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FISHER FARM HOUSE  
Spring Gap, Maryland  
Early 19th Century

The Fisher Farm House, constructed in the early 19th Century, is an original log structure two stories tall and three bays wide. It has since been covered with clapboarding that has been allowed to weather beyond repair. The main facade is rectangular and features what's left of double hung, wooden sash window frames with two over two lights. A front porch with hipped roof covers the main entrance area, which has been knocked out and is now used as a cattle shelter. The roof is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt sheeting.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Fisher Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

Log House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Near C and C Canal

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Allegany

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME National Park Service

~~Chesapeake and Ohio Canal~~

Telephone #: 202-343-1100

STREET & NUMBER

C Street between 18th and 19th sts. N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 466

Folio #: 486

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Fisher Farm House is located near the Cheasapeake and Ohio Canal in Spring Gap, Maryland, about ½ mile south of Route 51.

The Structure consists of a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped block. It was originally log, but has been since covered with clapboarding. The foundation is a low stone one with a plain water table. Windows are double hung wooden sash frames with 2 over 2 lights and plain trim; however, most of them have been knocked out. The roof of the structure is gabled and has been re-covered with asphalt materials. The main entrance is on the east side of the dwelling, but the front door area has been completely knocked out and that area is now used as a cattle shelter. A front porch with hipped roof was added to the main block. The structure features one original, stone, corbeled chimney which is centrally located.

The structure is still fairly sound, but has been un-maintained for a few years. Some of the clapboarding on the southern rear side has fallen off revealing the original log construction.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 ca: 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story, log house stands out as a fine example of early log construction. This one was probably built in the early 19th century. Lying near the Potomac River, it was situated on fertile soils for its occupants to farm upon. The original logs are still intact and corner notchings are still seen as perfect. Mud with horse hair to hold it together still fills the cracks between the logs. It's one of the few log homes in Allegany Co. to display an original corbeled stone chimney. The Little family kept the house for around 80 years, and they have a private burial plot nearby on the Bessie Hetrick Property.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13 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

John Nelson, Steve Beale, Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

Lavale

STATE

Maryland

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

TITLE SEARCH

Fisher Farm House  
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Allegheny County Deed, Liber 466, Folio 486  
grantee: Chesapeake & Ohio Canal  
grantor: William J. Hetrick  
October 1, 1973  
Consideration: \$8,878.00

Allegheny County Deed, Liber ? , Folio ?  
grantee: William J. Hetrick  
grantor: Bessie M. Hetrick  
1972  
Consideration: \$1,400

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 175, Folio 349  
grantee: Bessie M. Hetrick  
grantor: Clarence Shutter, Trustee for Margaret Fisher  
July 18, 1936

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 16, Folio 370  
grantee: Charles Little  
grantor: Solomon Alkire  
July 11, 1857  
Consideration: \$3,506.00

Charles Little willed the present Fisher Farm House to his daughter  
Margaret R. Little, who married Charles J. Fisher.

Allegheny County Deed, Liber N, Folio 511  
grantee: Peter Alkire  
grantor: Daniel Fetter, Executor of Jacob Lapp  
April 13, 1857  
Consideration: \$2,200.00

INVENTORY NO. A1-111-B-013

466-486

75/72  
1.5 ACRES

DATE: 8/26/76

13 Acres

REMARKS: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: FISHER FARM HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: NEAR C+O CANAL - SPRING GAP, MD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST  
13 Acres

NAME OF OWNER: Farmer: Bessie Hetrick 1974 SALE to Son

ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE 724-1329

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: FRONT PORCH

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings Re-covered with Clapboards

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2() 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
PLAIN pegged () nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NOT THERE  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

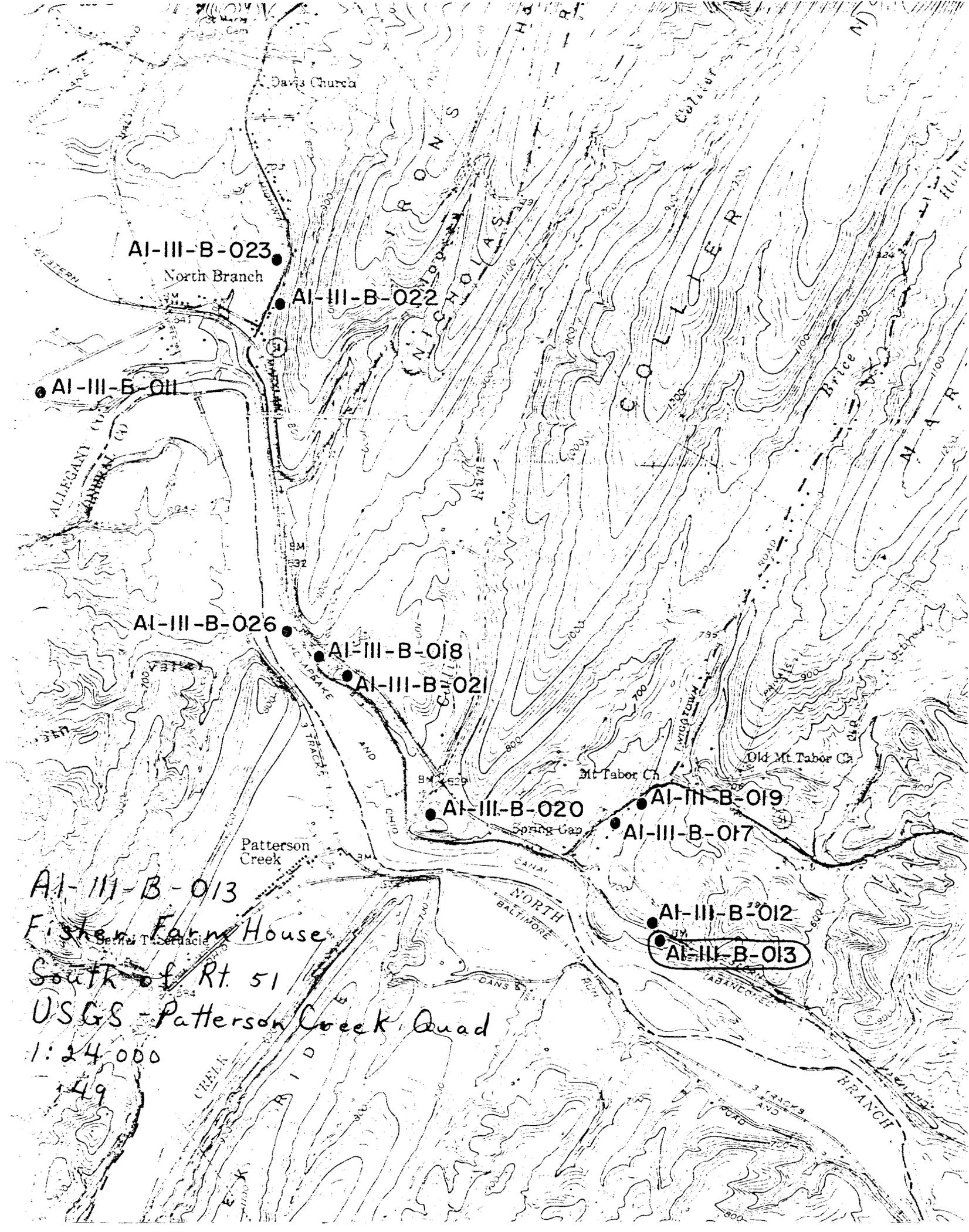
ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, BANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, LOMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip() gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE() CORBELLED() original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central() Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:  
Use - Cattle feed + grazing  
Significance - Arch.  
Date Constructed - early 1800's  
Condition - poor



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North Branch

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Fisher Farm House

South of Rt. 51

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

1:24,000

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FISHER FARM HOUSE

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Near. C&O Canal

SPRING GAP

John E. NELSON

5/26/76

West - Northwest



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Near C+O canal

Spring Gap

John E. Nelson

8/26/76

Northeast



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Near C + O Canal

SPRING GAP

JOHN E. NELSON

8/26/76

North east

Interior