

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

White's Ferry

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 107 and River Road at Potomac River

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

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

(ferry)

NAME

Brown, Phillips and Altizer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leesburg

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a very picturesque, old river crossing at a wide spot in the upper Potomac. The earliest crossings were made by fording (during periods of low water); later, barges were poled across. The present ferry is an open, pontoon-type of metal float that holds six cars. It is held on its course by a wire cable, that stretches across the river. A small, yawl-boat with engine pushes the ferry along the cable.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the last remaining ferry on the Potomac, and one of the few like it in operation in this country. The original name of this crossing was Conrad's Ferry. SUGARLOAF TRAIL'S research says this name goes back to Ernest Conrad, ca. 1836. However, my information indicates the ferry was called "Conrad Myer's Ferry", as early as 1780. Court minutes named road overseers for this locale from 1780-1790's. Newspaper ads such as that in BARTGIS' FEDERAL GAZETTE of June, 12, 1799 began to call it "Conrad's Ferry".

At any rate, the ferry was an important river crossing during a number of Civil War engagements, and continues to serve traffic today between Montgomery County and Loudoun County, Va.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) HISTORIC WHITE'S FERRY, Brochure published by ferry company, 1960's-'70's.
- 2) SUGARLOAF TRAILS, Research sheet by L. Beckman, 1975.
- 3) Court Minutes, Mont. County, Md., road overseer's appointments, (1750's-1790's.)

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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
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STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

6/1/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

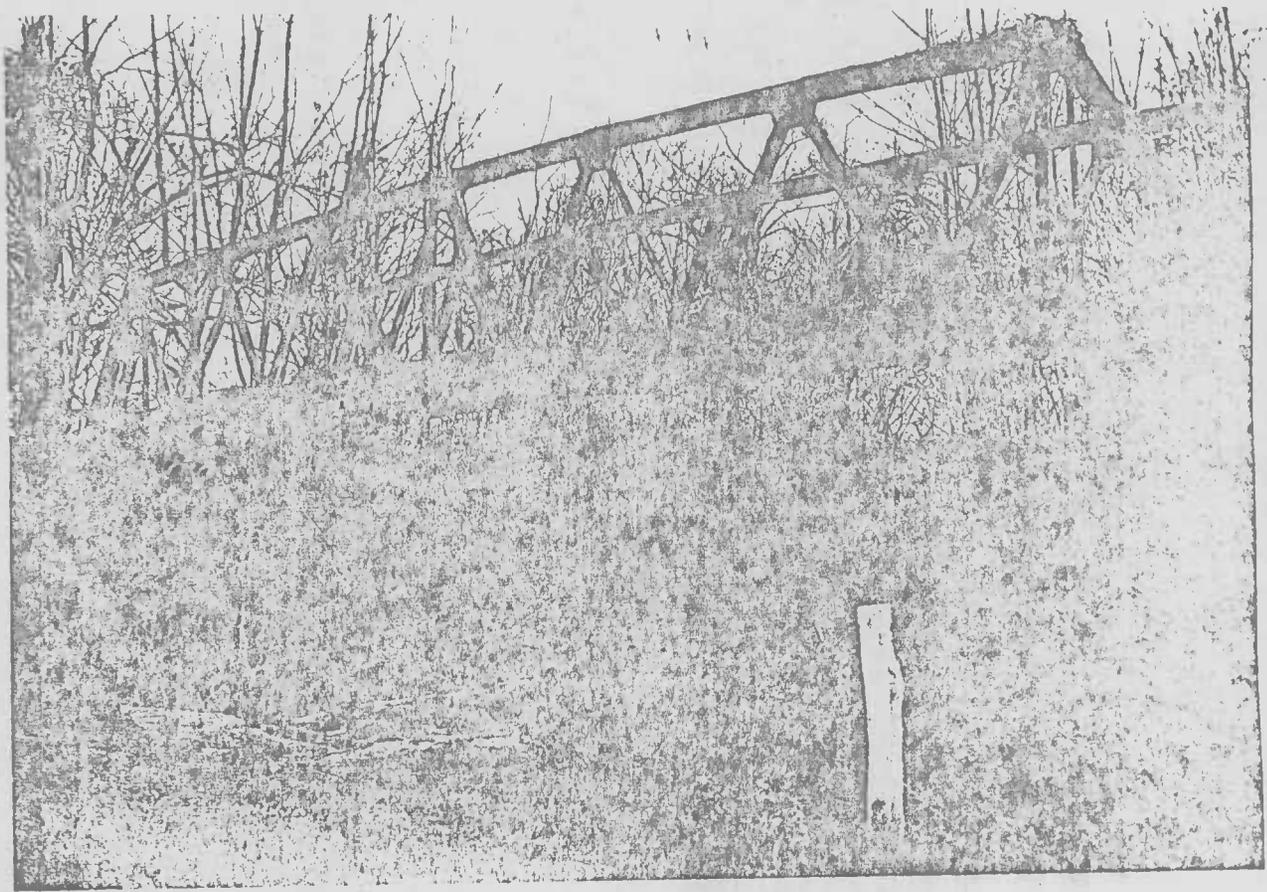
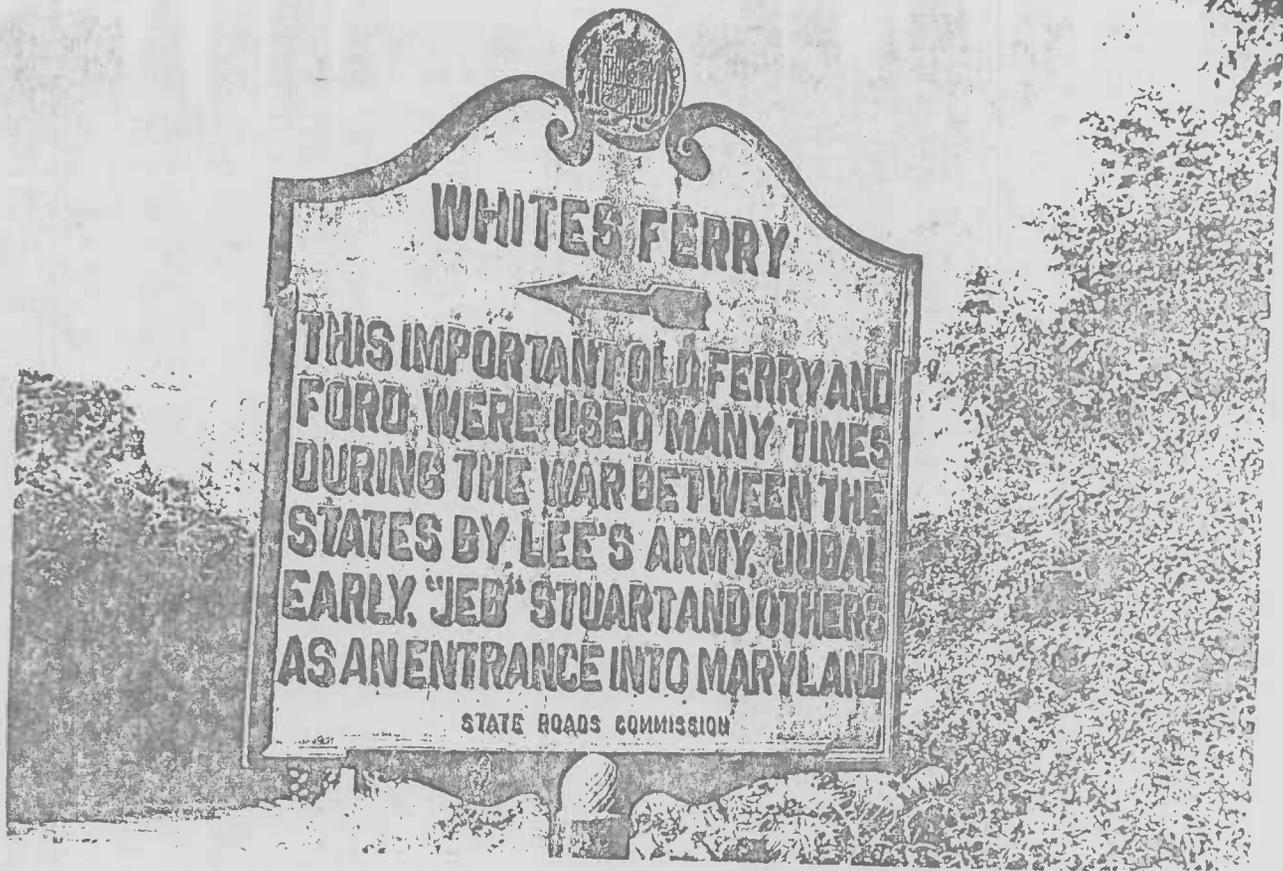
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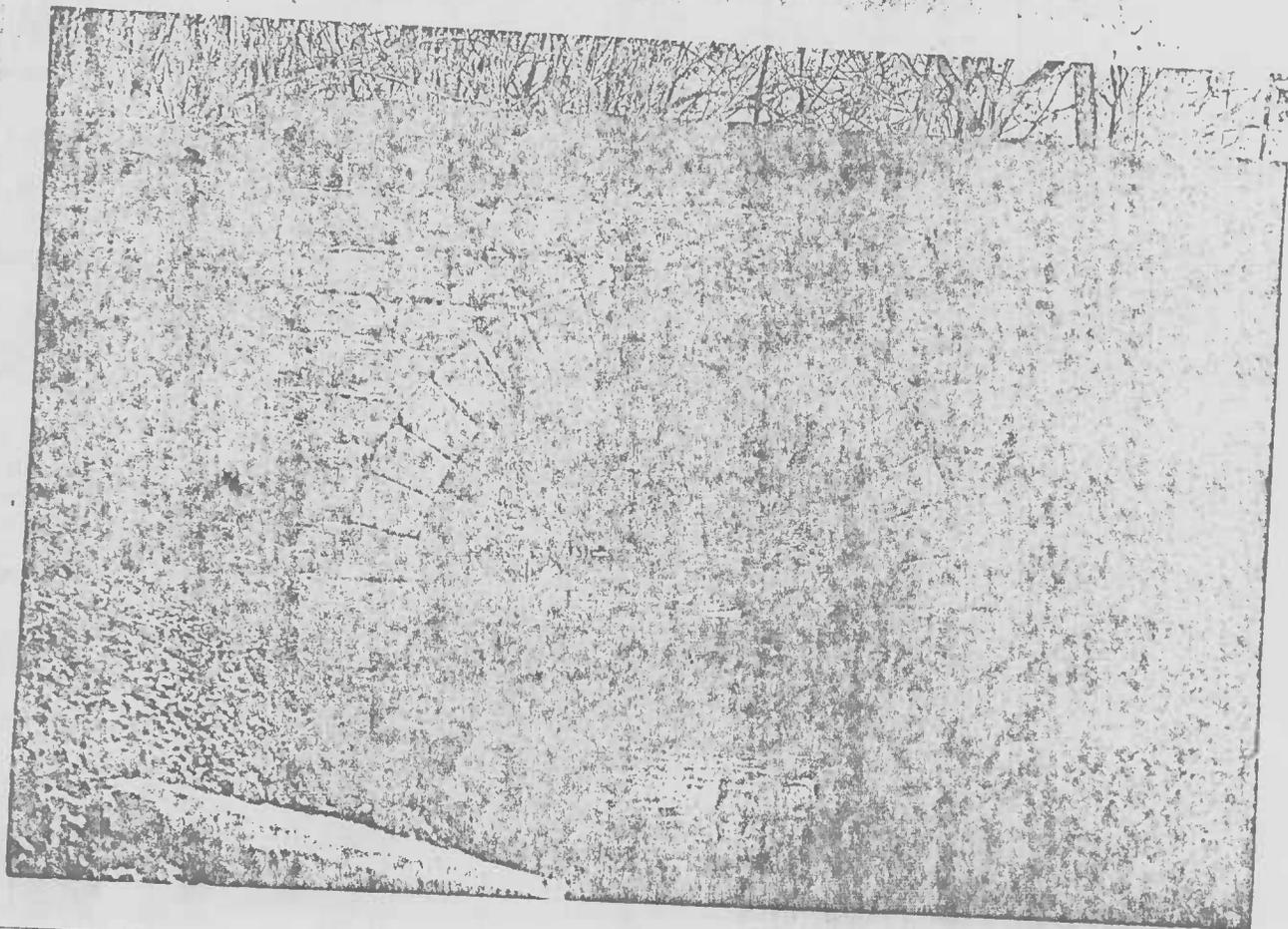
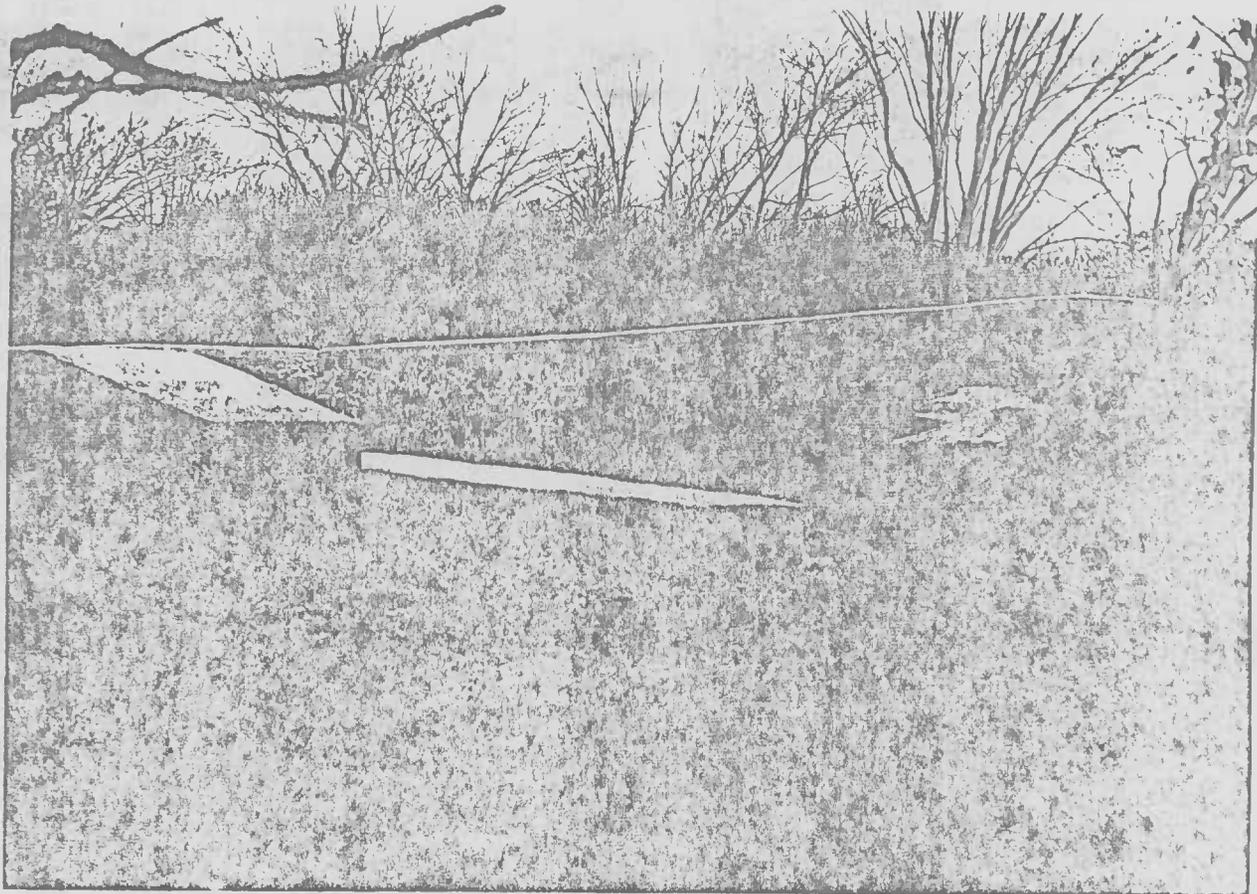
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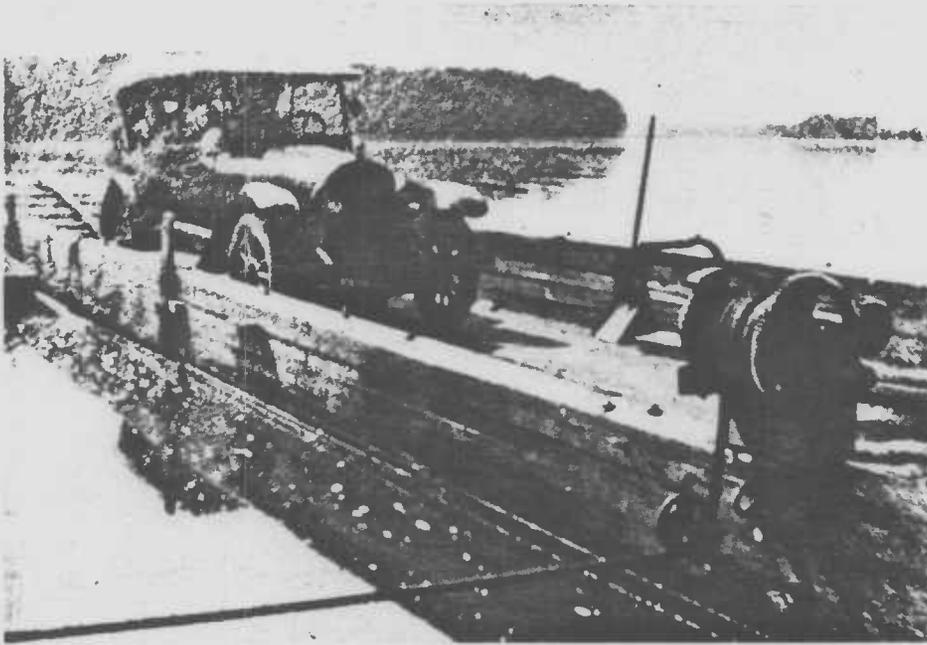
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At White's Ferry, a cabled raft called the *General Jubal Early* carried the Fred Esch family and their brand-new, 1923 Mitchell automobile to Maryland from the Virginia shore of the Potomac.

In early autumn this part of the river is not very deep, a fact known by natives of nearby Poolesville such as Elijah White. In September 1862, Colonel White and his commanding officer, General Stonewall Jackson, led thirty thousand Confederate troops across the Potomac at this spot. While the band played "Dixie" on the Montgomery County shore, the infantrymen waded across, holding their rifles above their heads. Courtesy of Harriette H. Esch and Marion Esch Potter



In 1920 two little girls took their dollies for a walk in Chevy Chase on a dirt Brookeville Road near Bradley Lane. Jane (left) and Marion Esch (right) didn't worry about the wobbly vehicles in the background. Courtesy of Marion Esch Potter



Mt. Ephraim

Barnesville P.O.

Beallsville

Medley's Hill

Poolesville P.O.

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White's Ferry
Martinet & Bond's Map of
Montgomery County, Maryland, 1865

Conrad's Ferry

Ohio

Ball's Bluffs

Chas. Butler

Martin Fisher

Joseph White

D.S. McCormick



Entered according to Act of 1879

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White's Ferry
Seneca 15' Quad
1908, Reprinted 1925



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 Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation MONTGOMERY COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search
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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 00041784

Owner Information

Owner Name:	WHITES FERRY INC	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	260 E JEFFERSON ST ROCKVILLE MD 20850	Deed Reference:	1) / 1146/ 481 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 24801 WHITES FERRY RD DICKERSON 20842	Zoning RDT	Legal Description LOT AT WHITES FERRY
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
AT43		P778		1				80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	42
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		2.30 AC	111

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2001	As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	28,800	33,820		
Improvements:	126,930	126,930		
Total:	155,730	160,750	159,076	160,750
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

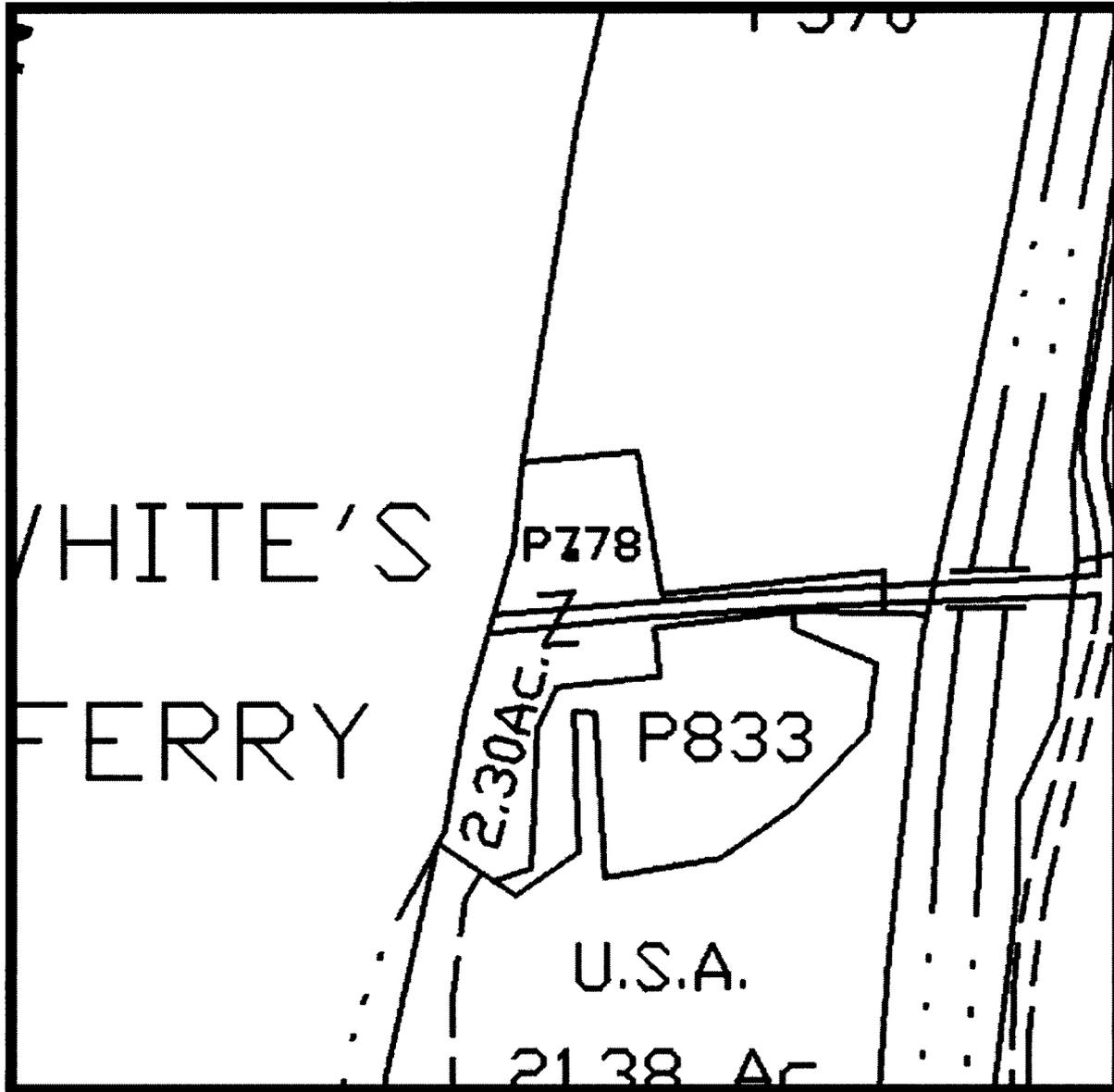
Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO **Special Tax Recapture:**
Exempt Class: * NONE *

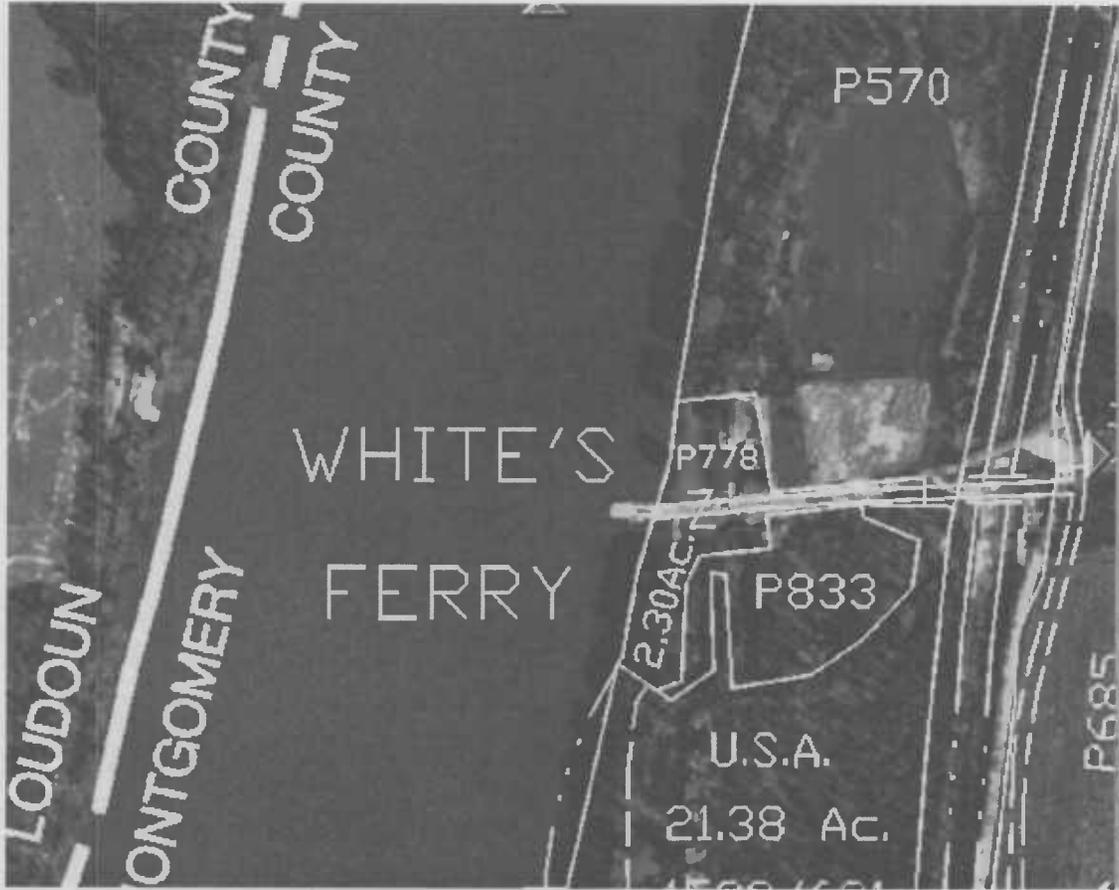


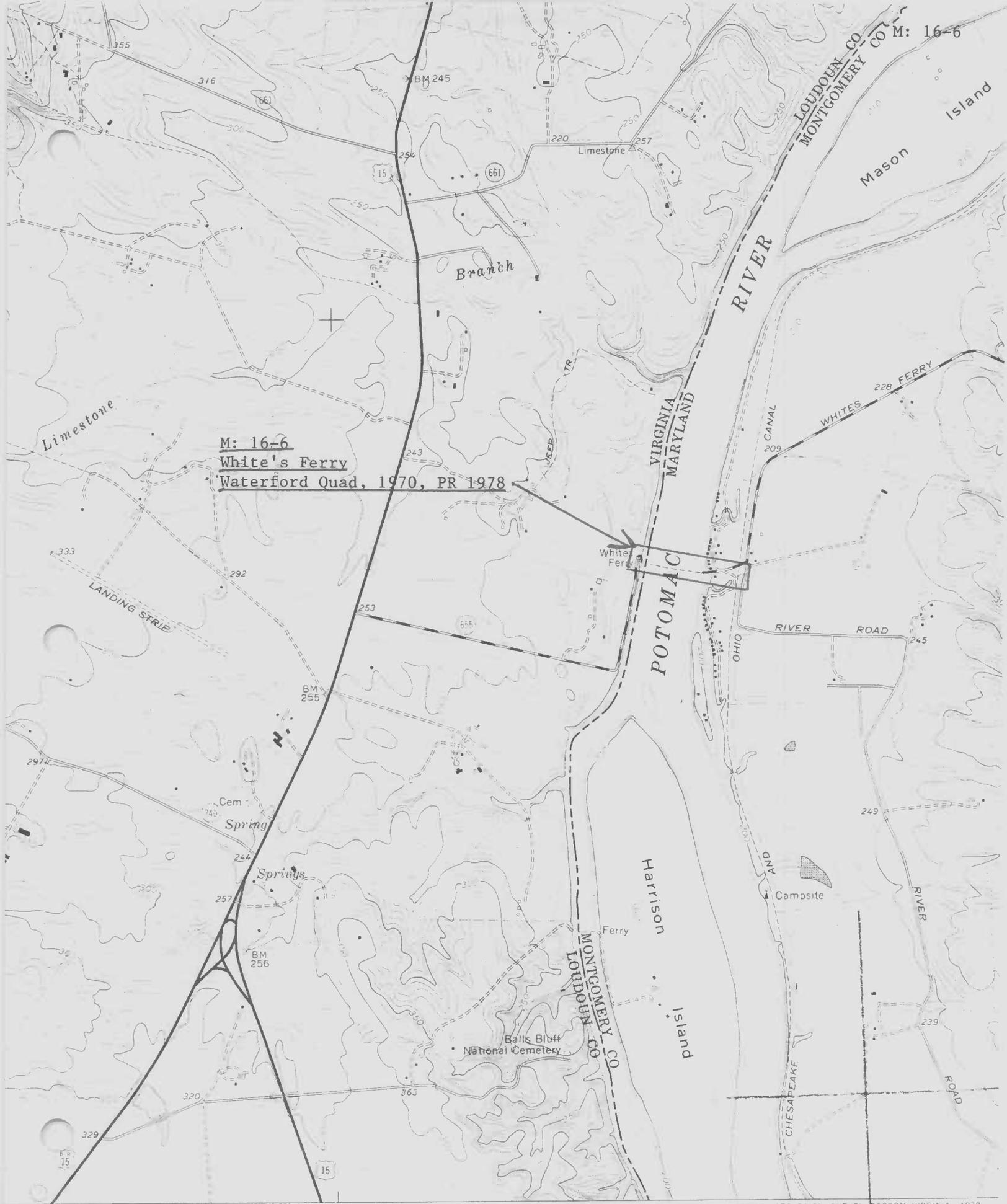
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White's Ferry
24801 White's Ferry Road (MD 107)
Dickerson
Tax map AT43 over Aerial photograph





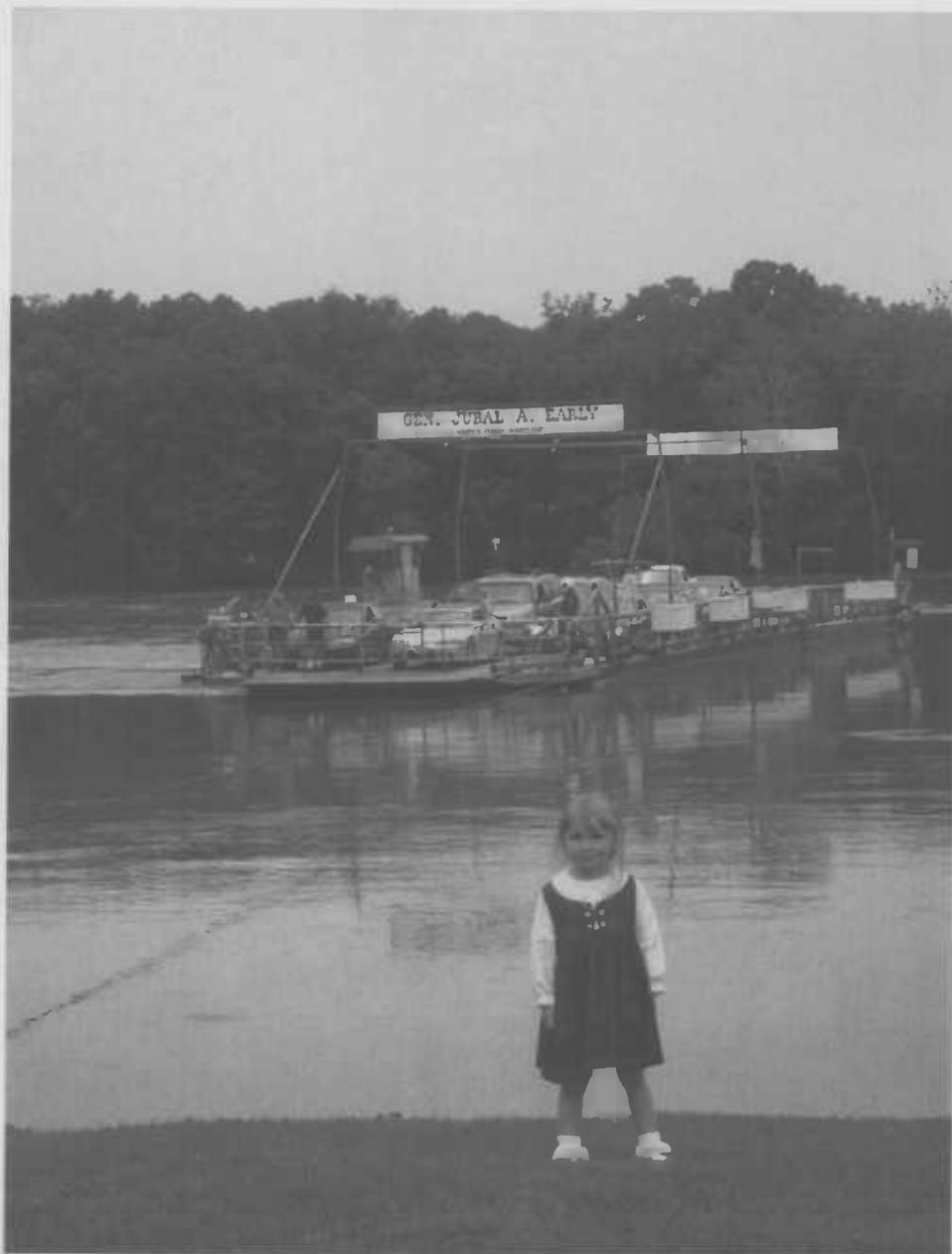
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White's Ferry
Waterford Quad, 1970, PR 1978

URG) SE 4000
 280 32'30" 281 650 000 FEET (MD.) 282
 1 MILE
 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA—1978 283000m E

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary highway, all weather, hard surface Light duty road, all weather improved surface

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White's Ferry
24801 White's Ferry Road (MD 10
Dickerson, MD 20842





WHITES FERRY



THIS IMPORTANT OLD FERRY AND
FORD WERE USED MANY TIMES
DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE
STATES BY LEE'S ARMY, JUBAL
EARLY, "JEB" STUART AND OTHERS
AS AN ENTRANCE INTO MARYLAND

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

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NAME WHITE'S FERRY MARKER

LOCATION Rt. 28 & MARTINSBURG Rd.

FACADE S.

PHOTO TAKEN 6/1/73 M. BWYER



NAME IRON BRIDGE

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LOCATION C&O CANAL AT WHITE'S FERRY, MD.

FACADE N.

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NAME SANDSTONE ARCHED CULVERTS

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LOCATION WHITES FERRY, MD. AT C&D CANAL

FACADE W.

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NAME GRAIN WAREHOUSE/LOADING PLATFORM

LOCATION C&D CANAL AT WHITE'S FERRY, MD

FACADE N.E.

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