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NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

PROPERTY NAME: Henry Cover House
INVENTORY NO. CARR-1334
ADDRESS: 3945 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21157
OWNER: Roger William and Billie Rose Tabler
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 17-618
TAX MAP NUMBER: 61
PROJECT: MD 27 at Sam's Creek Road
AGENCY: MD SHA
SITE VISIT BY: Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.
NAME: Wendy Zug-Gilbert
DATE: September 2000

ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDED
ELIGIBILITY NOT RECOMMENDED X
CRITERIA: A; B; C; D

CONSIDERATIONS: A; B; C; D; E; F; G; NONE

IS PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES; X NO
IS DISTRICT LISTED? YES; NO
NAME OF DISTRICT:

DOCUMENTATION ON THE PROPERTY/DISTRICT IS PRESENTED IN:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:

Summary Description:
The Henry Cover House property consists of a circa 1840 vernacular frame dwelling (with double entry doors) and a small assemblage of circa 1900 domestic outbuildings (wagon shed, smoke house, chicken house, sheds). The house and its support buildings sit on the east side of Ridge Road (MD Route 27) just south of its intersection with Sam's Creek Road. The current property consists of 3 acres of an historic 20-acre tract. The property is currently domestic residential in use.

Significance:
Henry Cover House does not retain enough architectural or environmental integrity to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under any criteria. The addition of modern materials to the exterior, the rebuilt front porch, the infill additions with modern windows and doors, and the large concrete pad off the north side of the house have significantly altered the historic appearance of the residence. The property, which began as twenty acres, has been reduced to only three acres with the last downsizing occurring within the past ten years when the back of the lot was parceled off and a modern residence constructed on the hill overlooking the historic dwelling. The extant domestic outbuildings, which post-date the period of the dwelling, are in poor condition and no longer used. There are better examples of mid-nineteenth-century properties in the immediate area.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Zug-Gilbert, Principal Investigator, Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.

Maryland Historical Trust Review

Eligibility recommended **Eligibility not recommended:** X

Criteria: A; B; C; D **Considerations:** A; B; C; D; E; F; G; None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Amchew Lewis **Date** 06/11/01

Reviewer, NR program RKuntz **Date** 6/14/01

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PRESERVATION VISION 2000: THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

EASTERN SHORE (ALL EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES AND CECIL)
WESTERN SHORE (ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, ST. MARY'S)
X PIEDMONT (BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, FREDERICK, HARFORD,, HOWARD, MONTGOMERY)
WESTERN MARYLAND (ALLEGANY, GARRETT, WASHINGTON)

II. CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:

RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION (A.D. 1680-1815)
X AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION (A.D. 1815-1870)
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE (A.D. 1870-1930)
MODERN PERIOD (A.D. 1930-PRESENT)
UNKNOWN PERIOD (PREHISTORIC; HISTORIC)

III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

AGRICULTURE
ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)
GOVERNMENT/LAW
MILITARY
RELIGION
SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
TRANSPORTATION

IV. RESOURCE TYPE:

CATEGORY: Building
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: Rural
HISTORIC FUNCTION(S) AND USE(S): Domestic (single-family dwelling and outbuildings)
KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: none

Carroll County
Historic Site Summary Sheet

Survey No.: CARR-1334

Name: Henry Cover House

Location: 3945 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD

Date: 1830-1850

Access: Private

Description:

The Henry Cover House is a mid-nineteenth-century, two-story, three-bay frame house covered with aluminum siding on a stone foundation. The side-gable roof is covered with standing seam metal and has snow anchors. Windows are wooden six-over-one sash. A partially rebuilt full-width front porch with hipped roof dominates the facade and exhibits a variety of historic and modern materials including concrete block, rusticated block, wrought iron, and metal. The facade has two primary entrances with historic wooden exterior doors and wooden storm doors. Transoms have been covered with aluminum siding. The house has a rear kitchen wing that historically gave the residence a "T"-shaped configuration, but modern shed-roof infill additions on either side of the wing have created a large boxy form. Six extant historic domestic outbuildings include a wagon shed (garage), a smokehouse, a chicken house, and three sheds.

Significance:

Despite its collection of turn-of-the-century domestic outbuildings, the Henry Cover House does not retain enough architectural or environmental integrity to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under any criteria. The addition of modern materials to the exterior, the rebuilt front porch, the infill additions with modern windows and doors, and the large concrete pad off the north side of the house have significantly altered the historic appearance of the residence. The property, which began as twenty acres, has been reduced to only three acres with the last downsizing occurring within the past ten years when the back of the lot was parceled off and a modern residence constructed on the hill overlooking the historic dwelling. The extant domestic outbuildings, which post-date the period of the dwelling, are in poor condition and no longer used. There are better examples of mid-nineteenth-century properties in the immediate area.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CARR-1334

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Cover House

other

2. Location

street and number 3945 Ridge Road — n/a not for publication

city, town Westminster — X vicinity

county Carroll

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

name Roger William and Billie Rose Tabler

street and number 3945 Ridge Road — telephone n/a

city, town Westminster — state MD — zip code 21157

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex — tax map and parcel 61-17-15

city, town Westminster — liber 1629 — folio 608

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
_____district
_X_building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
_X_private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_X_domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

Inventory No. CARR-1334

Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
_X_ fair ___ altered

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

The Henry Cover House is located on the east side of Ridge Road (MD Route 27) just south of its intersection with Sams Creek Road in District 9. The property is located approximately 10 miles south of the Carroll County seat of Westminster and approximately 0.7 miles north of the small village of Taylorsville. The property currently consists of approximately 3 acres, which is less than the 19.5-acre parcel that Cover occupied during his ownership. Within the past decade, a 1-acre lot has been parceled off the rear of the property and a house constructed on the hill overlooking the Henry Cover House. A 30-foot right-of-way provides access to this modern property at the southern limit of the Henry Cover property. The Henry Cover property is currently residential with several extant early twentieth-century domestic outbuildings that are in poor condition and are no longer utilized.

The Henry Cover House is a two-story frame residence that displays evidence of the German tradition of vernacular farmhouse construction. The house dates to the first half of the nineteenth century. Its form is T-shaped consisting of a main block with a contemporary two-story rear kitchen wing. Smaller infill additions, on either side of the wing, date to the twentieth century. The residence sits on a stone foundation, is covered with aluminum siding, and has a standing seam metal roof with snow anchors. Aluminum shutters are located on the facade only.

The main block is three-bay and double-pile with interior brick end chimneys and six-over-one wooden sash windows. Each gable end has two small four-pane fixed sashes. There are no windows on either gable end. A full-width hipped-roof porch dominates the facade. The current porch is a twentieth-century addition with a foundation of modern concrete block and earlier rusticated concrete block, a concrete pad floor, metal roof, and wrought iron supports. Despite its symmetrical three-bay configuration, the first-story facade has double entrance doors in the central bay. Doors are wooden with early multi-pane wooden storm doors and aluminum-sided transoms. Double doorways were a distinctly German element of Pennsylvania residences dating to the nineteenth century (Kauffman 1954:27). This configuration allowed privacy for the occupants so that a visitor could enter directly into the visiting parlor and not be interrupted by others entering into the adjacent family living space. This entry form may have been brought to the area by Cover as a construction technique carried over from an earlier Pennsylvania residency.

The rear kitchen wing is encompassed on both sides by later additions. An interior brick chimney is located at the back end of the wing. The addition on the south side of the wing, the earlier of the two additions, is a single story with a metal shed-roof and eight-over-one wooden sash window. The northern addition is two stories with a metal-covered shed roof and a combination of four-over-four wooden sash and one-over-one modern sash windows. A section of wall around the addition's north entrance is clad in vinyl siding and has a modern steel door. A large concrete pad (approximately 15-foot square) is located off the northern side of this addition.

Outbuildings on the Henry Cover property are domestic in function and include a wagon shed, two sheds, a smokehouse, and a chicken house. An additional frame building, overgrown in weeds, may be a second wagon shed. All outbuildings are situated within the immediate vicinity of the dwelling except the chicken house, which is located in a field behind the house. All buildings are frame with original wooden weatherboard, metal roofs, and concrete foundations. The wagon shed has a modern overhead garage bay door. The buildings date to around the turn-of-the-twentieth century during the Koontz ownership of the property (1863-1916). The buildings are currently not used (except for the storage of junk/trash). There are no other extant buildings on the current property, nor is there any evidence that any ever existed.

8. Significance

Inventory No. CARR-1334

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
X 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
__ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other: ____

Specific dates n/a **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1830-1850

Evaluation for:

__X__ National Register _____Maryland Register _____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Henry Cover House dates to the period 1830-1850. In 1841, an early version of the current Ridge Road (MD Route 27) was laid out from the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike (current Route 144 in Mount Airy at the Frederick/Carroll County border) and proceeded north, just east of the old Buffalo Road (Carroll County Deed Book JS1:362). Less than a mile north of the small village of Taylorsville, the 30-foot road ran through the property of Henry Cover. At this time, Cover owned upwards of 100 acres of land in three separate tracts. His total property valued $2062 (Carroll County Assessment Records 1841). The road was located just west of the current Ridge Road. It is reasonable to assume that the Henry Cover House was built in its location near the new road after 1841. This new road provided a direct route from Carroll County's seat at Westminster to the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike at Mount Airy, from which a traveler could proceed either to the west to Frederick or to the east to Baltimore.

When Cover died in 1857, his estate was left to his wife Deborah to occupy during her lifetime (Carroll County Will Book JB2:361; Scharf 1882:825). Deborah's heirs sold the house and 19.5 acres of property to John T. Koontz in 1863 for $750.96 (Carroll County Deed Book 30:341). Koontz appears as the property owner on the 1877 atlas map of Carroll County. Koontz and his wife Susanna occupied the property throughout the late nineteenth century and through the first two decades of the twentieth century. They remained on the property after its sale in 1916 to Thomas Moore reserving the use of "all buildings (free of rent) on premises, use of garden, orchard and small lot of ground outside of the garden . . . during their natural lives" (Carroll County Deed Book 133:165). In 1923, Moore sold the tract to George Magin (Carroll County Deed Book 142:281).

Throughout the twentieth century, several portions of the original 20-acre tract were sold leaving the property with only a few acres surrounding the house and outbuildings. The current owner purchased the property (by then only 4.2 aces) in 1976 (Carroll County Deed Book 617:60).

8. Significance (continued)

Chain-of-Title for the Henry Cover House

Liber:Folio	*Date*	*Grantor/Grantee*
617:060	2-26-1976	Roger William & Billie Rose from Margaret E. Desmond. 4.2 acres for $10.
548:113	7-9-1973	Margaret E. Desmond from Paul E. & Andrea Grigas. 4.4 acres for $1.
463:206	11-14-1969	Paul E. & Andrea Grigas from George W. Magin Estate. 16.22 acres for $28,500.
WB 19:433	5-13-1949	Will of George W. Magin. Magin died 1949 leaving estate to wife Florence.
167:379	12-27-1937	George W. & Florence V. Magin from George H. & Olive I. Magin. 18 for $10.
142:281	8-20-1923	George H. & Olive I. Magin from Thomas E. & Fannie B. Moore. 18 acres for $100.
133:165	6-30-1916	Thomas E. & Fannie B. Moore from John T. & Susanna Koontz. 18 acres for $1600.
030:341	7-30-1863	John T. & Susanna Koontz from Estate of Henry Cover. 19.5 acres for $750.96.
WB JB2:361	11-30-1857	Will of Henry Cover. Cover died 1857 leaving estate to wife Deborah.

** Has not been determined from whom Henry Cover purchased the property. May have been purchased prior to the formation of Carroll County in 1837.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records, Will Records, and Estate Records. Various years. Located at the Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Westminster, Maryland.

Carroll County Tax Assessment Records. Various years. Located at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Kauffman, Henry J.
1954 The Riddle of Two Front Doors. *The Dutchman* 6(3):27.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	3.0		
Acreage of historical setting	20.0		
Quadrangle name	Winfield, MD	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Wendy Zug-Gilbert / Principal Investigator		
organization	Archeaological & Historical Consultants, Inc.	date	October 2000
street & number	101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., PO Box 482	telephone	(814) 364-2135
city or town	Centre Hall	state	PA

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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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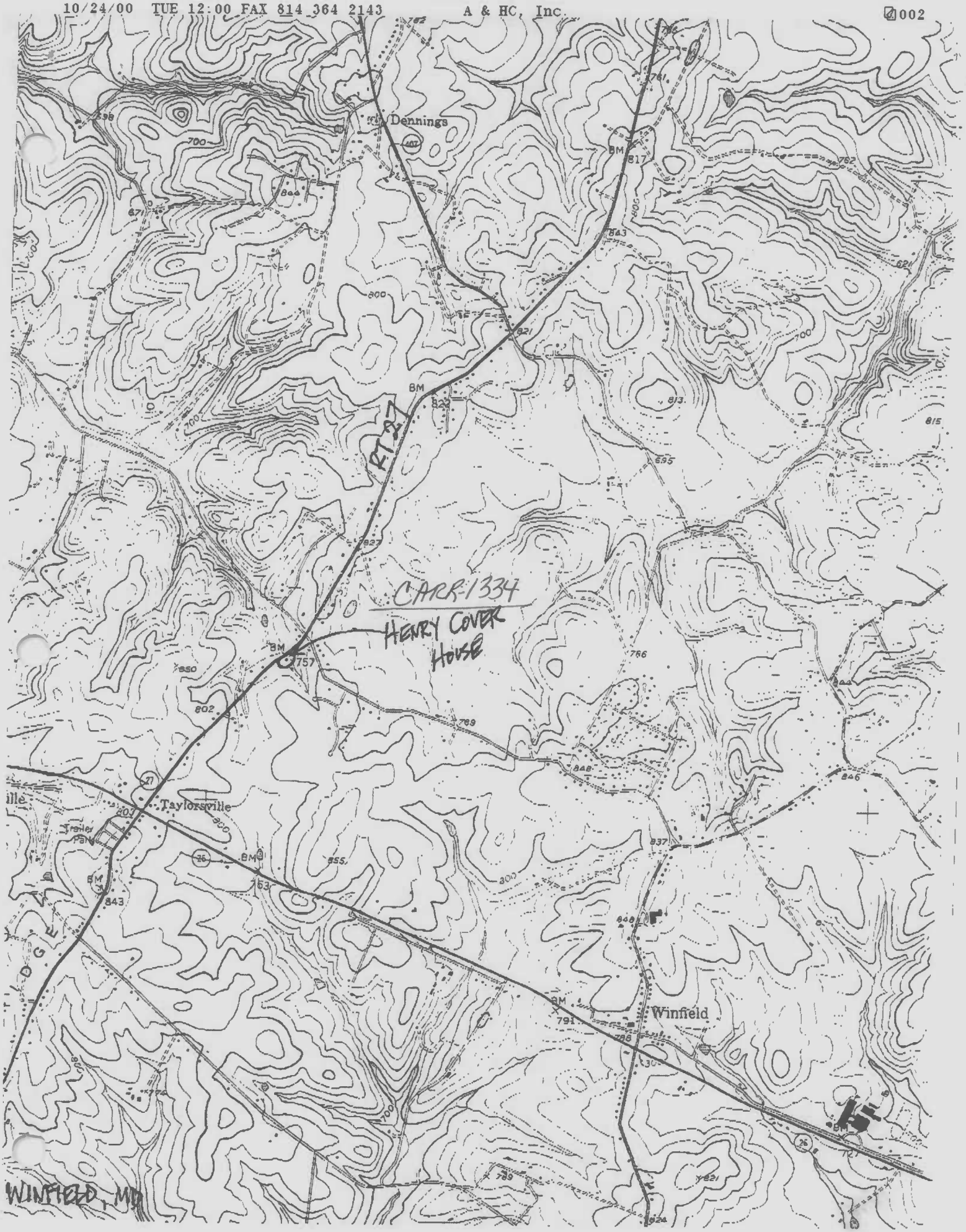
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