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Lapidum Inn Site

Architectural Survey File

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lapidum Inn Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stafford and Lapidum Roads

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Havre de Grace

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Towers 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

STREET & NUMBER

140 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: GRC 707
Folio #: 441

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This description is based on photographs of the hotel, which was razed several years ago. The hotel was a three-story structure that faced the river. A wing extended from the rear of the building, giving it a "T" shape. Both portions are three bays by one, with 6 X 6 windows and 3 X 3 arched gable attic windows. The ground floor was of stone and the rest of the inn was of frame. There were two doors centered on the eastern facade; one on the ground floor and one on the first floor. Another was located on southern side of the wing. The roof was a gable-flank and had the one typical, peaked dormer on the center of the eastern-facing roof. There were three patterned brick chimneys; one on either inside end of the main building and one interior stack on the wing. There were also two shed-roofed, three-bay, double-deck porches. One of these was on the eastern face and the other was on the southern side of the wing. Trim included eaves, soffits and friezes along the roof and carved railings on the porches.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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

Lapidum had just been officially laid out when this hotel was built. As the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal was quite active at that time, a larger inn was required to handle the needs of passengers, businessmen and workmen. There were already two smaller facilities in Lapidum at that time- Jarrett Spencer's tavern that sat diagonally across Stafford Road from the hotel, and the old Bell ferryhouse near the bridge over Herring Run. The Lapidum Hotel, called at that time the Susquehanna Hotel, was built by Conrad Baker in 1868 after he had been leased the land by Ann Archer. The inn was erected on the same site where a house built by Jacob Giles in the 1770's had stood. For a brief time it enjoyed the productivity of the canal and the port, billeting people and even the towpath mules used to pull the canal barges. With the decline of the canal and Lapidum, the hotel ceased to be used as such, and it's last days saw it serving as a fishing lodge and a men's club before it was recently demolished by the State of Maryland .

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory- 1953
 Harford County Land Records
 Interview with Mr. Rimple 4/76
 Martenet's Map of 1878
 Silver, Albert P.; Lapidum, 1888.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.30

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This site is situated on the corner of the intersection of Stafford and Lapidum Roads, on the northern side of Lapidum 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 Historical Trust

DATE

May 21, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Lapidum Hotel Site

<u>Libra</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	797	441	In 1968, Harry E. Dyer sold the Maryland State Department of Forests and Parks the hotel site of 0.30 acres.
GRG	714	5	Zero, Inc. sold lots one, two and eighteen in Lapidum to Harry E. Dyer in 1966.
GRG	714	3	In 1966, D. Franklin McGinnis sold the same three lots to Zero, Inc.
GRG	714	1	In 1966, Donald G. Smith became the trustee of the property after a court equity case. Lots one, two and eighteen were sold to Harry E. Dyer and D. Franklin McGinnis.
GRG	387	286	Jessie Lee Smith sold the three lots to William R. Hall in 1952.
GRG	304	287	George W. Kegel sold the lots to Jessie Lee Smith in 1947.
GCB	275	13	John G. Ebersole sold the lots to George W. Kegel in 1942.
DGW	170	479	In 1922, William O. Tollenger sold the three lots to John M. Ebersole.
JAR	147	192	Charles T. Tollenger sold the lots to William O. Tollenger in 1915. The property had been left to Charles by Hannah Craig Tollenger in 1904 (Will HTB 13 42). The property had been left to Hannah by the last will of Kohn Craig in 1901 (GSN 12 431).
ALJ	57	136	In 1886, Otho Lee acted as a trustee for a court equity case, selling the three lots to John Craig.
ALJ	40	9	In 1879, Henry W. Archer, executor for the estate of Ann Archer, sold Conrad Baker Lapidum lots one, two and eighteen.
WG	13	232	In 1862, Ann Archer leased the three lots to Conrad Baker for the purpose of building a "good and substantial" three-story house. The lots first appear as such on the 1858 plat of the town of Lapidum.
HD	Z	373	Before this time the land involved was owned by Ann Archer and was probably involved in the major transfer of properties from the Stumps to the Archers in 1817.
HD	R	229	In 1804, John Stump purchased this tract, being part of Eightrap, from Samuel Gover.
JDC	N	467	Samuel Gover obtained 273 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres from his father, Gerrard Gover, in 1797.

ABERDEEN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

399 DARLINGTON 2.4 MI. 10' 400 401 1040000 FEET 3.4 MI. TO U.S. 1 OCTOBER 24 1917 RISING SUN 7.8 MI. 5.8 MI. TO MD. 275

