

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY - C&O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

PARK NAME, STATE: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland

STRUCTURE NAME(S): Elizabeth Reitzell House

Other names: (Shank House)
(Previous survey form used Frame House C&O Canal, WA-V-066)

LOCATION Street Address: Route 1 near Dam #5, mile 106.92

Town/City: Clear Spring

County: Washington

CATEGORY: District___ Building(s)___ Structure___ Site X Object___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Post 1845 **IDLCS:** 49916 **INVENTORY #:** WA-V-066

SIGNIFICANCE National X State & Regional ___ Local ___

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A X B ___ C ___ D ___

This property was part of Peter Middlekauff's estate. Peter Middlekauff, who died in 1827, operated a mill and distillery at Dam #5. This property was bequeathed to his daughter, Mary Ann Middlekauff, who in turn bequeathed it to her mother, Hannah Middlekauff. When Hannah Middlekauff died in 1842 she requested that her property be divided among her children. Elizabeth Reitzell inherited 169 acres in 1845. When she inherited the property it contained no improvements. This parcel was included in the 169 acres. Sometime after this date, Elizabeth Reitzell constructed the house and operated a farm on the property. She and her husband, Jacob Reitzell, were living in the Clear Spring Election District in 1850 and 1860. According to the property values of Jacob Reitzell, it appears as though the family moved to this property sometime between 1850 and 1860. When Elizabeth Reitzell died in 1872 she notes that she borrowed money from her son, Samuel, to construct a barn on the property. Reitzell's heirs owned the property until 1911. The house is on the 1877 atlas of Washington County, and it is occupied by O. Berger. The property stayed in the 169 acre parcel until the house was sold separately in 1962. The house is an example of the historic scene along the canal. The occupants were not directly related to the canal, but they were part of the canal community that developed around Dam #5.

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DESCRIPTION

The house is a two story frame house with an asphalt roof and shiplap siding. It has balloon framing. There are two chimneys on the interior of each gable end. It is three bays wide. There are two doorways on the east elevation, one located directly below the central window on the second story and one between the east window and the door. There is a covered front porch that stretches the length of the east elevation. There is one window on every story of each gable end. The west elevation also has a doorway on the first story under the central window. It has an entrance porch. The house was restored in 1992.

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Date: January 27, 1994

National Park Service, NCR, Recommendation:

Individually Eligible___ Contributes to C&O Canal National Historic District X
Contributes to Antietam Iron Furnace Historic District___ Ineligible___

State Historic Preservation Officer:

Concur X Do Not Concur___

(See "Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Four Locks District, List of Eligible Structures" for concurrence signature.)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-065
 District 4
 Map 54
 Parcel 3
 MAGI # 2212111704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Frame House C & O Canal

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

C & O Canal at Dam # 5

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Clear Spring 6

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

U.S.A. National Park Service, C & O Canal

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Dept, of the Interior

CITY, TOWN

Washington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

D.C.

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

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-V-066

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

This two story, four bay frame house is built on a bluff above the C & O Canal and the Potomac River. The building is completely sheathed with German siding and has early 20th century style architraves. All windows have modern single pane double hung sashes. The house would appear to date from the turn of the century period.

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 house's proximity to the C & O Canal suggests that it may have been built in connection with the Canal. It is a typical turn of the century period balloon frame building .

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, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

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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.

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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HEDGESVILLE QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 III NW
(CLEAR SPRING)

249

55'

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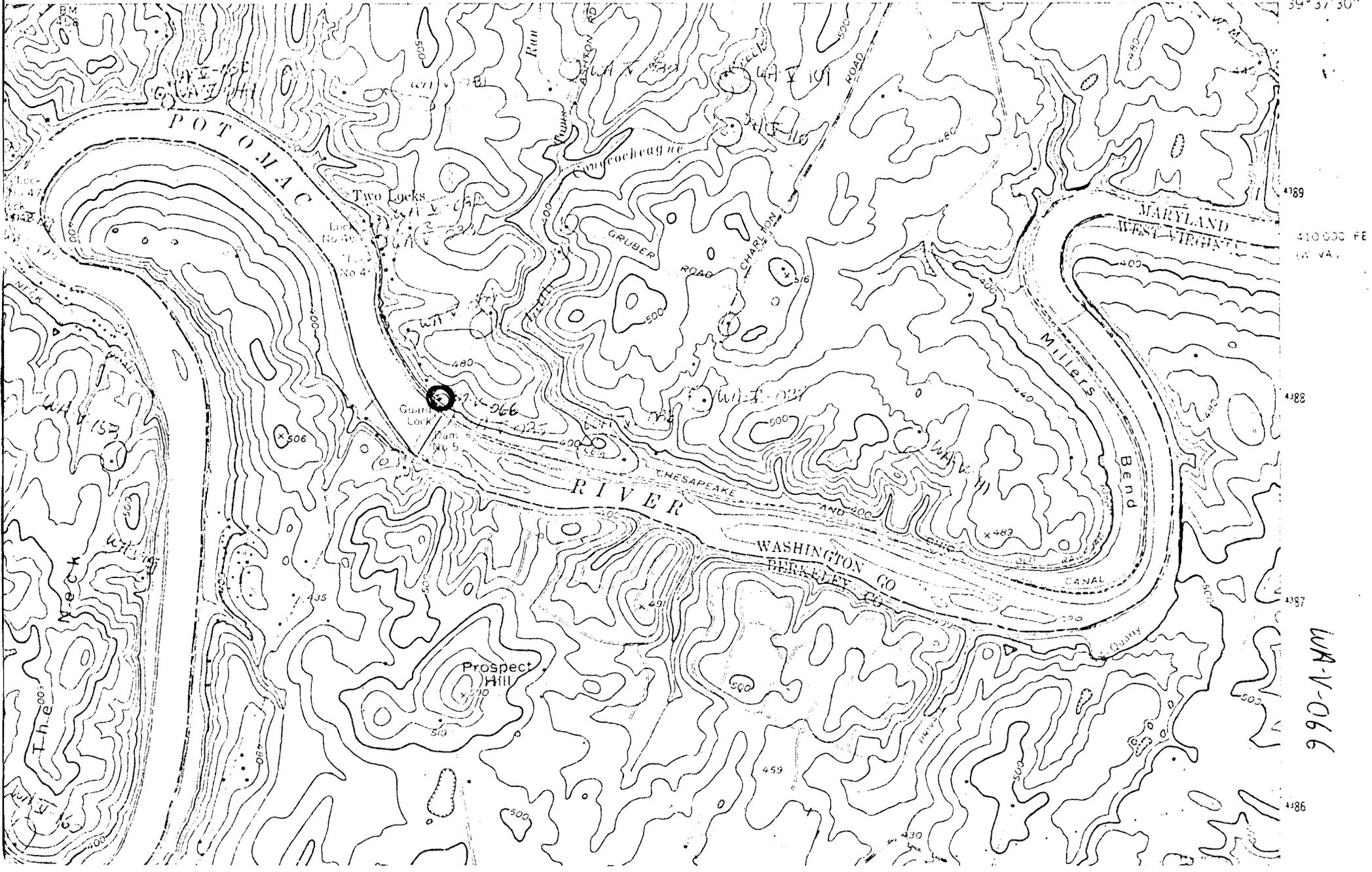
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77° 52' 30"

39° 37' 30"



2. 1111 NE
MANUAL DIA

4389
410 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

4388

4387

4386

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S.W.

Nov. 1975

Frame House C & O Canal

C & O Canal at Dam # 5

Clear Spring Vicinity

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