

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:29-31
(date entered 5-12-88)

1. Name: Old Anglers' Inn

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 29/31

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 19
I-11

4. Address: 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible yes; restricted
Present use commercial

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: c. 1900

7. Original Owner: Ida Bodine

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story Inn is built into the side of a hill, facing south. The first level is constructed of fieldstone and the second level is half timbered-possibly a veneer. There is a south terrace and a path encircles the Inn. There are modern four light casement windows. Windows at first level, south, have wooden lintels. The Inn has intersecting gable roofs covered by wooden shingles and with boxed and returned cornice lines. The south and west elevations have a skirt roof between the first and second level. On the south elevation, at the southwest corner there is an exterior fieldstone chimney and fireplace.

10. Significance: This turn-of-the-century building has served as a gathering place for sportsmen, naturalists and diners enjoying the River and C&O Canal for eighty years. Its name reflects the fact that the Old Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C. had a clubhouse nearby from the 1860's to 1896.

The Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C., whose membership included several U.S. Presidents, was a club for hunters and fishermen. A two story frame clubhouse had been constructed in the 1860's, but burned by about 1896

Ida Bodine of nearby Cropley purchased 10.43 acres near the site of the old clubhouse in 1900, and probably built the first sections of the present Inn. She operated an inn for many years. After her death c. 1945 the property had three short term owners before D.L. and Rosemary Batten took it over in 1948. They remodelled it in 1957, operating a popular outdoor cafe in warm weather. The present owners bought the Inn in 1974.

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

1. Researcher and date researched: Beth Elkins-8/79

12. Compiler: Gail C. Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 8.404 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 29/31
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Anglers' Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

10801 Mac Arthur Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Potomac

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input 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 type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Catering Co., Inc.
c/o John Olympia Reges

Telephone #: 335-1000

STREET & NUMBER

10801 Mac Arthur Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Potomac

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20854

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4508

Folio #: 867

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input 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 three bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story inn is built into the side of a hill, facing south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the first level is fieldstone and the second level is of half-timber construction. This half-timbering may be only a veneer, certainly on the northwest corner of the north elevation this is true, where the cinderblock structural system is covered by a stone veneer.

There is a south terrace. A path leads all the way around the inn and back again to this terrace. There are stone steps on the north elevation and at the southeast corner of the east elevation. The south (front) door is a vertical wooden paneled door set into a frame with a wooden lintel. At the northwest corner of the west elevation there is a vertical wooden paneled door leading into the kitchen.

There are modern four light casement windows throughout the inn. These windows at the first level, south elevation, have wooden lintels. There are some two-over-two double-hung windows on the north elevation.

The inn has intersecting gable roofs with boxed and returned cornice lines. The roof has wooden shingles. On the south and west elevations there is a skirt roof. There are two exterior chimneys: at the southwest corner of the south elevation there is an exterior chimney and fireplace and at the north elevation.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This turn-of-the-century structure retains the name of the club which had been a gathering place for sportsmen and naturalists using the river and canal for many years.

The Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C., was a club for hunters and fishermen who came out from Washington, including several U.S. Presidents. The two-story frame building had been constructed in the 1860s, although the club did not own the land on which it sat until 1895.¹ The club purchased another acre from the heirs of Smith Townshend in 1896, that land being "situate directly opposite the

Anglers' Association Club House at the junction of the Great Falls and Conduit roads...."² It is believed that the clubhouse burned down about this time.

Ida Bodine, of nearby Cropley, purchased 10.43 acres from the Townshends in 1900,³ and probably built the first sections of what became the present inn. By 1908 she was taxed for improvements worth \$740 and land valued at \$20 per acre. Mrs. Bodine operated the inn for many years, and sold off four small parcels of the original 10.43 acres. Her heirs sold the remaining 8.404 acres in 1945 to Philip and Mamie Helig.⁴ After two short-term owners, the property was conveyed to D.L. and Rosemary Batten,⁵ who operated the inn for many years. Remodelling it in 1957, the Battens provided a popular outdoor cafe in warm weather.

On a rainy day in the 1960s, U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas interrupted one of his famous hikes on the canal to order a soft drink at the Old Anglers' Inn. His old clothes and paper bag lunch angered the owners, and he was asked to leave.

The present owners bought the inn in 1974.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. JA 49/481 (August 20, 1895).
2. Montgomery County Equity Records, #1459.
3. Land Records, op. cit., TD 14/266 (May 21, 1900).
4. Ibid., 988/9 (August 22, 1945).
5. Ibid., 1146/152 (March 26, 1948).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Assessment & Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md.
 Interview, Manager at the Inn and Michael Dwyer, M-NCPPC.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.404 acres

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

Beth Elkins

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Angler's Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Site of Old Angler's Club

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
10801 MacArthur Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Potomac

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	(restaurant)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
D. Lee & R. Batten? (1967 tax map)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

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:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This present building dates from the 20th Century. It replaces an older, two-story frame building that sat across MacArthur Blvd. This latter building was used as a sportsman's club for hunters and fishermen who came out from Washington (including several U.S. Presidents.) It was reportedly built sometime in the 1860's or '70's.

Present building is a "rustic style" structure, with a faintly-Tudoresque upper level perched on a fieldstone first story.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This area, known as Cropley (for a family that once lived here), has long been a gathering place for sportsmen and naturalists using the river and canal. The present Inn is a popular outdoor cafe' in warm weather. One visitor who was given the bum's rush, however, was former U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

On a rainy day in the 1960's, Douglas (who was on one of his famous 50 mile hikes to support the plan to form the C & O Canal Park), entered the establishment with a number of his fellow hikers and sat down and ordered soft drinks after opening his own lunch bag. Dressed in old clothes, they were tossed out of the place by the angry owner.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) 1878 Atlas.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NDMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 3/5/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____



M# 29-31

NAME ANCKER'S INN

LOCATION MF ARTHUR BLDG. (CROPLEY) GREAT FALLS, MD.

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 3/5/75

m. DEWEYER