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Cooksville Tanbark Mill
Harmony Church Road
Darlington, Maryland 21034

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cooksville Tanbark Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James McC. and Lucie Worthington

Telephone #: 836-2543

STREET & NUMBER

3069 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 985

Folio #: 199

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story stone structure is located on the south side of Harmony Church Road in an area once known as Cooksville.

The building is said to have been a tanbark mill used for the storing and chipping of bark. The structure is constructed of partially stuccoed rubble stone and is three bays by two. The slate roof is gable flank. A short brick chimney is located at the west inside gable end.

Windows are bricked in on the north and south walls of this structure. Windows at the gable ends are six lights over six. Two louvered openings flank the chimney near the roof line.

A large sliding door of wood plank is located on the north facade of this building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone structure is said to have been used as a tanbark mill in the mid nineteenth century. This area along Harmony Church Road was a natural setting for such a mill, this area being covered with extensive forests.

The bark -usually black oak- was stripped from the logs, tied in bundles and casted to the mill. Here it was broken into small pieces, thrown into a hopper, and ground into powder. The pulverized bark was then soaked in water to obtain the tannic acid necessary for the planning process.

Cowhides were first run through limewater to remove the hair and then placed in pits, where the bark liquid was poured over them. They were allowed to soak for months, during which time the process of turning them into leather took place.

George P. Cook is known to have built this mill in 1842 along with a dwelling for the mill operator.

This area along Deer Creek is known as Cooksville after the industrious family who from 1816 until circa 1940 dominated the village scene. Elisha Cook purchased property along Deer Creek in 1816 and founded a woolen mill which continued in operation until 1850. George P. Cook, besides running the tanbark mill kept a store until 1862. His sister conducted a private school until the same year.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mason, Samuel, Historic Sketches of Harford County.

Jennings and Herrick Map of 1858.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

Harford County Directory, 1953.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.47 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the north by Harmony Church Road, and on the south and west by the property of Lloyd Weaver.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

DATE

1/78

TELEPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Title Search
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James McC. and Lucie
Worthington

	985	199	4/4/1975	Grantor: N. Lloyd Weaver Grantee: James McC. and Lucie F. Worthington Acreage: 8.47 acres
GRG	304	91	10/28/1946	Grantor: Sarah P. Cook, et al Grantee: N. Lloyd Weaver and Mina L. Weaver
GRG	304	95	12/30/1946	Grantor: Jesse H. Travis Grantee: N. Lloyd and Mina L. Weaver
WSF	95	475	3/27/1899	Grantor: Martha E. Cook Grantee: George P. and Elisha Cook
WSF	93	335	4/14/1898	Grantor: S.A. Williams, trustee Grantee: Martha E. Cook
WSF	10	136	6/15/1885	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Joel Cook Grantee: His children: John William Cook, Elisha Cook, Isaac P. Cook, Mary W. Cook, George P. Cook, Sarah P. Cook and Charles G. Cook
ALJ	48	364	11/23/1883	Grantor: Margaret I. Willis and others Grantee: William A. Cook
GRG	304	95		Grantor: Joel Cook, Mary W. Cook, Elisha J. Cook, Isaac Cook and George P. Cook Grantee: Jesse H. Travis
BHH	8	369	8/11/1870	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of George P. Cook Grantee: J. Ludar Cook
CMB	7	201	10/15/1853	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Elisha Cook Grantee: Joel Cook
HD	29	122	12/12/1843	Grantor: George Preston and Appelum, his wife Grantee: Elisha and George P. Cook Acreage: 45 acres
HD	16	122	1/14/1834	Grantor: Joseph Moore Grantee: George Preston

HD	W	180	3/25/1911	Grantor: David Clendenin Grantee: Joseph Moore
HD	W	180	9/5/1804	Grantor: Heirs of James Clendenin Grantee: David Clendenin
JLG	H	203	5/1/1787	Grantor: Margaret Sturgeon and Robert Sturgeon Grantee: James Clendenin Acreage: 62 acres

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Tanbark Mill*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *South side of Harmony Church Road about 0.2 mi*

CITY OR TOWN: *Cookville, near Glenville west of Nobler Mill Road*

STATE: *Maryland* COOE COUNTY: *Harford* COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Abandoned mill.</i>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *C. M. Vanderwood*

STREET AND NUMBER: *RFD 1*

CITY OR TOWN: *Darlington* STATE: *Maryland* CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *Clerk of the Circuit Court*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Harford County Court house 40 S Main St*

CITY OR TOWN: *Bel Air* STATE: *Ms* CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Site
 Stone - fieldstone and stucco building,
 two stories, three bays by two, ~~two~~ faces
 north, the ridge line running east-west,
 with a chimney over the west wall.
 Windows are bricked in on the north and
 south walls, and a large sliding door

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>History</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Sociol/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This tan bark mill was for storing and chipping bark to be soaked in the tanning pits across the road.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"	

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

STATE:	CDOE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	CDUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *J.S. Swain*

ORGANIZATION: *Maryland Historic Trust* DATE: *Jan '70*

STREET AND NUMBER: *38 State Circle*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *Me* CDDE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

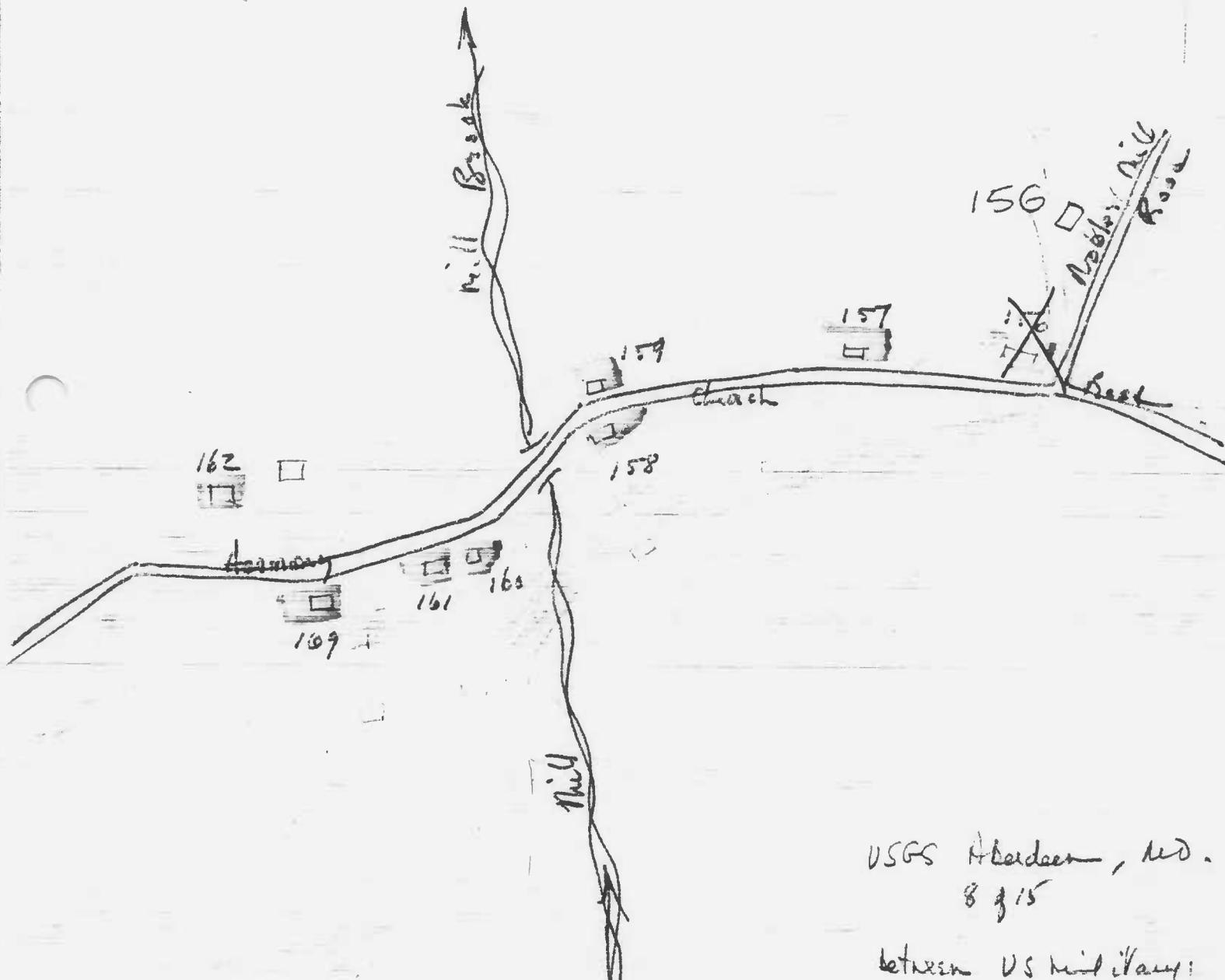
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Harford Co. Inventory

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USGS Aberdeen, MD.
8 of 15

between US Military
Reservation &
Glenville & Nobb Mills

Sketched, enlarged, from
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Maps.

J.S. Ewing.

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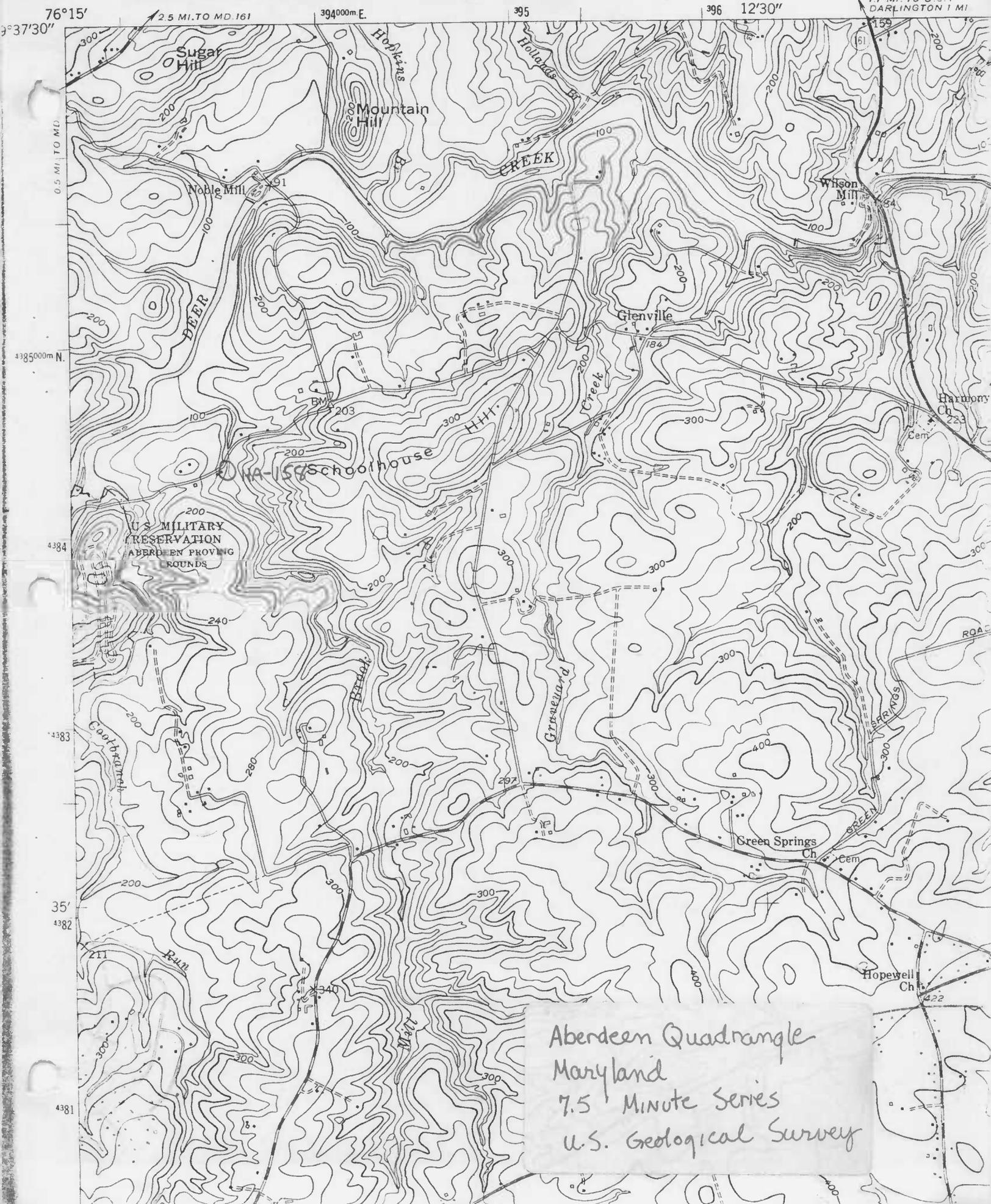
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Aberdeen Quadrangle
 Maryland
 7.5 Minute Series
 U.S. Geological Survey

6.5 MI. TO MD. 136

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Sugar Hill

Mountain Hill

CREEK

Noble Mill

Wilson Mill

4385000m N

Glenville

DEER

Schoolhouse Hill

4384

U.S. MILITARY RESERVATION ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

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Cocksville Tanbark Mill
Aberdeen Quad 1953 PR 1985

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Cookbranch

Graveyard

35'

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Ran

Green Springs Ch

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Hopewell Ch

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Harford County Airport

Ald



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Darlington, MD 21034
Susan M. Deeney
February, 1978
Northwest