

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY - C&O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

PARK NAME, STATE: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland

STRUCTURE NAME(S): Samuel Prather Farm, Barn Ruins
Other Names: (Thomas Hassett Farm, Barn Ruins)
(Weber Property, Barn Ruins)

LOCATION Street Address: Four Locks Road, mile 108.73
Town/City: Clear Spring
County: Washington

CATEGORY: District___ Building(s) X Structure___ Site___ Object___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Mid 19th century **IDLCS:** 14135, 14236, 49920
INVENTORY #: WA-V-127

SIGNIFICANCE National X State & Regional ___ Local ___
NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A X B ___ C ___ D ___

This property was owned by Samuel and Elizabeth Prather when the canal company condemned a portion of the land in 1835 for \$2800. Both Prather's log dwelling house and well were situated on the condemned land. Samuel Prather died in 1846 and the 159 1/4 acres were sold to Jonathan Prather. The advertisement of the property stated that it was a farm and orchard and was improved by a two story stone house. The existing stone house, which has a 1868 date stone, may be the advertised house that was then either completed or renovated by Jonathan Prather. While the Prather's were not directly associated with the canal, the fact that their property abutted the canal led them to be part of the canal community. Thomas and Margaret (Kate) Hassett purchased the property from Prather's estate in 1905. Thomas Hassett was a purchasing agent for the canal company. Besides working for the canal company, Thomas Hassett continued to operate the farm that was begun by Prather. The Webers were the last private owners of the property.

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DESCRIPTION

The farm is improved by a two story, L-shaped stone house; a stone and frame garage/shed (on the National Register); the ruins of a barn (discussed here); and a corn crib (a non-contributing structure built after the historic period). The property is oriented towards the canal and is located between locks 47 and 48. The two story house, constructed of local stone, is three bays by five bays with an L addition on the north elevation and a gable roof. The south elevation is five bays and faces towards the canal; the three western bays are recessed with a double porch. The east elevation, facing Four Locks Road, has a raised porch. Immediately to the north of the house is a one story stone and frame garage/shed that measures 16'6" by 32' with a 14' by 10'6" frame attachment. The stone construction of the building matches the house. The barn was located to the west of the corn crib and the garage/shed. It burned down sometime between 1956 and 1962. All that remains is a stone foundation. It was a frame bank barn with the main door facing east. The stables were on the lower level with an entrance door in the stone foundation on the south side. A stone fence surrounded the yard to the west of the barn. Portions of this fence are still visible. The barn dated from the early twentieth century.

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Date: December 22, 1993

National Park Service, NCR, Recommendation:

Individually Eligible___ Contributes to C&O Canal National Historic District X
Contributes to Antietam Iron Furnace Historic District___ Ineligible___

State Historic Preservation Officer:

Concur X Do Not Concur___ Signature

(See "Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Four Locks District, List of Eligible Structures" for concurrence signature.)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-127
District 15
Map 46
Parcel 166
MAGI # 2212701635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hassett Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Four Locks Road

CITY, TOWN

C & O Canal

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF **Clear Spring** **6**

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

U.S. C & O Canal Park Service

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **560**

Folio #: **461**

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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hassett Farm at Four Locks is improved with a two story, L-shaped stone house which would appear to date from the late 19th century. The south elevation which faces the Canal is five bays in length with a recess forming a double perch at the three western bays of the front elevation. Wide wooden lintels are present above the windows. The east end wall which is three bays wide has openings with segmental arches. The roof overhangs at the eaves at all elevations and is finished with a series of brackets. Behind the house is a small frame barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 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

This property now belonging to the National Park Service probably dates from the second half of the 19th century as suggested by the general form of the house. Certain features however date from the late 19th or early 20th century such as the eaves brackets and the segmentally arched windows of the east end.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.49 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

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

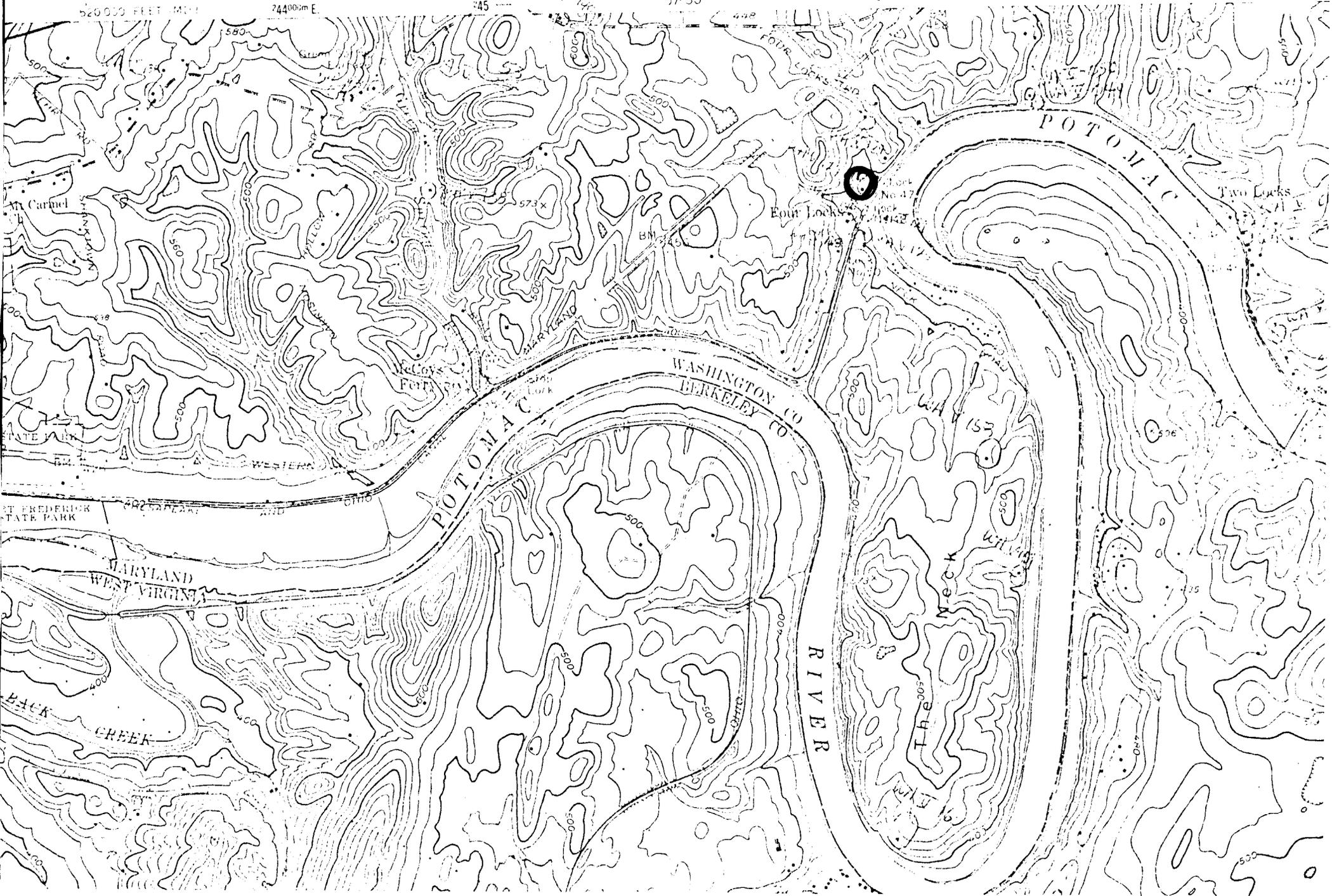
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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5403 III NW
(CLEAR SPRING)

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Hassett Farm

Four Locks Road
Clear Spring Vicinity

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N.E.

Dec. 1976

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**Four Locks Road
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Dec. 1976

Hassett Farm

**Four Locks Road
Clear Spring Vicinity**