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N. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Sarah Furnace Ore Pit Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: In the center of a large pasture (about 80 acres) the path goes west from Rt 152 at a gate about 0.4 mi south of Jarrettsville Road, Rt 146.

CITY OR TOWN: Jarrettsville

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

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: Judge Harry C. Searff

STREET AND NUMBER: Jarrettsville Road

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton 21111 | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air 21014 | STATE: Maryland | 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:

STATE: | COUNTY: | FOR NPS USE ONLY: ENTRY NUMBER | DATE

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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

This is the site of iron ore pits that provided Sarah Furnace - about a mile away - with raw ore to be made into pig iron. Ore and pig iron were both taken to the La Grange Forge, also, until about 1886. After the railroad - ~~[illegible]~~ the Maryland and Pennsylvania - came to Pocks (at the site of La Grange Forge) in 1888, ore and pig iron were shipped by rail.

After the ore ran out the pumps that controlled spring water at the bottom of the pits were left idle and this deep lake has remained filled.

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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)*

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

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

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

A small iron mine, open pit, adequate in the mid 1800's to supply two iron furnaces and forges, one a mile away at Sarah Furnace (HA 62), the other about ten miles away, La Grange Forge (HA 30).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview w Judge Scarff whose family have owned the source of iron and the furnace and forge at Sarah Furnace.
Wright, C Milton, Our Harford Heritage, p 142-146.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST — DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS — STATE: MARYLAND — 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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