

HO-931
Roxbury Boy Scout Cabin
Old Roxbury Road
Howard County, Maryland

The Roxbury Boy Scout Cabin is located just north of the bed of the Old Roxbury Road, and just east of East Branch, in western Howard County, Maryland. It is about 200 feet northeast of the bridge over the stream, is now just ruins, and is scheduled to be completely removed as part of a new development. The building was one-story, with a gable roof that had a north-south ridge. A rubble stone fireplace and chimney survives, with a stone hearth and a large, tooled granite lintel over the opening.

According to local tradition, there was a Boy Scout camp in this location, and this is the ruins of a cabin from that camp. Judging from what little remains, the building was clearly built in the twentieth century, was possibly a log structure like the Adirondack cabins, and had a domestic function. Nothing else could be found about this camp at this time.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-931

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin

other

2. Location

street and number Old Roxbury Road not for publication

city, town Roxbury Mills X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Leo Butler, Frances Devlin

street and number 14944 Roxbury Road telephone

city, town Glenelg state MD zip code 21737

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 21-24

city, town Ellicott City liber 521 folio 412

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
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u> 0 </u>	

7. Description

Inventory No. HO-931

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

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

The Roxbury Boy Scout Cabin is located just north of the bed of the Old Roxbury Road, and just east of East Branch, in western Howard County, Maryland. It is about 200 feet northeast of the bridge over the stream, is now just ruins, and is scheduled to be completely removed as part of a new development.

The building was one-story, with a gable roof that had a north-south ridge. There are three rows of piers that run north-south. The center row piers are CMUs with bricks on top, and have part of a log on top of them that also runs north-south. Some of the outer piers are rubble stone, while others are CMUs with bricks on top, faced with a rubble stone veneer in Portland cement. A rubble stone fireplace and chimney survives, with a stone hearth and a large, tooled granite lintel over the opening. The mantel is made of concrete. The outer sides of the fireplace walls have holes for sills and probably horizontal logs in the walls. The chimney contains a tar ghost of the roof profile.

8. Significance

Inventory No. HO-931

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

Specific dates

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

According to local tradition, there was a Boy Scout camp in this location, and this is the ruins of a cabin from that camp. Judging from what little remains, the building was clearly built in the twentieth century, was possibly a log structure like the Adirondack cabins, and had a domestic function. Nothing else could be found about this camp at this time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. HO-931

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .5 A

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name

Woodbine

Quadrangle scale

1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The south boundary is the old road bed, the west boundary is the East Branch, the north boundary parallels the old road 300 feet north of the road, and the east boundary parallels the west boundary 300 feet east of the stream.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date

7/23/2007

street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive

telephone

410-313-4335

city or town

Ellicott City

state MD



zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

HO-931
Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin, ruin
Howard County GIS
Howard County Aerial Photography Viewer

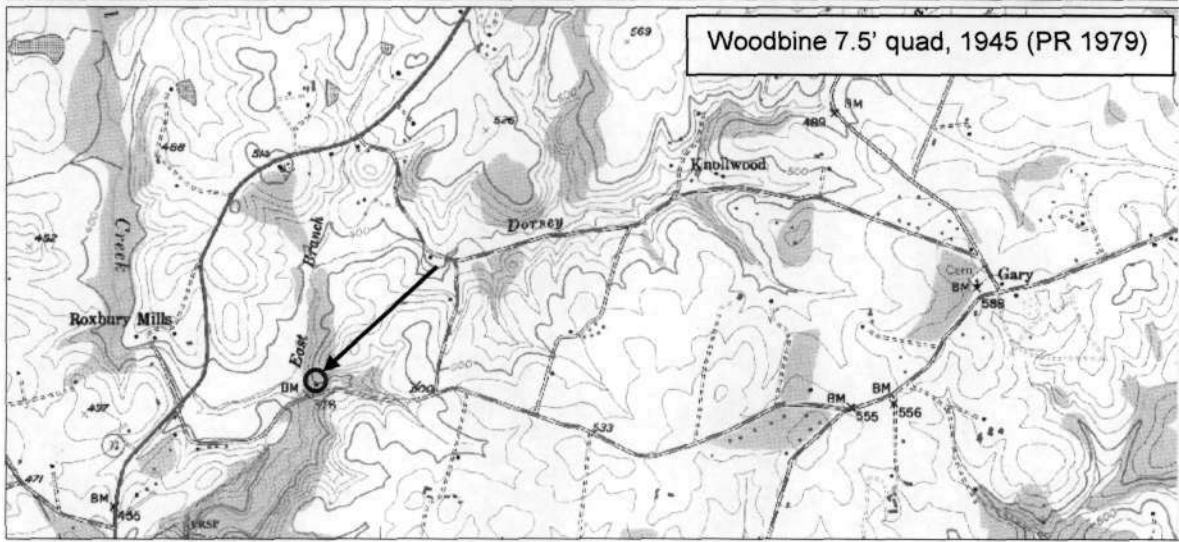
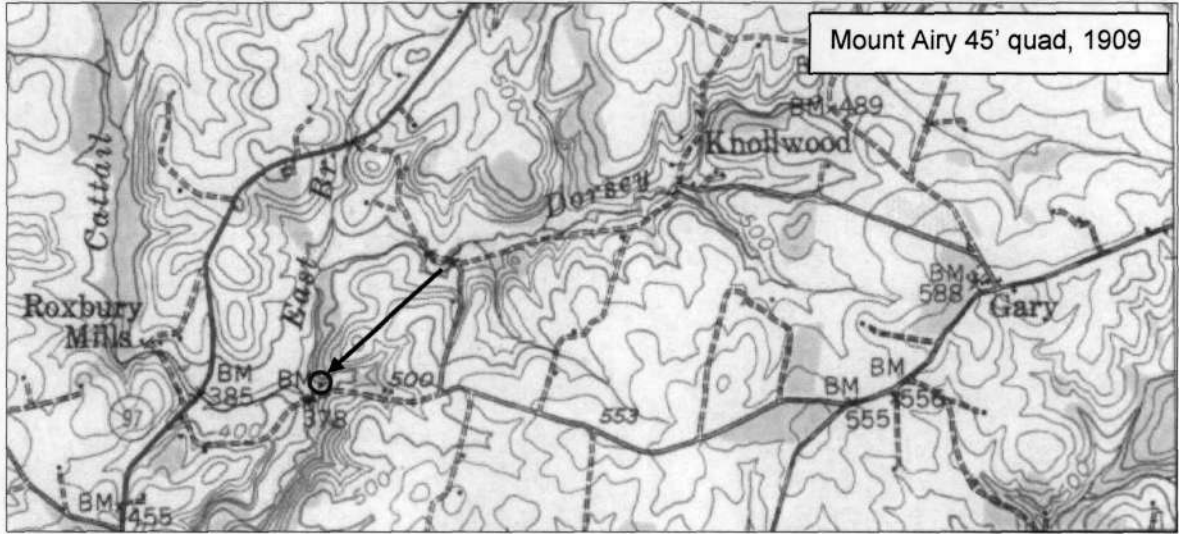
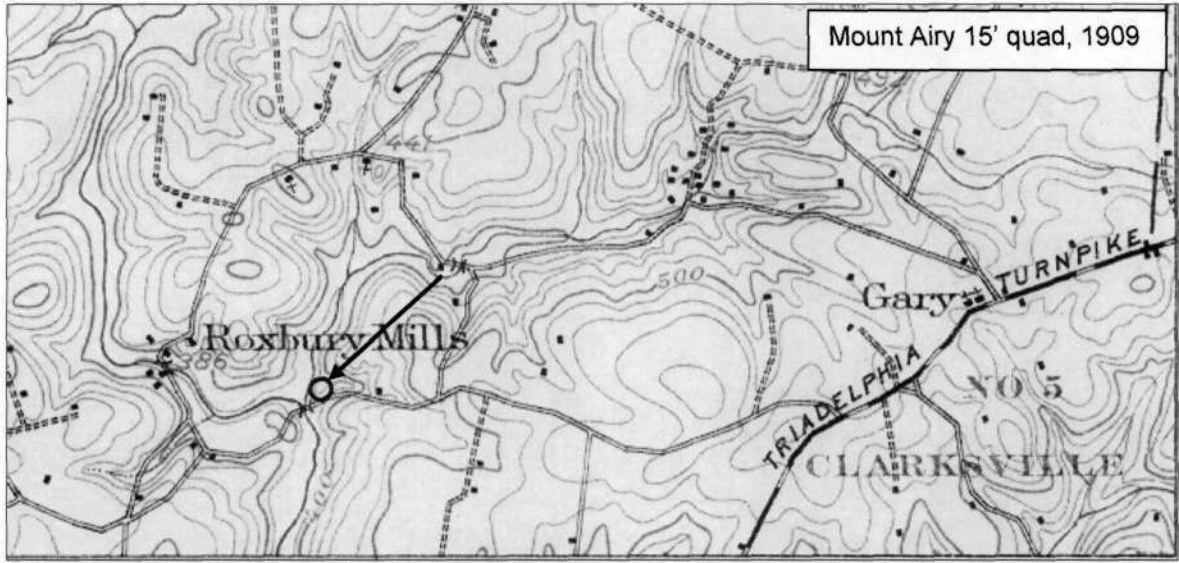
<h1>1943</h1>	Season: Summer Resolution: Unknown County Coverage: 95% Type: Black and White Source: MD Soil Conservation		Max Zoom 
---------------	--	---	--

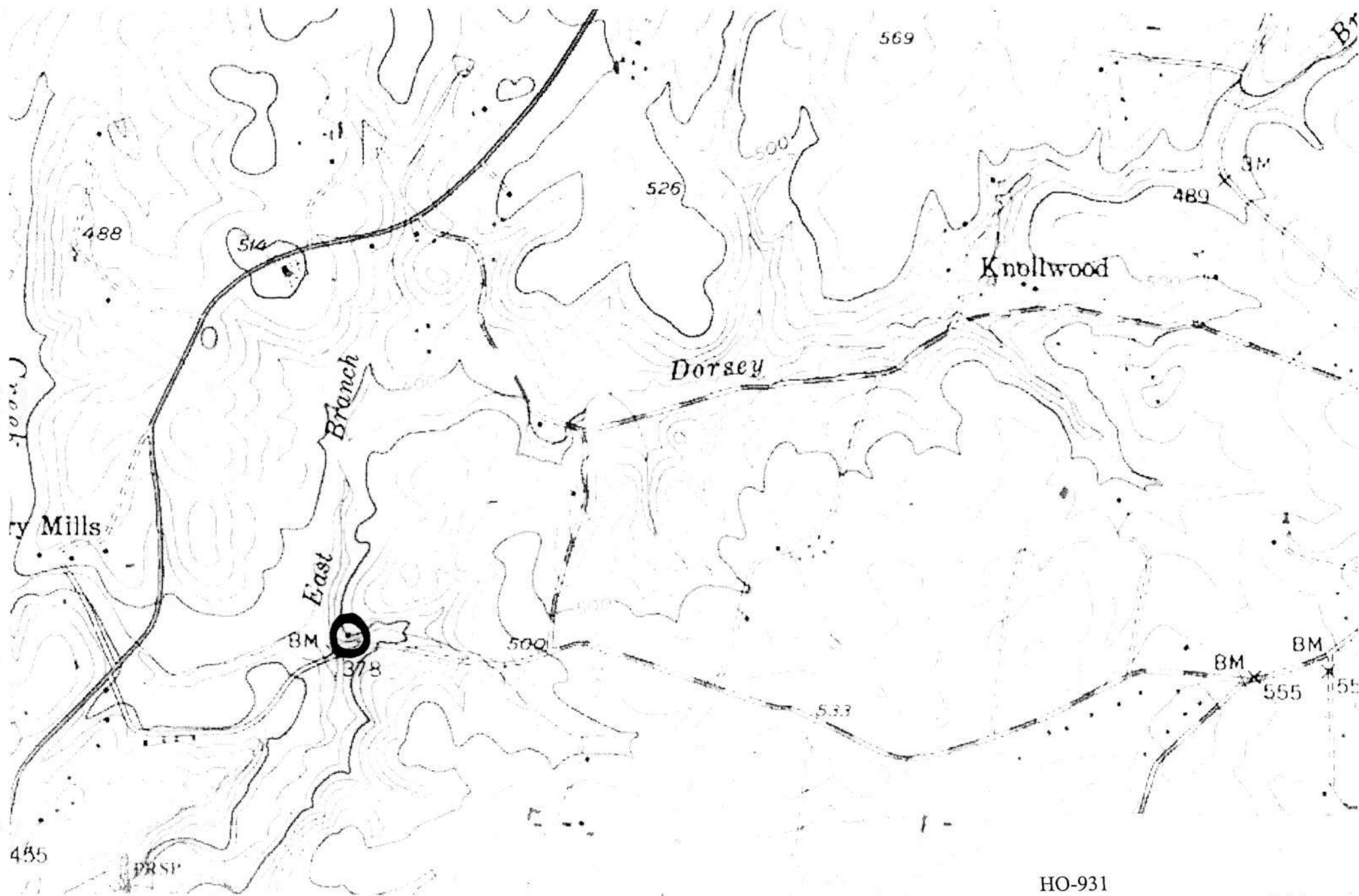


<h1>1985</h1>	Date: March Resolution: Unknown County Coverage: 42% Type: Black and White Source: Howard County		Max Zoom 
---------------	--	---	--



HO-931
Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin, ruin





HO-931
Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin
Woodbine Quad



HO-931 Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin Old Roxbury Road View looking north
Ken Short, December 2006 1/2



HO-931 Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin Old Roxbury Road Chimney from southwest
Ken Short, December 2006 2/2

HO-931_20061228_01
Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin
Old Roxbury Road
Howard County, Maryland
View looking north
Ken Short
December 2006
1/2

HO-931_20061228_02
Roxbury Road Boy Scout Cabin
Old Roxbury Road
Howard County, Maryland
Chimney from southwest
Ken Short
December 2006
2/2