

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: J. Wirts Farm Inventory Number: F-1-146

Address: Point of Rocks Road City: Adamstown Zip Code: 21710

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks

Owner: Point of Rocks, L.L.C 3634 Point of Rocks Road, Jefferson, MD 21755

Tax Parcel Number: 15 Tax Map Number: 102 Tax Account ID Number: 01-001493

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The current assessment was prepared on behalf of Duke Energy North America as part of cultural resources investigations to support the proposed construction of a power plant in southern Frederick County near Point of Rocks (Goodwin 2001). This property was surveyed initially in 1982 (Weissman 1982). In 1982, a house, a barn, and later outbuildings were recorded. During a survey conducted in May 2001, no built resources older than fifty years were extant on this property. Since no built resources remain extant on this portion of the Vernon-Hines property, there are no buildings that possess the qualities of significance for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<i>David M. Galt</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<i>6/17/2002</i> Date
<i>County</i> Reviewer, NR program	<i>7/19/02</i> Date

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Bibliography

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

June 2001 Architectural and Historical Investigations for the Proposed Duke Energy North America Facility on the Offutt Property, Frederick County, Maryland. Prepared by RCG&A, Inc., for Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., Tampa, Florida.

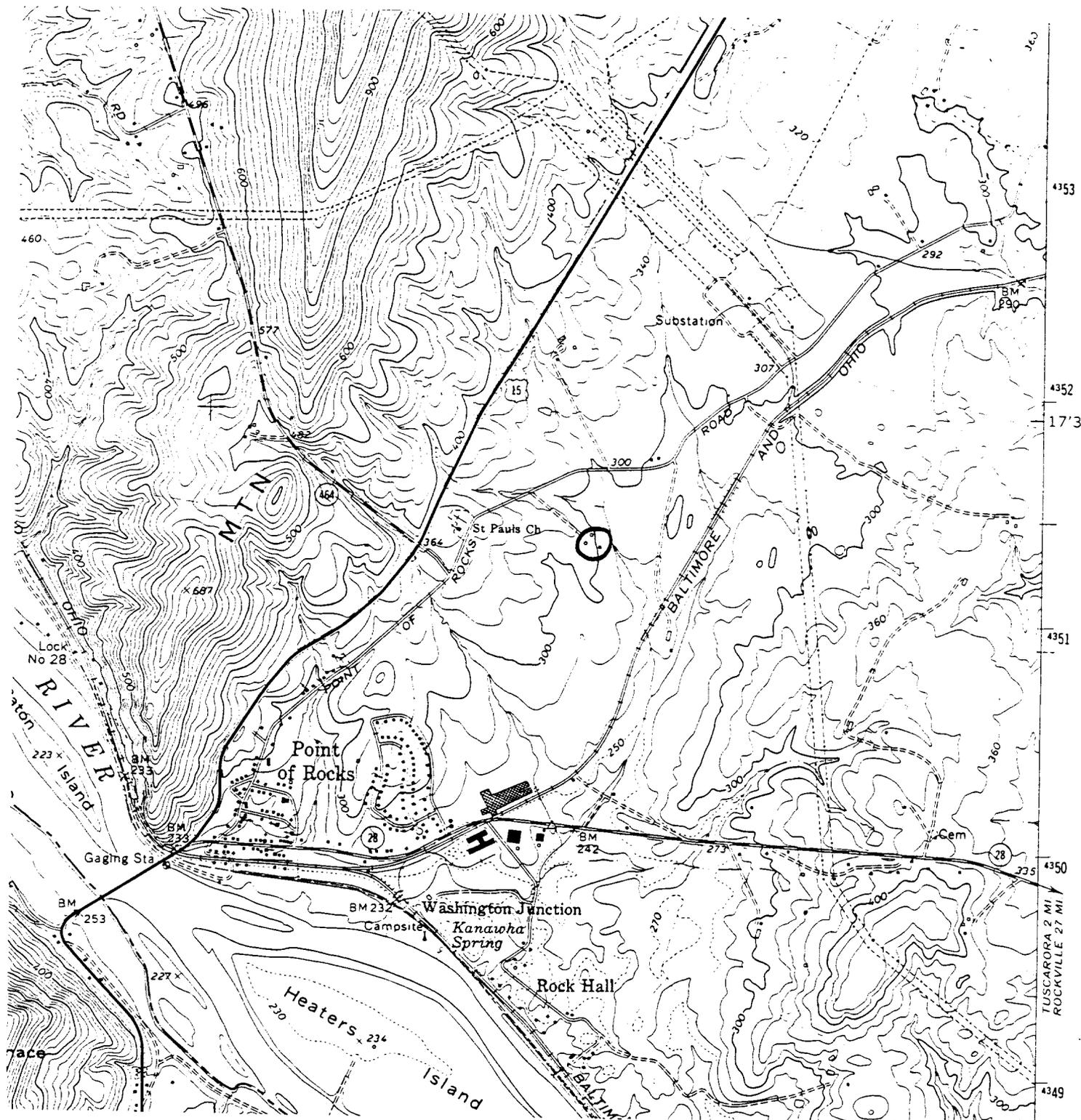
Weissman, Peggy.

1982 J. Wirts Farm Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form. Prepared for the Maryland Historical Trust.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine and Brian Clevon,
R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

Date Prepared: March 2002

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J. Wirts Farm (demolished)
Point of Rocks vicinity
Frederick County, Maryland
Point of Rocks USGS quadrangle map
Scale 1:24,000









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J. WIRTHS FARM

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPD

SHED

VIEW SOUTH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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J. WIRTHS FARM

FREDRICK COUNTY, MD

KATHARINE GRADING

MAY 2001

MO. SHAD

WOOD PILE

VIEW EAST

2001 05 20 10:00 AM

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

J. Wirts Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side Point of Rocks Road, north of St. Paul's Church

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED
- N/A

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J. Wirts Farm is located on the east side of Point of Rocks Road, a short distance north of St. Paul's Church. The complex is set back from the road, is reached by a long driveway, and is located on the west side of a stream. The landscape is scenic and pastoral. The house faces east, and is built into a bank which slopes from west to east. It is 2½ stories high, gable roofed, and built in two sections; the main block is on the south, with a wing on the north.

The main block has two end chimneys and is three bays wide. The east facade has a central doorway; the door and window arrangement, however, is slightly irregular, for the openings do not appear to be evenly aligned vertically. This elevation also contains a wooden double porch.

The west elevation of the main block of the house has a one-story wooden porch; on the second floor, the central window is at a lower level than the two end windows, probably lighting a central stair hall. The north wing also has a window at this same lower level. The north gable end of the wing is one bay deep, with a window on each story. Most outbuildings on the property appear to be of a later date than the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J. Wirts Farm, although not observed closely, is architecturally significant for its unusual house, which is in a form not typically seen in this area. The configuration of a three bay wide main block with lower wing to one side is a variation from the more common main block and rear ell of the same height, which is more characteristic of central Maryland. Nearby Mt. Auburn (F-1-108) does have a larger and later side wing, but also has an original rear ell. Its rear facade and two story front porch are also both similar to the Wirts house. The proportions and fenestration of the Wirts house suggest that it may possibly date from the early 19th century.

The property is shown on the 1862 Bond atlas of Frederick County as that of J. Wirt and on the 1873 Lake atlas as J. Wirts.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland, 1862.
Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.

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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

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

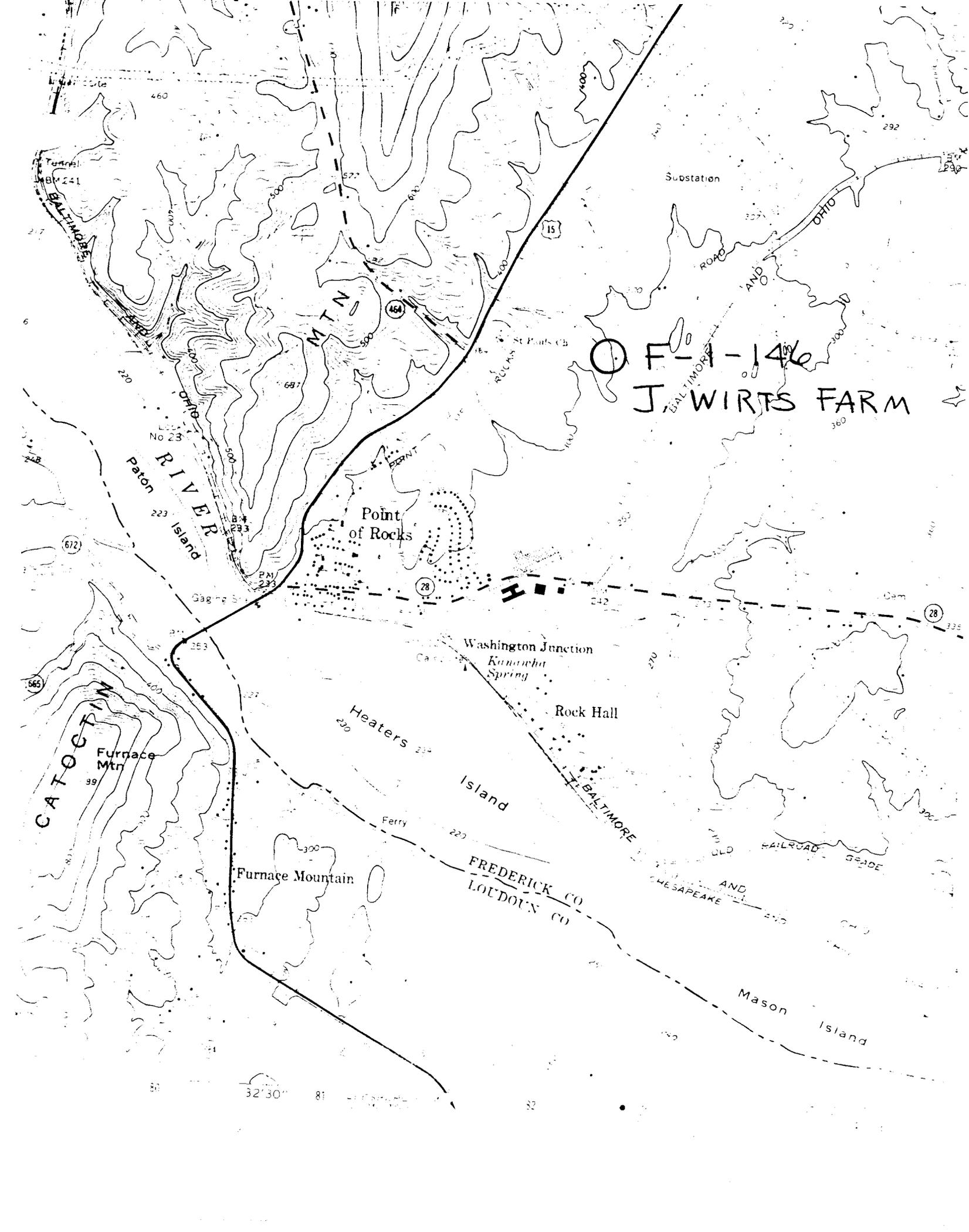
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Maryland 21401

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.

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J WIRTS FARM

Tunnel
BM 241

Substation

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OHIO

Patuxent RIVER
Paton Island

Point of Rocks

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Washington Junction
Kamacha Spring

Heaters Island

Rock Hall

CATOGGIN

Furnace Mtn
99

Island

BALTIMORE

Furnace Mountain

FREDERICK CO
LOUDOUN CO

BALTIMORE AND CHESAPEAKE
RAILROAD GRADE

Mason Island

32°30'

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J. Wirts Farm

East elevation

Peggy Bruns Weissman

March 1982



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J. Wirts Farm

Northwest elevation

Peggy Bruns Weissman

June 1982