

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-049  
District 4  
Map 46  
Parcel 41  
MAGI# 211975414

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

The end of Charles Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Clear Spring 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Benhard Charles

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Big Spring

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 297

Folio #: 618

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**

	<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALTERED < 50%
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNEXPOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORIGINAL SITE
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Moved DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Mill was located at the end of Charles Mill Road where Camp Spring Run opens into the Potomac River, just south of Big Spring. There were several mills along this creek between Big Spring and the River. The largest of these appears to have been Charles Mill. Only part of the foundations of the mill stand today. The main building in the complex is a two part house which appears to be of frame and stone construction. Two stories high and six bays wide, it is sided with wooden weatherboards. A vertical seam in the siding marks a division between each three bay part of the house. Windows have nine over six panes at the first story and six over six panes at the upper level. The main entrance which is at the north end of the south section is topped with a transom with diamond shaped panes. A second door in the center bay of the north section has had its transom enclosed. The north end wall is of stone construction and it has a large brick inside end chimney. Also part of the complex is a two story stone service building which apparently was associated with the milling operation, and a secondary dwelling discussed in form WA-V-050.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

On an 1808 Map of Washington County, a mill is depicted on the site of the Charles Mill. It is not shown, however, on a 1794 Map of the County. The grist mill is significant for its contribution to commercial and agricultural growth in 19th Century Washington County. The Charles family who still own the property, operated numerous grist mills throughout Washington County during the turn of the century period.

The house shows evidence of having been built during the second quarter of the 19th century.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45.43 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Sharpsburg

STATE  
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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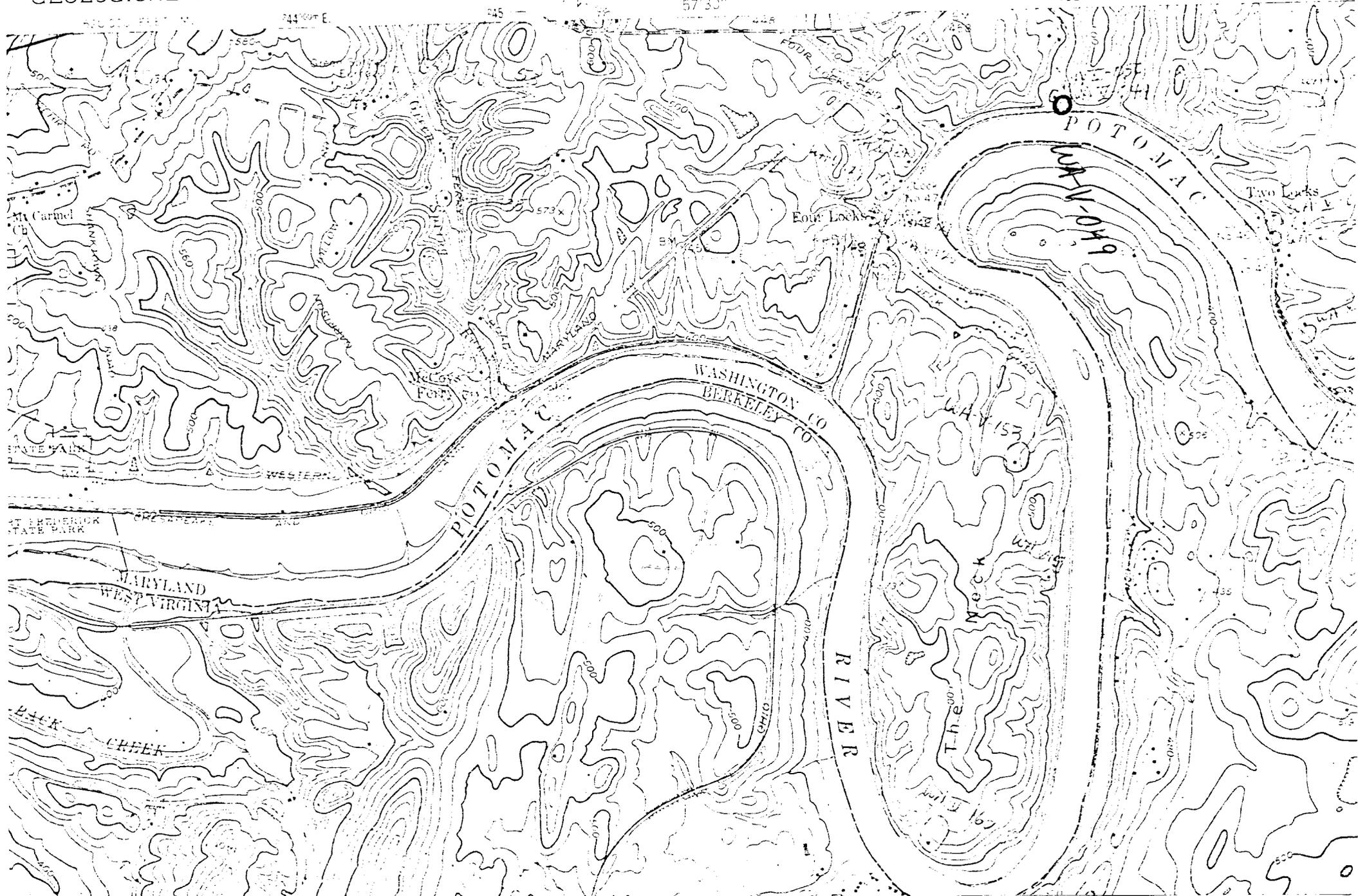
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

*Hedgesville quad*

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5403 H NW  
(CLEAR SPRING)

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Charles Mill, Main Dwelling

Clear Spring Vicinity

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115 E. 20th  
1911-1912  
2nd

Charles Mill, Main Dwelling  
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