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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

USGS Quads: Sang Run and Oakland

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Swallow Falls - Herrington Manor State Parks (BATH HOUSE, G-II-A-019)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Off Maryland Route 20, Route 5, Box 122
CITY, TOWN
Oakland — VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Garrett

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	_ AGRICULTURE	_ MUSEUM
_ BUILDING(S)	_ PRIVATE	_ UNOCCUPIED	_ COMMERCIAL	X PARK
_ STRUCTURE	_ BOTH	_ WORK IN PROGRESS	X EDUCATIONAL	_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_ SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	X ENTERTAINMENT	_ RELIGIOUS
_ OBJECT	_ IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	_ GOVERNMENT	_ SCIENTIFIC
	_ BEING CONSIDERED	_ YES: UNRESTRICTED	_ INDUSTRIAL	_ TRANSPORTATION
		_ NO	_ MILITARY	_ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
580 Taylor Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Annapolis — VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Garrett County Courthouse
Liber #:
Folio #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Oakland
STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
_ FEDERAL _ STATE _ COUNTY _ LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE

7a DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Swallow Falls-Herrington Manor State Parks are located within Swallow Falls State Forest northwest of Oakland in Garrett County, Maryland.

Most of the older structures within these parks date from the 1930s and were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Within Swallow Falls State Park are several stone and log pavilions, a frame structure now used as an office, and stone drainage culverts dating from the 1930s.

From a historical point of view the more notable buildings are located in Herrington Manor State Park. They include a cluster of CCC log cabins used for vacation housing. The cabins are formed of rounded logs cut level on their top and bottom surfaces and overlapping at the corners. The logs are placed against each other without any sort of chinking or daubing. There is no notching involved in the corner joints which are secured with nails. Sections of rounded logs form architraves around the windows. The foundations consist of stone piers at the corners and at intervals along the walls.

There are two basic forms of cabins. Some have porches along part of the facade while others have small enclosed entranceways, also of log construction. Chimneys are of stone construction and either placed centrally or against one of the end walls.

At Herrington Manor State Park there are 20 log cabins. Eleven of them were built during the 1930s. The remaining cabins date from the 1960s and 1970s and follow the same basic form of construction as the older buildings.

Other CCC structures at the Herrington Manor State Park include various frame sheds and storage buildings, a stone and frame former pump house and a stone bath house on the shore of Herrington Lake. The bath house is a three-bay structure built of coursed local stones. Of lower height are attached dependencies. Arched openings lead onto the beach. Inside the central block roof framing is exposed for decorative purposes.

In the vicinity of the cabin group was a farm complex which was owned by an Englishman by the name of Herrington for whom the Park is named. An old photograph of the house shows it to have been a large frame structure with a hipped roof. It had a hipped-roof porch and a front door with a broad transom and sidelights. Exterior door and window trim was characteristic of the Greek Revival period. The house was torn down about 1965 by Department of Natural Resources.

All existing structures appear to be in good to excellent condition. Herrington Manor State Park contains approximately 427 acres and Swallow Falls State Park contains about 406 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	X CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Department of Natural Resources literature, forestry developed in Maryland at Swallow Falls State Forest. A donation to the State of 2,000 acres in 1906 from John and Robert Garrett of Baltimore was accompanied with the condition that a Forestry Service be instituted to manage and protect the area. Herrington Manor and Swallow Falls State Parks were developed as recreation facilities in the 1930s with help from the Civilian Conservation Corps. The notable structures on the park lands date from the '30s.

The 20 log cabins and other CCC structures at Herrington Manor State Park are herein considered as a historic district. Nearly all of the buildings from the 1930s camp remain intact and are being used.

The type of log construction exemplified in the cabins is a valid form in the history of building with logs and is worthy of preservation along with older methods of log construction.

These cabins are built in one of the basic styles of log construction used by the CCC workers during the Depression. Since most of the CCC log structures that still exist are on State or federally owned ground, the public sees them and interprets them as the traditional form of log construction, the Herrington Manor Cabins and others like them are an important part of log building.

These cabins represent in one respect the zenith of the mythology surrounding log buildings in that they depict what people thought log cabins were rather than what they actually were. In another respect, the Herrington Manor cabins represent the basic type of structure from which the modern log cabin industry has taken its form.

Although only 11 of the present 20 cabins at Herrington Manor were built by the CCC, all of the cabins together are representative of the era of prosperity and lodge building of the 1880s and the revival of this type of construction by the CCC in the 1930s.

See continuation sheet

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Most particularly, the structures at Herrington Manor State Park should be protected and preserved. It is recommended that DNR establish a historic district to include the 20 log cabins, 11 of which were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and other buildings constructed by the CCC. The complex has been and continues to be used by DNR as a camping and recreational facility.

An important part of Garret County's history revolves around the CCC occupation and the establishment of state forests. Since Herrington Manor State Park lies within the first state forest in Maryland, it is appropriate to place emphasis on the forestry and recreational facilities there in the 1930s. Since so many of the CCC era buildings remain in good condition at Herrington Manor, the site would serve well as an exhibit of CCC architecture and activity. This historical information could be incorporated into the present functions of the parks since most of the buildings are being used for their original purposes. A development of the park's history could also include data and any remaining artifacts from the time of Mr. Herrington's occupation of the land in the 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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

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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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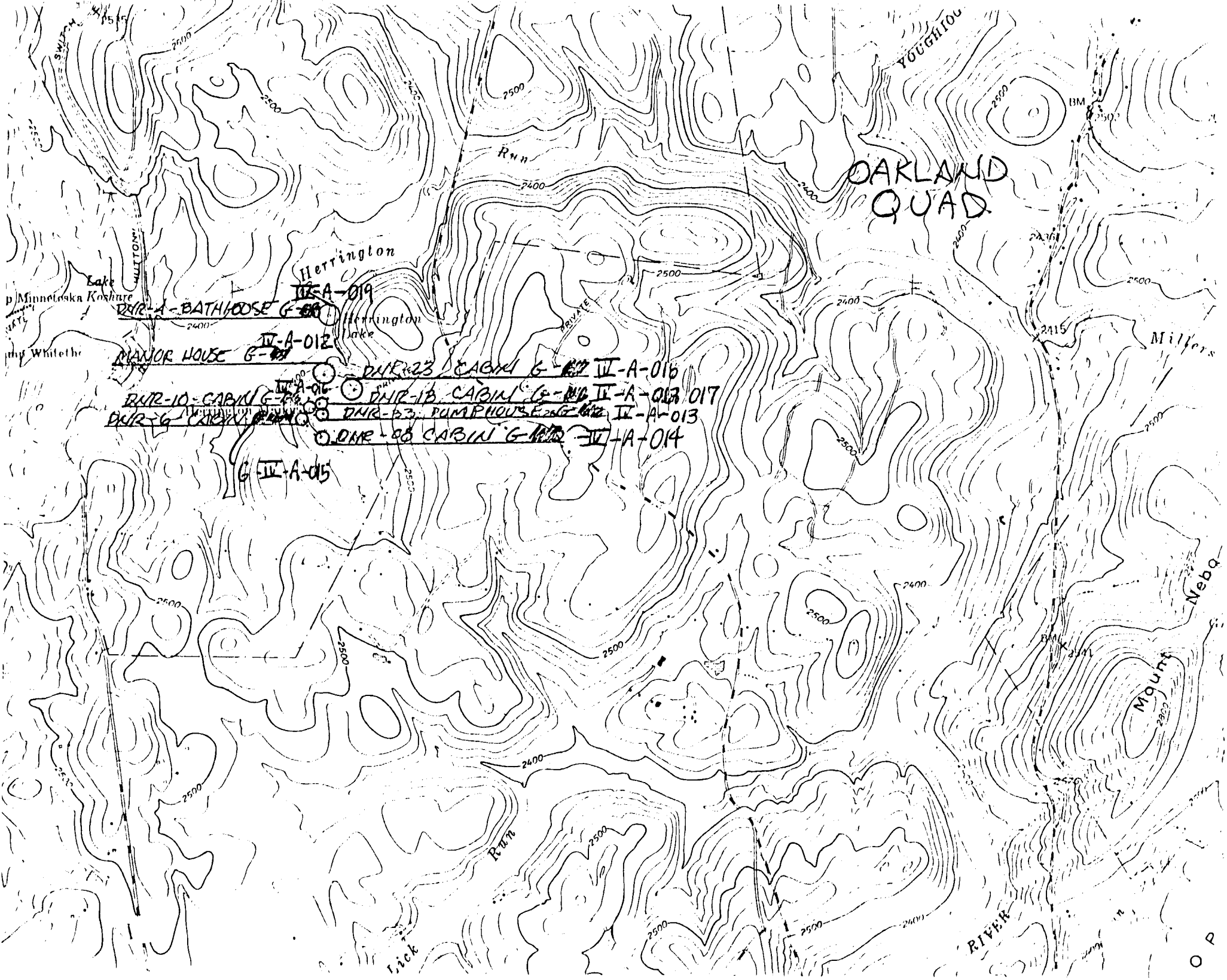
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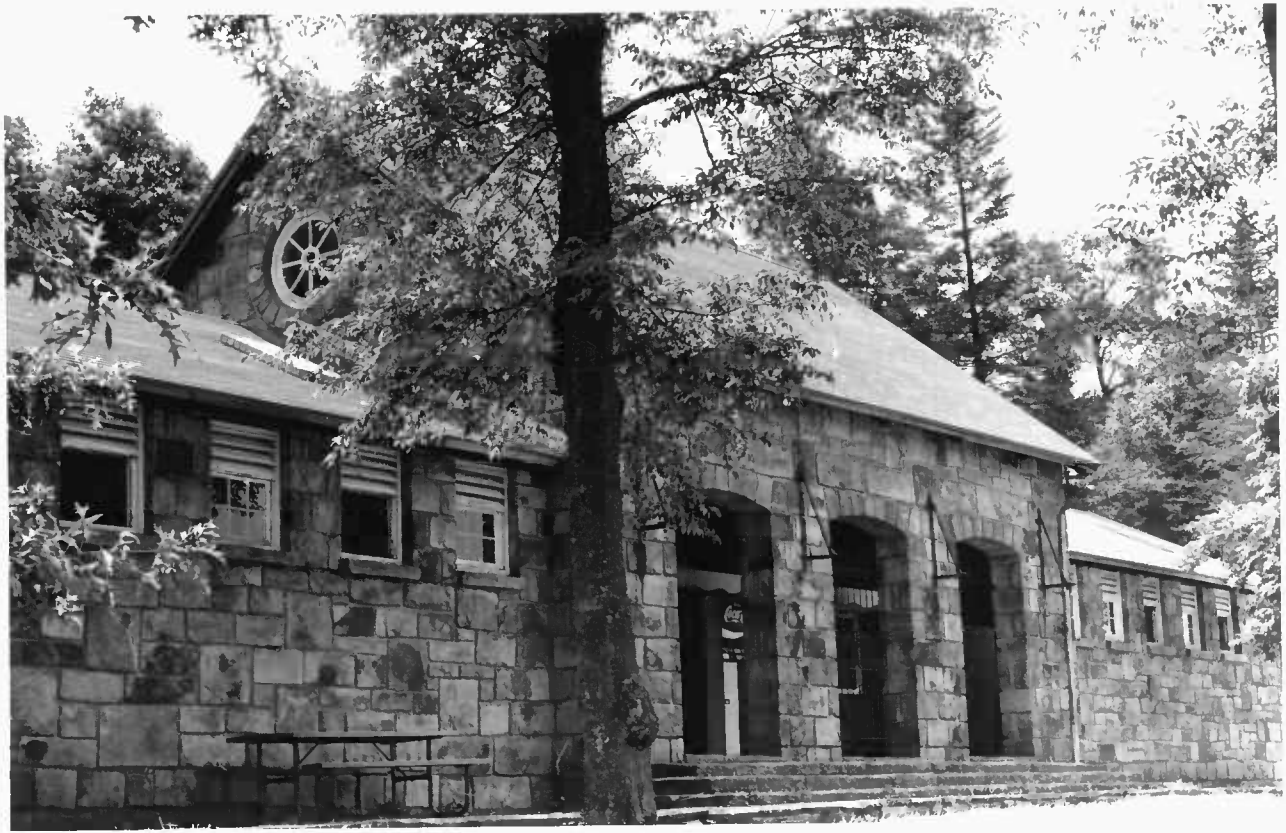

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