

c. 1890  
DEMOLISHED

BA-156

Chattolanee Spring Water Company  
Watered Stock Company  
William Trimble  
Chattolanee Hill,  
Owings Mills, Md. 21117

The Chattolanee Spring Water Company was one of three water bottling companies developed in the area in the latter part of the 19th century. Six springs yielded 250,000 gallons a day. The water was at one time believed to have healing qualities. Residents today still get water from the springs.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAEI # 0301576627

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC CHATTOLANEE SPRING WATER COMPANY (demolished)

AND/OR COMMON

Watered Stock Co.

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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

Watered Stock Co.

Telephone #: 363-0386

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

c/o William Trimble, Chattolanee Hill

STATE, zip code

Owings Mills

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21117

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 6569

Folio #: 37

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION** DEMOLISHED

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Business, drinking water.	

SPECIFIC DATES 1892

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John W. Stork

The Chattolane Spring Water Company was one of three water bottling companies developed in the Green Spring Valley in the latter part of the nineteenth century. It was the only one which continued to serve local and Baltimore residents well into the twentieth century. It ceased its eighty-three years of operation in 1975 and, unfortunately, the small building was demolished in the fall of 1976.

The origin of the company begins with the establishment in 1890 of the famous Chattolane Hotel built and operated by William L. Stork. It was his son, John, who, while a student at Princeton, spent his summers as an employee at the hotel where he noticed the water's "taste appeal" to the guests. In fact, it became a customary practice for the hotel management to bottle the "champagne springs" so it could be taken home by visitors.<sup>2</sup> Out of this free service John conceived the idea of bottling the spring water to be sold commercially in Baltimore.<sup>3</sup>

Others from an earlier time had also capitalized on the pure quality and abundance of the Chattolane Springs water. From 1832-1847 and again from 1849-1860, the Green Spring Hotel (a predecessor to the Chattolane Hotel) was built by the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company as a summer resort to attract passengers.<sup>4</sup> Between 1847 and 1849, the hotel was operated as the Green Spring Hydro-pathic Institute where invalids came for a "water cure."<sup>5</sup>

In 1892 when John W. Stork started the Chattolane Spring Water Company, he used a door-to-door salesman approach.<sup>6</sup> As his Baltimore business expanded, he established another at 424 N. Charles Street and erected a warehouse nearby in Baltimore City, utilizing refrigerated cars traveling the Green Spring Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad to transport his bottles and demijohns from the plant to the warehouse.<sup>7</sup> His company wagons pulled by mules were also part of the distribution process.

Stork had erected the small, wooden plant near the source of the springs, immediately adjacent to the Green Spring Valley Road at the southern slope of Chattolane Hill. A porcelain-lined filling machine was connected with the spring so the water flowed directly from the source into the bottles. No storage tanks, reservoirs, or filters were used.<sup>8</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley, Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1978.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.14

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Northeast corner of Greenspring Valley Road and Ghattolanee Hill Rd.

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Dawn F. Thomas, Research Historian/ Joan E. Buck, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Valleys Planning Council

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2-22-80

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212 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Towson

Maryland

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Samples of Chattolane water were periodically sent to chemists for chemical analysis and sanitary inspection. Each report remarked on the great purity of the water. The lack of mineral or organic content led one examiner to conclude that the water came from "a deep-seated source" rather than from the surface flow.<sup>9</sup>

Originally Stork drew his water supply from six springs which yielded a flow of 250,000 gallons a day per spring.<sup>10</sup> By 1966 only

two springs were still flowing, one of which produced 150,000 gallons a day.<sup>11</sup>

In the early part of the twentieth century it was the fashion to have at least one bottle of Chattolane water around the house. As one customer remarked, "I was more or less weaned on it and I could tell Chattolane water from any other in the world."<sup>12</sup>

John W. Stork also took over the management of the Chattolane Hotel at the death of his father. However, about 1910-1913 the hotel's popularity waned as new modes of transportation took the public to numerous far-away, picturesque places. Shortly thereafter Stork sold the hotel property but continued to be the sole owner of the water company until his death in 1958.<sup>13</sup>

His daughter, Mrs. Jean Kamtman, managed the business for a while, selling her interest to the Chattolane Spring Water Company in 1966.<sup>14</sup> Gery Waddell then became owner of the enterprise.<sup>15</sup> He subsequently sold it to a corporation known as the Watered Stock Company formed by the residents of Chattolane Hill. This corporation no longer needing this white shingled barn-type structure, had it torn down. These residents still receive the water from this pure and abundant spring.<sup>16</sup>

FOOTNOTES - Chattolane Spring Water Company

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Jean (Stork) Kamtman, "I Remember . . . Tales of the Old Chattolane Hotel," Sunday Sun Magazine, 16 August 1959; interview with Mrs. Kamtman, 12 February 1973; "Chattolane," undated booklet in the possession of Mrs. Kamtman.

<sup>2</sup> See Note 1; Diary of John W. Stork in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Kamtman.

<sup>3</sup> See Note 1.

<sup>4</sup> Fifth Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company (Baltimore; James Lucas and E. K. Deaver, 1832), p. 4; for a detailed discussion of the Green Spring Hotel see Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1978), 1:111-114.

<sup>5</sup> Baltimore American and Commercial Daily Advertiser, 6 July 1849; Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Libers A.W.B. 382, fol. 150, and A.W.B. no. 425, fol. 540, Baltimore Court House, Baltimore City, Maryland.

<sup>6</sup> See note 1.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> "Chattolane."

<sup>9</sup> Ibid. Cited in the booklet are a letter from Charles E. Simon, 1 January 1910, letters from Penniman and Brown Firm, and letters from the Wiley and Hoffman Firm concerning analysis of Chattolane water. Also cited is a report on the springs made by Professor William B. Clark entitled "Important Excerpts from Geological Report," Maryland Geological Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

<sup>10</sup> See Note 9; "Bottled Water Sales Flow Faster For Company Here," Sun, 28 August 1966.

<sup>11</sup> "Bottled Water Flows Faster For Company Here."

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.; Michael Keyser, "Bubbling Spring is Gold Mine for Owners," Sun, 15 May 1968.

<sup>13</sup> Kamtman, "I Remember. . . Tales of the Old Chattolane Hotel"; interview with Mrs. Kamtman; Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Maryland and District of Columbia (Baltimore: National Biographical Publishing Company, 1879), p. 85; newspaper article containing the obituary of John Stork in the possession of Mrs. Kamtman.

<sup>14</sup> BCLR, Liber O.T.G. no. 4569, fol. 37, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.

<sup>15</sup> Phone conversation with Mrs. Gery Waddell, Fall 1976.

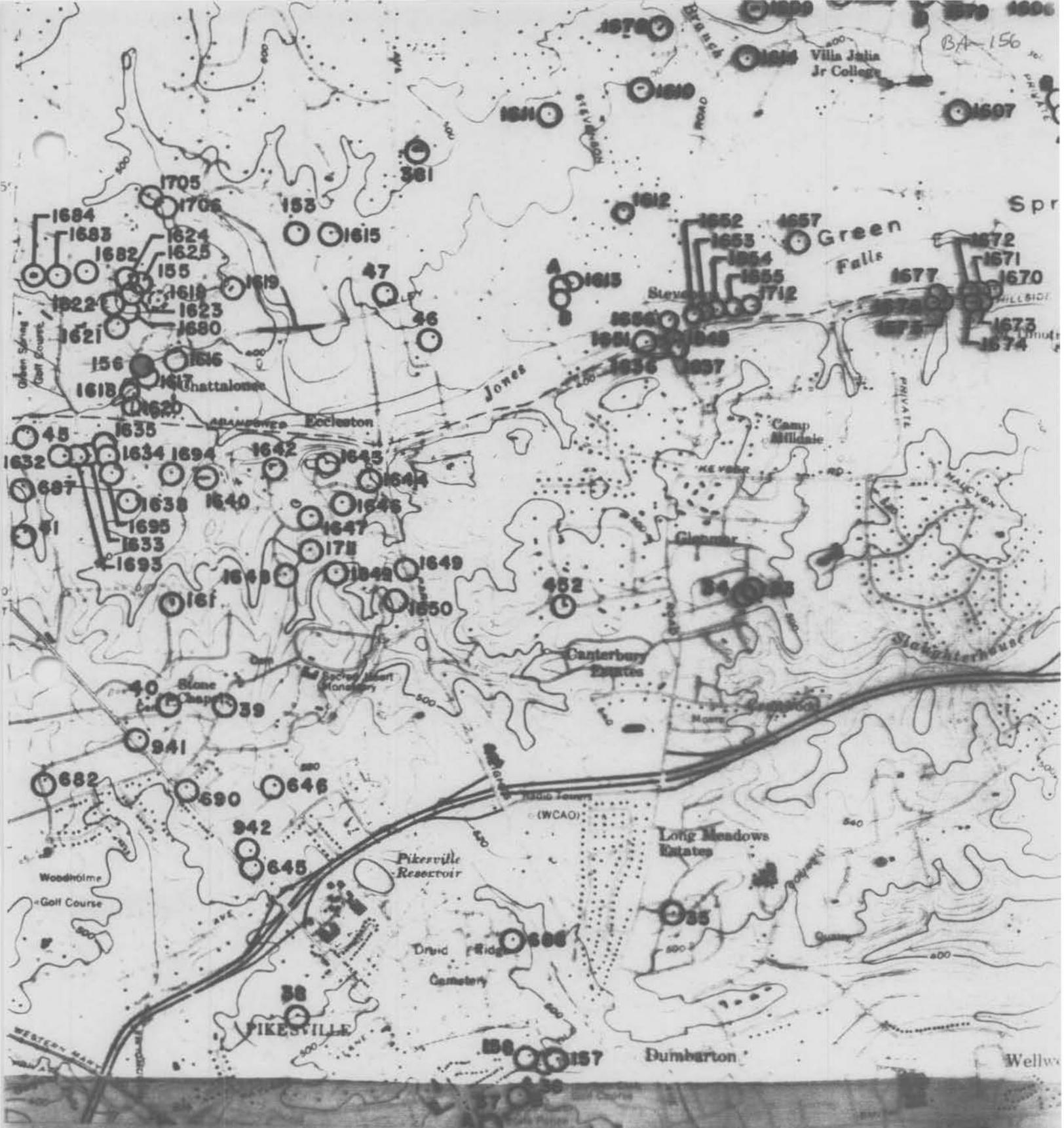
<sup>16</sup> Interview with John Fisher, Director of Watered Spring Company.



<p>1. STATE Maryland          COUNTY Baltimore          TOWN VICINITY Dist. III          STREET NO. Valley Road</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE          PRESENT OWNER          PRESENT USE          WALL CONSTRUCTION          NO. OF STORIES</p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY BA-158</p> <p>2. NAME Chattolane Springs Water Company          DATE OR PERIOD 1890's          STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p>			
<p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>				
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC</p> <p>Spring house (frame) located on what was formerly Hotel property. Chattolane Springs Water continues in demand because of its pure quality and is sold bottled and delivered in the greater Baltimore area and as far as Washington, D. C.</p> <p>(second HABS report)          E. Frances Offutt          HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE          COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY          March 20, 1968</p>				
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Endangered</td> <td>Interior</td> <td>Exterior</td> </tr> </table>		Endangered	Interior	Exterior
Endangered	Interior	Exterior		
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>			

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 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957.  
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 10-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system.  
 30-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid lines.  
 Contour lines shown in blue.

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**HISTORIC BUILT DENOTED**

