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FISHER FARM HOUSE
Spring Gap, Maryland
Early 19th Century

The Fisher Farm House, constructed in the early 19th Century, is an original log structure two stories tall and three bays wide. It has since been covered with clapboarding that has been allowed to weather beyond repair. The main facade is rectangular and features what's left of double hung, wooden sash window frames with two over two lights. A front porch with hipped roof covers the main entrance area, which has been knocked out and is now used as a cattle shelter. The roof is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt sheeting.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fisher Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Near C and C Canal

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Allegany

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME National Park Service

Telephone #: 202-343-1100

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

STREET & NUMBER

C Street between 18th and 19th sts. N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

Liber #: 466

Folio #: 486

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fisher Farm House is located near the Cheasapeake and Ohio Canal in Spring Gap, Maryland, about 1/2 mile south of Route 51.

The Structure consists of a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped block. It was originally log, but has been since covered with clapboarding. The foundation is a low stone one with a plain water table. Windows are double hung wooden sash frames with 2 over 2 lights and plain trim; however, most of them have been knocked out. The roof of the structure is gabled and has been re-covered with asphalt materials. The main entrance is on the east side of the dwelling, but the front door area has been completely knocked out and that area is now used as a cattle shelter. A front porch with hipped roof was added to the main block. The structure features one original, stone, corbeled chimney which is centrally located.

The structure is still fairly sound, but has been un-maintained for a few years. Some of the clapboarding on the southern rear side has fallen off revealing the original log construction.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca: 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story, log house stands out as a fine example of early log construction. This one was probably built in the early 19th century. Lying near the Potomac River, it was situated on fertile soils for its occupants to farm upon. The original logs are still intact and corner notchings are still seen as perfect. Mud with horse hair to hold it together still fills the cracks between the logs. It's one of the few log homes in Allegany Co. to display an original corbeled stone chimney. The Little family kept the house for around 80 years, and they have a private burial plot nearby on the Bessie Hetrick Property.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Steve Beale, Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

Lavale

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

Fisher Farm House
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Allegany County Deed, Liber 466, Folio 486
grantee: Chesapeake & Ohio Canal
grantor: William J. Hetrick
October 1, 1973
Consideration: \$8,878.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber ? , Folio ?
grantee: William J. Hetrick
grantor: Bessie M. Hetrick
1972
Consideration: \$1,400

Allegany County Deed, Liber 175, Folio 349
grantee: Bessie M Hetrick
grantor: Clarence Shutter, Trustee for Margaret Fisher
July 18, 1936

Allegany County Deed, Liber 16, Folio 370
grantee: Charles Little
grantor: Soloman Alkire
July 11, 1857
Consideration: \$3,506.00

Charles Little willed the present Fisher Farm House to his daughter
Margaret R. Little, who married Charles J. Fisher.

Allegany County Deed, Liber N, Folio 511
grantee: Peter Alkire
grantor: Daniel Fetter, Executor of Jacob Lapp
April 13, 1857
Consideration: \$2,200.00

INVENTORY NO. A1-111-B-013 466-486 75/72
DATE: 8/26/76 13 Acres 1.5 ACRES

RECORDING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: FISHER FARM HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: NEAR C+O CANAL - SPRING GAP, MD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST 13 Acres

NAME OF OWNER: Former: Bessie Hetrick 1974 SALE to Son

ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE 724-1329

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: FRONT PORCH

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LCG
- () Other: Coverings Re-covered with Clapboards

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS DRAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, REVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
PLAIN pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NOT THERE
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BOGERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CONCRETE() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Cattle feed + grazing
Significance - Arch.
Date Constructed - early 1800's
Condition - Poor

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North Branch

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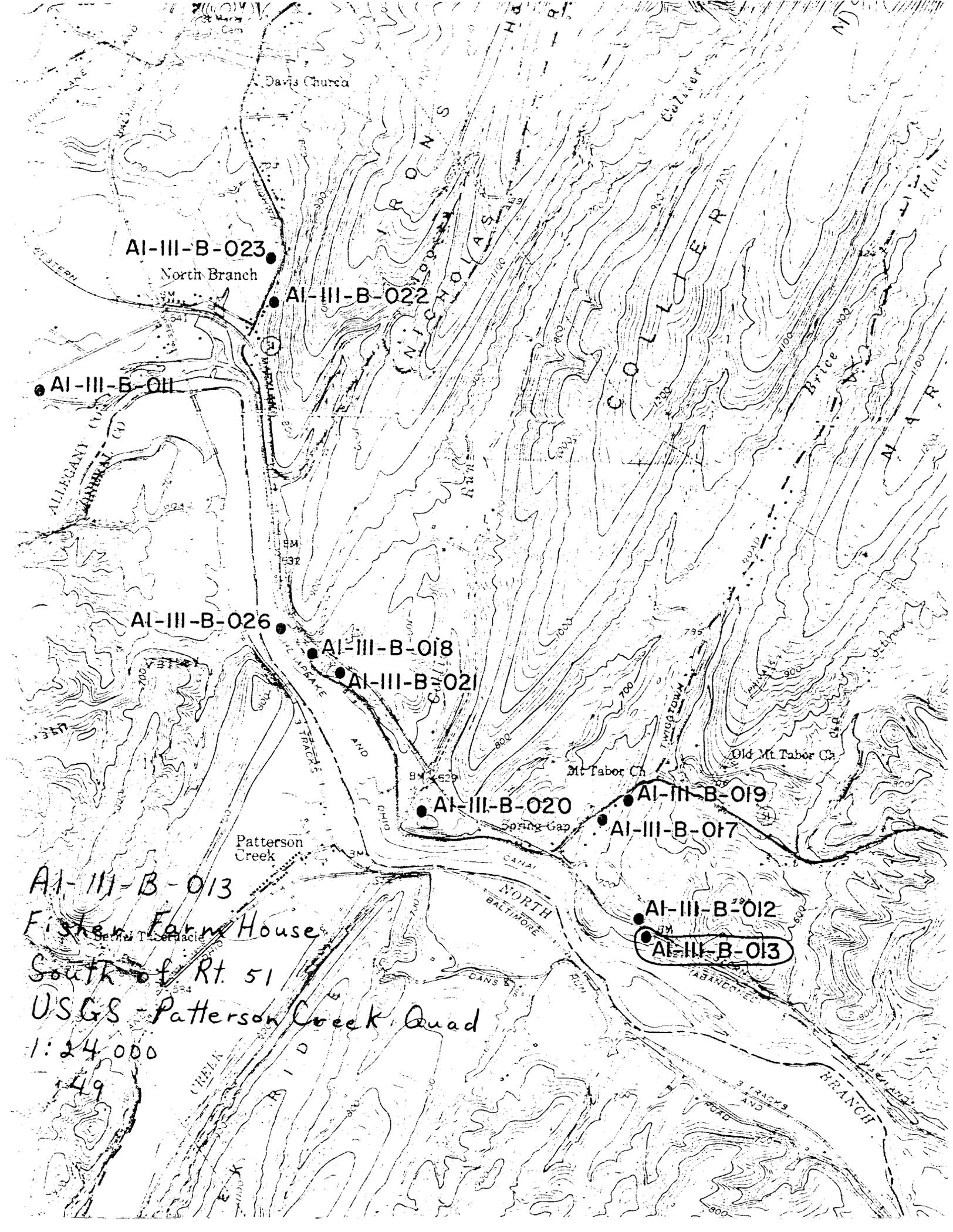
Fisher Farm House

South of Rt. 51

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

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Near C&O Canal

SPRING GAP

John E. NELSON

5/26/76

West - Northwest



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Near C+O canal

Spring Gap

John E. Nelson

8/26/76

Northeast



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Near C + O Canal

SPRING GAP

JOHN E. NELSON

8/26/76

North east

Interior