

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Green Hill Farm Survey Number: WA-II-396

N of Sharpsburg between Mendell Rd + MD65
Project: Antietam Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Elizabeth Cole Date March 9, 1993

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

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

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

Based on available information, Green Hill farm, located just outside Sharpsburg and near the Antietam National Battlefield is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C, for agriculture, military, and architectural significance. The property is in close proximity to the National Battlefield and was undoubtedly associated with the Civil War events for which the battlefield is significant. In addition, the farmstead and surrounding farm lands contribute to the cultural landscape setting for the battlefield. The property consists of a circa 1850 house and a number of agricultural and domestic outbuildings, including a smokehouse, outhouse, carriage house and small barn. The house appears to be a well preserved example of the type of the type of house constructed for a prosperous farmer in southeastern Washington County at the middle of the 19th century.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory form

WA-II-396, Project File

Prepared by: Paula Stoner, Rita Suffness

Elizabeth Hannold June 17, 1993
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Anderson 8-17-93
Reviewer, NR program Date

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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: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural, Domestic

Known Design Source: Unknown

Addenda
5/14/96

Green Hill Farm, WA-II-396
Sharpsburg, Md

Owner: Nick Frobouck
5329 Mondell Road
Sharpsburg, MD 21782
(301) 432-2556

An initial site visit was made by Paula Stoner in June, 1978. The inventory form is included herewith. At the time, a smoke house, privy and barn were still standing on the property.

Notes taken while visiting the farm on March 25, 1996, by Michael Bourne.

The five bay long, two-story log building is built on a stone basement that is nearly one story in height in on its south (principal) facade. The foundation actually rests on a stone outcropping in the northwest corner. A larger outcropping is located to the west of the house. The basement is one large room with the bases of the gable end chimneys rising from the floor. The west chimney is 7'-8" wide and the east chimney 5'-0" wide. There are two bulkhead doors on the south facade and one window. There are also small windows south of the chimneys bases. There is a probability of a partition to support the fourth wall of the original log structure, east of the stair. There is a 6"x 8" girder supporting 2x 6's c. 2'-0" o.c.

The exterior of the main body of the house is covered with German siding. The windows throughout have 6/6 sash, but the shutters are paneled on the first story and louvered on the second story. The two eastern bays light the first section of the house, which has four walls of log, joined with a "V"-notch corner. The other three bays are also log, but the logs are lapped and pegged. Where the chimneys exit the roof, they are built of brick. An extra flue was built on the west gable for a furnace. Behind the house is a small one-story frame kitchen with large fireplace. A continuation of the kitchen form includes the modern kitchen and a bath.

The plan, as the exterior suggests, is composed of two rooms and a central hall. There is a log wall separating the hall from the east room, indicating the earlier construction of the east two bays. The east room has a large fireplace that would appear to be the first place for cooking. The west room has recently had some major work on replacement of rotted logs and interior finish. The second floor contains four rooms and a central hall, but the northeast room is only accessible from the southeast room. None of the rooms have fireplaces. The attic is unfinished and has circular sawn flooring applied with cut nails. There are four four-pane

casements in the gables. The common rafter roof is joined with half lap joints that are nailed together with cut nails.

The front porch has good pierced-work splats and brackets, six chamfered posts, and the whole rests on wood piers. The roofs throughout are covered with tin.

West of the house is a corn crib with shed, built c. 1900. It is framed with a four foot crib on the south side and a leanto on the north. It stands on stone piers. The framing is composed of four bays of about 8' each. The framing is composed of sills, plates and two intermediate horizontal members extending between the posts. There are two cross members about one foot lower than the plate, with down braces. It has a common rafter roof, butted together, and originally was covered with wood, but that was replaced with tin. South of the corn crib is a small stable that is totally fastened with wire nails.

West of the stable is the stone foundation of the original barn. (A photograph of the barn accompanied Paula Stoner's inventory form).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY

1. The house needs new gutters and downspouts throughout, as the existing are in poor condition and shedding water onto the house.
2. There is ivy growing into the siding on the west side of the house. This should be removed from the foundation and the siding due to the fact that it will enlarge the cracks to which it adheres.
3. The house, once the corrective measures are taken to divert water away from the building, needs a good paint job.
4. Two maple trees appear to be sending roots into the foundations. The one on the north side of the house might need to be taken down since it is very close to the house and is the one where the root penetration is most evident.
5. The tin roof is doing a good job of diverting water from the house, but it is not tight. If you want to tighten up the perimeter of the roof in order to cut down on the draughts, a modern sub-roofing and covering would be in order.
6. If you want to stabilize the barn foundation, first remove all trees, vines, etc. that are causing the joints to move. Some areas are so weak, that it would be advisable to taken them down and rebuild, using the old stones. The north end, and the center, where the ramp existed are the most visible. They could be rebuilt, the whole repointed and perhaps the whole could be capped in order to eliminate water penetration from the wall.

Enclosed herewith are Preservation Briefs #4,10,& 26 for your information. If you have additional questions, please feel free to call me at (410) 514-7633.

Frobovck

WA-II-396



The Michael House
Built by Adam Michael
Circa 1850
"Green Hill Farm"



View of residence,
carriage house, small
barn + utility shed
on Green Hill Farm



Historic Carriage House
Green Hill Farm



Historic Smokehouse
Green Hill Farm



Deluxe "Two-seater"
Outhouse
Probably historic
Green Hill Farm

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-396
District 1
Map 76
Parcel 103
MAGI # 2209595935

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ghooli Arabians, or Green Hill Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor's Landing Road (Now Mondell Avenue)

CITY, TOWN

N. of Sharpsburg

X VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(Green Hill currently owned by Nicholas and Jo Ann Frobouck)

NAME

Richard M. Denham

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 362

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21782

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 539

Folio #: 161

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house would appear to be of log construction. It is a two story, five bay building sheathed with random width horizontal beaded siding. Nine over six pane windows are present at the first story while six over six windows are used above. The owner describes the front entrance as a "Coffin door." It has three parts, hinged vertically. A Victorian entrance porch shelters the door. A frame bank barn is also present.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<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

This house could not be studied thoroughly enough to allow for an estimate of its age. However the window type and style of siding do suggest a construction date prior to 1850.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 23.69 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

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

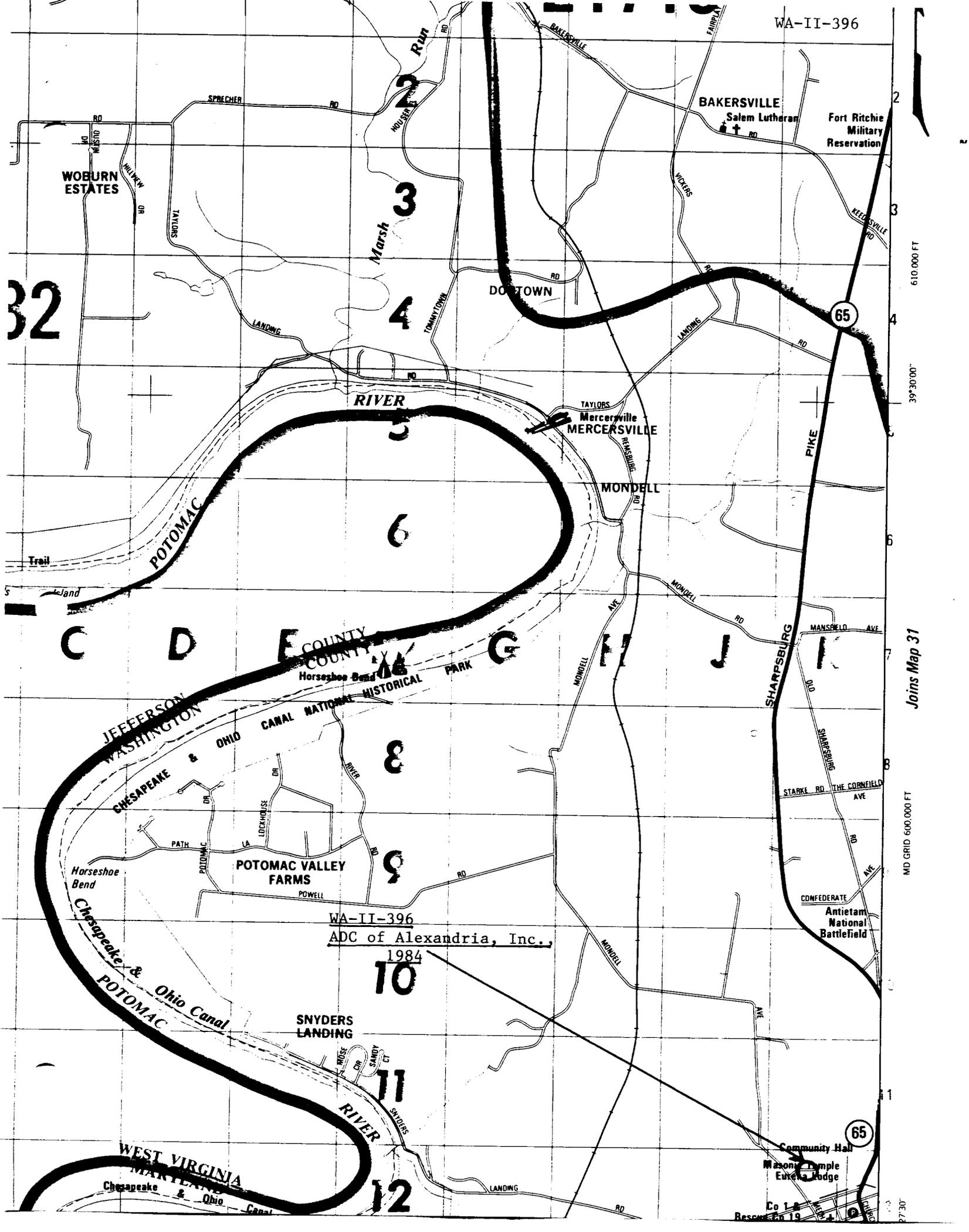
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Maryland 21782

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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ADC of Alexandria, Inc.,

1984

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SNYDERS LANDING

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WEST VIRGINIA

MARYLAND

Community Hall
Masonic Temple
Eureka Lodge

Co 1
Reserve

65

610,000 FT

39°30'00"

MD GRID 600,000 FT

27'30"

Joins Map 31

BAKERSVILLE

Salem Lutheran

Fort Ritchie Military Reservation

DOWNTOWN

MERCERSVILLE

MONDELL

SHARPSBURG

STARKE RD THE CORNFIELD AVE

Antietam National Battlefield

WOBURN ESTATES

Marsh

RIVER

POTOMAC

Horseshoe Bend

POTOMAC VALLEY FARMS

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal

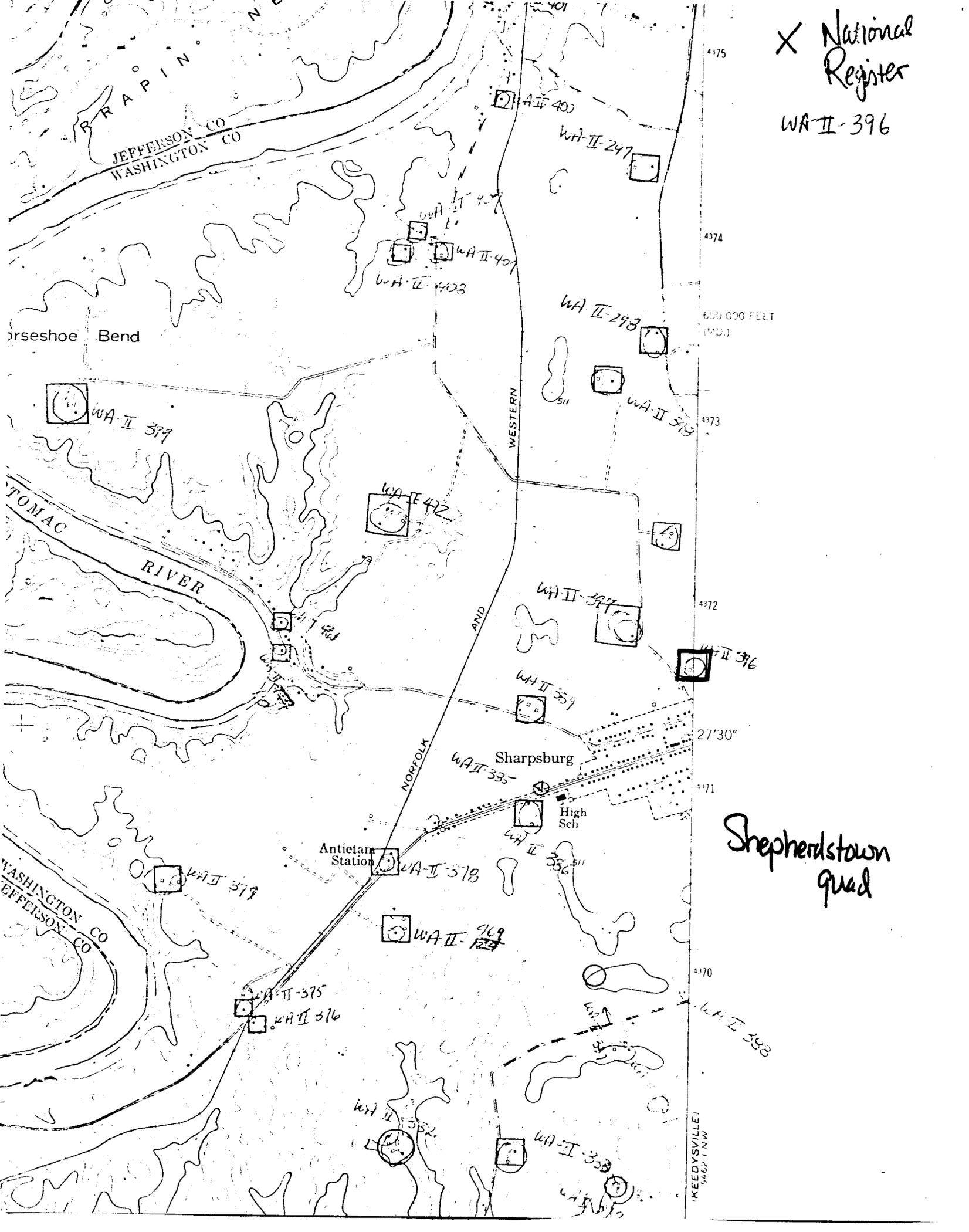
RIVER

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal

27'30"

X National Register

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4375

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600 000 FEET (M.D.)

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27'30"

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KEEDYSVILLE 5462 1 NW

Shepherdstown Quad



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S.W.

May. 1976

Ghooli Arabians
Taylor's Landing Road
N. of Sharpsburg

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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY,



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May, 1976

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