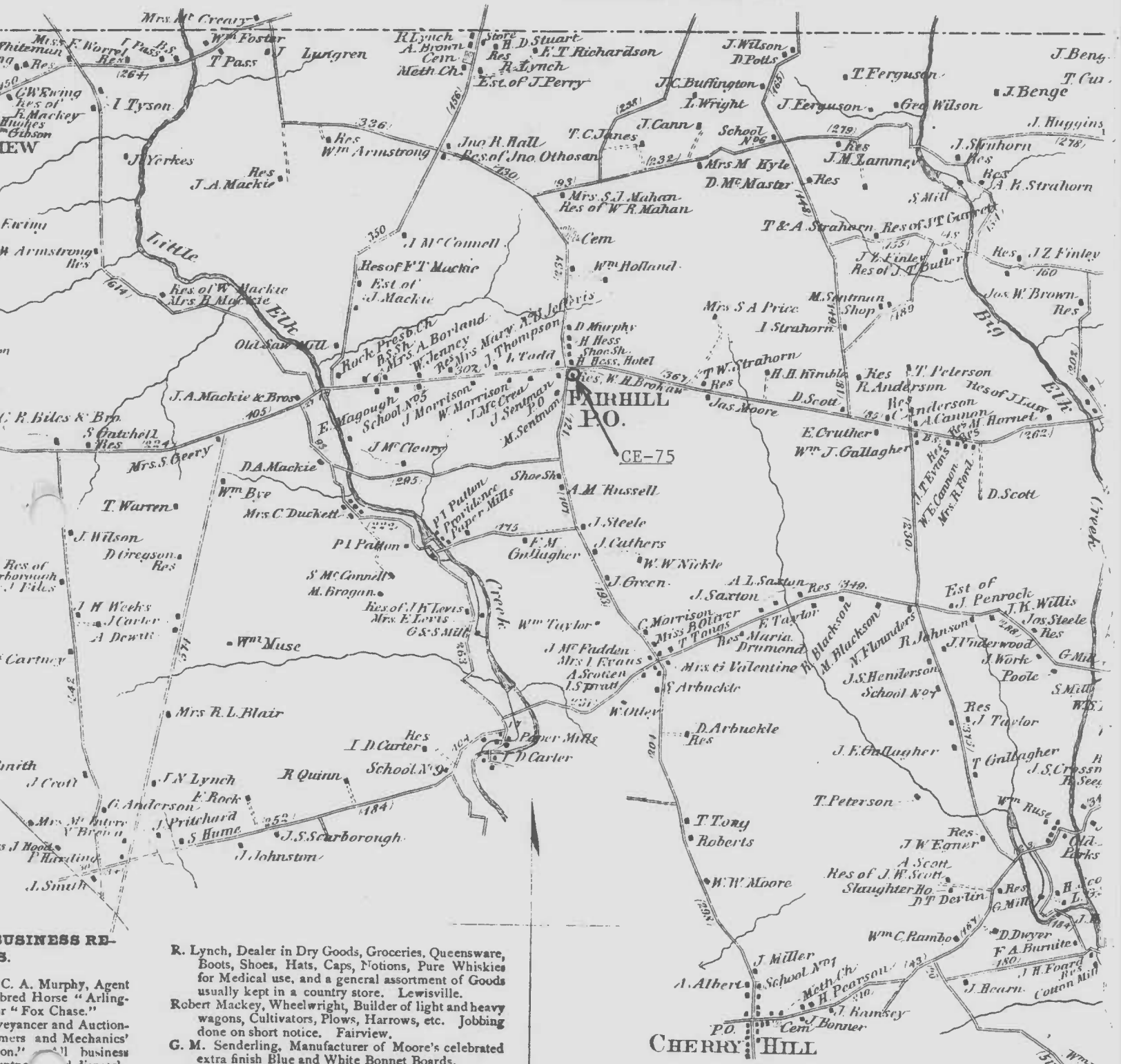

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Cotton Yarn, Cotton

R. Lynch, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Pure Whiskies for Medical use, and a general assortment of Goods usually kept in a country store. Lewisville.

Robert Mackey, Wheelwright, Builder of light and heavy wagons, Cultivators, Plows, Harrows, etc. Jobbing done on short notice. Fairview.

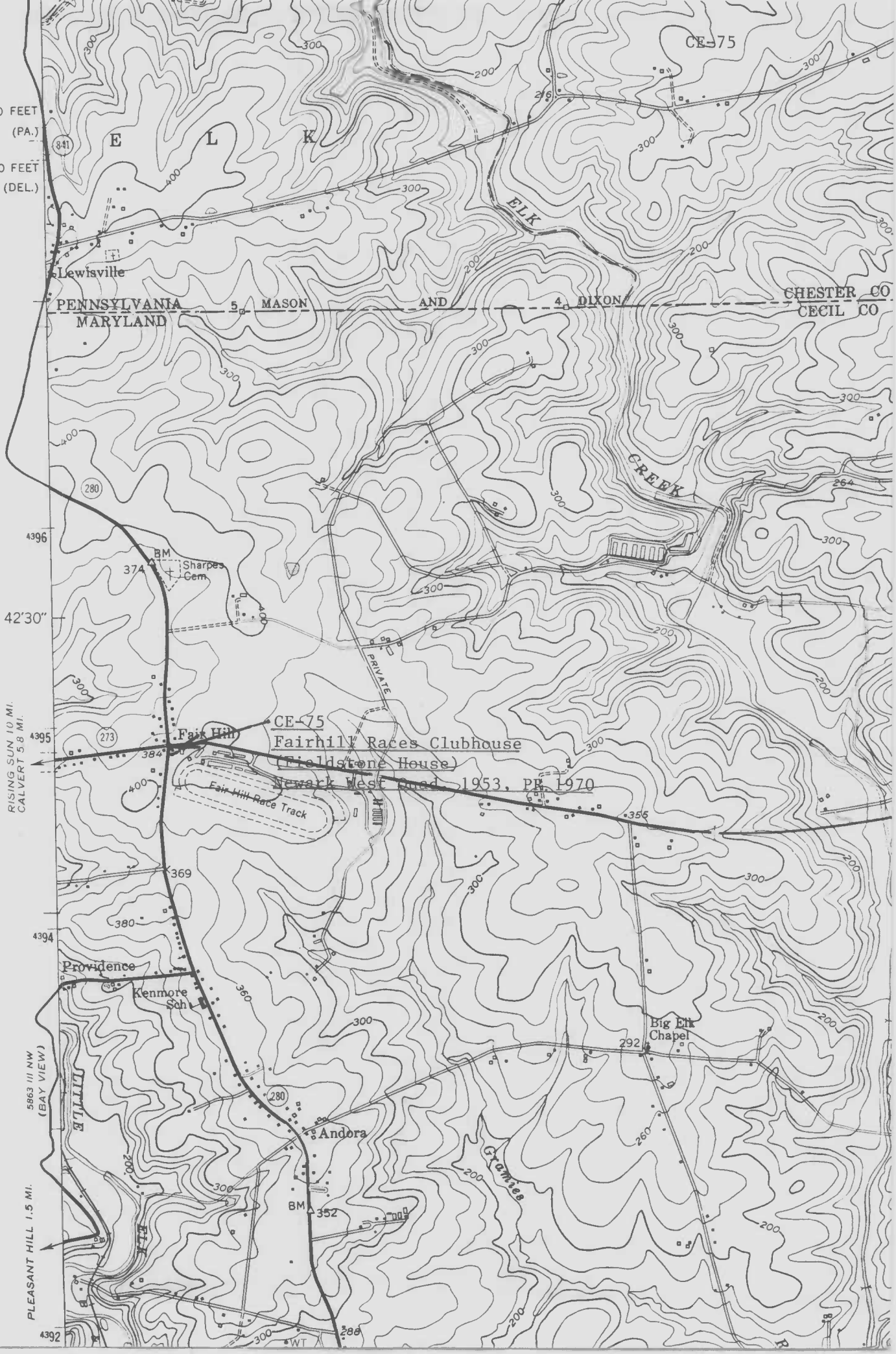
G. M. Senderling, Manufacturer of Moore's celebrated extra finish Blue and White Bonnet Boards.

Joseph K. Levis, Manufacturer of Choice Brands of Flour, and Dealer in Grain and Mill Feed. Custom work done on short notice. Also Bill Stuff sawed to order. "Walnut Valley Mill."

Samuel McDonnell, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Candies, Tobacco, Cigars and general assortment of Goods.

M. Hartnett, Owner and Driver of "Sultan Rattler." This horse may be seen at the stables of Ray and McLaughlin, Scott's Mills.

Wm. S. Burnite, Dealer in Oak and Hickory Lumber. Manufacturer of Spokes, Hubs and Handles of all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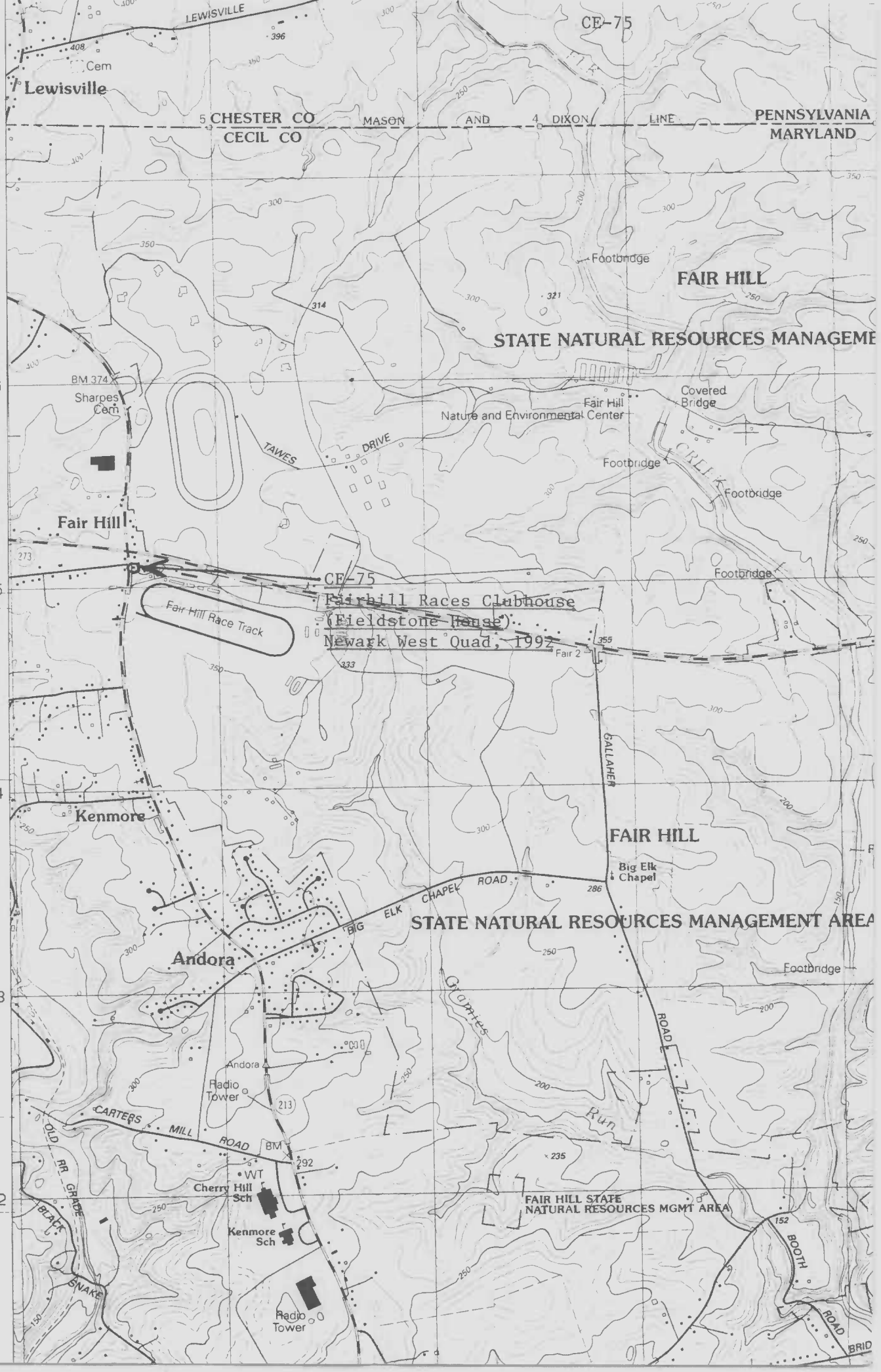
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Covered Bridge
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BOOTH ROAD
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DNR HEADQUARTERS, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

C. MAZURER

12/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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"CLUBHOUSE

" BROKAW H

SOUTH (LEFT) and EAST (RIGHT) elevations

CE-75
Col. George Mitchell House
NW Elevation
G. Henry 4/85 - Negatives at MHT

Fair Hill Clubhouse
Northwest Elevation
Fair Hill
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