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JAMES SCOTT TAVERN & MILL

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1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY ALLEGANY
TOWN CUMBERLAND VICINITY
STREET NO. MECHANIC AT BEDFORD ST.

ORIGINAL OWNER JAMES SCOTT
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY AL-86

2. NAME SCOTT'S TAVERN & GRIST MILL

DATE OR PERIOD REVOLUTIONARY (SITE)
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

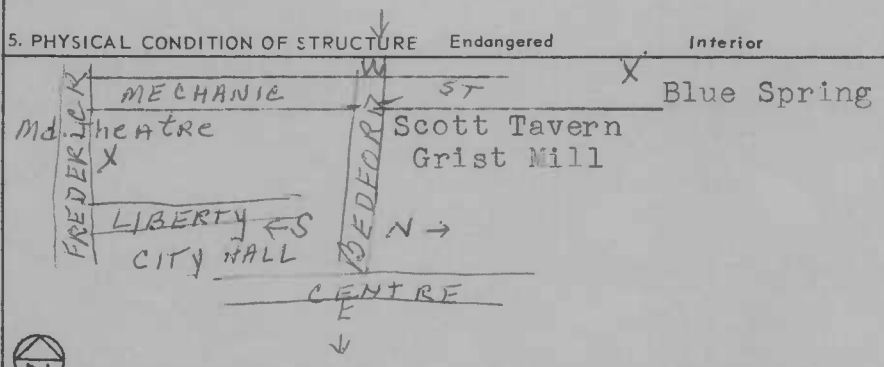
PROPERTY AT CORNER OF MECHANIC AND BEDFORD STREETS CONSISTED OF A TAVERN FRONTING ON MECHANIC STREET, IN WHICH GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS A GUEST AND SLEPT THERE IN 1789.

IN THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY WAS A GRIST MILL. THE MILL RACE STARTED FROM THE BLUE SPRING(MECHANIC ST.) CROSSED BALTIMORE STREET AND ON INTO THE C & O CANAL. IT RAN DIRECTLY UNDER THE STAGE OF THE MARYLAND THEATRE IN THE NEXT BLOCK GOING SOUTH ON MECHANIC STREET. WATER POWER WAS FIRST USED TO GRIND THE GRAIN ANDA LARGE OVERSHOT WHEEL MADE OF WOOD WAS LOCATED IN THE FAREBOY OF THE RACE. IT WAS IN USE AS LATE AS 1916 WHEN ELECTRIC POWER WAS INSTALLED.

PRIOR TO THE GRIST MILL, ONE HALF OF THE BUILDING WAS USED AS A SOAP FACTORY AND THE OTHER HALF WAS USED AS A TANNERY.

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN".

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

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