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WEAVER-FOX HOUSE

Uniontown

Easement

1874-75

private

CARR-4 **Weaver-Fox House 3411 Uniontown Road**

The **Weaver-Fox House** at 3411 Uniontown Road was built by Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., in 1874-75 and is an exuberant specimen of rural Victorian-style architecture. Its architectural details, such as the hipped roof with ornamented cupola, deep roof cornice with carved brackets, modillion hoods over the doors and windows, wood siding that imitates stonework, and quoins at the corners are features of the Italianate style of the Victorian period. Other Victorian-style ornamentation on the house, such as the bay windows and elaborate porch details, are exemplary forms of the more typical characteristics found in rural Victorian architecture in Carroll County. The historical photograph shown above is important because it displays the paint color scheme that was used to enhance the ornamental features. Many Victorian-style houses have lost this characteristic because of the modern tendency to paint a house one color.

The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its superb architectural character. The current owner is Dr. Grace Fox, a granddaughter of Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., who has donated a facade easement to the Maryland Historical Trust that protects it against any exterior alterations that would destroy the character of the building. The house is to be given to Western Maryland College in Westminster for the preservation of its period interior furnishings and decorative arts collections.

Born in Uniontown in 1848, Dr. Weaver graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1870 and joined his father in the practice of medicine at 3406 Uniontown Road. He began the construction of this house in 1874, with local craftsmen doing the erection and ornamentation of the house as well as the graining of the interior woodwork and construction of Victorian-style furniture for the rooms. Dr. Weaver continued to practice medicine until 1887, when he became engaged in the banking and business professions through associations with the Carroll County Savings Bank, the Carroll County Bank and Trust, the Birnie Trust Company, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He also operated his own small farm outside of Uniontown.

Dr. Weaver's ledgers and day-books are in the manuscript collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County. They show that a country doctor during this period was frequently paid by goods, such as butter, corn, and shad, or services, such as hauling of materials and mending of clothes. The costs of medical care during this time are also of interest, especially from today's perspective. A visit from the doctor was 25¢, unless it was a night visit when the rate increased to \$1.25. A plaster or a tooth extraction was 25¢. More serious matters, such as excising tonsils or attending to childbirth, were \$5.00.

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

WEAVER-FOX HOUSE

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3411 Main Street (Uniontown Road)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Uniontown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Carroll

CODE

013

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Grace E. Fox

STREET & NUMBER

1709 S Street, N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE

D. C. 20009

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL    STATE    COUNTY    LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**77** DESCRIPTION

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Weaver-Fox House is located at 3411 Main Street (Uniontown Road), in the picturesque village of Uniontown, seven miles west of Westminster, in Carroll County, Maryland. The house is sited on a deep sloping lot that is approximately 67 feet wide and 321 feet deep. Between the house and the street are two large maple trees, part of the two rows of maples which line both sides of the main thoroughfare. Adjacent to the Weaver-Fox House on the east side is a brick, one-story, late nineteenth century Lutheran church. On the opposite side is an ell-shaped, mid-nineteenth century, two-story frame dwelling.

The architectural styling of the Weaver-Fox House is that of a simplified Victorian Italianate villa. Two stories high with a hipped roof, it has a tongue and groove board sheathed exterior with rusticated quoins on all four corners, a deep overhanging roof cornice and, on the roof, two chimneys flanking a rectangular, hipped roof cupola.

The five bay street facade is embellished with modillioned hoods over the door and windows, carved brackets decorating the roof cornice, and stylized arches and brackets on a full length, one-story porch. The centered entrance door and transom is framed by flat pilasters with stylized pseudo- consoles at their base. The large (floor to ceiling) first floor windows and the smaller windows of the second floor all have 2/2 pane sash and louvered blinds.

On the west end of the house, positioned north of center, is a two-story, cantilevered bay window with brackets and flush molded panels. An absence of openings in the wall in the same area of the east end suggests a similar treatment might have been planned but was never executed. The three remaining windows of the side elevations continue the treatment of those of the facade except that the sash is of 4/4 panes. The cornice brackets of the facade, however, are not continued on the sides of the house. The ground level slopes down toward the rear of the house to give a full exposure to the brick-walled basement on the south elevation. A small, shuttered, 6/6 sash window at the basement level of each side elevation provides light and ventilation to the long summer kitchen occupying the rear (south) half of that level.

Including the fully exposed basement, the rear elevation is three stories high. Centered on the wall is a two-story frame extension built to contain bathrooms. Supported by one-story iron posts, it is covered with later "German siding." Centered beneath this addition is the cellar entrance, flanked by two 6/6 sash windows. On the two floor levels above the basement are four windows with simple, unornamented hoods, louvered blinds and 2/2 sash, two on each floor level flanking the bathroom wing.

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**8: SIGNIFICANCE**

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1874-1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Weaver-Fox House is a fine example of Victorian village architecture made even more notable by a large quantity of original furnishings and a location in a town still nineteenth century in appearance. Built during the years 1874 and 1875 as the home of Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., a country physician, the house was constructed in the style of the time and equipped with the most modern conveniences. It was furnished with pieces, also in the Victorian style, that were for the most part made by the many local cabinetmakers living in the area. Dr. Weaver was a prominent man in Uniontown and the surrounding rural community and his house and its contents were a reflection of that position.

Uniontown was founded during the first quarter of the nineteenth century and most of its buildings date from that period. It was quite a booming town at its beginning, its residents building a schoolhouse, two churches, and a Masonic Temple by 1825. A post office was established in 1813, and the town had its share of the necessary businesses, including a tannery, blacksmith shop, tavern, and store. The rapid growth of the town in the early nineteenth century was due to its location on the National Pike (see Old National Pike Milestone National Register of Historic Places) leading from Baltimore to Cumberland which was then becoming increasingly traveled.

The continuance of the economic boom of the first decades of the nineteenth century was prevented by two later occurrences. In 1835 and 1836 plans were laid and executed for the formation of Carroll County from parts of Baltimore and Frederick Counties. It was hoped that Uniontown would become the seat of the new county, but Westminster was chosen instead due to its location more towards the center of the county. When the Western Maryland Railroad was constructed in the county in the 1850's, it passed through Westminster, causing the traffic through Uniontown to slacken considerably. The town never recovered its previous growth rate, but became instead the quiet center of activities in this part of Carroll County. Thus, Uniontown has visually remained a nineteenth century town with only a few new buildings dating from after 1900. It is the perfect setting for the display of a building such as the Weaver-Fox House, itself an integral part of this nineteenth century townscape.

Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr. was born in Uniontown in 1848. He attended Gettysburg College and then the University of Maryland medical school. He

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Description, continued

The cupola crowning the tin sheathed roof is treated in a manner similar to the house. It is also of tongue and groove boards and has rusticated quoins, a hipped roof with finial, and brackets on the window hoods and eave cornice.

The first floor room configuration (see attached plans) consists of a short, centered stair hall at the front of the house that is flanked by two equal-sized parlors with fireplaces. In the rear of the house is a large kitchen and a smaller library. On the first floor level of the rear extension is a sunroom and bath.

On the second floor are four bedchambers, a small dressing room and, in the extension, a large bath. In the cellar there is a summer kitchen which extends its full width and half its depth on the south side. The north half of the cellar is divided into two commodious storage areas.

In addition to the stair in the entrance hall, there is a secondary stair between the first floor kitchen and the second floor, a cellar stair beneath the kitchen stair, and a stair to the cupola at the head of the second floor hall.

The woodwork throughout the house, including window and door surrounds, is exceedingly simple in profile. Attempts at decoration are confined to the paneled stair closet and turned balusters, ornamental plaster ceiling medallions, hand-grained woodwork throughout, and wooden parlor mantels painted to simulate marble.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Weaver-Fox House is that it contains most of its original furnishings, including lighting fixtures and Belgian carpets. Other notable features include bathrooms, among the first in the area, which retain their original porcelain fixtures and wainscoted walls.

Significance, continued

graduated from the latter in 1870 and began practicing medicine with his father in that year. Dr. J. J. Weaver, Sr. was an 1846 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania medical school who practiced in Uniontown from 1848 until 1880.

In 1867, Dr. Weaver, Jr. married Mary Jones Haines of Forest Home, a property three and a half miles from Uniontown. The Weavers lived for a time with Dr. Weaver, Sr. in a large, white, board and batten house at what is now 3406 Main Street (Uniontown Road). Then in 1874,

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Significance, continued

work was begun across the street on what is now known as the Weaver-Fox House at 3411 Uniontown Road. The work was done by local builders on the site. Shutters were made there and graining painted on the woodwork in the parlor, library, entrance hall, dining room, and master bedroom.

Much of the furniture for the house, which was purchased in 1874 and 1875 from skilled local craftsmen, still remains in it today. Some pieces were brought from the senior Weavers' home across the street in 1899. Before electricity was installed in the house in 1917, it was lighted by coal oil lamps and chandeliers and candles. Iron and isinglass Latrobe stoves, now gone, were set in front of the fireplaces in the parlor and dining room to heat the house. A hot water boiler was used to heat the bathroom.

Dr. Weaver, Jr. practiced medicine in Uniontown from 1870 until 1887. Poor health thereafter prevented him from continuing in this profession and he became a banker. He was President of the Carroll County Savings Institution in Uniontown, the Carroll County Bank and Trust Company in Westminster, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County in Westminster. He also served as the Vice President of the Taneytown Bank and Trust Company. In addition to medicine and banking, Dr. Weaver engaged in farming on a small scale, owning several acres just outside Uniontown on which corn, wheat, and timothy were grown.

Dr. Weaver, Jr. and his wife had only one child, Florence Eyster Weaver. She attended Miss Bond's School in Baltimore and the Luther-ville Female Seminary in Baltimore County. In 1898 she married Edmund Kelly Fox in the parlor of the Weaver-Fox House. After their marriage, they lived in Washington, D.C., spending only the summers in Uniontown.

The Foxes had two daughters, Dr. Grace E. Fox, born in 1899, and Mary Weaver Fox (Mrs. Charles Raymond Whittlesey), born in 1901. Dr. Fox, a retired history professor from Goucher College, is the present owner of the house, which she occupies only during the summer months.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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J. Richard Rivoire, Architectural Historian; Pamela James, Asst Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

The Maryland Historical Trust

July 8, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

(301) 267-1438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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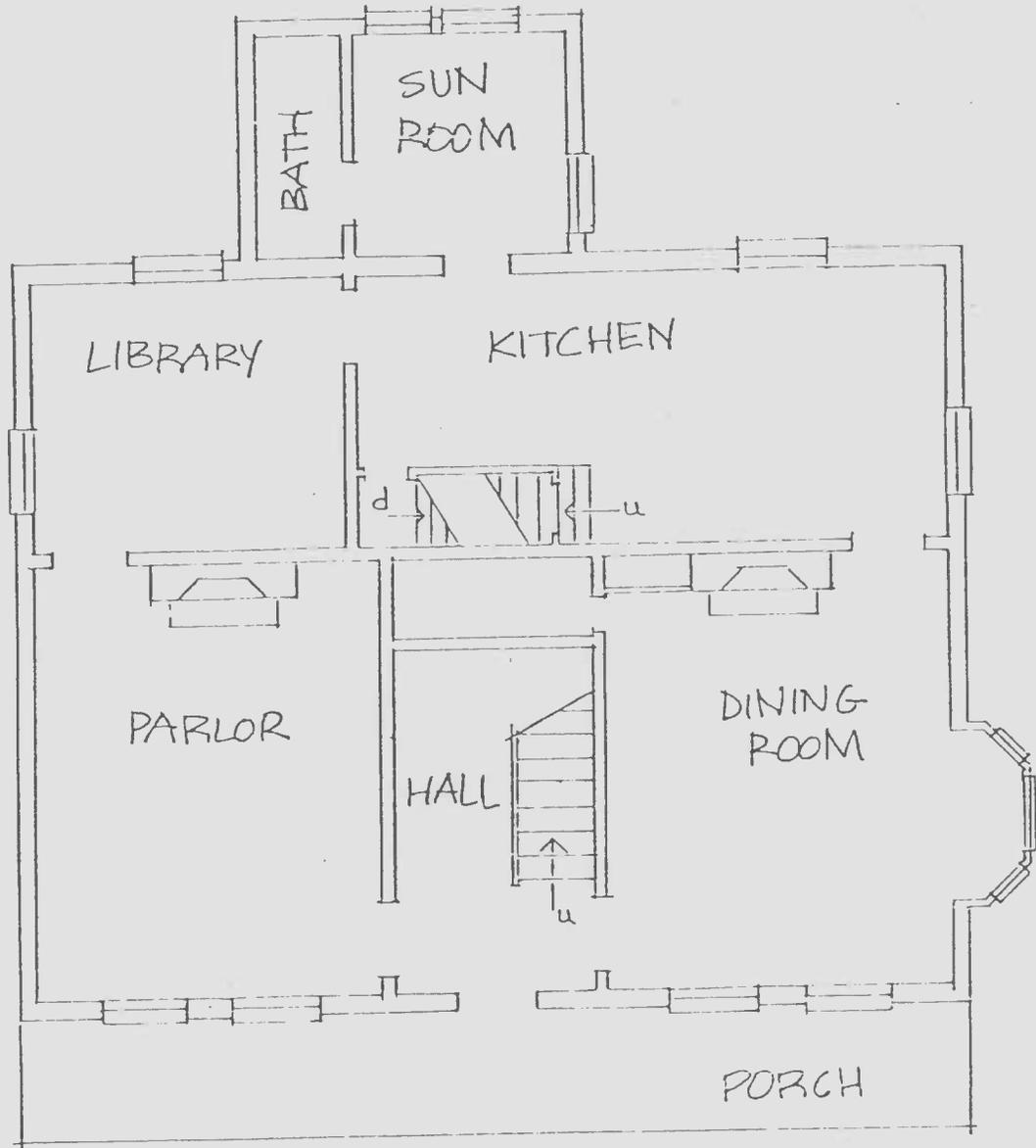
ADDITIONAL DATA:

Newspaper references from the February 20 and May 29, 1875, editions of the Democratic Advocate show that the Weaver-Fox House was built in 1875 by Dr. J. J. Weaver. The articles describe the house as being of frame construction using Virginia yellow pine with the overall dimensions of 30 by 37 feet. The carpenters were B. H. Slonaker and Oliver Hiteshaw; the mason was Copenhaver.

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Carroll County Department of Planning  
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December 1984

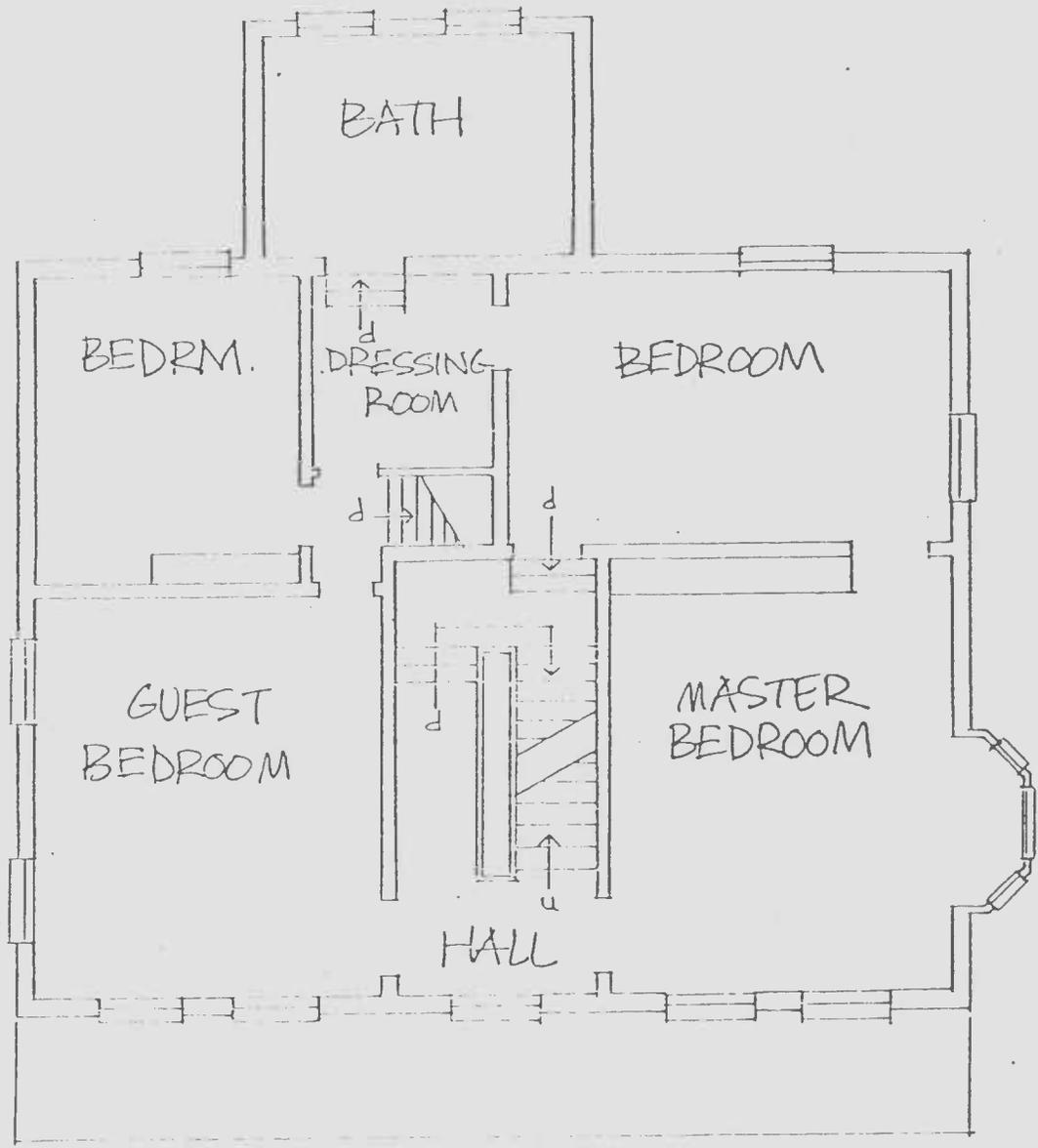
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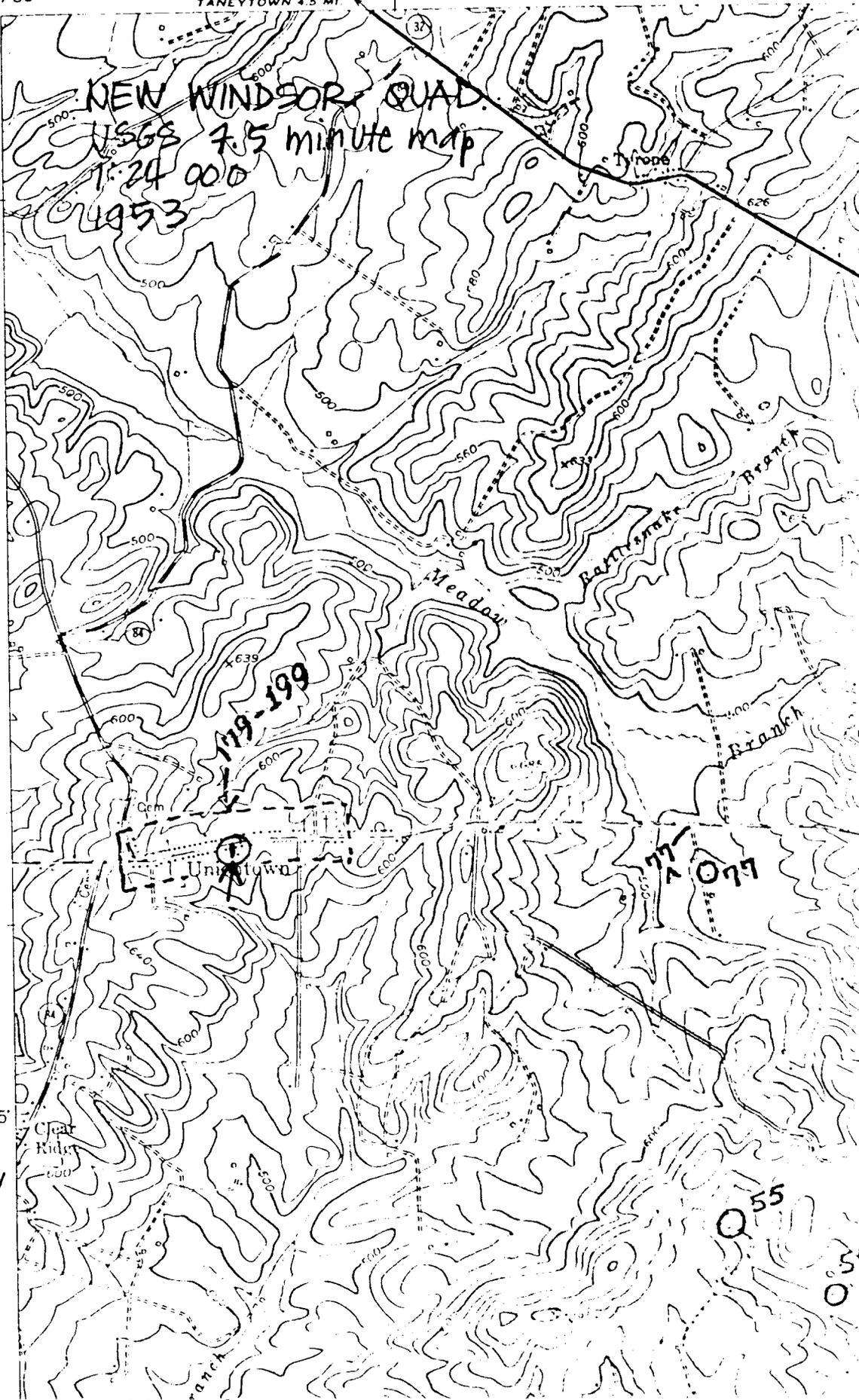
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