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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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1. NAME

COMMON: Oregon (Park)

AND/OR HISTORIC: Oregon (Iron Mine)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Shawan Road

CITY OR TOWN: P. O. Cockeysville

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland 21030		Baltimore	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☐	Public ☒	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☒ Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	* Restricted ☒
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☒	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☒	Transportation	☐	Comments	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐		
Educational	☒	Military	☐	Religious	☐				
Entertainment	☒	Museum	☐	Scientific	☒				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Baltimore County

STREET AND NUMBER: 112 West Chesapeake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Towson 21204	Maryland	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER: As Above

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

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* Restricted simply means that visitors to the various areas will be given information regarding their conduct while in the parks, to prevent desecration and damage to the facilities.

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Oregon's present physical appearance is a demonstration of Nature's power of reclamation and restoration of trees, shrubs and flowers. The mine is now a 5½ acre lake eighty feet deep surrounded by trees, shrubs and flowers. The Country Store is in good repair, (now being used as a dwelling). The property is traversed by Oregon Branch, at one time a well-known Baltimore County trout stream, which empties into Loch Raven water supply. The property comprises 442 acres of woodland and agricultural land. The trees are 2nd and 3rd growth mixed hardwoods. There are many colonies of pink Ladyslippers, wild azaleas and mountain laurel. The Ore spoils banks are now forested in a predominance of unusually large Locust trees calipering in some instances 18" in diameter.

The lake area, now used for swimming, lends itself to even greater use as an income producing outdoor amphitheater.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☒	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1849 – 185?

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal		Educotion	☒	Politicol	☐	Urbon Plonning	☐
Prehistoric	☐	Engineering	☐	Religion/Philosophy	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Historic	☒	Industry	☒	Science	☒		
Agriculture	☐	Invention	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Art	☐	Landscape Architecture	☐	Sociol/Humonitorian	☒		
Commerce	☐	Literature	☐	Theater	☒		
Communicotions	☐	Military	☐	Transportotion	☐		
Conservotion	☒	Music	☐				

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

Probably, Captain John Smith was the first white man to discover iron ore in Maryland. In 1608 he entered the Patapsco River which he named Bolus because of the red clay he found there. He sent two barrels of ore back to England to be examined.

In 1648 Plantagenet found iron ore in Baltimore County.

Demand for iron during the Civil War brought a temporary boom. The principal Maryland furnaces established after the Revolution were Oregon, erected 1849, abandoned 185? ; Ashland Iron Works located near Cockeysville. Ashland Iron Works smelted iron from Oregon because they could smelt it more economically. Iron was hauled from Oregon in wagons drawn by six mule teams during the 70's. The Company ran from 8 - 10 wagons, each making 2 to 3 trips per day. Mining by hand from an open pit, workers loaded a small cart which was pulled out of the pit by steam power. The main ore pit at Oregon is now filled with water creating a lake of 5½ acres, 80 feet at its deepest point. This lake is now being used by the Department of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore County for recreational purposes.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION | DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

A HISTORY OF THE ASHLAND IRON COMPANY, With a Short Introduction to Iron Manufacturing in Maryland, by Harold Sampson, May 1935, submitted to Dr. Broadus Mitchell in the Course on American Economic History, Johns Hopkins University (From Vertical File in Maryland Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland)

THE IRON ORES OF MARYLAND, Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., June 1909 (Maryland Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central Office, Baltimore, Maryland)

THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, Edward B. Matthews, Baltimore, 1929 - Page 223 - Ashland Furnace used ore from the Oregon bank
Page 224 - Oregon Furnace erected for the utilization of ore
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OTHER OREGON REFERENCES are in the Library of the Johns Hopkins Library, Johns Hopkins University, and News Article in the Jeffersonian, Towson, Maryland, August 20, 1932

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