

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-III-013  
 District 11  
 Map 87  
 Parcel 17  
 MAGI # 2210571926

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
 "Salty Dog"  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 Harper's Ferry Road, 1/2 mile west of Sandy Hook

CITY, TOWN  
 Harper's Ferry West Virginia X 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
 United States of America

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
 Harper's Ferry National Monument, National Park Service

CITY, TOWN  
 Washington

STATE, zip code  
 D. C.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

Liber #: 419  
 Folio #: 65

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                     UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED > 50%

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of the "Salty Dog" stand along the Harper's Ferry Road at Lock # 33 on the C & O Canal. It was a two story, three bay stone structure which burned several years ago. Apparently the Park Service has cleaned the site and stabilized the ruins. The walls are roughly coursed and a door jamb with low relief panels remains. Doorways are located in the center bays at the first and second story levels. The building is said to have had another section which is supposed to have been older than the part standing now. The stone work observable is of a type associated with the second quarter of the 19th century or later.

**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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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

This ruined stone building is said to have been a tavern or inn associated with the C & O Canal. It was known locally as "The Salty Dog" in its more recent history. It is part of the Harper's Ferry National Park.

**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**

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Preservation Associates

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland 21782

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438



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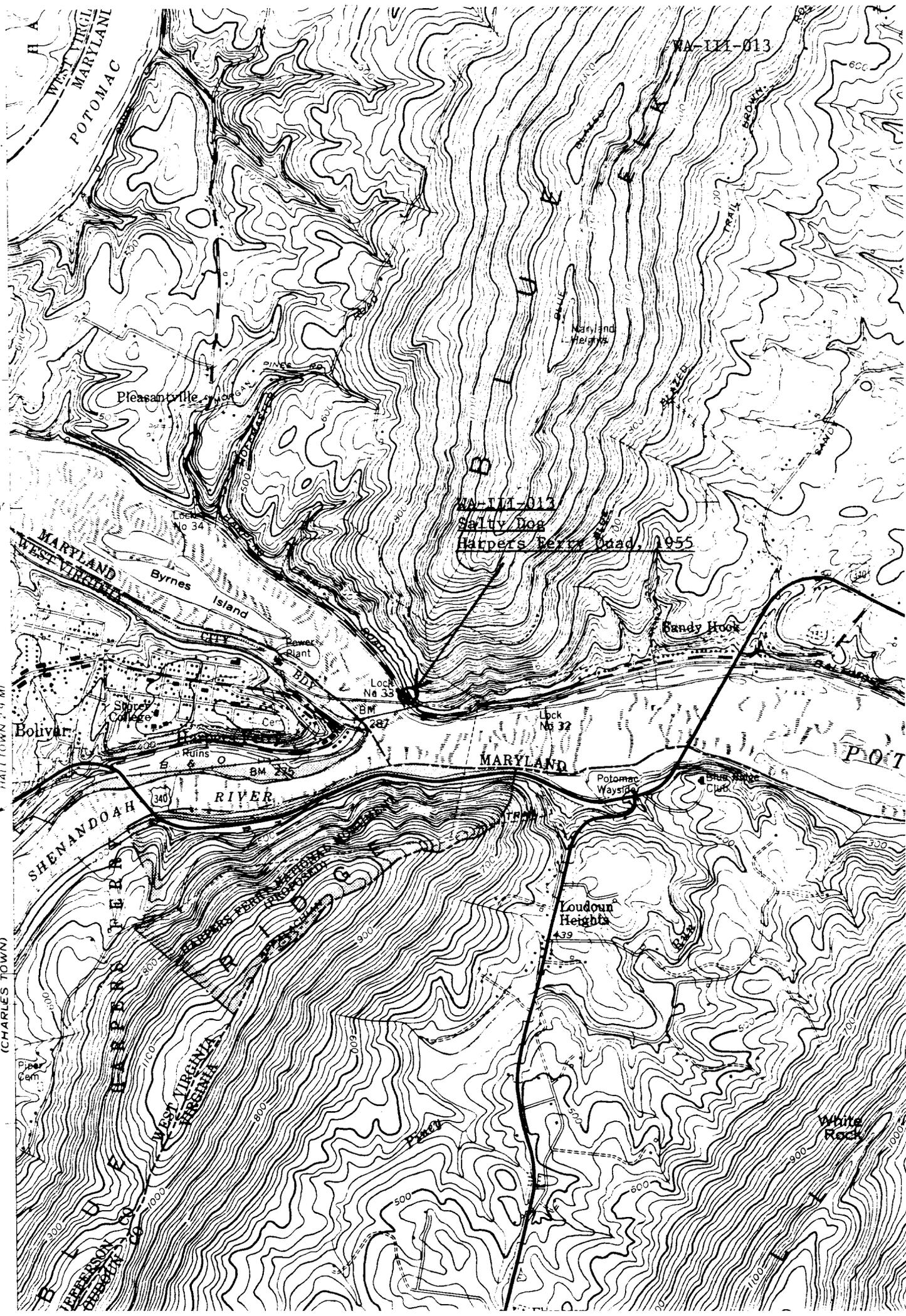
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20'

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Salty Dog  
Harpers Ferry Quad, 1955

WINCHESTER 30 MI  
HALL TOWN 2.9 MI

(CHARLES TOWN)

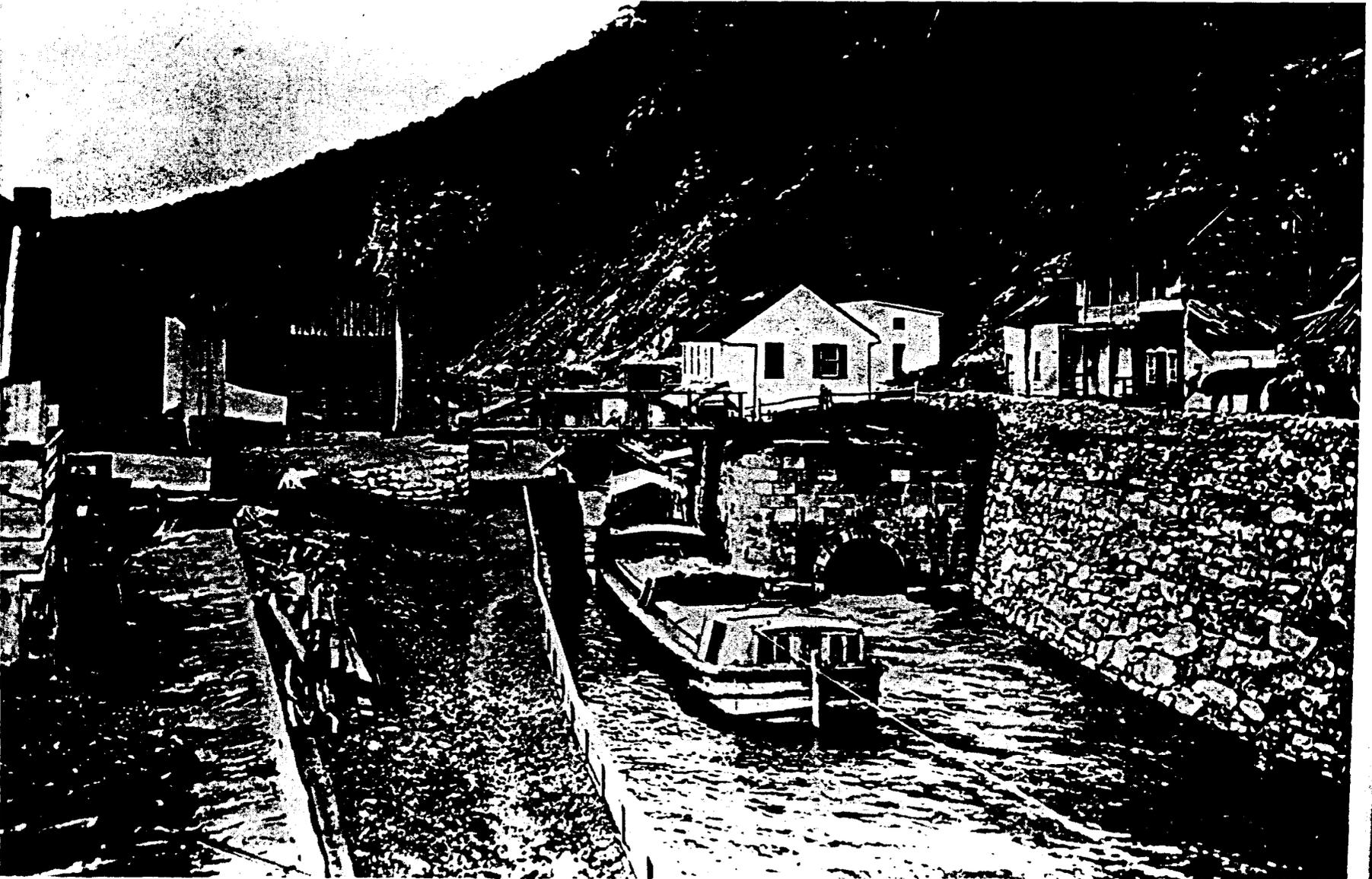


Hahn, Thomas F.  
1976 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Old Picture Album.  
Shepherdstown, WVa.: American Canal and Transportation Center.

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Salty Dog Tavern



Little is known of the history of the Salty Dog Tavern which nestled against the cliff back of Lock 33. It is thought that the name is not as old as the building, as it (the name) was probably taken from a song sung in the tavern which was popular in the early 1900s. The goat in the left of the drawing may have been one of the ancestors of the wild goats which now inhabit the cliff of Maryland Heights.



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Lock 33 (Harpers Ferry Lock) about 1876 was a center of activity. All the buildings have been destroyed by flood and fire, and only the ruin of the Salty Dog Saloon remains to remind us of the events which took place here. John Cook, an advance man for John Brown, married a local girl and tended the lock here as part of his cover.



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"Salty Dog"

Harper's Ferry Road, 1/2  
mile W. of Sandy Hook  
Harpers Ferry W. VA. Vic.

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RESIDENT, WASHIN 20.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY