

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-205
Fort Frederick St. Pk.

DNR # - None

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

USGS: Big Pool Quad

1 NAME

HISTORIC *Fort Frederick*
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *Fort Frederick State Park*

CITY, TOWN *Near Indian Springs* VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT *6*

STATE *Maryland*

COUNTY *Washington*

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER *Towers State Office Building*

CITY, TOWN *Annapolis* VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code *Md 21401*

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Washington County Courthouse*

Liber #: *164, 178*

Folio #: *133, 643*

STREET & NUMBER *W. Washington Street*

CITY, TOWN *Annapolis, Md.*

STATE *21401*

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE *National Register of Historic Places*

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS *Maryland Historical Trust*

CITY, TOWN *Annapolis*

STATE *Md*

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

#7 Fort Frederick an 18th century garrison of the frontier is the focal point of Fort Frederick State Park. The fort has been rebuilt and is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark. The fort is a rectangular stone structure with pointed bastions extending from each corner. It is constructed of local brownish limestone arranged in rough courses. The exterior walls are approximately 15 to 20 feet high and curve slightly inward as they rise. They were quite deteriorated at the early part of this century but were rebuilt by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930's.

The entrance into the fort is in the southeast wall through massive wooden gates. A description of the fort in Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland states that one of the original iron hinges to the fort gates had been retained into the late 19th century. According to Scharf, this piece of hardware had weighed 42 pounds.

Within the walls of the fort were frame barracks. Historians at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources have done extensive research into their appearance and two barracks have been rebuilt. Except for details of finishing, the barracks would appear to be reasonably accurate facsimile of the original structures.

The foundation of the barracks were the subject of archeological research in the 1930's and again in the 1970's.

At present the fort and barracks appear to be in good to excellent condition although there is some deterioration to the masonry of the southwest wall of the fort.

¹J. Thomas Scharf. History of Western Maryland. Vol. II Baltimore, Md.: Regional Publishing Company. (1968) p. 1298. (originally published Philadelphia, 1882)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1756

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#8 Fort Frederick dates from the 1755-56 period and was built to protect the western frontier of Maryland during the French and Indian War. After the war, the fort had little military significance. It was used briefly during the American Revolution for British prisoners of war. It is said that a number of prisoners, including Hessian soldiers were placed on local farms to work. In 1790, the Maryland Legislature directed that the fort and the 150 acres around it be sold. By 1857, the fort farm belonged to Nathan Williams, a free black man who owned the property during much of its later private history. During the Civil War, the fort was again in use as a garrison for troops of the First Maryland Regiment who occupied it in 1861 and reputedly knocked a hole in the south wall to keep a gun aimed on the Potomac River. Another hole was cut in the west wall, according to Scharf's History of Western Maryland, and the west bastion was removed to make room for a barn. The fort was in deteriorated condition when acquired by the State of Maryland in 1922. The Civilian Conservation Corps contributed to the reconstruction of the fort's stone walls and located the foundations of and researched the original barracks.

Fort Frederick is important for its association with historical archeology from the 18th century, for its architecture as an example of period construction. Dating from the third quarter of the 18th century and built to protect inhabitants of the frontier, the fort is important for its contribution to exploration and settlement of colonial Maryland. The fort has obvious military significance and is connected with three major wars. It has been listed as significant in the area of politics and government because records and histories indicate that the construction and maintenance of the fort was a frequent issue and source of disagreement between Maryland governor, Horatio Sharpe and the legislature of the colony. Social and humanitarian concerns also lend significance to the fort since it was, during times of terror a haven for local residents who would take refuge behind its walls. In the 19th century, when the fort was no longer in use, it is said to have been a religious meeting place where itinerant ministers would hold services.

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Information compiled on the history and appearance of Fort Frederick and its barracks, ~~on~~ the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas History of Western Maryland. Vol. II. Baltimore, Md. Regional Publishing Company, 1968. (originally published 1882).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Paula Stoner Preservation Assoc.

ORGANIZATION

DATE 3/79

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 202

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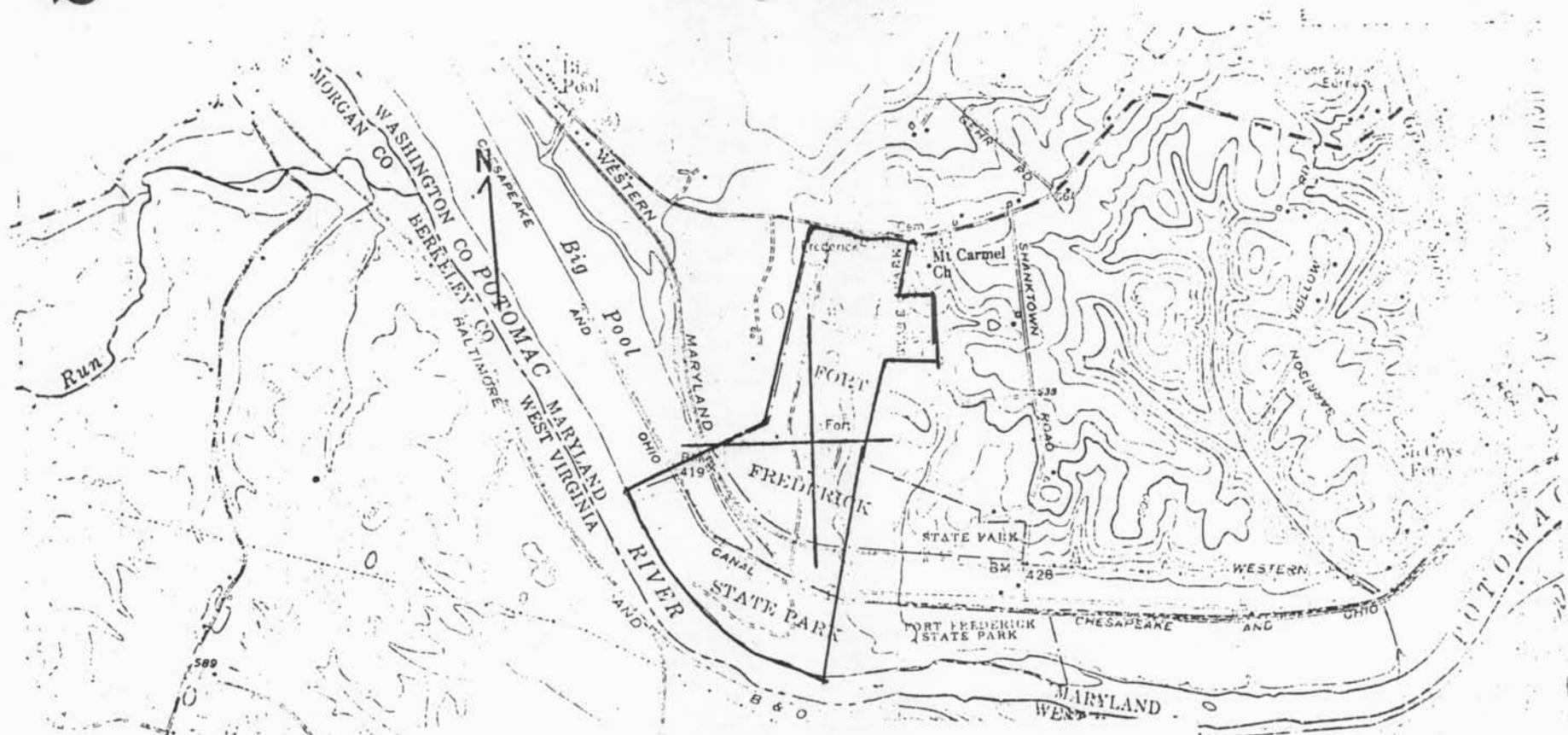
CITY OR TOWN Sharpsburg

STATE Md

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



U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series,
 Big Fool and Hedgesville Quadrangles,
 West Virginia-Maryland,
 1958 (Big Fool Quadrangle and 1955 (Hedgesville Quadrangle)
 Fort Frederick

Latitude 39° 36' 37"
 Longitude 78° 00' 14"

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CREEK

Allensville

MA-V-205

BIG POOL QUADRANGLE
 WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SE/4 HANCOCK 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 III NW
 (CLEAR SPRING)

LINE
 Y RUN)

753

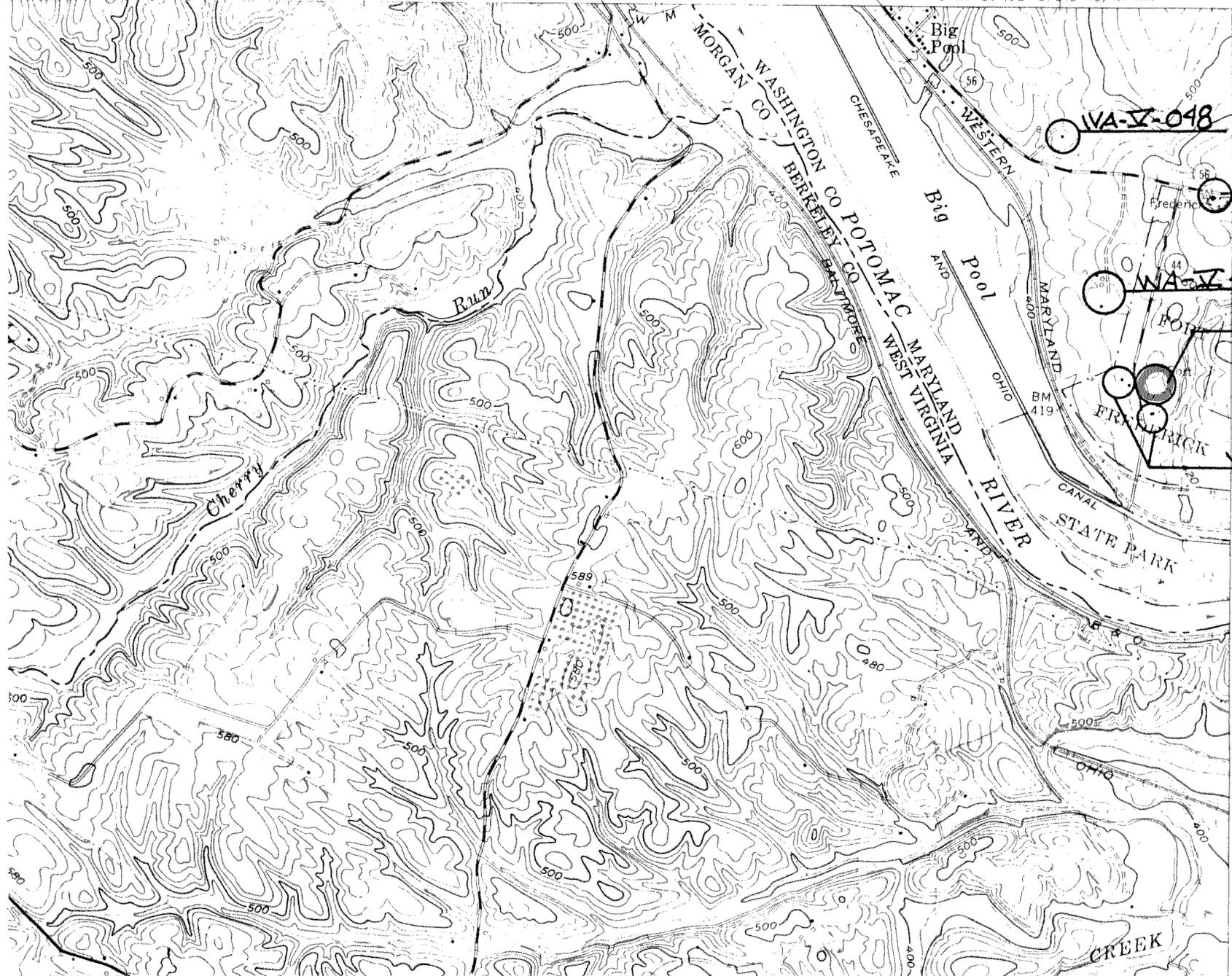
2'30" CHERRY RUN 0.2 MI

510 000 FEET (MD.)

INDIAN SPRINGS (JUNC. U.S. 40) 1.7 MI.

78°00'

39°37'30"



CLEAR SPRING
 (JUNC. U.S. 40) 5.7 MI.

VA-V-200
 HORNBAKER PROP.

VA-V-204
 MICHAEL FM
 (MD.)
 FORT FREDERICK
 (N.R.)
 DNR-2

VA-V-203
 PARK BUILDINGS

4388

4387

VA-V-205



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Fort Frederick, I. Pt.

Fort Walls - S. E. View

Dec. 1978

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Preservation Association



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Ft. Frederick St. Pt.

Ft. Interior and Serrano Foundation

New Orleans

Dec. 1988

Paula Stone
Reservation Associates



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FF Frederick St. Pl.

Foundations (outside lobby)

S.W. View

Dec. 1975

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Fr. Frederick J. Plc

Fr. Interior - reconstructed barracks

N.E. view

Dec. 1978

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Preservation Associates



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