

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: Devils Den and Spring Site					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: One quarter mile east on the Warm Springs Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone					
STATE: MARYLAND		COUNTY: Allegany			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Harry Jackson					
STREET AND NUMBER: Warm Spring Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: Prospect Square					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Devils Den is in a lightly forested area about 1000 feet northeast of Jackson's house. It is easily reached by following the strike of the rocks northeast from the large spring opposite the house.

The entrance to Devils Den is through a rectangular sinkhole about 10 feet long by 5 feet wide with a drop of 10 feet. Beneath the sink is a rectangular room about 18 feet long and 15 feet wide with a ceiling height of 8 feet. Leading northeastward and gently sloping is a passage that grows progressively smaller until it pinches out 55 feet from the entrance. At the far end of this passage is a low passage 7 to 10 inches high and 6 feet wide, that opens eastward to a small room. The room is about 45 feet long and is elliptical in shape with a maximum width of 12 feet directly opposite the connecting passage. The maximum height is 4 feet near the entrance, and the flat arched ceiling tapers gradually in all directions. Another passage extends southwest from the entrance. The opening into it is constricted by rock debris, and the entire passage is low. Beyond 10 feet it is a crevice too narrow to transverse.

The Spring
 The cave is tied closely to the branch of Flintstone Creek that sinks behind the school in Flintstone and reappears as a large spring and tributary to Murley Branch at the Jackson residence. This stream flows underground for about one mile along a course that directly follows the strike of the rock with elevation difference of 20 feet from the Flintstone to the spring. About one-half the drainage flows underground; the remainder follows the longer course of Flintstone Creek through Gilpin to a point where it joins Murley Branch, about 3 miles from Flintstone. Devils Den lies directly above the underground course and is probably a part of the network

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like many small caves the history of Devils Den is rather obscure. The cave has been well known to residents of Flintstone. No dates of historical value occur in the cave.

The spring is a large one. Although at present, it is not serving an agriculture purpose or being used, there is no doubt that it could be used for many purposes. One fact remains, the water supply is becoming less plentiful. It must also be recognized that the water supply at Flintstone, especially the Flintstone school, has become more critical in the past few years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Caves of Maryland by William E. Davies
History of Allegany County Maryland - Thomas and Williams

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Helen S. Hinkle

ORGANIZATION: **Allegany Cty Committee of Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **6/15/1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 228 Hinkle Road, Route 2

CITY OR TOWN: **Cumberland** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

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