

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC George Stephenson House
 AND/OR COMMON Starr House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Craigs Corner Road
 CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #: 267-5656
 STREET & NUMBER Taves State Office Building
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: GRG 784
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse FOLIO #: 414
 STREET & NUMBER 140 South Main Street
 CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure was torn down within the past several years by the State Park. The following description is taken from a survey of Jean Ewing done in 1970.

"A large brick and stone fireplace and chimney may be all that is left of an old log house. (The present frame house may be 30-70 years old.)"

"This huge chimney, now closed off, once heated and afforded cooking for a cabin since replaced by a modern cottage, plain and uninteresting. Now abandoned by the Dept. of Parks, who consider it too limited in attraction to maintain."

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<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

Based on the description of the fireplace and the chimney, there could have very well been a log cabin on this site. The 1798 Tax List indicates that a George Stephenson did own 120 acres, which is confirmed by the land records, but the tax list indicated no dwelling, because none that were valued as being under \$100 were recorded. Such a cabin might have qualified for such status, although there is no way of proving how old the Starr house really was. George Stephenson was most likely related to neighboring landowners' James and the Rev. William B. Stephenson. The 1878 Martenet Map indicates that a William Stephenson and a Mrs. M. Stephenson lived in the house, but actually the property was sold to William Silver.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798
Harford County Land Records
Martenet's Map of 1878

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 71.267

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The site is located off of the eastern side of Craigs Corner Road, north of the intersection with Wilkinson Road. It is entirely surrounded by Susquehanna State Park property.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 28, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Starr House

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	784	414	The State Park took over the property, consisting of 71.267 acres, from Virginia Starr in 1968.
GRG	520	168	In 1959, Henry Tollinger Starr , divorced, conveyed a 61-acre portion of the property to Virginia Starr.
GCB	280	295	Asel Starr sold 61 acres, more or less, to Harry Tollinger Starr in 1943.
SWC	242	283	A. Freeborn Brown and Brodnax Cameron, trustees to Asel Starr's estate in 1936, were involved in an equity case in 1935 between Leonard W. Stearn and Benjamin M. Dever (Equity Case 9903, 1, 98). The trustees were instructed to sell the land to the highest bidder, which turned out to be Asel Starr. The parcel consisted of 61 acres, more or less, of Lines Tents.
ALJ	29	261	The property was conveyed to William Silver and Samuel Dever as tenants in common by William B. Stephenson, who was the administrator of the estate of William Stephenson of George. This 1873 transaction involved a 152 3/4 acre section of Lines Tents.
JLG	N	238	In 1797, George Stephenson purchased the tract from John Stump, Jr. George left it later on to his son William, except for a a portion sold to the Rev. William B. Stephenson. Again, this was the 152 3/4 acre part of Lines Tents.
JLG	E	26	In 1782, Thomas Harrison conveyed to John Stump 1600 acres of Lines Tents and Lines Addition.

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