

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-049
District 4
Map 46
Parcel 41
MAGI# 211975414

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

The end of Charles Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Clear Spring 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Benhard Charles

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Big Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 297

Folio #: 618

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		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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Mill was located at the end of Charles Mill Road where Camp Spring Run opens into the Potomac River, just south of Big Spring. There were several mills along this creek between Big Spring and the River. The largest of these appears to have been Charles Mill. Only part of the foundations of the mill stand today. The main building in the complex is a two part house which appears to be of frame and stone construction. Two stories high and six bays wide, it is sided with wooden weatherboards. A vertical seam in the siding marks a division between each three bay part of the house. Windows have nine over six panes at the first story and six over six panes at the upper level. The main entrance which is at the north end of the south section is topped with a transom with diamond shaped panes. A second door in the center bay of the north section has had its transom enclosed. The north end wall is of stone construction and it has a large brick inside end chimney. Also part of the complex is a two story stone service building which apparently was associated with the milling operation, and a secondary dwelling discussed in form WA-V-050.

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 checked="" 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 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 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

On an 1808 Map of Washington County, a mill is depicted on the site of the Charles Mill. It is not shown, however, on a 1794 Map of the County. The grist mill is significant for its contribution to commercial and agricultural growth in 19th Century Washington County. The Charles family who still own the property, operated numerous grist mills throughout Washington County during the turn of the century period.

The house shows evidence of having been built during the second quarter of the 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45,43 acres

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, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION
Preservation Associates

DATE
July 1978

STREET & NUMBER
109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE
301-432-5466

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.

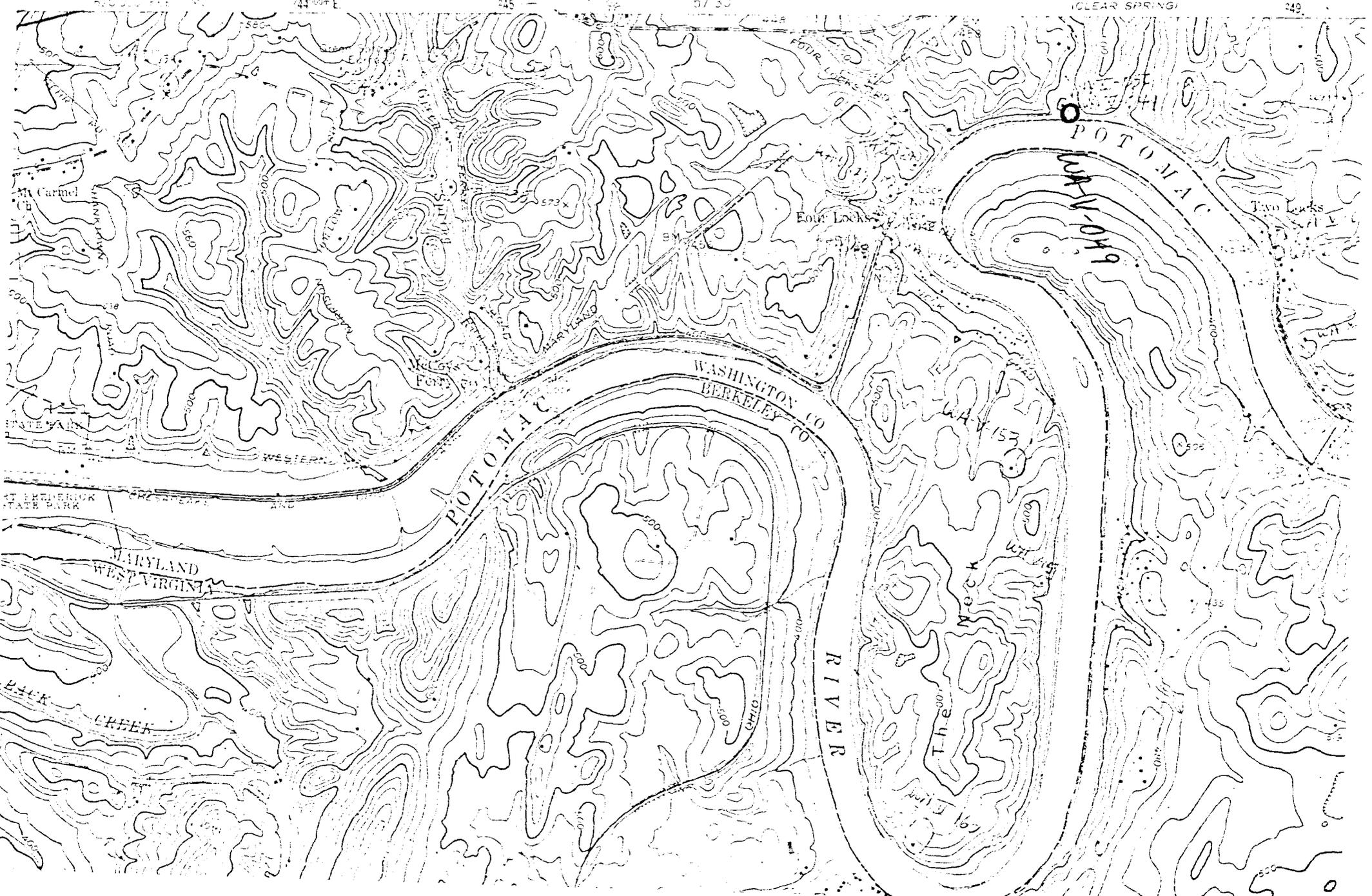
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Hedgesville quad

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5-63 III (V)
(CLEAR SPRING)





WA-V-049

N.W.

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling

Clear Spring Vicinity

PAULA STURGEON
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON DC
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA SE-049
S. 10.

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling
Clear Spring Vicinity

PAUL
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON
~~HISTORICAL~~ SITES SURVEY



114-E-749
MUSEUM
S.W.

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling
Clear Spring Vicinity

PAULA STONER HICKEY
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA-1-119
out side
S.W.

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling
Clear Spring Vicinity

PAULA STONER
CONSULTANT, WASHING.
HISTORICAL SITES SUP.