

C & O Canal Boat House
12608 Pershing Drive, Potomac Park
AL-VI-A-141

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC C & O Canal Boat House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12608 Pershing Drive, Potomac Park Sixth

CITY, TOWN Cumberland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Joseph C. Mooney Telephone #: 729-2151

STREET & NUMBER 13608 Pershing Drive

CITY, TOWN Cumberland Maryland 21502, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 221
Folio #: 512

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland Maryland STATE 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1941</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The C & O Canal Boat House is located at 13608 Pershing Drive in Potomac Park.

This canal boat was moved from the C & O Canal and placed on a foundation of concrete blocks. Old photographs show that the boat was covered with wooden siding and had a flat roof later made into a gabled roof. A shed roofed porch was added onto the southwest. Sliding six light windows of a type common for canal boats are visible in one photograph. Later coverings of weatherboard and aluminum siding and gabled additions on the southeast have further obscured the boat. The roof and windows have all been replaced.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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- (1) Lee Baron, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal "As it Is and As It Was" (privately printed:1973) no page number.
- (2) Thomas F. Hahn, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Old Picture Album (Shepherdstown, W. Va.: The American Canal and Transportation Center, 1976) p.53
- (3) Interview Mr. Jordan, Potomac Park, 9-25-79

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100 x 200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites

DATE

August 30, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE
777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 221, Folio 512
Grantee: Joseph C. Mooney and Elizabeth Jane Mooney
Grantor: Harry H. Hoffman and Anna Mae Hoffman
Date: July 30, 1948

Allegany County Deed: Liber 217, Folio 283
Grantee: Harry H. Hoffman and Anna Mae Hoffman
Grantor: Elsie M. Jordan Devine
Notes: William A. Jordan died intestate
Date: September 25, 1947

Allegany County Deed: Liber 191, Folio 382
Grantee: Willaim A. Jordan and Elsie M. Jordan
Grantor: Henry Shriver and Henrietta Shriver
Date: May 26, 1941

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: 9/25

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: LAST BOAT OFF THE CANAL HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: end of Pershing St. Pt. Park 13608

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NW

NAME OF OWNER: Joseph C Mamey 13608 Pershing St

ADDRESS: 221/1512 MAP DP 2 100' x 200'

ED G neighbor(s) moved it & put roof on it.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on SE two gabled blocks - frame cement block

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
- () LOG
- OTHER: Coverings weatherboard & aluminum

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone cement block

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick small - doubled one light pirtal windows

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: _____ Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

moved from behind footers 1941
rafters & roof added

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

CRESAPTOWN QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

5263 II NW
(EVITTS CREEK)

D 688 CUMBERLAND JUNC 4 S 42 31 M 47'30" CUMBERLAND, MD 19 MI 300 000 FEET (MD) 692 78°45' 39°37'30"



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photo of old photo ca. 1941

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