

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Jacob Friend's Burial Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: (Williamsport Clearspring Road)
Maryland Route 68 at the Conocheague Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
Williamsport

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>site of monument</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Williamsport

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Washington County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 276208 256/70

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:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jacob Friend's burial site is located along the southwest side of Maryland Route 68, on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek. The site is a small grassy plot enclosed on three sides by a chain link fence. A limestone marker is set in the ground with a tablet identifying the site as the "family burial plot of Charles Friend, pioneer land holder, Washington County in 1739." The present marker erected in 1949 by the Washington County Historical Society, replaces the original tombstone of Jacob Friend, son of Charles. Damaged by the flood of 1936-1937, Jacob Friend's headstone is in the possession of the society."

The site is located on a tract called "Swede's Delight," patented to Charles Friend. It contains 0.10 acres and is maintained by the town of Williamsport.

The marker is easily visible from Route 68.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	<u>Burial site of</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Washington County's</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>earliest recorded</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	<u>settlers.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Most historians agree that the first established settlement in Washington County was called Conococheague and was located at the mouth of the Conococheague Creek near present day Williamsport. The first resident of that settlement appears to have been Charles Friend, who, on August 13, 1738, obtained a grant for 260 acres which he called Sweed's Delight.¹ The grant was situated on the west side of the Conococheague Creek near its mouth.² In 1741, an additional tract of land, "Dear Bargain," was granted to Friend. It is possible that Jacob Friend could have been living near the mouth of the Conococheague before Sweed's Delight was actually patented to him. A 1721 map of western Maryland shows a residence at the mouth of the Conococheague which the map maker describes as an Indian trader's habitation, 40 miles west of Monocacy. No evidence has been found, however, to indicate that Friend was the trader.

Jacob Friend's burial site is significant as physical evidence of settlement activity along the lower Conococheague in the early 18th century.

¹Thomas J. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md., 1968, p. 984.

²Thomas J. C. Williams, A History of Washington County Maryland, Mail Publishing Company, Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 21.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md., 1968, p. 984.
 Williams, Thomas J. C., A History of Washington County, Maryland, Mail Publishing Co., Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 21.

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 TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *0.1 acres*

Acreege Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historic Sites Survey** DATE: **December, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

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Paula Stoner Dickey
Consultant, Washington County
Historical Sites Survey

Sept. 1973

THIS STONE MARKS THE SITE ON
"SWEDE'S DELIGHT"
OF THE FAMILY BURIAL PLOT OF
CHARLES FRIEND.

MONTELEONE-HOLDER,
WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 1788.
THE TOMBENT MARKER, DEDICATED IN 1914
BY THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SERVES THE ORIGINAL TOMBSTONE OF

JACOB FRIEND.

SON OF CHARLES.

DAMAGED IN THE FLOODS OF 1936-1937
JACOB FRIEND'S HEADSTONE IS IN THE
POSSESSION OF THE SOCIETY.

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Jacob Friends Burial Site

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15813 Old ...

March 1930

1930

Here lies
the Remains of
JACOB FRIEND. Self
Born 18th Sept^r 1738.
Died 10th Feb^r 1802.

Reader WHOEVER thou art,
Thy life must shortly end
Prepare in time that God may be
Thine everlasting FRIEND.

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Jacob Friends Burial Site

Jacob Friend's Burial Site Marker

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5813. 2nd Highway Block

1/2 mi

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