

CE-875, CE-876, CE-877

Mt. Zoar Community

C. 1860-1890

Mount Zoar is a black settlement that began in the 3rd quarter of the 19th Century along Mt. Zoar Road and just west of Route 222. Approximately one dozen structures stand both along the road and back from it in no discernable relation to one another. Located among the standard two story 2 bay by 1 room frame houses is a frame Methodist church (CE-877) and a 19th Century frame schoolhouse with projecting entrance and bell tower. (CE-876). The schoolhouse is one of the more unusual of its type in the entire county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CE-875

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File # 859

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zoar Black Community
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1 mile west of Route 222 on Mt. Zoar Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Zoar

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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

NAME

Various

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mount Zoar Community is a black settlement probably begun in the late 19th Century. The small settlement of around a dozen structures contribute to a village atmosphere along Mt. Zoar Road, west of Route 222.

A sample house was taken as the common form. Various additions were added ~~to~~ to the structures to make them different but they all have a basic 2 story frame block, 2 bays across by ~~2 bays~~ deep. The structures rest on uncoursed fieldstone foundations and are capped with a medium pitched roof. The entire structure is covered with some type of asphalt shingle. The sash are usually 6/6 with plain ~~wood~~ surrounds. A small brick stack usually protrudes out of one gable end. The house is approximately square.

The interior was not open for inspection, but the majority were one room plans with a few hall/parlor plans.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input 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

Singularly, these modest dwellings don't mean much but collectively they show the structure of a 19th century black community. Most of the houses are being used, and kept in moderate repair. ~~Black communities rarely survive the test of time and therefore make them worth of documentation.~~

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[Faint, mostly illegible text describing the boundary description]

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Towart, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

12/11/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

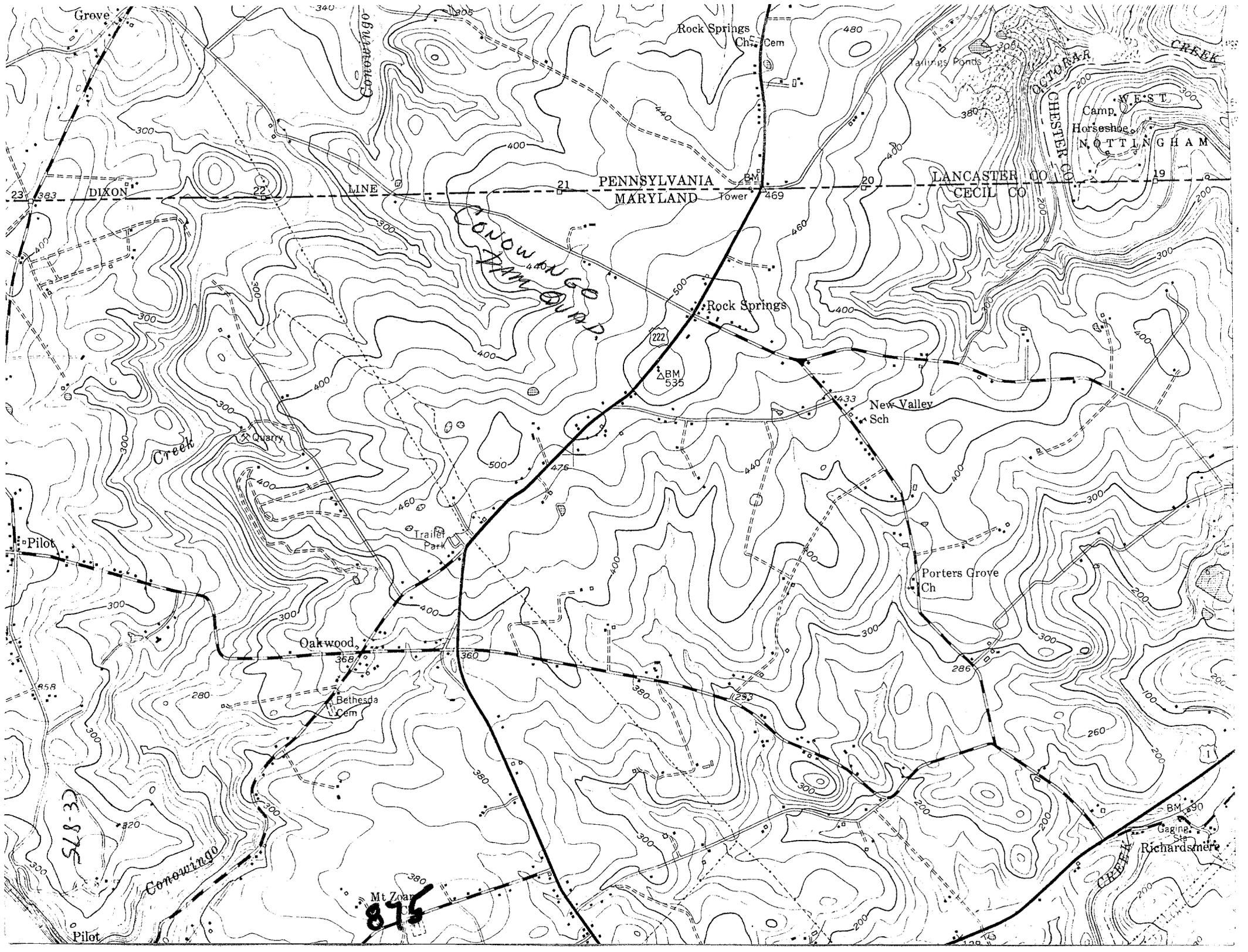
STATE

Maryland

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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MARYLAND

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Mt. Zion Community

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