

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
C&O CANAL SURVEY

Inventory No. ~~AL-III-163~~

1. Name of Property

historic name Dean-Zihlman-Cunningham Property

other names _____

2. Location

street & number Peace Road not for publication _____
city or town Spring Gap vicinity X
state Maryland code MD county Allegany code 001
zip code 21502

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

National Park Service
C&O Canal National Historic Park
P.O. Box 4; Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782
Contact Name Superintendent, Thomas Hobbs: 301-739-4200

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

Does this building contribute to the architectural and/or historic character of the C&O Canal? Explain under Section 8.

Yes _____
No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Agricultural
Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Agricultural
Outbuilding

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
roof Metal
walls Wood
other Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

- ___ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ___ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ___ B removed from its original location.
- ___ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ___ D a cemetery.
- ___ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ___ F a commemorative property.
- ___ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance _____

Significant Dates _____

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

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Architect/Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 1-2

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Thomas F. Hahn, The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital, Metuchen, NJ: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 1984.

Allegany County, MD, Land Records, located at County Court House, Cumberland, MD.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 76.11

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.) The property is located at milepost 170.80 of the C&O Canal and east of where Buckley Road ends at the Western Maryland Railroad right-of-way. It is bounded on the north by the C&O Canal and on the south by the Potomac River.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.) Based on the boundaries of the tract, 49-103, where the barn is located.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name of property
Allegheny, Maryland
county and state

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7. Description

The farm property is located on relatively flat land adjacent to the C&O Canal on the towpath side at milepost 170.80. Of all of the previous buildings on the site, only a barn is still standing, although there is also a stone foundation on the property.

The barn is 30' by 70' and 20' in height with a metal gable roof. It is built of yellow pine vertical siding with spaces in between the boards to allow for ventilation. The side that faces south toward the Potomac River has seven openings placed symmetrically in the facade. The middle opening is for a wagon pull-through and the three on each side of it are smaller openings for cattle. Rectangular vents are located near the roof line in each gabled end. A silo adjacent to the barn was removed due to rust and deterioration, but the cement foundation remains.

Inside feed stalls are located on both sides of the barn. The barn posts are arranged in a grid pattern, four rows with eight columns. These posts have been stabilized with concrete footers or repairs.

The property is used under a special use permit with the National Park Service to graze cattle. The barn, while in poor condition, is also used for this purpose.

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While the Dean-Zihlman-Cunningham property was not directly associated with the C&O Canal, it existed along side the canal activities and may have been indirectly related to the daily functions of the canal. As the boats traveled along the canal the captains, their families, and the crew members would have seen the Dean-Zihlman-Cunningham farm as part of the landscape. While canal boats would not have paid regular visits to the farm, they might have stopped to purchase supplies. Thomas F. Hahn in The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital illustrated that due to small storage space and lack of refrigeration on the canal boats the captains often purchased supplies at lockhouses or farmhouses as they traveled along the canal.

Little is known about the Dean-Zihlman-Cunningham property other than the information revealed in the property deeds. When the

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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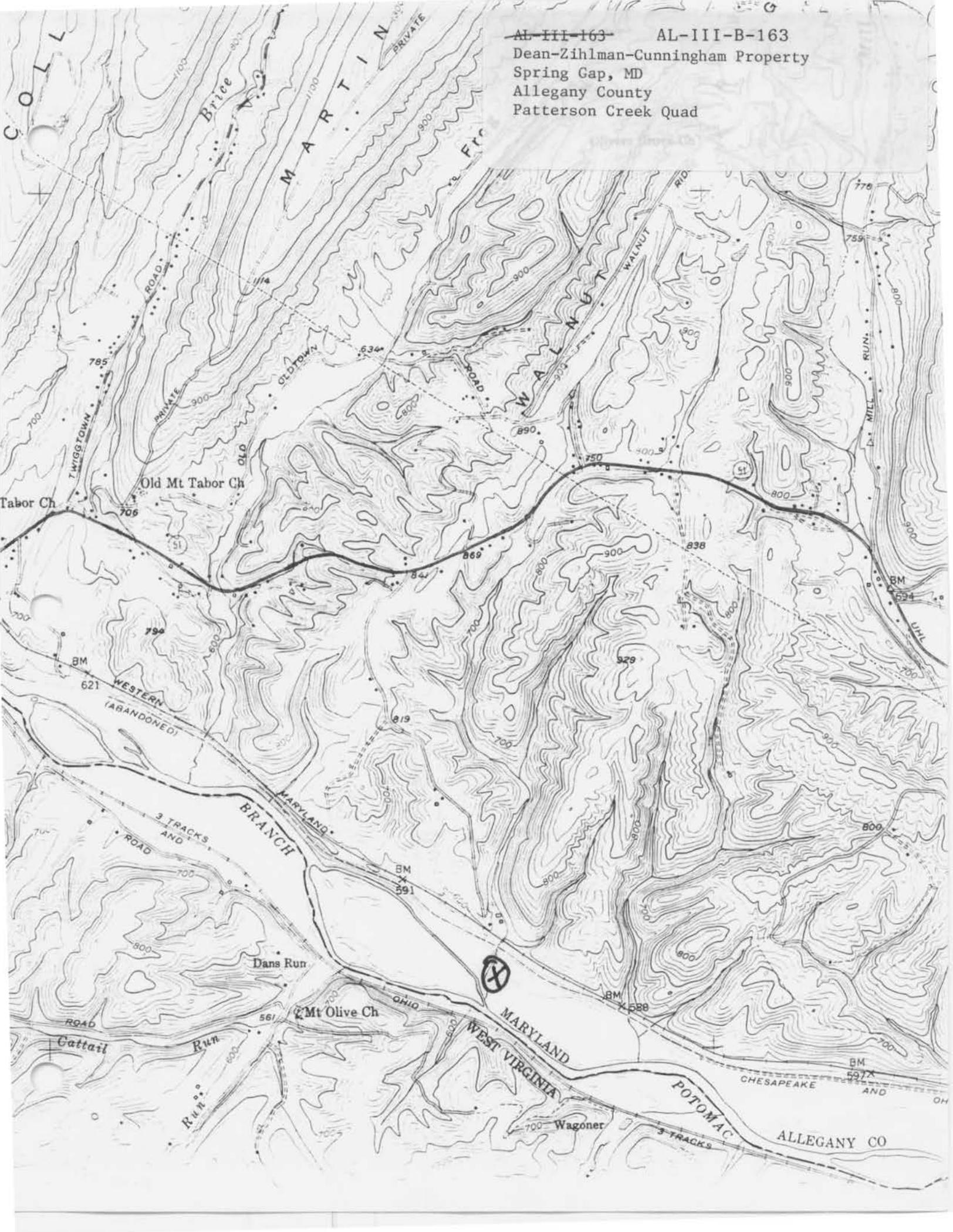
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canal construction passed by the property and the canal began operation from Cumberland, MD, to Georgetown in Washington, DC, in 1850 the land was patented to John Mitchell. On 3 December 1880 Nancy M. Baird sold the property to Christopher Kelly. In June 1892 when Kelly sold the property to William R. Percy and David Sloan the deed stipulated that the C&O Canal would have right-of-way. While the canal was operating two other people owned the property: Claude W. Wagnor, et al. from December 1914 to April 1918 and Lemuel C. Buckley from April 1918 to April 1938.

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BARN - FRONT ELEVATION, RIVERSIDE

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