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Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
June 1998
Section 7.1

Addendum

The Scott's Mills are located at the intersection of Big Elk Creek and the dirt access road that crosses through the Fair Hill N.R.M.A. This dirt road is entered on at the Management Area entrance which is at the intersection of Gallaher Road and Big Elk Chapel Road.

Since the last Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites Survey Form was completed in 1979 nothing has changed regarding these structures. Even though they do not have roofs on them, the stone construction has not deteriorated much further than in 1979.

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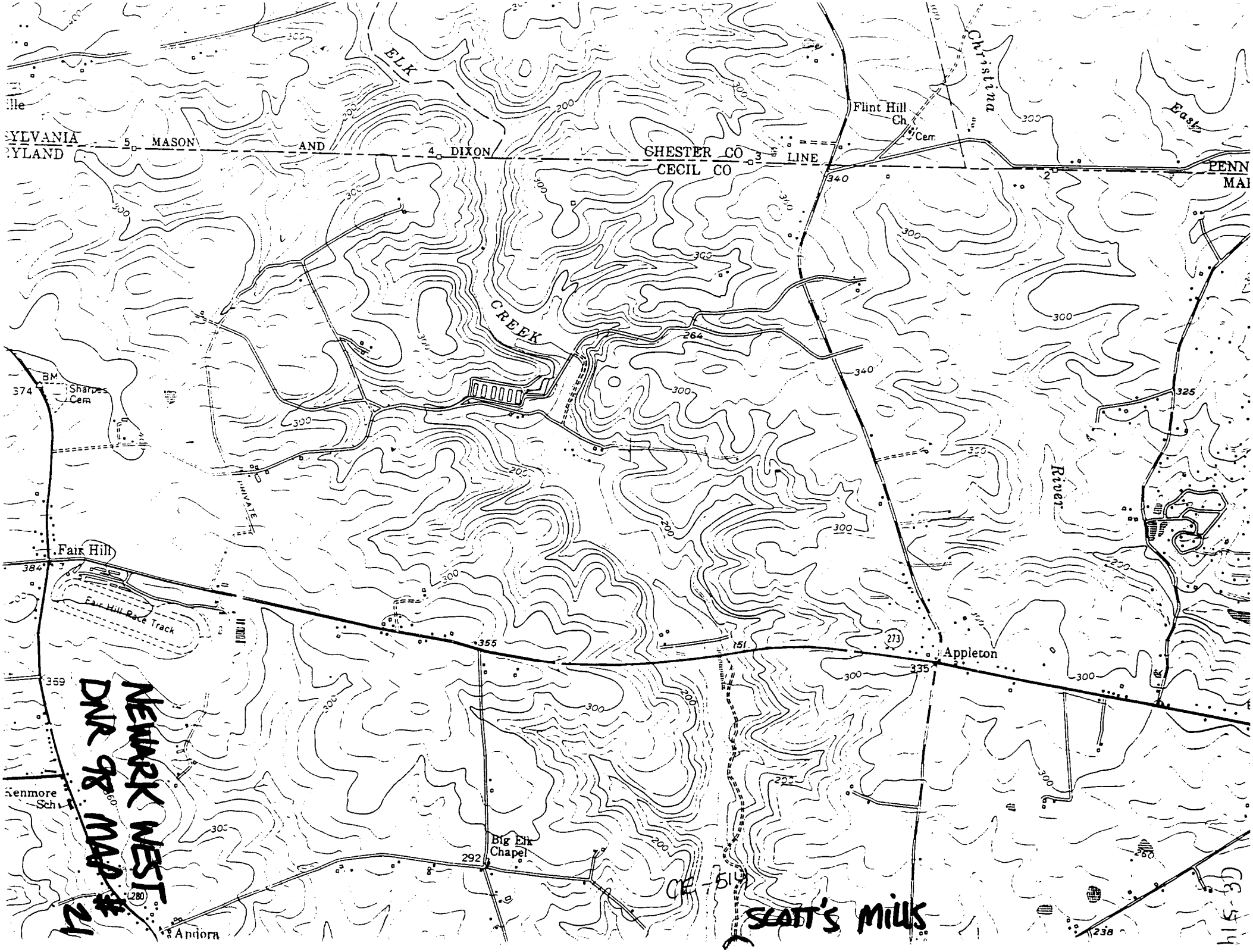

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SCOTT'S MILLS

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SOUTH WEST ELEVATION

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CECIL COUNTY, MD
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Scott Mill — CE 514 ~~File #431~~

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1/2 mile south of Route 273 on Big Elk Creek

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — X VICINITY OF: Fair Hill — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Maryland — COUNTY: Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__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	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Maryland Department of Natural Resou — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN — __ VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court — Liber #: WAS 347 — Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER: Cecil County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — STATE: Maryland 21911

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE — __FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN — STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	X_RUINS	X_ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Scott Mill site includes two mills that were owned by the same man. A road ran between the two mills. The larger of the two existed to the north of the road. It was built of stone and three stories in height. The walls are 36" thick with stucco covering. The mill was 6 bays by 2 with a small story and a half addition on the north end. A corner chimney existed in the south east corner. The window and door frames are pegged. None of the sash remains, but looks like it was 6/6.

The other mill that was south of the road was also owned by David Scott. All that is left is the stone foundation which were laid with mortar. The mill itself was frame and has long since disappeared.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site was active in the early 1800's about 1815 up to the 1890's. It is a large site and needs further study. The mills were known to be always busy and some old people can recall how good the cider was. This mill is on a map done by Hollingsworth in the Library of Congress.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

George W. Lutz III, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION DATE

Cecil Historical Trust, Inc. May 20, 1974

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN STATE

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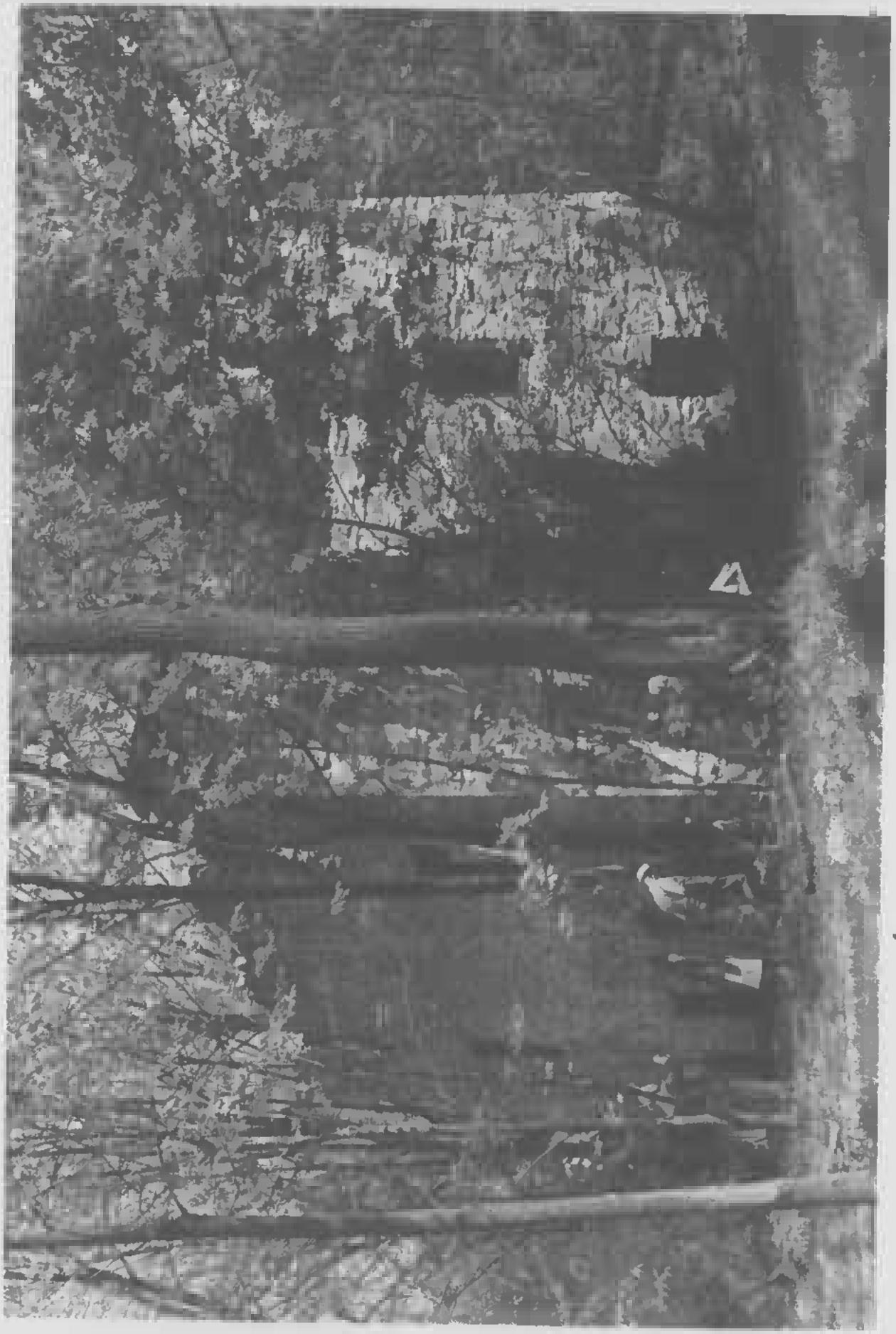

Scott's Mill Big Elk

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Scott Mill House Site — CE 515 File #432

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1/2 mile south of Route 273, east bank of Big Elk

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — X VICINITY OF: Fair Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: __ VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court — Liber #: WAS 347 Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER: Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — STATE: Maryland 21911

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	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	X UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house which stood on south side of Scott's Mill Road as the road ascended the hill. This building was bulldozed by William Dupont.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
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__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scott Mill House was used by people connected to the Scott Mill. Might merit archaeological dig.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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: George W. Lutz III, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION: Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

DATE: May 20, 1976

STREET & NUMBER: R.D. 2

TELEPHONE:

CITY OR TOWN: Rising Sun

STATE: Maryland 21911

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This structure has seen substantial deterioration since the 1979 survey. Much of the north and west walls of the structure have collapsed. The southeast corner of the structure contained an interior end corner chimney that has helped to retain that portion of the structure. However, much of the third story of the south and west facades have collapsed. There is no interior materials from the structure intact. The only woodwork that survives is a few pegged window frames. Essentially, all that remains are the west and south walls and a small portion of the east wall.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: SCOTT'S MILLS

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Big Elk Creek and Old Andorra Road

CITY, TOWN: Fairhill — X VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Maryland — COUNTY: Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X PARK
X STRUCTURE(S)	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__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 State Office Building

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis, — __ VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Land Records Office, Cecil County Court House

Liber #: WAS 347
Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Previous Maryland Historical Sites Surveys

DATE:

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

CITY, TOWN — STATE:

7 DESCRIPTION

CE-514, 515, 516, 710

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Covered Bridge Site CE-516
The only remains of the original bridge are the stone foundations on the east and west banks of the Big Elk Creek. The wooden structure has been replaced by a steel structure. This was done in the past 30 years by William DuPont, and is identical to the bridges which cross local roads to connect parts of the property built for the hunts which took place on the property.

Taylor House CE-515 - no visible remains

Dam Ruins CE-710

This mill dam was for the David Scott Mill downstream. It was built of local fieldstone in the early 1800's. The eastern and western ends of the dam are still visible and appear to be in good condition. The central portion of the sam was damaged in the last 10 years and has completely fallen down. The dam is about 125' long and 20' wide at the base while about 10' at the top.

Mill CE-514

Scott's Grist Mill Ruins are the massive remains of the even more massive structure which was once the focal point of the Scott's Mills complex. The three-foot thick coursed rubble walls rise to nearly the original three story height at the north and west walls. The exterior was stuccoed as recently as 1975, with original pegged window frames, a few of which remain. There is a chimney in the southeast interior corner integral to the walls. The Leffel Wheel which powered the mill remains to the north.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1796 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

No grist and saw mills were better known or patronized than those of the Scott family of Cowantown. The Scott's Mill remains stand on the east bank of the Big Elk where the road from Andorra to Cowantown formerly ran. It was a busy community with farms lying on both sides of the road and wagons passing continually to and from the mill. The big four story mill ground flour and feed, the saw mill sawed lumber and, in season, the cider mill pressed the cider for which this area was famous. The bark mill pressed juice for tanning, the bone mill ground bone for fertilizer. Across the covered bridge, an auger factory made augers for drills and a blacksmithy serviced horses and made other metal tools. The big dam above was reputed to be the best along the Creek and even today we can see how carefully the big stones of the breast were chiseled and laid. The mill ran twenty-four hours a day. The shifts changed at midnight so the outgoing shift went home to supper while the incoming shift had just finished breakfast.

The first mention of a dam and waterworks occurs in 1783. Samuel Cummings sold by bond of agreement to Henry McCoy "a piece of land adjoining the river with privilege to but and raise a dam to pen and raise the water for the purpose of erecting water works on the east side of the river". (JS 1/213 8/6/1805)
The two McCoys, Henry and his brother John, inherited their grandfather's property on the east side of the Big Elk and divided it into two shares (BW 1/320 2/10/1784). In 1793 Henry put up 135 acres which included the mill and farm in a lottery which was won by Samuel Evans and a partnership of Levi and Pascal Hollingsworth, and others, merchants of Philadelphia and Baltimore (JB 2/331 9/9/1793).
The same group purchases additional land for use of "the new slitting mill now erecting on the east branch of the Elk River" (JB 3/584 3/5/1796). (A "slitting mill" is one in which iron bars or plate is slit into nail rods). At this time cut nails were much in demand as an improvement over the old hand-wrought nails. This reference is the first mention of adefinite mill on this site.

By 1802 Benjamin Jones, a merchant from Philadelphia, had acquired the Elk Slitting Mill and three tracts, to which he added three more north to the Nottingham Road (JB 7/401 2/8/1802). He sold the mill to James Jackson, ironmaster of Cecil County and John Bemis, merchant of Wilmington, in 1815 (JS 11/1 5/6/1815) when the mill took the name of "Jackson and Bemis".

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA N/A

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

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

STATE	COUNTY
N/A	
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Elizabeth Booth (John Hnedak, DNR Survey) June 1979
ORGANIZATION — DATE
Maryland Historical Trust
STREET & NUMBER — TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN — STATE

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Defaulted mortgages to Andrew Henderson and the Bank of Elkton led to its sale to John Scott of Cowantown in 1845 (G McC 9/327 10/10/1845)

The mill reached its peak under the Scott family. John Scott was probably born in Ireland in 1789. Certainly his father, David, emigrated from there. He was an auger maker by trade, and married Lucinda Alden, daughter of Ebenezer Alden, of Near Cowantown, in 1814. He had two sons, John and James.

Both John and James fathered sons named David, hence the David Scott who owned Scott's Mill was referred to as David Scott of John to distinguish him from his cousin David Scott of James. John (the father) sold 228 acres including the mill and farm to his son David in 1851, reserving fifty acres to the south for his second son Benjamin, property later acquired by David. (RCH 4/60 4/17/1851 and RCH 5/58 6/17/1851)

David Scott (of John) (1817-1885) was an important person in Cecil County, not only as farmer, auger maker and owner of the mills, but also for the positions of trust he held; County Commissioner in 1853, member of the House of Delegates in 1855 and County Commissioner in 1882. Whenever an occasion called for it, he obliged with a poem, and his tombstone at Head of Christiana Church bears the inscription "David Scott, the poet". Some of his poetry and a short bibliography are collected in "Poets and Poetry of Cecil County" by his friend, George Johnston, the author of the "History of Cecil County" which Johnston dedicated to him.

A clipping on the mills of the Big Elk (Cecil Whig, October 18, 1845) lists Scott's Mills as comprising a grist, saw, bark mill and auger factory. The Martinet map of 1856 shows David Scott as proprietor of the mills, four buildings extending north, the fartherest labeled "bark", a farm house, and a "saw" mill to the south, an "auger factory" to the west.

Although David Scott is recorded in Chancery as having faithfully paid the interest on old mortgages on his mills and farm, he was forced to sell in default of the mortgage in 1874 by decree of the Court of Equity. The advertisement for the Trustee's sale gives us a description of the buildings in this property, showing its size and importance. David's son, Howard, ran the mill up until the time he bought his own mill on a tributary of the Big Elk close by, the Shure (AWM 1/313 3/8/1875) at a time coinciding with the sale of the mill on the Big Elk.

Howard was a quiet man, with a heavy shock of hair and a long beard reaching to his waist. His big family of eight children were all born at the mill house and his son, Harvey, ran that mill in later years.

The mill was bought at the sale by James Ray and Constantine McLaughlin of White Clay Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Del. (AWM 7/25 3/29/1877). The Lake Atlas of 1877 shows them as proprietors with J.B. Taylor as miller. At the foot of the map the Fairhill District Business References

Scott's Mill
Statement of Significance (cont'd)

states "J.B. Taylor, manufacturer of choice brands of flour, and dealer in grain, mill food, etc. All orders promptly filled. 'Scott's Mills'".

Ray sold his half interest to McLaughlin, the mill then taking the name "McLaughlin's Mills" (AWM 7/26 3/30/1877) although it continued to be known as "Scott's Mills". The Noll map of Pennsylvania includes Cecil County and alone of all the mills in that county names Scott's Mills (1865).

Constantine McLaughlin's surviving heir, Ellen McLaughlin, sold the mill to Alfred Howell in 1929 (SRA 6/500 1/8/1929). Howell maintained the mill in excellent condition, although there is some argument as to whether he ground feed therein or only manufactured wooden handles for augers and other tools. The last man known to have ground feed was P.D. Clark.

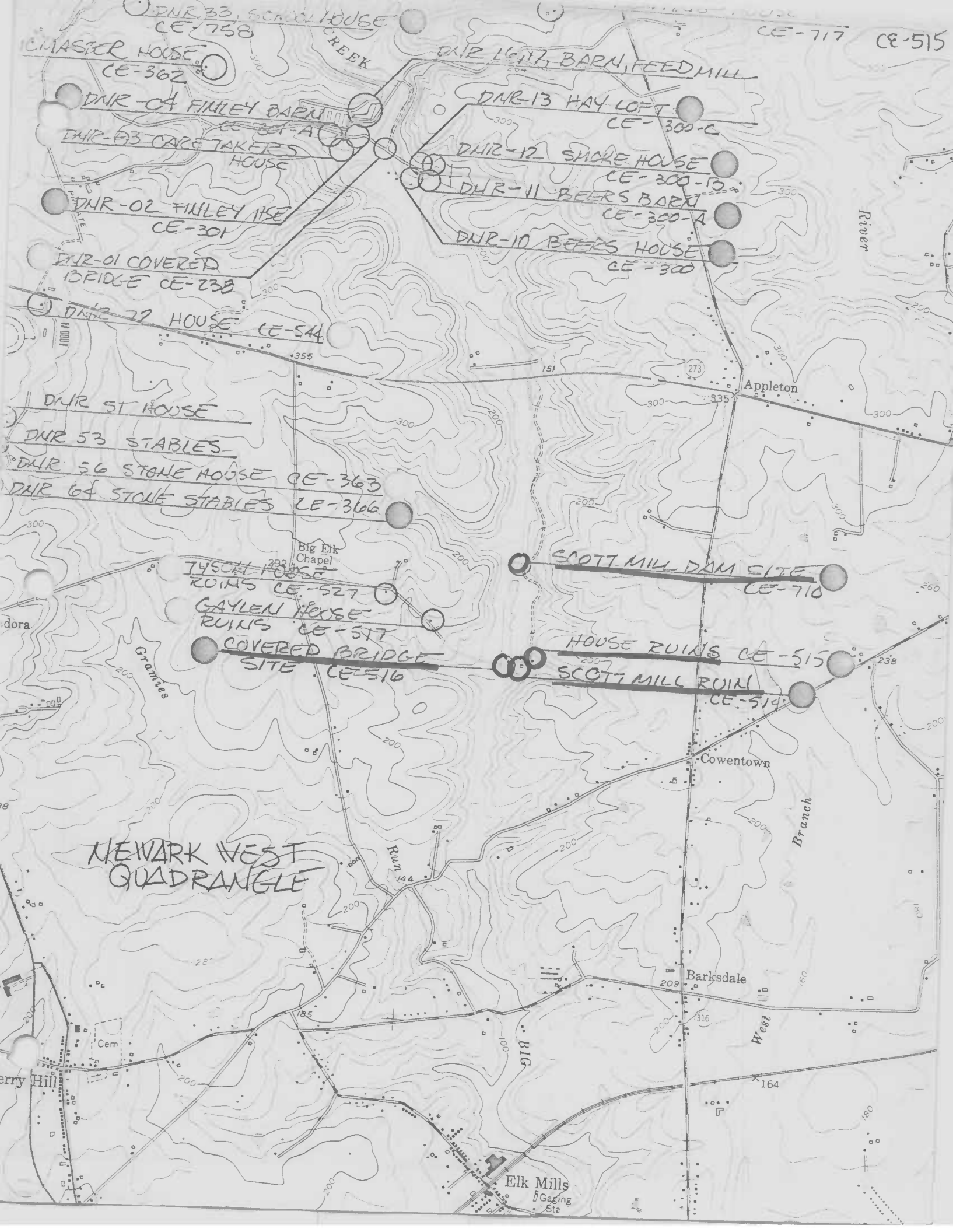
Again the mill changed hands for default of mortgate. William duPont was buying up all the property along the Big Elk in 1931 through his agent, Harvey Mackey, for the company known as Stockford Farms, Inc. The McLaughlin farm of 215 acres was sold exclusive of the mill site of 20 acres, reserved for Howell, (SRA 12/368 1/26/1931) and the mill site itself was sold in 1935 (SRA 24/343 5/17/1935)

Thus ended the operation of the mill. duPont closed the road from Andorra to Cowantown, tore down, burned or moved the bordering houses save those allowed to fall down, and replaced the covered bridge with a simple wooden plank bridge over the old abutments. The dam was dynamited, the race bulldozed out, to allow herds to pasture the fields.

The mill house was rented to Paul Kiloski and family, it being duPont's practice to rent houses on his property until they were no longer habitable. At this time the mill still stood intact although the machinery was sold. It was used as a recreation center by the Boy Scouts of Newark and by the Kiloski family. Mary Kiloski Galyen recalled a wedding celebration held there in April 1941 for her sister, Bessie, at which the floor boards supported hours of polka dancing.

Today, the pastoral scene makes it difficult to envisage a busy mill site. The three walls of the big stone mill and a turbine* under layers of stone and fallen timber are all that remain, plus the vine-covered remnants of the saw and cider mill and a few stone foundations. Where the dam flooded the field, the Big Elk now flows in a straight stream bordered by fields and a narrow track for vehicles. The mill can only be approached by this rutted road by four-wheel drive or from the Big Elk Chapel or from Martin's farm by foot.

* The turbine is a "Leffel Wheel", an inward flow turbine with adjustable outside wicket gates, manufactured by the Leffel Company of Columbus, Ohio (still in existence). The Poole and Hunt Co. of Baltimore were licensed for all eastern production. In use since the middle of the 19th century, the Leffel Wheel is particularly good for low head high volume flow.



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SCOTT'S HILL

Big Elk, east side, Cherry-Hill-Cowantown Rd.

WAS 347/415
6/23/1975
Deed

parcel M13
p.385

Fair Hill, Inc. first part
Delaware Trust Co., Jean Ellen duPont McConnell
Wm. S. Potter, co-executors of Wm. duPont, Jr.
second part, grantors
State of Md., Dep't Natural Resources, grantee

SRA 12/368
1/26/1931
Deed
215 a

Harvey Mackey, grantor
Stockford Farms, Inc., Del., grantee

p. 369, McLaughlin Mill Property. Parcel 1 subject to water rights, dam raising and repairing rights, right to use ½ of spring house and right to maintain pipes for conveying water from the spring thereon, said to be McLaughlin Mill Property, all for the benefit of said Mill Property now owned by Alfred P. Howells et al only to the extent specifically reserved in a deed from Robert McLaughlin et al to Harvey C. Jordan 3/23/1910 CK2/170

SRA 24/343
5/17/1935
Deed
$1200
20a

John P. Cann, grantor
Harvey H. Mackey, grantee

John P. Cann, executor for Ellen McLaughlin, single woman, deceased, New Castle Co.

McLaughlin Mill property

SRA 21/268
6/4/1934
Deed
$3000
20 a

James F. Evans, Attorney, grantor
James P. Cann, executor, grantee

All that parcel on Big Elk known as "McLaughlin Mill Property" adjoining lands of Stockford Farms, Inc. et al....with all mill and water rights, appurtenances thereto.
For default of mortgage.

SRA 4/489
1/8/1929
Mortgage
$4250
20 a

Ellen McLaughlin, grantor
Alfred P. Howell and wife, Mary J., grantees

SRA 6/500
1/8/1929
Deed
20 a

Ellen McLaughlin, N.C. Co., grantor
Alfred P. Howell, Cecil Co., grantee

McLaughlin Mill Property

CK 2/170
3/23/1910
Deed
$1200
215 a

Robert, Franklin, Ellen, Elizabeth C. McLaughlin,
White Clay Creek 100, grantors
Harvey Jordon, Mill Creek 100, grantee

Farm. Reserves right to take water in Big Elk for uses and purposes of their mill as now located, or any mill or mills adjoining lands hereby conveyed, with rights and privileges to go in and out to repair dam, race and race bank.

Right to build and maintain a dam on said property to the height of a "hole" in a rock near the west end of the present dam.

Right to use ½ the spring house and pipes, water etc.

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AWM 7/26
3/30/1877
Deed
$4000
236 a.

James H. Ray and wife, Elizabeth M., grantors
Constantine McLaughlin, White Clay Creek, grantee

Farm and tract of mill site (20 a)

AWM 7/25
3/29/1877
Deed
$7250
236 a

Henry D. Farnandis, trustee, Harford Co., grantor
James H. Ray and Constantine McLaughlin, grantees

Farnandis named trustee in Court of Equity suit to settle case between Merritt Trimble, administrator of Sarah Lewis, dec'd, Chester Co. and David Scott et al, defendants . complainan

Equity index 2/147
Chancery papers AWM 2/353

Advertisement for Trustee's sale appended.

WHR 6/527 12/31/1860 Mortgage $7000	Sarah (Jones) Lewis, grantor Jonathan Gause, grantee Jonathan Gause assigned the mortgage to Sarah Jones Lewis, Sarah having married Joseph J. Lewis 1/10/1869 Interest paid to date but not the principal.
WHR 3/581 10/3/1860 Mortgage $7000	Jonathan Gause, Chester Co., grantor David Scott and wife, Agatha R.) John Scott and wife, Lucinda) grantees

Other properties included in the mortgage not mill site.

RCH 4/60
6/17/1851
Deed.
$8400
228 a
3.721 p.

John Scott, grantor
David Scott, grantee

All those parcels united in a survey by James McCauley 5/8/1851.
Desc.: Beg. at a large white oack on the E. side of the Big Elk, being a corner of Sentman's, formerly Garrett's, factory

S 25 E 35
S 13 E 17
S 4 E 12¼
S 8 W 19.5
S 28 E 56.5
S 73 W 20 to Big Elk at mouth of "Pipe Stem Run"
N 85 E 21 to a corner of Dysart's on said run
S 6 E 13.5
S 60 E 6
S 1½ W 35.2
S 81 ¼ W 16
S 78 W 2
S 7 3/5 W 32
S 78.5 E 105
S 33 W 83
S 46.5 E 6½
S 79.5 E 56 3/5
S 81 3/4 E 40½ to public road leading from Dysart's Tavern to Elkton
S 3 E 110.7 along road to Cowan's lot
S 77.5 W 22.2 with Cowan's lot to Martin's lot
S 80.5 W 28 with Martin
S 8.5 E 8.8 to Bostick's lot
N 80 W 171.7 with old Elk Iron Works to Big Elk
N 6 E 14 with Creek
N 22.5 E 9 "
N 31¼ E 11 "
N 35¼ E 6 "
N 36 E 6 "
N 52 ½ E 13 to top of large rock
N 6 E 6 across mouth of tail race of the Mill property
N 11 W 6.4 still by and with Creek
N 4 W 10
N 22 W 4
N 8p.
N 22.5 E 6
N 18 E 4
N 3.5 W 14
N 74.5 W 4.7 crossing Big Elk to the West
N 1½ E.27
N 5.5 E 13.7 to a marken chestnut near the Dam
N 89.5 W 4.5
N 2 3/4 E 2.8
N 86 3/4 E 4.2
Crossing the Big Elk at the Dam to the east side thence by and with Creek to place of beginning

RCH 4/60 (cont'd)

Except 50 acres deeded to Benjamin Scott, son. together with - - - - mills, mill dams, races, flood gates, braidges, banks, meadows, etc. with the right to raise waters of the Big Elk back to overflow lands

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GMcC 9/327
10/10/1845
Deed
$4000
260 a.

Thomas Gillespie and Mary C., grantors
John Scott, grantee

Slitting mill + part of Davis Purchase

G McC 9/325
10/10/1845
Deed
$3000
260 a.

Susan Henderson, widow, Baltimore, grantor
Thomas J. Gillespie, heretofore of Delaware now of Cecil Co., grantee

By Indenture of mortgage 5/22/1832 J.S. 31/204 $3000 to Andrew F. Henderson, dec'd.
Elk Slitting Mill, also part of Davis's Purchase described in a deed from Thomas Finley to James L. Miles 5/16/1832
assigned to widow by Frisby Henderson, admin. of Andrew F. Henderson 1/9/1845 G McC 8/1

G McC 8/1
1/9/1845
Mortgage

Frisby Henderson, grantor
Susan Henderson, grantee

Part of 1/3 of widow's portion now held by John Scott

JS 31/204
5/22/1832
Mortgage
$3000

Thomas J. Gillespie, grantor
Andrew F. Henderson, grantee

$3000 of $6000 mortgage on Elk Slitting Mills, also that tract known as Davis's Purchase.

JS 31/204
5/22/1832

James L. Miles, grantor
Thomas J. Gillespie, grantee

Miles takes over Gillespie's mortgage

JS 30/427
5/22/1832
Deed
260 a
$6500

Thomas Finley, Esq., Baltimore, Marshall, grantor
James L. Miles & Thomas Gillespie, grantees

Grantees both of White Clay Creek as tenants in common.
Elk Slitting Mill and part of Davis's Purchase.
Taken by the Elkton Bank in non-payment of mortgage to Andrew F. Henderson 12/7/1829 (original)
Sold by the Marshall for recovery of debts.
Bought for $3700 along with Rickett's plantation.

JS 11/1 — Benjamin Jones, merchant, Philadelphia, grantor
5/6/1815 — James Jackson, ironmaster, Cecil Co.) grantees
Deed — John Bemis, merchant, Wilmington)
$12000

Slitting mill and 6 tracts of 10 a, 135 a, 4 3/4 a, 84½ a, 5 a 33 p, 1 a.

Three tracts purchased by Jones

JB 1/211 — John R. Evans, gentleman, grantor
7/27/1805 — Benjamin Jones, grantee
Deed
5 a 33 p — Beginning at Wm. Longwill's house

JB 8/207 — Edward Weir, Sr., grantor
9/29/1803 — Benjamin Jones, grantee
Deed
300 L
84½ a — 3/23/1767 John Smith to James Scott and James Chochran to Thomas Weir, Inherited by son Edward

Desc.: Beginning corner of fence, a corner John McCoy
S 21½ E 56 3/4 Edward Weir
S 83 3/4 E 36½ stone 4 p west of present great road from Dysart's to Elkton
S 7 W 138 to post small distance west of Turkey Town store
N 83¼ W 102
thence by Slitting Mill Co.'s land in a straight line to beginning

JB 1/213 — James & David Cummings, yeomen, grantors
8/6/1805 — Benjamin Jones, merchant, Phila., grantee
Deed
1 a — See separate sheet

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JC 1/213
8/6/1805
Deed
1 a

James & David Cummings, yeomen, grantors
Benjamin Jones, Phila. merchant, grantee

Samuel Cummings died seized of the West side of the Big Elk. By bond of agreement 8/21/1783 sold to Henry McCoy a piece of land adjoining the river with privilege to but and raise a dam to pen and raise the water for the purpose of erecting water works on the east side of said river.

JB 6/256
8/20/1800
Deed
$200
1 a

Samuel Cummings, grantor
James and David Cummings, grantees

"Whereas a dam, Slitting Mill and other water works was erected and built which the said Benjamin Jones purchased with the appurtenances and is now the owner thereof wants further privilege added thereunto".

Desc.: Beg. small chestnut on bank of the Slitting Mill dam standing N 7 E 345 5 links from a fast rod at the west end of the dam andmarked JC 1805 and running thence
S 87½ W 4¼
S 4 W 2 3/4
S 60½ E 4 1/3
S 60½ E 4 1/3
S 3 W 13 2/3
S 45 m E 27 to south coundary of Cummings land
By same 2 p to beginning of their land on the bank of Creek up the Creek to place of beginning

Purpose to allow Jones to raise the dam and overflow ground of Cummings other land no higher than 1 foot below the hole bored in the rock and no higher than the top of the rock marked JC 1804 in Cumming's meadow.

JB 2/331
9/9/1793
Deed
135 a

Henry McCoy, grantor
Samuel Evans, grantee

"Whereas the said Henry McCoy did on the 25th day of February in theyear of our Lord 1792 publish a scheme of a Lottery called a Land and Cash Lottery for the disposal of a valuable patented plantation containing one hundred and thirty-five acres of Land lying on the main branch of Elk River in the county aforesaid, which plantation was valued in said scheme at $1300 and whereas said Lottery was afterwards drawn to wit on the day of August 17 at Mr. Jacob Hollingsworth's tavern in Elkton, and the abovementioned land was drawn as a prize against Number 277 as appears by the publication of Henry Hollingsworth, Samuel Evans, Michael Wallace and John Evans, managers of said Lottery, and whereas the said Samuel Evans is the bearer of the ticket in said Lottery marked with the aforesaid Number 277"

~~BW 1/302~~
BW1/320
2/10/1784

All the above-mentioned plant descrived in a Deed of Release from John McCoy to Henry McCoy as follows, to wit:
"lying and being on the South and West of the following lines:
Beginning at a black oak sapling, corner of Edward Weir
N 48 W 6¼
N 32 E 62
N 79 W to Elk River
Up River to place of beginning.

JB 3/584

John McCoy, grantor

Witnesses James Lattomus
Daniel David

Original three tracts

JB 3/584
3/5/1796
Deed
40L
4 3/4 a

John McCoy, grantor
Levi Hollingsworth, George Gillespie, John Thompson, Samuel Evansgrantees

Hollingsworth et al being the owners and proprietors of a new slitting mill now erecting on the East branch of Elk river

Desc.: Beg, end of a line drawn N 11 El from a marked maple on E side of main easterly branch of the Elk river, at the end of the 9th course of New Munster tract of tract sold to Samuel Evans
S 79 E 16
N 6 E 30
N 13 W 25
N 66 W 9 to 1 p of Big Elk
still by this tract andparallel with E side of Big Elk and 1 p distant from Creek to beginning

JB 2/331
9/9/1793
Deed
135 a

Henry McCoy, grantor
Samuel Evans, grantee

Lottery won by Evans. See separate sheet

BW1/406
11/2/1784
Deed
10 a

John McCoy, grantor
James Evans, grantee

Will
11/8/1797

Samuel Evans
John R. Evans

Samuel wills his estate to John R. Evans.

JB 7/467
4/3/1802
Deed
149 a
500 L

Joseph Roberts, grantor
Benjamin Jones, grantee

Roberts sells his half of Slitting Mill and 3 tracts to Jones.

JB 7/401
2/8/1802
Deed
2000 L
149 3/4 a

George Gillespie, New Castle Co.
Levi Hollingsworth, merchant, Phila.
Pascal Hollingsworth, merchant, Phila.
John Thompson, farmer, Cecil
John R. Evans, son & heir Samuel Evans
} grantors

Joseph Roberts, Jr.
Benjamin Jones
} grantees

Slitting Mill commonly called "Elk Slitting Mill" and three tracts of 10, 135 and 4 3/4 a.

Will
John McCoy
2/24/1783

John McCoy leaves his property to his grandsons, John and Henry McCoy to be divided equally.

BW 1/320
2/10/1784

John and Henry McCoy made partition of grandfather's "plantation whereon I live"

JK 9/
9/19/1740
Deed
184 a

James Alexander, grantor
John McCoy

MB
BW1/404
9/9/1756
270 a
Deed

John Smith and wife Mary, grantors
John McCoy, grantee

MB 231
12/5/1754

Amos Thatcher, grantor
John Smith & Margaret, wife, grantees

ID 73
5/18/1714
Deed
184 a

Thomas Stephenson, grantor
James Alexander, grantee

Will
Richard Thatcher
1721

Richard wills his estate to his heirs, of whom Amos survives and inherits.

Deed
1200 a

Peter and Sarah Massey
Richard Thatcher

Will
Daniel Toas

Daniel Toas wills his 6000 acres to his three children Daniel, John and Sarah. Sarah married Peter Massey.

Edward O'Dwyer, grantor
Daniel Toas, grantee

ID 73
5/18/1714
Deed
184 a

Thomas Stephenson, grantor
James Alexander, grantee

ID 60
4/1/1714
1156 s
Deed
300 L

Robert Roberts, glover, Queen Anne's Co., grantor
Thomas Stephenson, Bensalem Co., grantee

Roberts empowered to sell the land inherited by John Toas

Patent
8/29/1683
Deed
6000a

Lord Proprietor, grantor
Edward O'Dwyer and 3 other Irishmen

Tract called New Munster

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1 NAME

HISTORIC: Scott Mill Covered Bridge Site — CE 516, File #433

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1/2 mile south of Route 273 on Big Elk

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — X VICINITY OF Fair Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: __ VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court — Liber #: WAS 347, Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER: Cecil County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Elkton — STATE: Maryland 21911

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	_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	_RUINS	X_ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
X_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The only remains of the original bridge are the stone foundations on the east and west banks of the Big Elk Creek. The wooden structure has been replaced by a stell structure. This was done in the past 30 years.

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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	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	X TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This bridge served as a link in a road which led from Appleton to the Big Elk Chapel.

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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

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STATE
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