

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Log House, Stafford Hall Inventory Number: WA-V-141  
 Address: 12824 Cohill Road City: Clear Spring Zip Code: 21722  
 County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Washington County - Clear Spring Quad  
 Owner: Leo William Cohill Is the property being evaluated a district? NO  
 Tax Parcel Number: 139 Tax Map Number: 34 Tax Account ID Number: 001850  
 Project: Martin Farm Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey dated July 1978.

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed on January 15, 2003. The building had apparently been demolished since the preparation of the State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, prepared by Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian, of Preservation Associates, in July, 1978. That form is attached. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 15, 2003.

The property was described as a one and a half story weatherboarded house, actually of log construction. It was three bays in length across the front elevation. Windows were small with two over two sashes. The house was apparently a secondary dwelling on the Stafford Hall property (WA-V-010).

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<b>DEMOLISHED</b>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
_____	_____

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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The current owners of Stafford Hall were interviewed concerning this log house, but they could provide no information concerning its existence or fate. Accordingly, no determination of eligibility is possible.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA  
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

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 WASHINGTON COUNTY  
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Account Identifier: District - 04 Account Number - 001850

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** COHILL LEO WILLIAM  
**Use:** AGRICULTURAL  
**Principal Residence:** NO  
**Mailing Address:** 12607 SHADY BOWER LN  
 CLEAR SPRING MD 21722-1749  
**Deed Reference:** 1) / 1309/ 806  
 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address:** 12824 COHILL ROAD  
 CLEAR SPRING 21722  
**Zoning:** A  
**Legal Description:** 6.97 ACRES  
 S/S COHILL RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	
34	11	139						82	Plat Ref:	
Special Tax Areas			Town							
			Ad Valorem							
			Tax Class							
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area	Property Land Area		County Use				
0000				6.97 AC						
Stories	Basement		Type			Exterior				

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments		PREFERRED LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
			As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003	
Land:	2,960	2,960			
Improvements:	19,070	21,240			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>22,753</b>	
Preferential Land:	2,960	2,960	2,960	2,960	

**Transfer Information**

**Seller:** COHILL LEO WILLIAM & C JANE  
**Type:** NOT ARMS-LENGTH  
**Date:** 12/06/1996  
**Deed1:** / 1309/ 806  
**Price:** \$0  
**Seller:** COHILL LEO W ET AL  
**Type:** NOT ARMS-LENGTH  
**Date:** 02/09/1989  
**Deed1:** / 904/ 596  
**Price:** \$0  
**Seller:**  
**Date:**  
**Deed1:**  
**Price:**  
**Deed2:**

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**  
 AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX



MN ↑ TN  
10°

0 1000 FEET 0 500 1000 METERS  
Map created with TOPO! © 2002 National Geographic (www.nationalgeographic.com/topo)

**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
Clear Spring, MD Quadrangle  
SCALE: As Shown



**Property Condition Assessment**  
WA-V-141 Log House, Stafford Hall  
Clear Spring, MD 21722

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-141  
District 4  
Map 34  
Parcel 139  
MAGI # 2212845904

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log House, Stafford Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Cohill Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Clear Spring

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Leo Cohill, Et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 66

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 387

Folio #: 671

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story weatherboarded house is actually of log construction. It is three bays in length across the front elevation. Windows are small with two over two pane sashes. This house is an apparently always has been a secondary dwelling on the Stafford Hall property. (See WA-V-010 for further information).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 small log house is believed locally to be very old. It was not observed closely enough to allow for an estimate of age. Its main significance derives from the plantation of which it is a part. By itself, it is a typical vernacular log building.**

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.97 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**

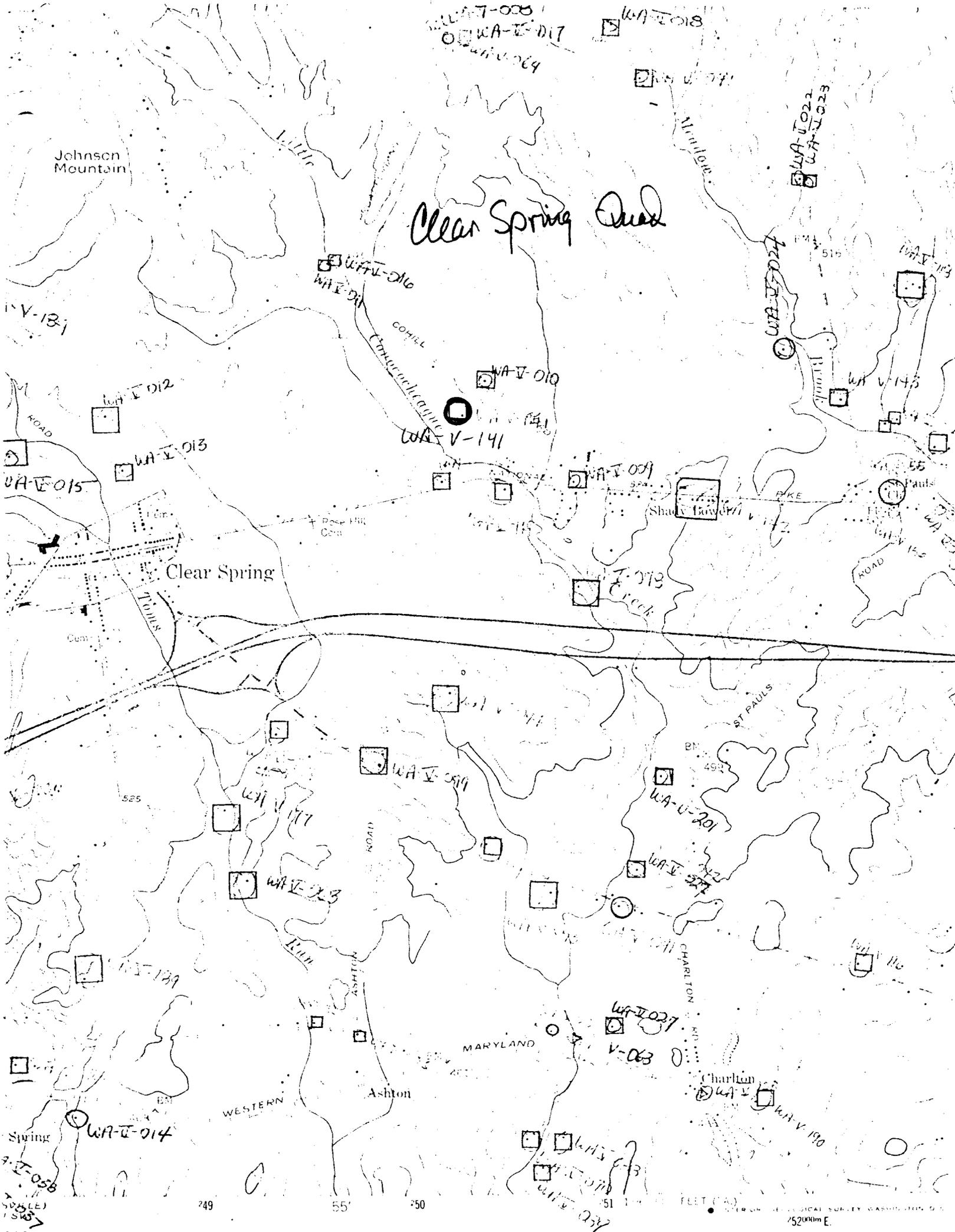
STATE

**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



Johnson Mountain

Clear Spring Creek

Clear Spring

Ashton

MARYLAND

Charlton

SP (LE) 15457

749

55'

50

51

FEET (40)

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508



WA-V-141  
S.W. view  
Dec. 1976

**Log House, Stafford Hall**

**S. side of Cohill Road  
Clear Spring Vicinity**

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY