

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Marsh Run Culvert (Structure No. 21047X0) Inventory Number: WA-II-129

Address: MD 63 Spielman Road over St. Jame Run Historic district:  yes  no

City: Spielman, MD Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Washington

USGS Quadrangle(s): Williamsport

Property Owner: Maryland State Highway Administration Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: 67

Project: MD 63 over St. James Run, Replacement of Small SStructure N Agency: FHWA/SHA

Agency Prepared By: MD SHA

Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian Date Prepared: 02/06/2014

Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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)*

The Marsh Run Culvert, SHA Small Structure 21047X0, was included in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties in 1978. It is a one-lane, single span stone arch culvert with a semi-circular opening, dating to the mid-nineteenth century. The structure crosses St. James Run (formerly Marsh Run) from east to west. The arch is 9'6", while the entire structure is 17'5" long and 14'5" wide, with a roadway width of 13'8". Since it is less than 20-feet long, it is considered by the Federal Highway Administration to be a small structure, rather than a bridge. As noted in the MIHP form, the structure's abutments and arch are of coursed limestone, while spandrel walls are of random rubble. When the structure was inventoried in 1978, the highway's edge of pavement did not extend to the low wheel guard on either side of the structure.

SHA's records do not include information about when this structure was incorporated into the State highway system. However, the State Roads Commission's (SRC) Report for 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919 states that 2.4 miles of the Downsville (or Spielman) Road between Spielman and Downsville had been paved to a 9-foot width in 1916 (p. 20). The SRC's Map of Maryland from 1923 shows a portion of MD 63 between Downsville and the Norfolk and Western Railroad (Shenandoah Division) as paved with macadam and vitrified brick. Maps included in the SRC's Report for 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 show that the Downsville (Spielman) Road was under the State's control by 1920 (see maps following Page 20 of the 1927-1930 SRC Report, Map of Maryland showing State Road System as it existed Dec. 31, 1920). SHA's Office of Structures states that until the early-1990s,

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**MHT Comments:**

*Jim Talamo*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/11/14  
Date

*P. Canty*  
Reviewer, National Register Program

4/11/14  
Date

Small structures such as the Marsh Run Culvert were maintained by SHA's District Offices, and little information is available about its maintenance or treatments until 1992, when regular biennial inspections were instituted.

By 1995, the structure required maintenance after the inspector noted that the rubble wingwalls were bulging and the southwest wingwall had a 6" crack that caused that wall to rotate. In 2008, the structure's arch was repaired with gunnite, while the southwest wingwall stem (the portion of the wall above the footer) was replaced, missing stones in the south spandrel wall were also replaced and the joints were repointed. Additional repairs were completed in 2010-2011. At the present time, the structure has a concrete curb or coping at the top of each spandrel wall where the wheel guard was located. The highway has been paved so that it extends beyond the walls of the structure. The spandrel walls have been covered in gunnite, as have portions of the wingwalls. Where the structure did not meet the curb, additional concrete has been inserted in order to raise the wall's height. Guardrail is attached to the concrete curbs.

The small structure is located on the southwest side of the Marsh Mills Historic District, WA-II-130, but is not specifically associated with the district's milling history. The Spielman Road (MD 63) connects Williamsport with Tilghmanton in the southern part of Washington County, and since the nineteenth century has been the public road that connected the mills on Marsh Run and St. James Run to the villages and farms on the highway. Local residents, including Samuel Wolgamore the first known miller at Marsh Mills, gave bonds pledging to build bridges, including those tailraces that crossed the public road (see Liber Y Folio 363, 1812) at the mill.

Based on the foregoing information, SHA has determined Small Structure No. 21047X0 lacks integrity of design, materials and workmanship. Although associated with the public road leading to the nearby mills, during the early twenty-first century, the structure was altered, as noted above. Research did not identify events or persons of local, state or national significance associated with Small Structure No. 21047X0 and the small structure is not eligible under NRHP Criteria A (events) or B (persons). As a result of the alterations resulting in the lost integrity, Small Structure No. 21047X0 does not exemplify the important aspects of the Washington County stone arch. The new stones and gunite have obscured the structure's original bonding pattern, and the original fabric has been lost. Other nearby examples of stone arch culverts or small structures, such as Small Structure No. 21042X0, MD 63 over Tributary of Tom's Run, WA-I-847, better exemplify important design and construction features found in Washington County. As a result, Small Structure No. 21047X0 does not meet the requirements of NRHP Criterion C (engineering). NRHP Criterion D (information potential) was not investigated as part of this study.

The boundary of Small Structure No. 21047X0 is limited to SHA's right-of-way for MD 63 as it crosses St. James Run, as shown on Washington County Tax Map 67 (2013). The structure is 17'5" x 14'5" or 253.75 square feet.

Sources Consulted:

Maryland State Highway Administration, Records of Small Structure NO. 21047X0, MD SHA Office of Structures Files  
 Maryland State Roads Commission, "State Roads Commission Report for 1916-1917-1918-1919" Baltimore, MD: 1920  
 \_\_\_\_\_, "State Roads Commission Report for 1927-1928-1929-1930" Baltimore, MD: 1931  
 Washington County Land Records, Liber Y Folio 363, downloaded from MSA February 2018  
 Wikipedia, "Maryland Route 63" downloaded from en.wikipedia.org September 18, 2013

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

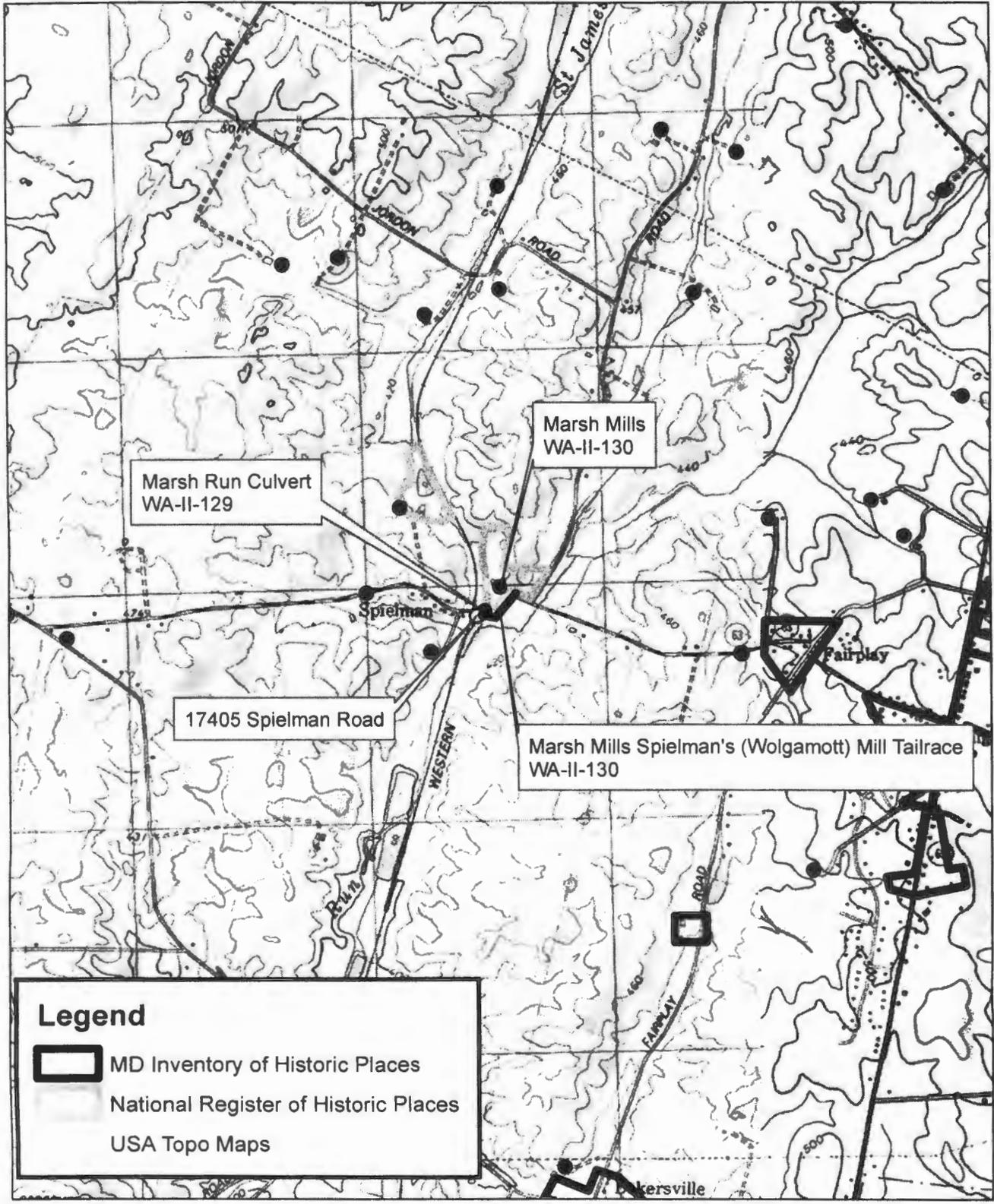
MHT Comments:

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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date  
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 Reviewer, National Register Program Date



# Location Map

## Williamsport USGS 7.5' Map 1:24,000





WA-II-129

MARSH RUN CREEK

WASHINGTON CO MD

BRIDGE

11-20-2013 MDSHP

LOOKING AT SOUTH PARAPET  
TOWARDS NORTH WEST

1/3



WA-II-129.

MARSH RUN CULVERT  
WASHINGTON CO, MD

~~NOISE BARRIER~~

11/20/2013

MD SNPO

LOOKING WEST AT DEEP  
PARAFETS

2/3



WA-II-129

MARSH RUN CULVERT

WASHINGTON CO, MD

ANDREW BEWERS

W/D/13

MD SHPO

LOOKING AT NORTH PRINCEP  
FROM NE

3/3

ABSTRACT

WA-II-129

19th Century

Marsh Run Culvert

Fairplay-Speilman Vicinity

public

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MA-II-129  
 District 12  
 Map 66  
 MAGI # 2207335917

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Marsh Run Culvert

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland Route 63

CITY, TOWN

Speilman

VICINITY OF Fairplay

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE  
 Maryland

21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

WA 1-129

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED < 50%

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

This stone arched culvert carried Maryland Route 63 over Marsh Run at Speilman west of Fairplay in Washington County. The culvert is a single arched structure of coursed native limestone. Its segmental arch is formed by carefully cut radiating voussoirs. Its walls flair slightly at the approaches to the bridge. The Marsh Run culvert is one of several such structures which remain in use in Washington County. Possibly it dates from the second quarter of the 19th century or shortly thereafter.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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
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<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

This small stone arched culvert is one of a group of nearly thirty remaining native stone bridges in Washington County. Most of these structures were built during the early 19th century and display fine masonry work particularly in the construction of the actual arches which are formed by precisely cut stones. Bridge builders specifications remain for some of the larger structures in the County. This culvert, unfortunately does not appear to be recorded.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

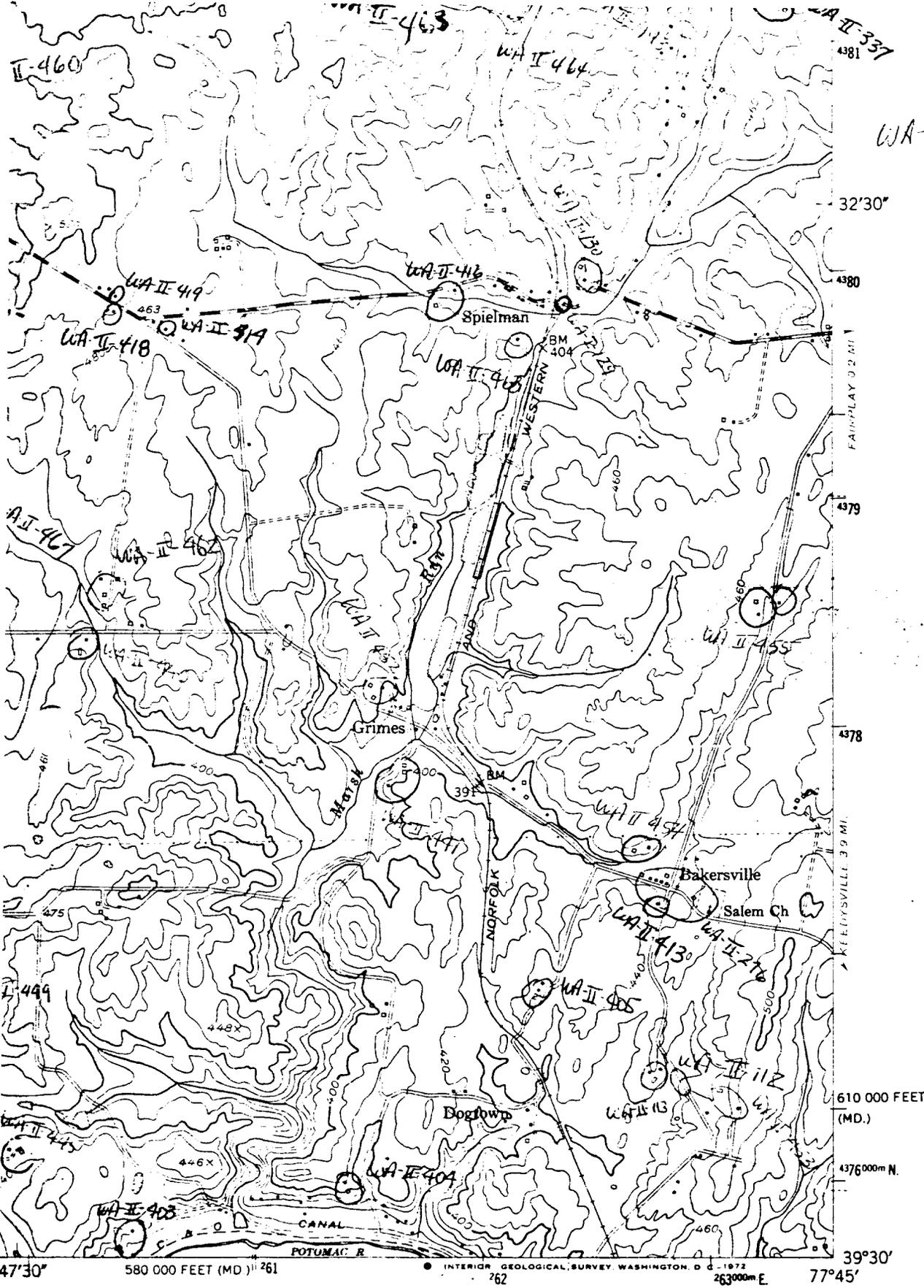
STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route      State Route
- Interstate Route

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.-W. VA.  
SE.4 WILLIAMSPORT QUADRANGLE



WEDYSVILLE

*Sept 1957*  
*24*  
*North*

Marsh Run Culvert

Maryland-Route 63

Speilman-Fairplay Vicinity

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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY





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