

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

A1-IV-047

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Washington's Headquarters				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Riverside Park at Green Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<u>museum</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: City of Cumberland, Department of Parks and Recreation				
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, No. A1-32				
DATE OF SURVEY: c. 1970 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Washington's Headquarters stands in Riverside Park, on the west side of Wills Creek, at the intersection of Greene Street and Route 28 in Cumberland, Allegany County.

The building is a one story, one room log house with a gable roof and a small front (west side) porch. The logs are laid with V notching, square corners, and large spaces between the logs. At the present, the logs are dark color and the chinking is white. A large external stone chimney rises in the north side. The principal facade has a door, not original, and a window. This window and the one on the south side have a single shutter each and double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights.

The building is structurally sound but was rebuilt at least once. The window shutters have circular saw marks that prove they were added later.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The one room log house that stands in Riverside Park is traditionally said to be the building that George Washington used as his headquarters while at Fort Cumberland in the mid-late 1700s.

Tradition says that the building was purchased in 1844 by Judge Perry, who moved it from its original site on Washington Street to the farm of a friend. James W. Thomas, a local historian, acquired the house and donated it to the city in 1921. Since that time, the building has been a symbol of Cumberland's respect for the General who later became the first President of the United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"George Washington's Headquarters", a brochure published by the Allegany County Division of Tourism for the Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department, 1975.
Hansrote, H. G. Notes, 1970. On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The building stands in Riverside Park.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 6/2 /75

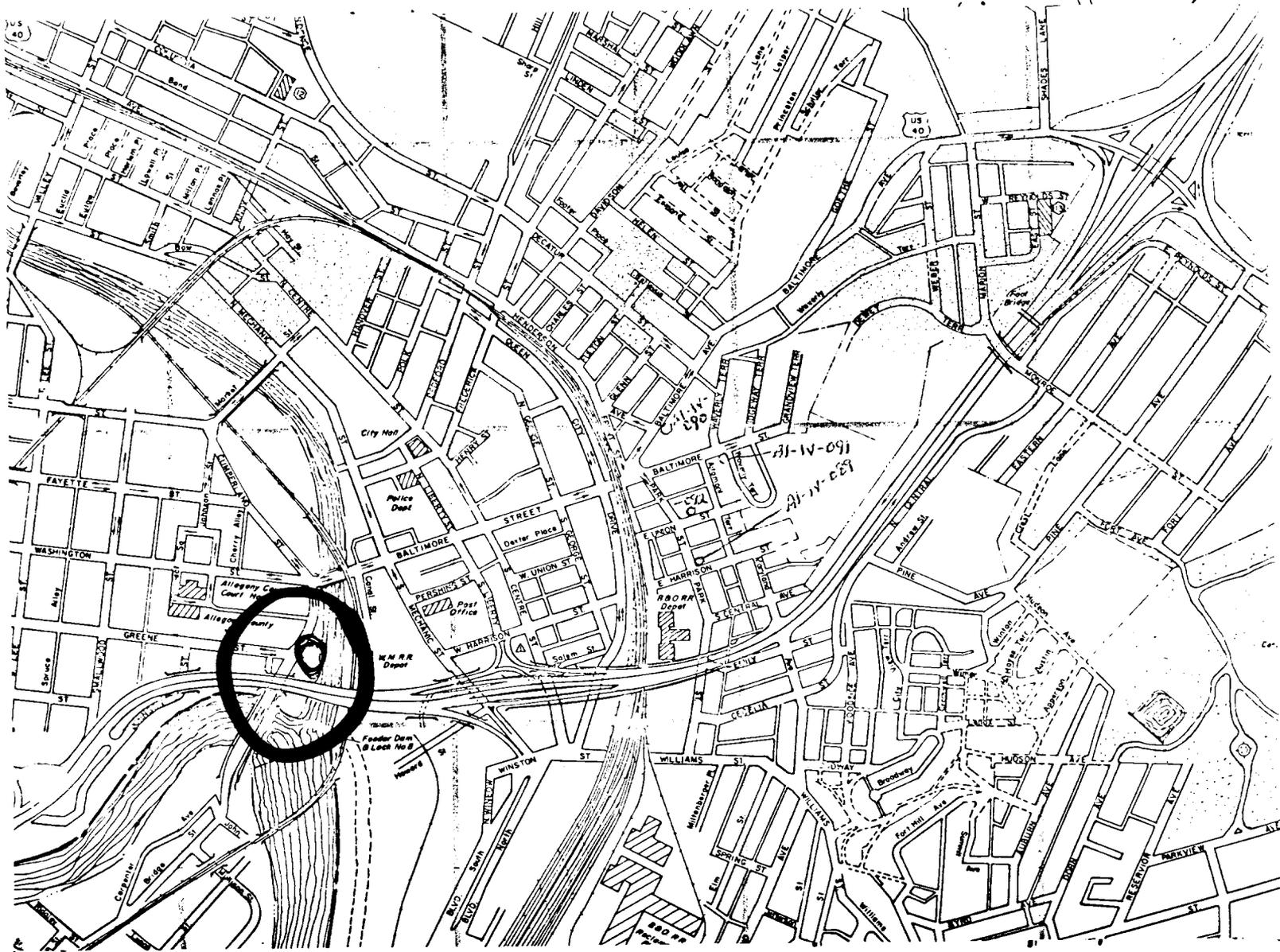
STREET AND NUMBER:
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

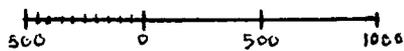
Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____



Site No.: Al-IV-047
Washington's Headquarters
Riverside Park at Green Street

Map of City of Cumberland,
Allegany Co., Maryland
Charles R. Nuzum, City Engineer
revised 1971
scale:





Washington's Headquarters
Riverside Park
Cumberland
Allegany Co, Md
NE view
Spring, 1974

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GEORGE WASHINGTONS HEADQUARTERS



Washington's Headquarters
Riverside Park
Lumberland
Allegheny Co., Md.
SW view
Spring, 1974

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