

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Stafford Flint Mill/Iron Furnace

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN Stafford CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First

STATE Darlington VICINITY OF Maryland COUNTY Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 736  
Folio #: 248

STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

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

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This structure faces the southeast along the northern bank of Deer Creek. It has been refurbished by the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks. It is almost thirty feet high, with a square base of uncoursed rubble stone and a cylindrical main portion of the same material. The cone-shaped top contains the flue and is of brick. There are two openings in the furnace, one on the northern side of the base, and the second at the level of the brick cone on the southeast side. These openings were used for the adding of fuel and ore and for the removal of slag and ash.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 9-1499	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the late Eighteenth and the early Nineteenth Centuries, a number of limonite iron furnaces flourished along Deer Creek, with a number of them being located near Stafford. A 1719 Act of Assembly offered 100 acres to anyone who could erect a productive furnace. Two of the earliest furnaces were located not far from the one that stands today. The first, Cumberland Forge, was located one-half mile north of the mouth of Elbow Branch and was built in 1749 by Nathaniel Rigbie, Nathaniel Rigbie, Jr., John Hall and Jacob Giles. Jacob Giles, Jr. acquired the plant in 1775 and John Stump became the owner in 1794. The second forge stood on the Creel property along the creek and was built by George Rock in 1749. The Rock Forge was operated for a time by the Onion and Lawson concern, which owned similar furnaces along the Little Gunpowder. The existing furnace is probably not as old, seeing its heyday when this stretch of Deer Creek was a complex flint, iron and milling plants under the ownership of Herman Stump, Edward M. Allen and Charles Forwood. A photograph of what is most likely the present structure can be found on page 157 of C. Milton Wright's Our Harford Heritage, this photograph dating from 1885. The furnace was not only employed as a smelter for limonite iron ore, but also, after the iron trade became unprofitable, a kiln for flint. Both the iron ore and the raw flint were transported to the furnace site by barge. At that time, the stream was deeper and in the Eighteenth Century, there had even been an island near the creek's mouth.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records  
Harford County Directory- 1953  
Martenet's Map of 1878  
Mason, Samuel; Historical Sketches of Harford County, 1955, Intelligencer Press,  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French-Bray Lancaster, Pa.  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Baltimore.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

43.16

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Property is located just north of Stafford Road, northeast of the Stafford Bridge. It is bounded on the northwest by the Triple A Farm, on the south east by Deer Creek and on the south by Stafford Road.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland State Historical Trust

DATE

May 17, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

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

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Iron Furnace and Tanbark Mill at Stafford

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	736	248	In 1967, the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks acquired a tract of 43.16 acres from the Credential Investment Corporation.
GRG	616	153	In 1963, Elizabeth E. Flannery sold a number of parcels of land to the Credential Investment Corporation, including one tract located on Deer Creek near Stafford of 198 acres, 33perches.
GRC	221	483	1. Ruth E. Westerblad sold the tract to Burt V. Flannery in 1932. There was included a parcel of 16½ acres and 33 perches near the Stafford Bridge
JAR	145	43	In 1914, Edward M. Allen sold this parcel of 16 acres, two roods and 33 perches to Carl G. Westerblad.
WSF	115	294	In 1905, Ellis J. Tucker sold the parcel to Edward M. Allen.
<u>Will</u>			
BHH	8	283	Hannah Stump willed the property to Ellis J. Tucker in 1872.
HD	18	220	In 1835, Henry C. Stump conveyed the property to Samuel Stump. The land had been willed to Henry by his father, William Stump, it being a portion of the tract called Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope and measuring 139 acres, more or less.
JLG	N	144	In 1796, Henry Stump sold 144 acres to William Stump. The deed retained Henry's rights of use of the mill race and the dam.
JLG	N	137	Henry Stump sold Henry Stump, Jr. a thirty acre section of Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope in 1796.
JLG	N	135	In 1796, John Stump, Jr., sold Henry Stump a 175 acre tract which was part of Rigbie's Hope or Mt. Yeo. The deed mentions John's rights of use of the mill race and the dam.
JLG	G	281	In 1786, Isaac Webster, executor of the last will of Nathan Rigbie, sold a 230 acre portion of Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope to John Stump, Jr.
GCB	259	344	2. In 1940, Edmund Snodgrass, treasurer, sold Burt V. Flannery eight acres, more or less, at a public auction. Fred R. Williams, the previous owner, had lost the property in 1937.
ALJ	66	163	John S. Forwood sold the parcel to William L. Cooley and Fred R. Williams in 1890.

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
ALJ	59	447	In 1887, Catherine Smithson sold John S. Forwood the Mill Lot or Jake's Lot, consisting of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres, 14 perches. The land had been entrusted to her by Herman Stump.
Will			
WSR	9	299	In 1881, Herman Stump left the property to Catherine Cassandra Smithson.

Previous references to this tract are found on the Creel sheet, which discusses Stafford Mills and other Herman Stump lands.

INVENTORY NO. 199 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 4/8/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor ✓ PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: CUMBERLAND FORGE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: A FEW HUNDRED YARDS EAST OF STAFFORD BRIDGE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH EAST

NAME OF OWNER: MARYLAND DEPT. OF FOREST + PARKS

ADDRESS: ANNEAPOLIS MD. - LOCAL SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 KON FURNACE 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]  
2 LEVELS

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

UPPER  
CORE

- [ ] 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 COURSES

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
NONE pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: OPENING HIGH UP IN FACE FOR ~~WIDE~~ ACCESS  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ] NONE

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS NONE  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

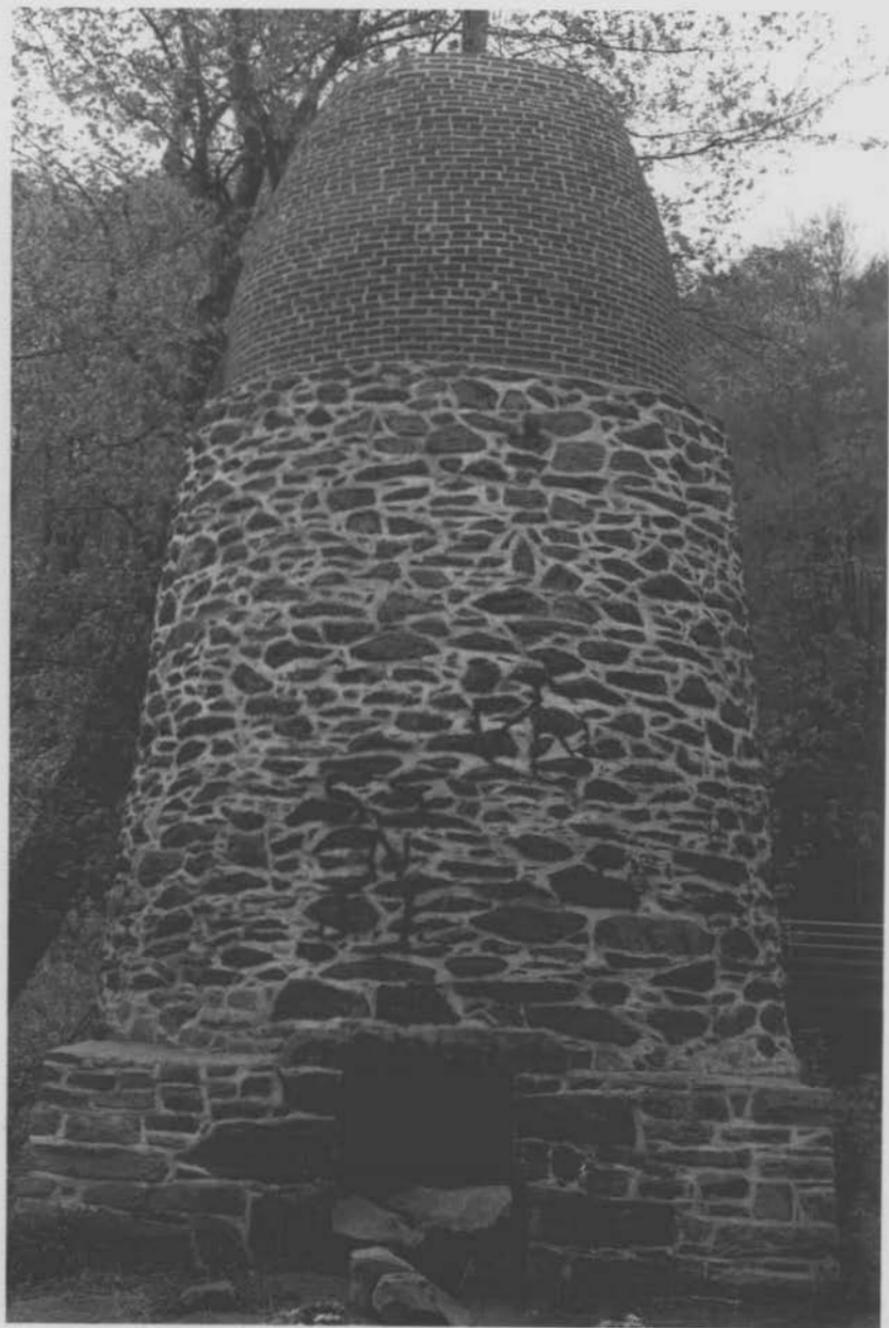
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK[ ] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES:

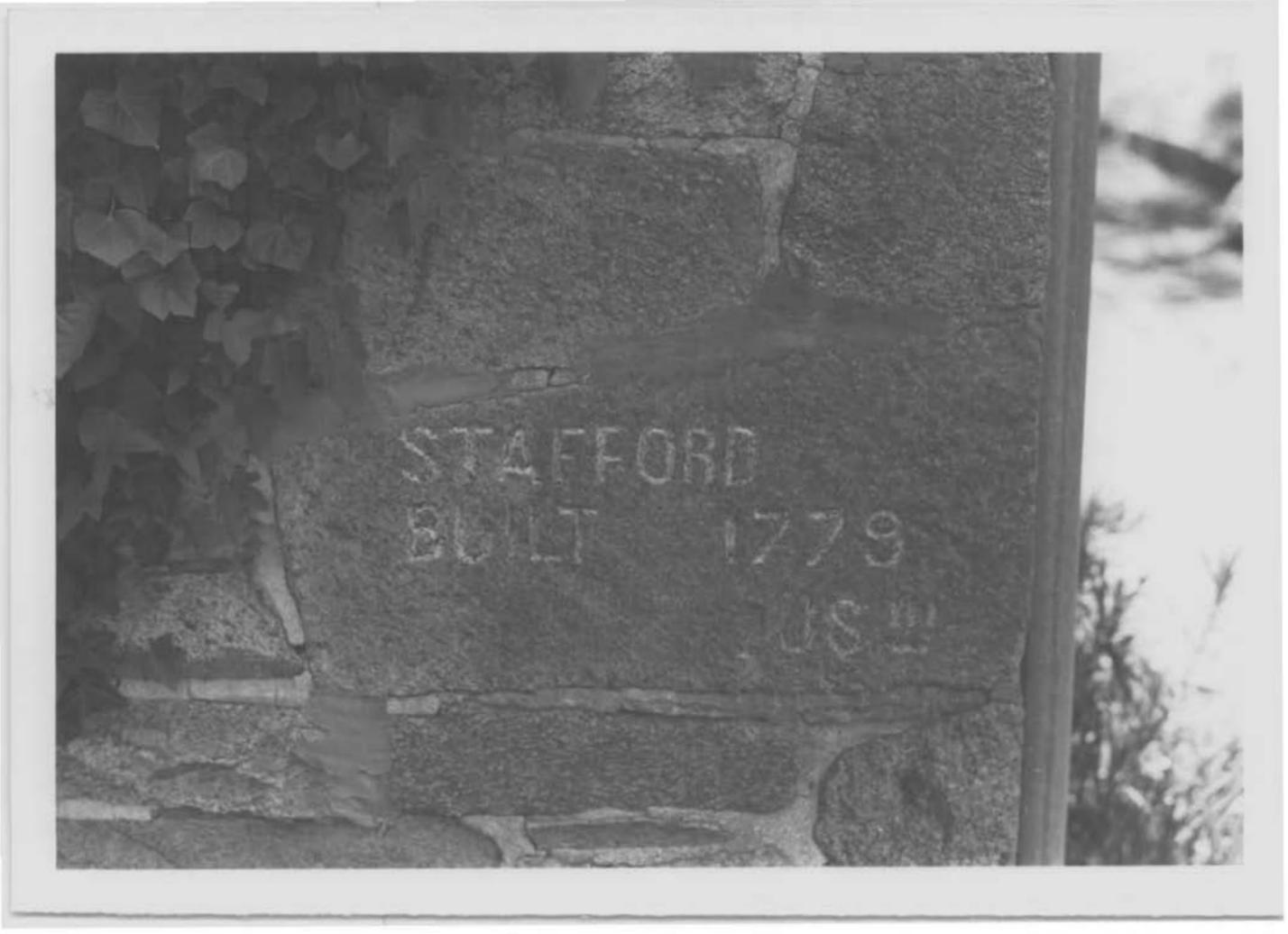
COMMENTS: square base - some lodg all stone unconsolid  
App core with fluff bricks





Stafford Furnace HA-199  
Stafford Road  
Darlington, MD  
Paul Penrod  
west side

4/76



STAFFORD  
BUILT 1779  
U.S.A.

Stafford HA-199  
Stafford Rd.  
Darlington, MD  
Paul Penrod  
North side

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