

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Jacob Friend's Burial Site AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: (Williamsport Clearspring Road) Maryland Route 68 at the Conococheague Creek CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): District, Building, Site, Structure, Object OWNERSHIP: Public, Private, Both STATUS: Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: Restricted, Unrestricted, No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify) site of monument

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Williamsport STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 220618 256/70

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: DATE OF SURVEY: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jacob Friend's burial site is located along the southwest side of Maryland Route 68, on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek. The site is a small grassy plot enclosed on three sides by a chain link fence. A limestone marker is set in the ground with a tablet identifying the site as the "family burial plot of Charles Friend, pioneer land holder, Washington County in 1739." The present marker erected in 1949 by the Washington County Historical Society, replaces the original tombstone of Jacob Friend, son of Charles. Damaged by the flood of 1936-1937, Jacob Friend's headstone is in the possession of the society."

The site is located on a tract called "Swede's Delight," patented to Charles Friend. It contains 0.10 acres and is maintained by the town of Williamsport.

The marker is easily visible from Route 68.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Burial site of</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Washington County's</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>earliest recorded</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>settlers.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Most historians agree that the first established settlement in Washington County was called Conococheague and was located at the mouth of the Conococheague Creek near present day Williamsport. The first resident of that settlement appears to have been Charles Friend, who, on August 13, 1738, obtained a grant for 260 acres which he called Sweed's Delight.¹ The grant was situated on the west side of the Conococheague Creek near its mouth.² In 1741, an additional tract of land, "Dear Bargain," was granted to Friend. It is possible that Jacob Friend could have been living near the mouth of the Conococheague before Sweed's Delight was actually patented to him. A 1721 map of western Maryland shows a residence at the mouth of the Conococheague which the map maker describes as an Indian trader's habitation, 40 miles west of Monocacy. No evidence has been found, however, to indicate that Friend was the trader.

Jacob Friend's burial site is significant as physical evidence of settlement activity along the lower Conococheague in the early 18th century.

¹Thomas J. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md., 1968, p. 984.

²Thomas J. C. Williams, A History of Washington County Maryland, Mail Publishing Company, Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 21.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md., 1968, p. 984.
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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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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *0.1 acres*

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historic Sites Survey** DATE: **December, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

 Signature



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Paula Stoner Dickey
Consultant, Washington County
Historical Sites Survey

Sept. 1973

THE MOST VALUABLE TRACT ON
SWEDEN'S DELIGHT
OF THE FAMILY TRACTS OF
CHARLES FRIEND

PLACED IN 1854
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND
THE CURRENT OWNERS, THE MRS. J. W. WEAVER
WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THROUGH THE COURTESY OF

JACOB FRIEND
SON OF CHARLES

DESCENDED BY THE MIDDLE OF HIS LINE
JACOB FRIEND THROUGH J. & W. WEAVER
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

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Jacob Friends Burial Site

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1893

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Here lies
the Remains of
JACOB FRIEND. Sen
Born 18th Sept^r 1738.
Died 10th Feb^r 1802.

Reader WHOEVER thou art,
Thy life must shortly end
Prepare in time that God may be
Thine everlasting FRIEND.

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Jacob Friends Burial Site

Jacob Friends Burial Site Marker

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