

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Rocks of Deer Creek Inventory Number: HA-469

Address: Rocks Road (MD 24) and Rocks Station Road Historic district: yes no

City: Jarrettsville Zip Code: 21084 County: Harford

USGS Quadrangle(s): Fawn Grove

Property Owner: Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Rigdon Fam Tax Account ID Number: 05-032709

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0230 Tax Map Number: 0025

Project: MD 24 at Rocks State Park Agency: MD State Highway Administration

Agency Prepared By: MD State Highway Administration

Preparer's Name: SHA Consultant Architectural Historian Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 06/25/2013

Documentation is presented in: MIHP form HA-469, on file at Maryland Historical Trust

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description

The Rocks of Deer Creek form the centerpiece of Rocks State Park in Harford County, Maryland, but their historic significance pre-dates the park's formation. Located along Maryland Route 24 mid-way between Forest Hill and the Pennsylvania state line, The Rocks of Deer Creek rise on both sides of Deer Creek (a tributary to the Susquehanna River) forming a gorge 190 feet deep. The Rocks on the western shore are "more accessible and of a greater attraction to visitors", as described by local author Thomas Wysong in 1880.(1) The Rocks are natural outcrops above a steep gorge, surrounded by a forested viewshed. Wysong also describes them as "an immense pile of massive rocks, and a rare picture of sublimity and beauty." The view from the western side is "less obstructed and more distant, embracing within its range hill and dale, forest and field, river and brook, farmhouse and hamlet."

The Rocks of Deer Creek, which are composed of Pre-Cambrian metacomglomerate and quartzite of the Wissahickon formation, form the centerpiece of Rocks State Park in Harford County, Maryland. The Rock outcrop includes the King and Queen seat, which are seat-like indentions near the west end of the outcrop. The name of these seats dates at least to Wysong, and was also used by J.B. McComas in 1914. (2) The Rocks near the King and Queen Seats bear carved inscriptions dated mostly from the

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nineteenth century; some carvings date from the late twentieth-century as well. Slightly downhill from the King and Queen Seat on another monolithic rock is evidence of quarrying activities in the late nineteenth century. This includes a winch, iron bars set into rocks, and the foundation of a steamhouse.

The Rocks on the west side of Deer Creek are located within Rocks State Park, but The Rocks on the east side of Deer Creek remain privately owned: a sixteen-acre parcel owned by members of the Rigdon family. The parcel remains undeveloped, and the view described by Thomas Wysong is now heavily wooded. The view encompasses hills and valleys, but no fields, farmhouses or hamlets. Deer Creek provides a constant, quiet roar audible from the Rocks, but is only visible from a precarious position from The Rocks. Likewise, Rocks Road is only slightly visible from precarious positions at the peaks of The Rocks. The traffic on Rocks Road causes occasional noise, but it does not diminish the atmospheric characteristic of Deer Creek. The railroad grade of the former Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad is not visible from the western overlook.

A steep trail (Purple) leads up from the Rapids Parking Area along MD 24 and a gentler but longer trail leads from the St. Clair Bridge Road (White Trail). The shortest and flattest walking route to the Rocks is from the Rocks Picnic Area.

The previous MIHP documentation for the Rocks of Deer Creek describes them simply as, "Site of exposed granite peaks that formed a dam in geological ages past, since eroded by Deer Creek." The original documentation lacks mapping or a verbal boundary description, so the historic boundaries of the Rocks of Deer Creek have not been previously defined. The 1798 platting of the 23 acres of the "High and Wonderful Rocks of Deer Creek" formed a polygon roughly triangular in shape, encompassing land on both sides of Deer Creek. Available resources could not replicate the exact placement of this plat on modern topographic and property tax maps, but in combination with these maps and aerial photography, boundaries have been established as indicated on the attached topographic map, encompassing approximately 33 acres.

Historic Context

The Rocks of Deer Creek was long a popular site for picnic parties and a source of pride for Harford County, but its use as an excursion destination places gives it a specific historical association that is documentable. Nineteenth century Americans held Romantic notions of nature. As the country began to establish its own history, it embraced the natural features that distinguished it from Europe. Meanwhile, as the industrial revolution progressed, the natural world seemed at risk of slipping away. Thus nature became a common subject of varied arts. Societal changes began allowing the concept of a weekend, when days off from work allowed excursions to beaches, resorts, amusement parks and natural wonders. Harford County residents enjoyed visiting the Rocks of Deer Creek as early as the mid-nineteenth century, and as transportation advancements made the trip easier, visitors arrived from points farther afield, taking stage coaches from train stations elsewhere in the county. Eventually, the railroad would bring visitors within a few hundred feet of the Rocks of Deer Creek, promoting the scenic route as well as the destination.

As mentioned above, a plat for the "High and Wonderful Rocks of Deer Creek" was platted by surveyor David Clark for Henry Myers in 1798. It contained 23 acres on both sides of Deer Creek. Myers, born in 1761 in what is now Harford County, has been called a surveyor, miller, and civil engineer, and was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He moved to Western Pennsylvania around 1806. The next owner of the Rocks of Deer Creek was John Clendenen, who acquired it in 1817. John Clendenen removed to Morgan County, Illinois, and his son Glasgow Clendenen sold the land to Isaac and Joseph M. Rogers of La Grange Iron Works in 1837. The Rogers family had established La Grange Irons Works just north of The Rocks in 1834, and they became vast land owners. Their ironworks required great quantities of trees in order to make the charcoal that fueled their forge and furnace. La Grange Iron Works operated about six months of the year, and it ceased production around 1874. The Rocks of Deer Creek is documented as an excursion point by the mid-nineteenth century. The dates carved on The Rocks include the period that La Grange Ironworks was in production, but the peak of its popularity appears to be shortly after the ironworks ceased production, near the time Wysong wrote his book about the site.

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The Maryland Central Railroad, which later became the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, reached Fern Cliff, just south of The Rocks of Deer Creek in 1883. At this time the Rocks of Deer Creek were owned by the heirs of Evans Stanley Rogers. Rogers had died in 1882 and had been the last iron master of La Grange Iron Works, located a few hundred yards north of the Rocks of Deer Creek. Rogers was also an investor in, and director of, the Baltimore and Delta Railroad, which became the Maryland Central Railroad. Rogers intended to re-start the furnace when the railroad reached La Grange, which it did in 1883, connecting Baltimore and Delta, Pennsylvania.

The Rocks of Deer Creek are shown on Parcel II of a Plat by W.T. Clarke of Part of Estate of E.S. Rogers Dec'd, La Grange, Rocks of Deer Creek, Harford Co. Md. John Gladdon owned land adjoining Parcel II to the east, and Streett Kellogg owned land to the south. (3) An 1885 advertisement for the sale of Evans Stanley Rogers' land described Lot II as including the "famous" Rocks of Deer Creek, a store, post office, dancing pavilion, stone dwelling, and ice house. It notes that the Rocks have "for many years been a favorite resort for parties of pleasure and since the completion of the Maryland Central Railroad has become a popular place for excursions." (4)

A particularly large annual picnic was the Harvest Home Picnic which was held each August from 1876-1891. Perhaps alluding to the name of a popular hymn, the Harvest Home Picnic offered "a fine opportunity to view the picturesque and romantic scenery of the Rocks and to spend a delightful day" enjoying brass and string music, inexpensive refreshments and stirring speeches.(5) In the 1880s, the Maryland Central Railway advertised the fair, which attracted both local Harford County residents and residents of Baltimore, perhaps up to one thousand persons. (6)

The most well-known description of the Rocks of Deer Creek dates to the late nineteenth century. Local resident Thomas Wysong wrote his description of the Rocks of Deer Creek in 1880. Wysong's description stretches the truth, claiming the rocks attain a height of 385 feet. Topographic maps show a difference of 300 feet between ridge top and valley floor, and current park literature describes the climb as 190 feet. Wysong famously claimed the Rocks as a ceremonial location for the Susquahannock Indians, but this has not been verified. (7)

The last recorded Harvest Home picnic was in 1891, the same year in which Grace and Mary Rogers (heirs of E. Stanley Rogers, who had operated the La Grange Iron Works) sold the lands containing the western part of The Rocks to Charles Carroll Egerton of Baltimore City, who in turn transferred the 194 acres to the Maryland Granite Company, a company incorporated in 1890 in which Egerton was a partner. Egerton also purchased land from Mary and John Gladdon, on the opposite side of Deer Creek. The Maryland Granite Company installed cables to carry rock to the railroad below; the John A. Roebling's Sons Company designed and produced the cableway, which hung between both sides of Deer Creek, transporting rocks quarried on the west side of the creek to the railroad which was on the east side of the creek.(8) The Maryland Granite Company expected to employ many men, and the leadership of the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad expected to make money from shipping the stone to Baltimore, but the operation was short-lived. The rocks quarried at Deer Creek were metacomglomerate and quartzite, and because it was not actually granite, the demand for it may not have been as large as the supply. (9) Quarrying appears to have ceased in 1893 and the Maryland Granite Company turned over its land to the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland. (10)

Although the railroad service continued through the first half of the twentieth-century, the growing popularity of private automobile changed the experience of visiting the Rocks of Deer Creek from communal to individual.(11) In the 1950s, the site became the centerpiece of Rocks State Park, keeping the site preserved for recreation and natural appreciation in perpetuity.

Significance Assessment

According National Register Bulletin 15, "A site may be a natural landmark strongly associated with significant prehistoric or

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historic events or patterns of events, if the significance of the natural feature is well documented through scholarly research." (12)

As such, the Rocks of Deer Creek is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A, as a site that is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Specifically, it exemplifies late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century recreational patterns, as the romantic and picturesque site of picnic excursions by stage coach and railroad, depicted in visual and written accounts from the nineteenth century, important to local history. The period of significance for The Rocks of Deer Creek as an excursion point range from ca. 1847, approximately when Rocks Road was improved enough to allow faster travel, and ca. 1934 when the State Roads Commission improved Rocks Road to its current alignment, during the period when private automobiles became the most common mode of transportation. The association with the Rocks of Deer Creek with quarrying activities is an interesting part of its history, but the quarrying did not last long and it did not have a lasting impact on local or regional history.

The Rocks of Deer Creek are not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B as it is not closely associated with significant persons in our past. While John Wilkes Booth and other well-known persons have visited the site, their significance is not related to the Rocks of Deer Creek.

The Rocks of Deer Creek does not meet Criterion C, because its natural form does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and does not represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. The cableway constructed by the John A. Roebling's Sons Company may have once had engineering significance, but too few elements of the cableway survive to retain the integrity needed to consider it eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C.

The Rocks of Deer Creek were not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this assessment.

Integrity

The Rocks of Deer Creek possesses integrity of location, feeling, and association; the setting, design, materials are also intact; the quality of workmanship is not applicable to this site. The setting remains naturalistic, perched on the ridge above Deer Creek. The viewshed is devoid of significant development. The rocky site is well wooded, which appears to have been its setting during its period of significance, as shown in a photograph depicting a picnic party around 1900. The design, mostly by nature, has been minimally altered by human hand, although in the early twentieth century, J. McComas raised the possibility that the King and Queen seats had been carved by man. Stone-carving graffiti on the Rocks dating from the nineteenth century directly reflects the human hand (or workmanship), which increases the site's historic association. The site retains the natural materials. The establishment of trails to the Rocks likely occurred during the nineteenth century. The formalizing of the trails and their maintenance during the current State Park era includes painted blazes, minor installation of steps and mulch. These elements neither contribute to, nor distract from, the design of the Rocks. Likewise, the MD 24 roadway and Rapids Parking area below The Rocks do not contribute to or detract from the setting, feeling and association. The former concession stand building does not contribute to The Rocks of Deer Creek, as it relates to the development of Rocks State Park. Rocks Road likely dates to the mid-nineteenth century, but its current characteristics are of a modern, paved roadway, with painted center line and metal guardrails. These elements neither contribute nor distract from the NRHP eligibility of The Rocks of Deer Creek.

Endnotes

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Digital Photo Log

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Property Name: Rocks of Deer Creek

County: Harford

Photographer: Fred Shoken

Date: 24 February 2009

Ink and Paper Combination: Pigment-based HP Vivera 564 ink and HP Premium Plus photo paper

CD/DVD: CD-R Gold, Delkin Archival Gold with Pthalocyanine dye

Image File Name	Description of View
HA-469_2009-02-24_01	View facing east from granite outcrop across Deer Creek.
HA-469_2009-02-24_02	View facing northeast towards granite outcrop.
HA-469_2009-02-24_03	Detail showing nineteenth-century carved graffiti.



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Rocks of Deer Creek

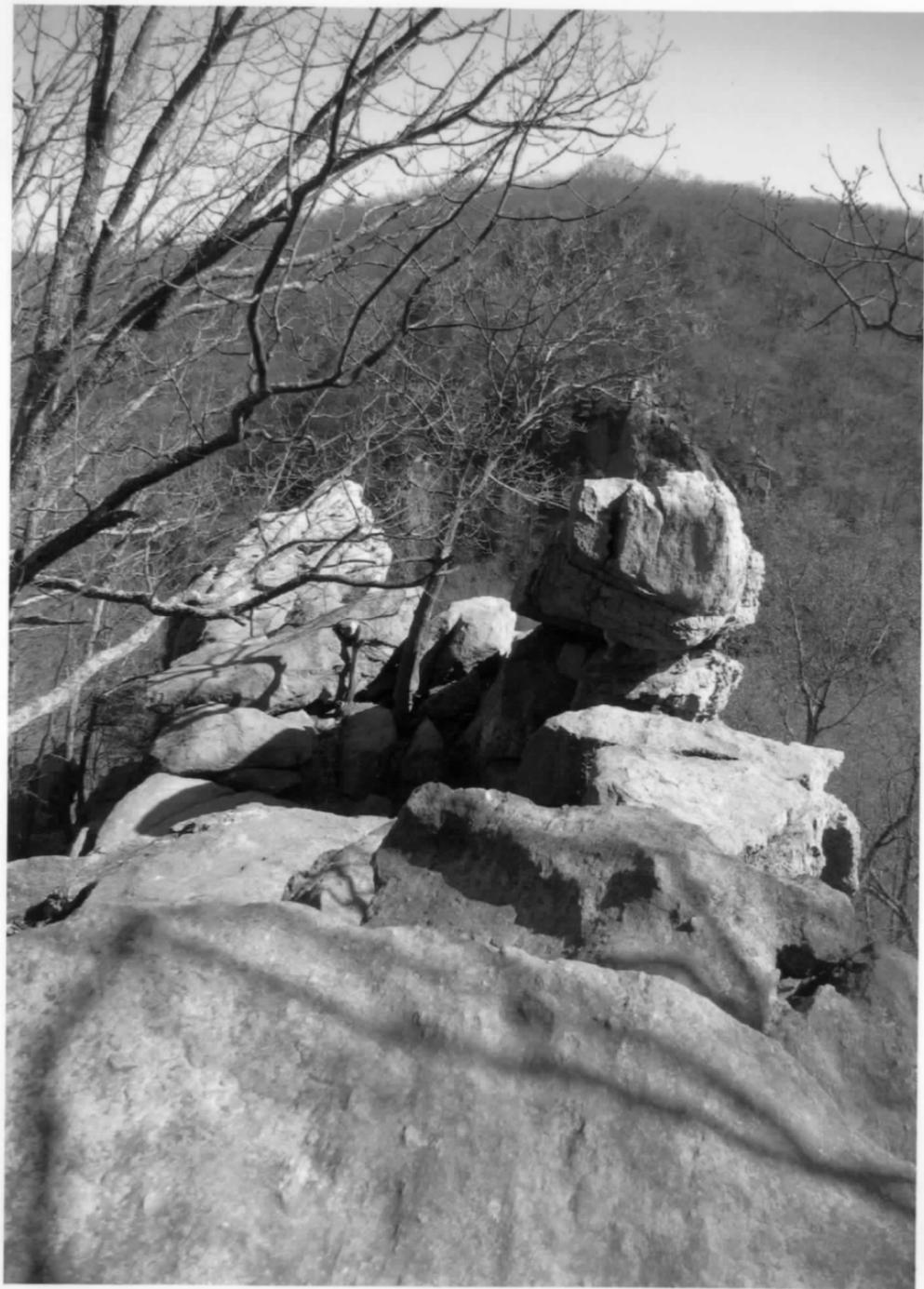
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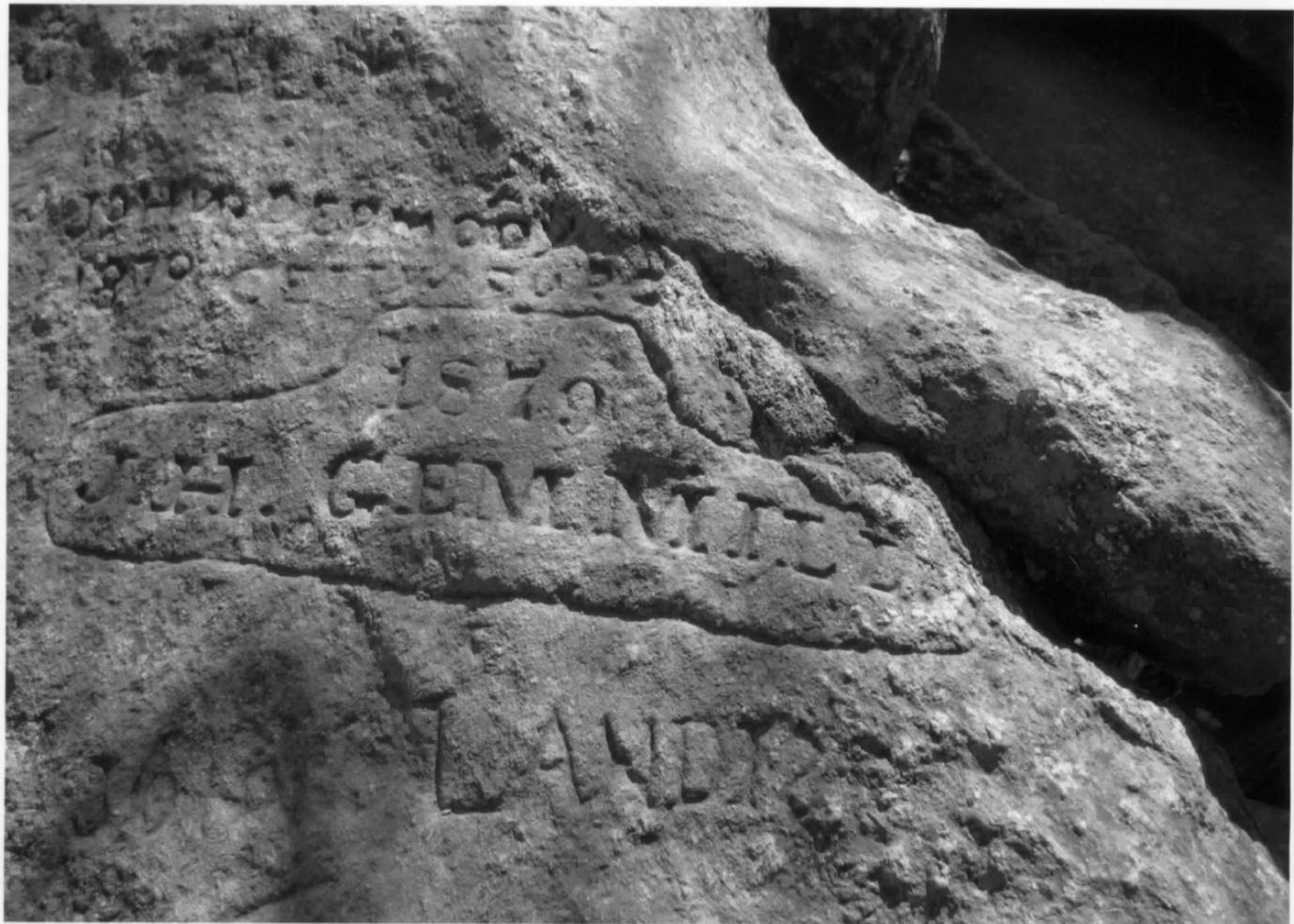
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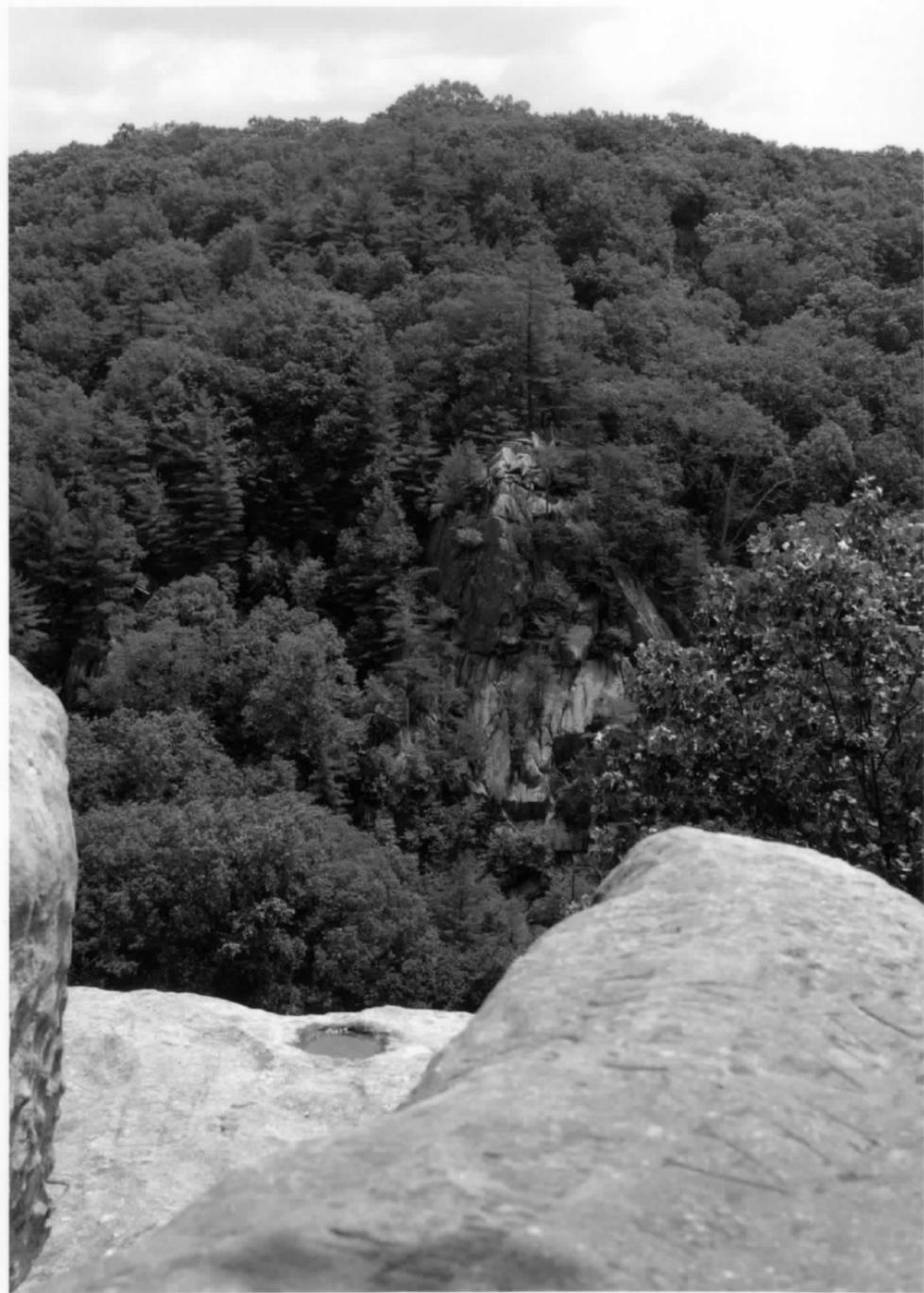
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Detail of 19th c. graffiti carving
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Rocks of Deer Creek

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View facing east from rock outcrop
west of Deer Creek, across Deer Creek
to east side of The Rocks

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Rocks of Deer Creek

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Detail, facing west, of metal element possibly related to quarrying activities at the Rocks of Deer Creek; located west of the rock known as Moby Dick

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Rocks of Deer creek

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NO STOP

Artificial terrace located east of the White Trail,
possibly related to quarrying or charcoal
production activities

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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BOX 1704
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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Rocks of Deer Creek

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Rocks Road (Md 24) about 0.2 mi north of

CITY OR TOWN: near Forest Hill Knopp Road

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		<u>utting Rocky Ledge</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Maryland State Dept. of Forests & Parks

STREET AND NUMBER: State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis 21404 STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

8979, 8980

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Site of exposed granite peaks
that formed a dam in geologic
ages past, since eroded by
Deer Creek.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Recreational</u> | |
| Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Scenic beauty attracts sightseers and picnickers - now a State park on the west side.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton *Our Harford Heritage* 93-5,
131, 297, 301, 303, 305, 307-9.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



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