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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 15812 Clear Spring Road Survey Number: WA-

Property Address: 15812 Clear Spring Road, Williamsport Station

Project: Rehabilitate 15812 Clear Spring Road Agency: FmHA/WA County

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: Williamsport Station Survey Number: WA-I-399

Listed  Eligible determined eligible for purposes of this DOE, needs further study

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

The resource  contributes/\_\_\_\_\_ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

Location  Design  Setting  Materials  
 Workmanship  Feeling  Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the house at 15812 Clear Spring Road appears to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource in the National Register eligible Williamsport Station Historic District. The district is located just northwest of the Town of Williamsport on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek and north of the Potomac River. It is linked to Williamsport by the Conococheague Bridge, a 19th century stone arch bridge. Williamsport Station appears to have developed along the Western Maryland Railroad. It is also situated adjacent to the C&O Canal. According to the inventory form for the district, Williamsport Station is significant under Criteria A and C as an intact example of a small, turn-of-the century industrial town in Western Maryland. The district retains a homogeneous collection of late 19th and early 20th century buildings associated with two industrial establishments: the W.D. Byron and Sons Tannery, established 1897 and the Victor Cushwa and Sons Brick Company, established 1896. Both industries are still present. In addition to the industrial complexes, the district retains its modest frame railroad station, at least one substantial brick commercial building, and several streets of brick and frame two story houses. The houses most likely served as residences for the workers.

The house at 15812 Clear Spring Road is located in the midst of an intact residential streetscape within the eligible district. It, like many of the houses in the district, has undergone unsympathetic alterations. In addition, it has been poorly maintained. In spite of this, 15812 Clear Spring stands out among the houses in the district and for its size, relative architectural sophistication and architectural details. Significant design features include a multiplicity of window and roof types, a two story inset side porch and turned front porch posts. The alterations, while unfortunate, are largely reversible, leaving the original design and fabric intact.

Documentation on the property is presented in: project file

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth Hannold August 4, 1995  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
[Signature] 8/4/95  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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in district WA-I-399

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

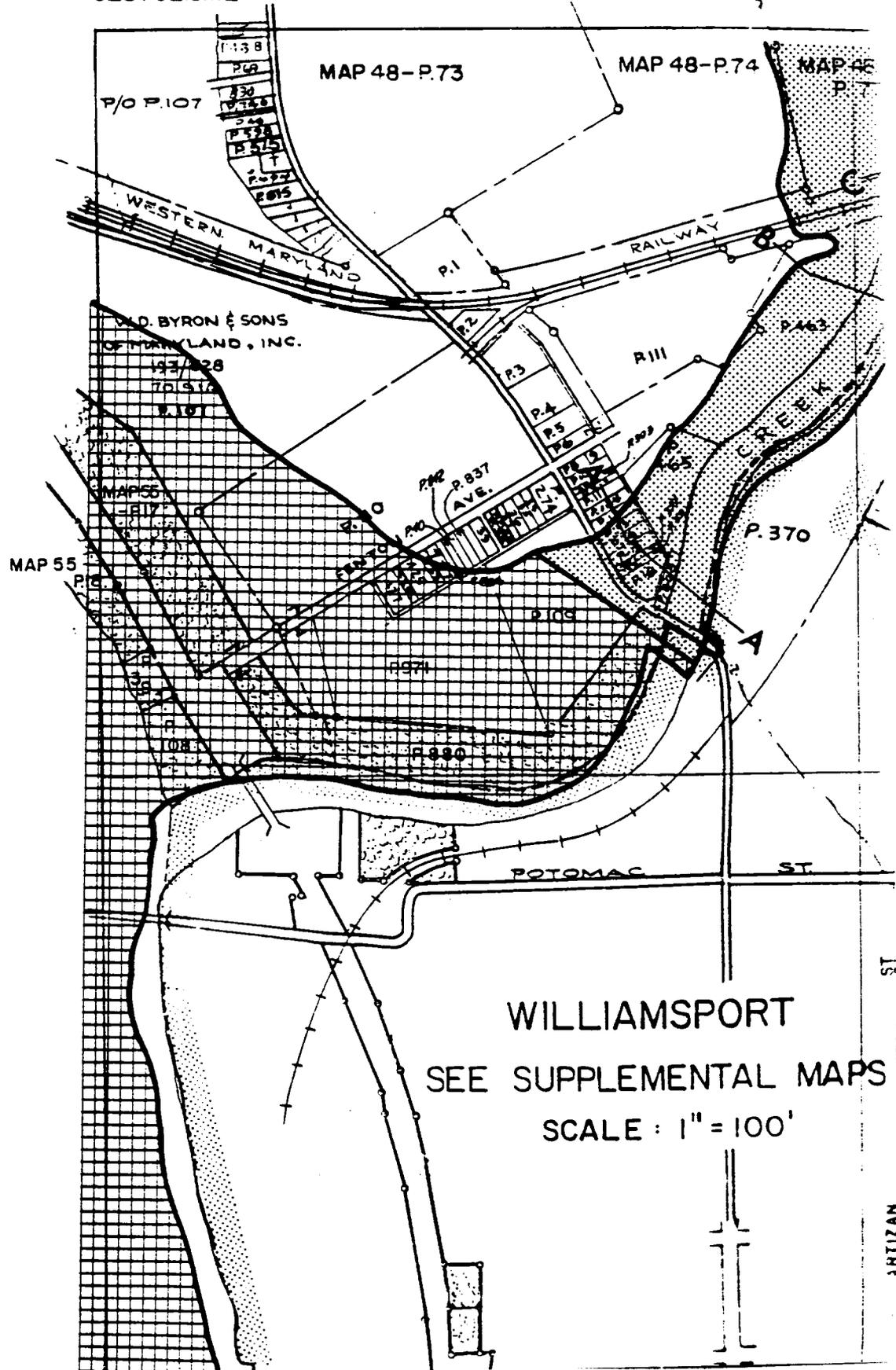
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: na

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15012 Clearspring Rd  
Williamsport Station

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SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MAPS

SCALE : 1" = 100'

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Williamsport Station				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 68, Williamsport-Clear Spring Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple Owners				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
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. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Williamsport Station, for the purposes of this survey, is being treated as a district. It consists of a homogenous collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings associated with two industrial establishments, the W. D. Byron and Sons Tannery, established 1897 and the Victor Cushwa and Sons Brick Company, established 1896.</p> <p>Williamsport Station lies just northwest of the Town of Williamsport on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek and north of the Potomac River. It appears to have developed along the Western Maryland Railroad now part of the Chessie System, which crosses the Conococheague Creek just north of Williamsport and runs westward along the Potomac. The area is dominated by the tannery and brickmaking companies, which are located on either side of the Williamsport-Clear Spring Road, Route 68.</p> <p>The Byron Tannery, situated south of the road, consists of several large, three story brick factory buildings which extend around three sides of a two story, four bay structure, also of brick. Walls of the main buildings display common bond brick work with the wall surfaces broken at some elevations with simple brick pilasters. Segmentally arched windows and door heads are formed by double rows of header bricks. Many windows appear to have early or original glass in six over six, nine over six or nine over nine sashes. Roofs are variously hipped, gabled or flat with decorative trim ranging from brick corbeled cornice work to multi-level stepped gables.</p> <p>North of the road is the Cushwa Brick Manufacturing Concern. It consists of low profile brick buildings, combined with modern sheet metal structures and a new colonial reproduction style building of brick, used for offices.</p> <p>East of the industrial sites are numerous frame and brick two story dwellings along Route 68 and Fenton Street, which runs from the main road to the C &amp; O Canal. The dwellings appear to be contemporary with the factories, possibly having provided housing for the workers.</p>	

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**6. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		Late 19th
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	century industrial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	neighborhood
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Williamsport Station is important for providing a visual record of a late nineteenth - early twentieth century industrial grouping made up of factories, housing facilities and small neighborhood businesses concentrated in a limited and well defined area. Williamsport Station has received relatively few intrusions or alterations, allowing it to appear much as it did earlier in this century.

The factory buildings located at Williamsport Station are important as examples of industrial architecture of the turn of the century. Factory buildings of this period are becoming rare and are worthy of recognition as relics of an era of great industrial growth. They also reflect architectural trends of the period.

According to Williams' History of Washington County, the Byron Tannery was established in 1897, while the Cushwa brick works was founded in 1896 under the name of Conococheague Brick and Earthenware Company. Prior to 1896, Victor Cushwa was a partner in a coal, cement and plaster business near this location. In early deeds involving the Byron Tannery, reference is made to the Fenton Sawmill which apparently stood near the present Williamsport Station. The area, because of its proximity to the Western Maryland Railroad and the C & O Canal, a major commercial transportation route during much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, was a prime location for early industrial development.

It should be noted that Williamsport Station is adjacent to the historic C & O Canal National Park, as well as one of Washington County's surviving nineteenth century stone arched bridges.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records

Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Vol. II, Hagerstown, Maryland: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

**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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey      DATE: July, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Annex

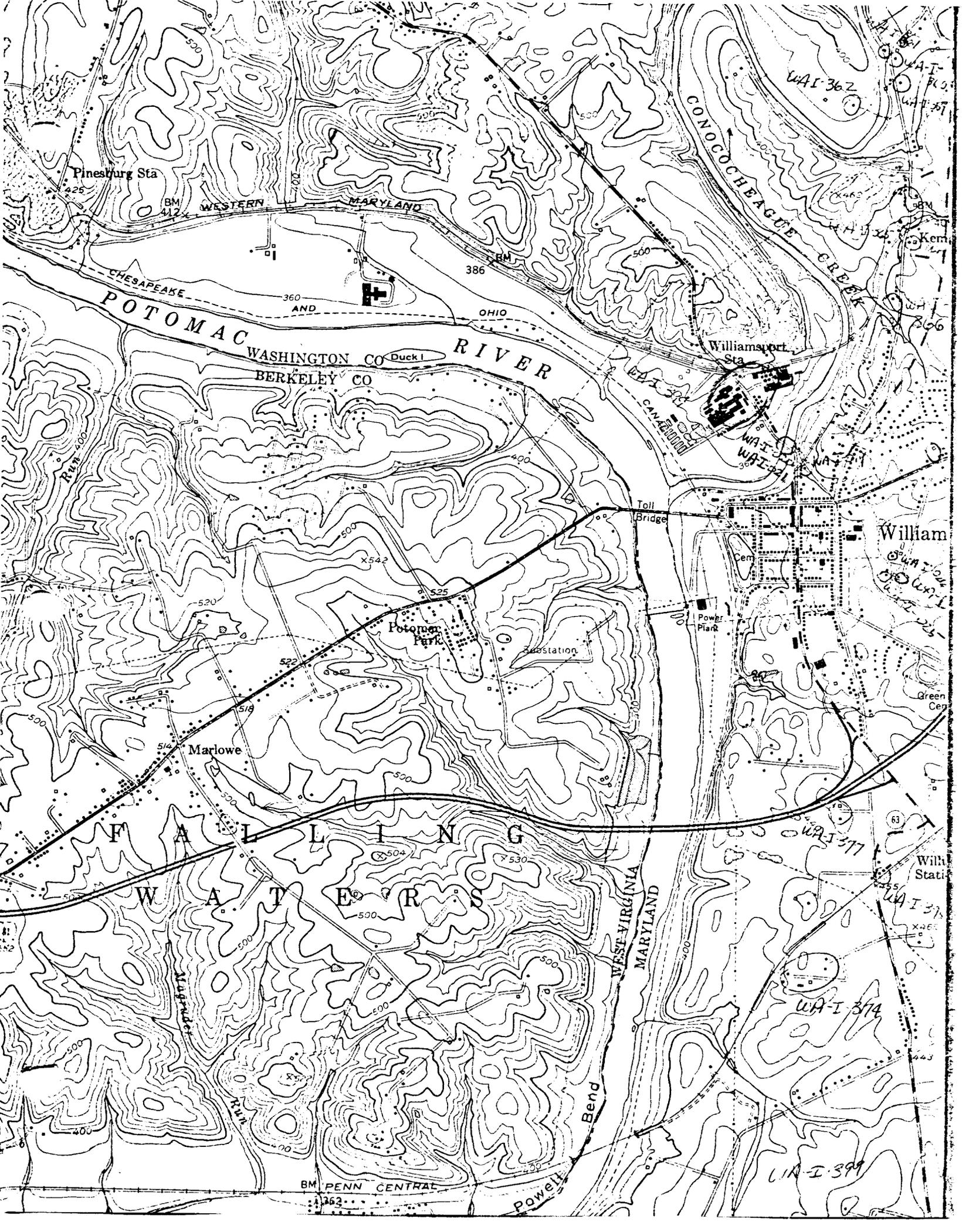
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

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SE quadrant of intersection of 39<sup>th</sup> & W Md. R.R.

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SE quadrant + intersection in Md 100 + W. Md R.R.

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