

CARR-28

ANNUAL DUTCH PICNIC

1877 to present

Deer Park

private

The Annual Dutch Picnic is a continuing example of the church socials that were held by all churches throughout Carroll County during the late 19th and early 20 centuries. This event is sponsored by the Deer Park Trinity Lutheran Church (see CARR-1281) and began in 1877. The site includes the original Trinity Lutheran Church and a frame social hall. The survival of the Annual Dutch Picnic can be attributed to the significance of this particular event in its community and its uniqueness in holding an annual jousting competition in Carroll County.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Annual Dutch Picnic Site

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 833 Deer Park Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Smallwood  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church

street & number 833 Deer Park Road telephone no.: 848-8923

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster, Maryland state 21157

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date March 1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. CARR-28

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

**SUMMARY:** The Annual Dutch Picnic is a continuing example of the church socials that were held by all churches throughout this region during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The site is on the north side of Deer Park Road approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. The site includes the original Deer Park Lutheran Church, built in 1866, and a frame social hall.

**DESCRIPTION:** The site of the Annual Dutch Picnic is on the north side of Deer Park Road, approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. The site is a fairly level stretch of land partially cleared with a wooded picnic grove. At the center of the grove is a cleared straight-away used for the jousting tournament. There are two buildings on the north side of the road - the 1866 frame Deer Park Lutheran Church and a frame Social Hall (see CARR-1281) on the south side of Deer Park Road is the modum (1955) brick Deer Park Lutheran Church.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-22

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1877 to present **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY: The Annual Dutch Picnic was first held in 1877 and has run annually for 110 years. It was organized by Deer Park Lutheran Church and held on land owned by George Bitzel adjoining the 1866 frame church. The Dutch Picnic was begun at a time when church socials and summertime events were popular throughout this region. Its survival can be attributed to the significance of this particular cultural event in Carroll County and its uniqueness in holding an annual jousting competition.

HISTORY: The 110th Annual Dutch Picnic Program (August 2, 1986) provides the following story of this event: The Dutch Picnic was first held in 1877. The prime mover was George Bitzel, a "cornerstone" of the congregation, who gathered a handful of men and boys to clear a strip of land at the present location, and who took the lead in planning the first picnic. Mr. Bitzel was a native of Leuterhausen, Germany, and lived to see the picnic a popular and widely known affair in this part of the state. When he died in 1902 he left a provision in his will that the three acres of ground on which the picnic is held should come into possession of the congregation.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-28

110th Annual Dutch Picnic Program, Trinity Lutheran Church, August 2, 1986

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Westminster

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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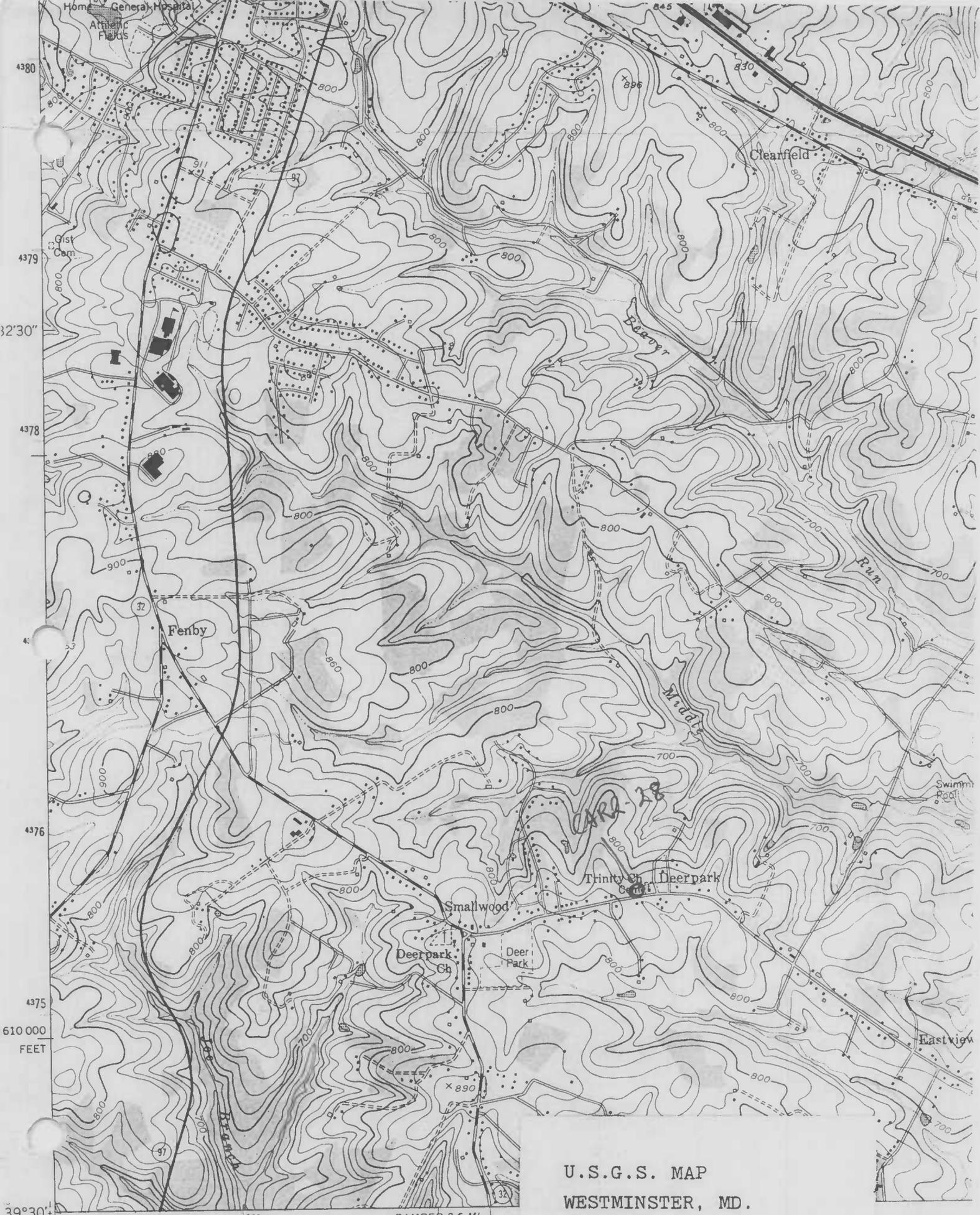
## 11. Form Prepared By

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U.S.G.S. MAP  
WESTMINSTER, MD.  
1:24000 SCALE

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