

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-203
Ft. Frederick St. Park
DNR # 1,6-9

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

USGS: Big Poi Quad

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Office, Museum, Storage and Concession buildings

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fort Frederick State Park

CITY, TOWN

near Indian Springs

VICINITY OF

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Texas State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 164, 178

Folio #: 183, 643

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

MD.

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#7 This complex of buildings is located near the 18th century stone fort at Fort Frederick State Park in western Washington County, Maryland. All of the structures considered here were built during the 1930's when the Civilian Conservation Corps occupied the Fort Frederick area. They are now in use as office, concession and storage facilities.

The first building in the complex (DNR #1) is a one and a half story, five bay stone and log structure located south of the fort. Its gable walls and inside end chimneys are constructed of rubble fieldstone, while the front and rear walls are of hewn log construction. The horizontal logs are mortised and tenoned into a vertical post set against the inside surface of the stone walls. Most windows have six over six light sash although those in the end walls are casements set beneath segmental arched stone window heads. A series of four gable roofed ~~dormers extends from~~ dormers extends from each slope of the roof. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The second building in ~~the~~ complex, (DNR #9) is a two story, four bay log building, formerly used as a house, now serving as a concession area for the park. This building is situated west of the fort. Recently repaired, this house is of hewn log construction with corner joints of the common inverted V notch. Gables are sheathed with lapped random width boards. End wall and first story windows have six over six pane sashes. Second story windows have six pane side by side sashes. Entrances are located in ~~the~~ first and third bays from the south end of the buildings. A porch extends across the entire front elevation. It is supported by chamfered square posts. Exterior roof terminates with barge boards with scroll cut ends. Some of the logs have had rot damage but recently have been repaired or replaced. The logs are chinked with cement.

Also in the complex is a group of three log garages and storage buildings located west of the fort. (DNR #6-8) Like the other examples, they are of hewn ~~log~~ log construction with cement chinking and date from the Civilian Conservation Corps occupation of the 1930's. One garage utilizes post and log construction with the horizontal logs being mortised into vertical corner posts. The front of this building other than the doors consists of bevel topped wooden horizontal siding. Windows in this garage have six over three light sashes. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and wooden gutters have been attached to conduct the run off. The other buildings have log construction with V - notched corner joining as previously described.

These structures are in excellent condition.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

#8 This complex of log buildings at Fort Frederick is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. Architecturally these structures, although dating from the 20th century, represent some traditional early building forms, particularly in the use of hewn log construction in western Maryland. log construction and V corner notches. Unlike other CCC log construction in western Maryland, the buildings at Fort Frederick utilize traditional forms. Elsewhere the CCC construction consists of rounded stripped logs stacked one upon the other without the use of chinking. Although this form of building is not historically accurate it has become an accepted method of log construction popularized by the CCC. Of structural interest are the vertical post and log buildings in the complex. This form while used traditionally apparently was not common in western Maryland or Washington County except as a method to attach a log addition to another structure. These buildings are important as 20th century examples of earlier forms of construction prevalent in the area.

The complex is also significant for its association with the Civilian Conservation Corps as an agency begun to provide employment during the Depression. The CCC developed conservation measures and provided a basis for much of Maryland's present park system.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

10-
~~(entire park)~~

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 Storer, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Assoc.

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Shapsburg

STATE

Md.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Washington
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ENTRY DATE:	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Frederick State Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Frederick

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Route 56

CITY OR TOWN:
Big Pool vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Washington CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Maryland

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Maryland CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Maryland CODE: 168

STATE

COUNTY

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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Theme: War for Independence

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1756-57, Fort Frederick is a huge stone quadrangle with a bastion projecting from each corner. The curtain walls are three feet thick at the base, rise to a height of 17-1/2 feet, and are about 179 feet long. The throat of each corner bastion is about 41 feet wide, two faces are 31 feet long and the other two are each 89 feet in length. Bastion walls are 4 feet thick and each bastion was originally filled in with earth on their interior to within 4-1/2 feet of their height, so that cannon could be mounted there and infantry could also fire over the top of the bastion walls. Only the northwest bastion is now filled with earth in this manner, 50 restored to illustrate the original condition of the other 3 now empty bastions. The main gate, 10-1/2 feet wide, is located in the center of the south curtain. A short distance to the west, or left, of the gate is the hole that was knocked in the wall in 1861 so that a cannon could be utilized in the defense of the main gate.

Inside the stone foundations of three log barracks have been uncovered and stabilized. On the east and west sides stood two two-story log barracks for the troops, each about 117 feet long and 18 feet wide and on the north wall, centered directly opposite to the main gate, stood the third two-story log barracks, the officers' quarters, about 96 feet long and 28 feet deep. To the right of the officers' quarters, near the northeast bastion, is the reconstructed well. These barracks were designed for a garrison of 200 but could hold 400 men if needed.

A very large portion of the fort's walls are still original. These sections have been stabilized and then the missing portions reconstructed to their original 17-1/2 foot heights over the original bases.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1775-1783			
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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Fort Frederick is the largest and best-preserved architectural example in the Southern Colonies of an 18th-century fortress erected for frontier defense against Indians. Built in 1756-1757, as a defense against French and Indian attack, Fort Frederick was also utilized as a military prison during the War for Independence and again garrisoned during the Civil War. The fort, however, was never actually attacked during its long history.</p> <p>After extensive archeological and historical research by the National Park Service, the original plans of the fort were located. In the 1930's the outside stone walls were restored and reconstructed to their original height and a part of the interior restored with the aid of the Civilian Conservation Corps.</p> <p>Fort Frederick State Park is owned by the State of Maryland and the public has unrestricted access to the fort.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>History</u></p> <p>On May 16, 1756, during the French and Indian War, the Maryland Legislature, at the request of Governor Horatio Sharpe, appropriated 6,000 pounds to build and maintain a fort for the purpose of providing shelter and protection to the frontier inhabitants of western Maryland settlements. By mid-August construction on Fort Frederick, so-named after the last Lord Baltimore (1731-1771), was well underway. Plans for the fort were prepared by Governor Sharpe and the frontier post was not designed to withstand cannon as it was believed that the French would not be able to bring large guns against it from the west.</p> <p>Fort Frederick was garrisoned by militia companies of Maryland until the end of the French and Indian Wars. More than 700 terrified people found refuge in the fort during the Pontiac Uprising of 1763. From 1777 to March 1783, during the War for Independence, the fort served as a prisoner of war camp for captured British and German soldiers. At one time more than 1,000 prisoners were held there. The last such prisoners to be quartered at the fort were those captured at Yorktown in October 1781.</p>			

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Fort Frederick (Continuation Sheet)

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8. Significance (Continued) page 1

After the Revolution Fort Frederick was sold at public auction on September 5, 1791, and the huge fortress lay abandoned until the Civil War. At the outbreak of hostilities in 1861, Fort Frederick was once again summoned into action. A hole was broken in the south wall and a cannon was placed there to defend the main gate; the main mission of the fort was to guard the B&O Railroad and the C&O Canal against Confederate attacks. No significant military action occurred, however, and by the end of 1862, the fort's usefulness had ended.

The surrounding grounds of the Fort were used for agricultural purposes until 1922 when it was acquired by the State of Maryland for park purposes. By that time the old walls had decayed, but were still standing in many places more than 8 feet high, and the stone foundations of the three log barracks inside were buried under accumulations of earth.

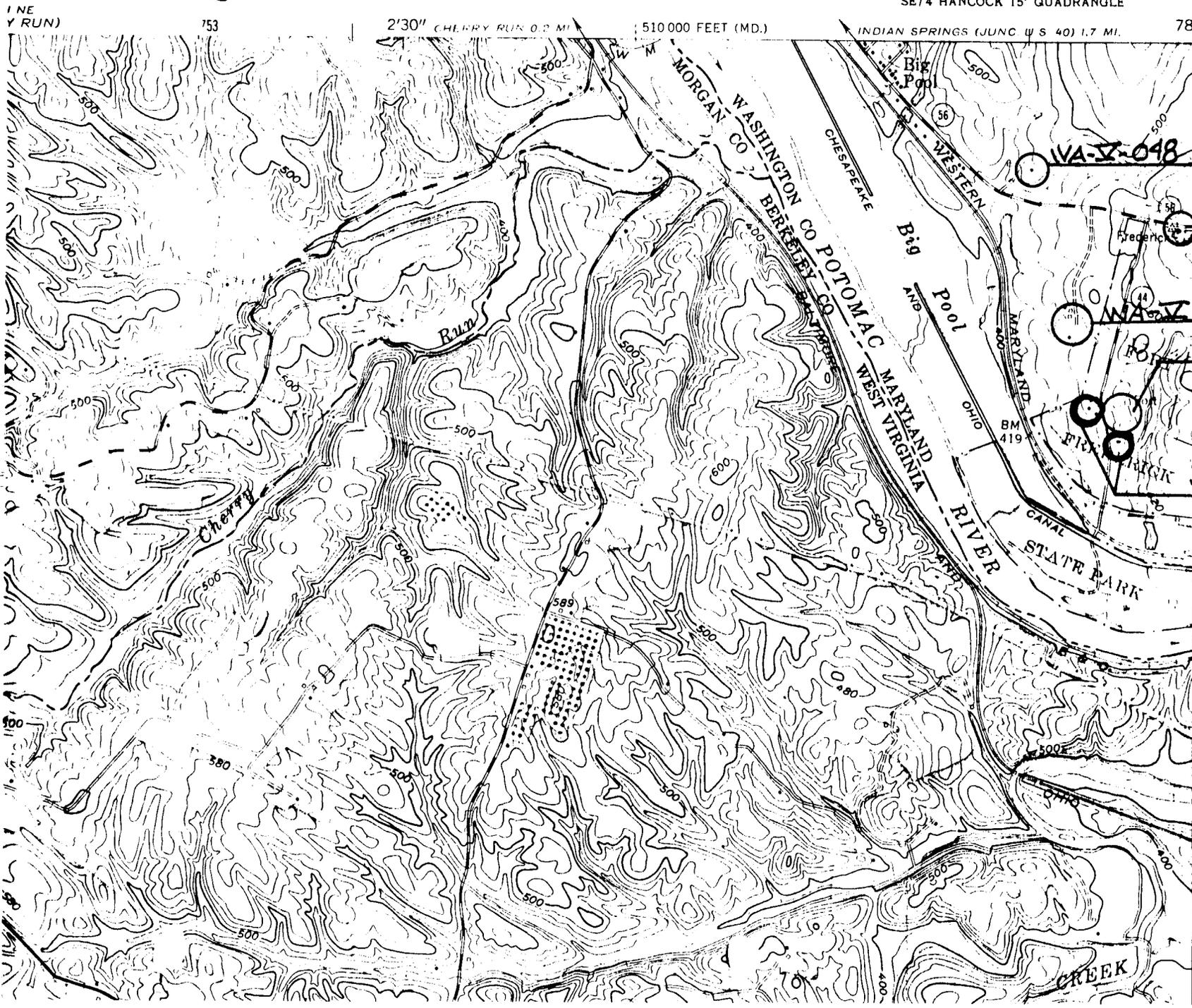
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BIG POOL QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 HANCOCK 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 III NW
(CLEAR SPRINGS)



153 2'30" CHERRY RUN 0.2 MI. 510 000 FEET (MD.) INDIAN SPRINGS (JUNC U S 40) 1.7 MI. 78°00'

39°37'30"
CLEAR SPRING (JUNC U.S. 40) 1.7 MI.
VA-V-048
VA-V-204
HORN BAKER PROP.
204 FEET MICHAEL FM (MD.)
FORT FREDERICK (N.R.)
VA-V-203
PARK BUILDINGS
DNR 176-9
4388
4387



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Ft. Frederick St. Pr.

Office & Museum

S.E. View

Dec. 1978

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Fort Frederick St Park

Visitor, concession center

N.W. View

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Fort Frederick St Park
Storage buildings

W. View

Dec. 1978

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Fort Frederick St Pr

Storage building

N.W. view

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