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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
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: 108	CODE:		

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER:
DATE:
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Theme: War for Independence

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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)

(Number all entries)

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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Frank B. Sarles, Jr. and Charles E. Shedd, Colonials and Patriots (Washington, D.C., 1964), 202-203.

Dr. Charles W. Porter, "Progress Report on Fort Frederick, SP-1, Md." (N.P.S. Typescript, dated October 19, 1936), 7pp., maps, and photos.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE							
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	39°	37'	06"	78°	00'	45"	39°	36'	37"	78°	00'	14"
NE	39°	37'	04"	77°	59'	51"						
SE	39°	36'	05"	77°	59'	54"						
SW	39°	36'	07"	78°	00'	48"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **287 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian

ORGANIZATION **Historic Sites Survey, Office of Archeology and
Historic Preservation, National Park Service** DATE **1/2/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE **D.C.** CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____
Title _____
Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-205
Fort Frederick St. Pk.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

DNR # - None

USGS: Bq Pool Canal

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fort Frederick

AND/OR COMMON

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Towers 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 Courthouse

Liber #: 164, 178

Folio #: 183, 643

STREET & NUMBER

W Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Md.

STATE
21401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register of Historic Places

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
MD

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 Fort Frederick an 18th century garrison of the frontier is the focal point of Fort Frederick State Park. The fort has been rebuilt and is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark. The fort is a rectangular stone structure with pointed bastions extending from each corner. It is constructed of local brownish limestone arranged in rough courses. The exterior walls are approximately 15 to 20 feet high and curve slightly inward as they rise. They were quite deteriorated at the early part of this century but were rebuilt by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930's.

The entrance into the fort is in the southeast wall through massive wooden gates. A description of the fort in Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland states that one of the original iron hinges to the fort gates had been retained into the late 19th century. According to Scharf, this piece of hardware had weighed 42 pounds.

Within the walls of the fort were frame barracks. Historians at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources have done extensive research into their appearance and two barracks have been rebuilt. Except for details of finishing, the barracks would appear to be reasonably accurate facsimile of the original structures.

The foundation of the barracks were the subject of archeological research in the 1930's and again in the 1970's.

At present the fort and barracks appear to be in good to excellent condition although there is some deterioration to the masonry of the southwest wall of the fort.

¹J. Thomas Scharf. History of Western Maryland. Vol. II Baltimore, Md.: Regional Publishing Company. (1968) p. 1298. (originally published Philadelphia, 1882)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1756

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#8 Fort Frederick dates from the 1755-56 period and was built to protect the western frontier of Maryland during the French and Indian War. After the war, the fort had little military significance. It was used briefly during the American Revolution for British prisoners of war. It is said that a number of prisoners, including Hessian soldiers were placed on local farms to work. In 1790, the Maryland Legislature directed that the fort and the 150 acres around it be sold. By 1857, the fort farm belonged to Nathan Williams, a free black man who owned the property during much of its later private history. During the Civil War, the fort was again in use as a garrison for troops of the First Maryland Regiment who occupied it in 1861 and reputedly knocked a hole in the south wall to keep a gun aimed on the Potomac River. Another hole was cut in the west wall, according to Scharf's History of Western Maryland, and the west bastion was removed to make room for a barn. The fort was in deteriorated condition when acquired by the State of Maryland in 1922. The Civilian Conservation Corps contributed to the reconstruction of the fort's stone walls and located the foundations of and researched the original barracks.

Fort Frederick is important for its association with historical archeology from the 18th century, for its architecture as an example of period construction. Dating from the third quarter of the 18th century and built to protect inhabitants of the frontier, the fort is important for its contribution to exploration and settlement of colonial Maryland. The fort has obvious military significance and is connected with three major wars. It has been listed as significant in the area of politics and government because records and histories indicate that the construction and maintenance of the fort was a frequent issue and source of disagreement between Maryland governor, Horatio Sharpe and the legislature of the colony. Social and humanitarian concerns also lend significance to the fort since it was, during times of terror a haven for local residents who would take refuge behind its walls. In the 19th century, when the fort was no longer in use, it is said to have been a religious meeting place where itinerant ministers would hold services.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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Information compiled on the history and appearance of Fort Frederick and its barracks, ~~by~~ the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas History of Western Maryland, Vol. II. Baltimore, Md. Regional Publishing Company, 1968. (originally published 1882).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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, Preservation Assoc.*

ORGANIZATION *Paula Stoner, Preservation Assoc.*

DATE *3/79*

STREET & NUMBER *P.O. Box 202*

TELEPHONE *432-566*

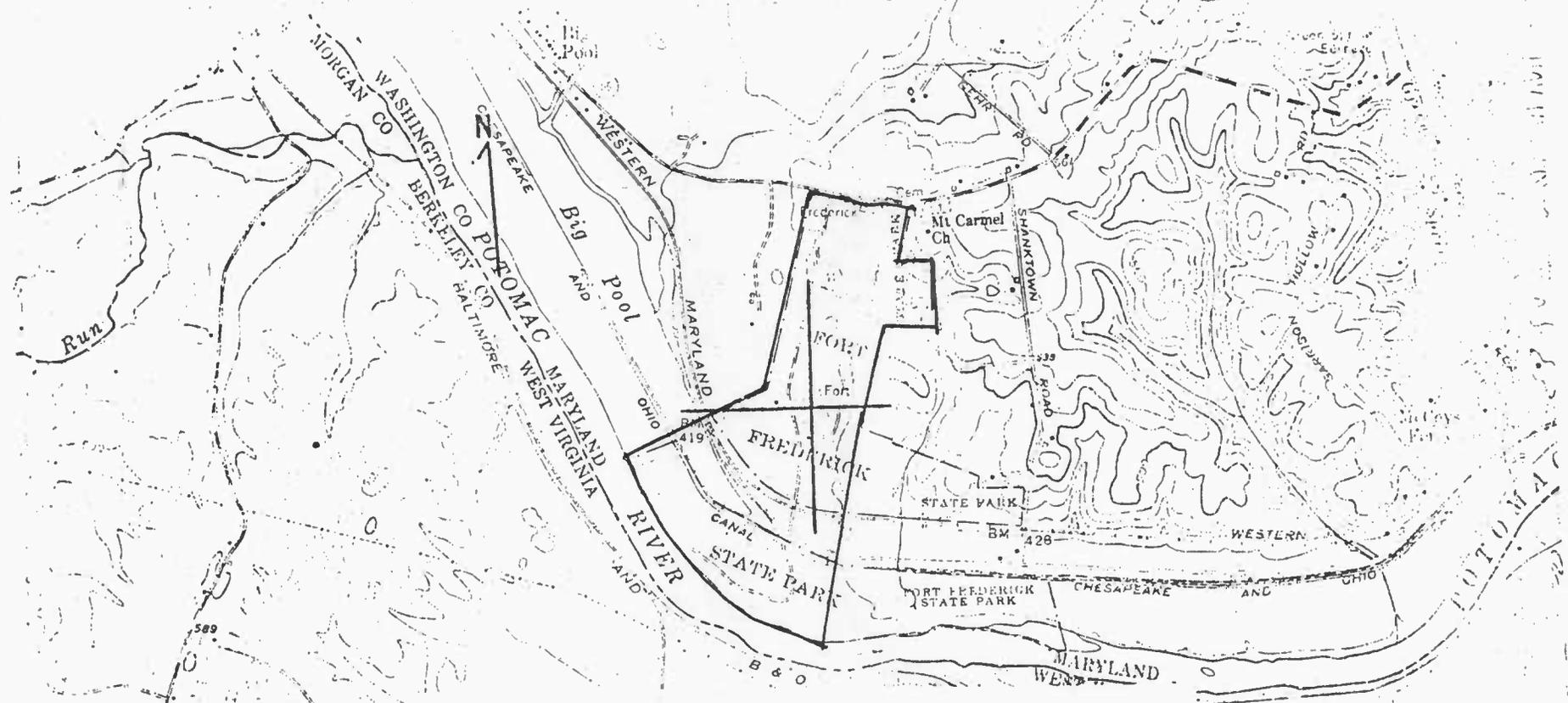
CITY OR TOWN *Sharpsburg*

STATE *Md*

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



U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series,
 Big Pool and Hedgesville Quadrangles,
 West Virginia-Maryland,
 1958 (Big Pool Quadrangle and 1955 (Hedgesville Quadrangle)
 Fort Frederick

Latitude 39° 36' 37"
 Longitude 78° 00' 14"

WA-V-205

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

5463 III NW
 (CLEAR SPRING)

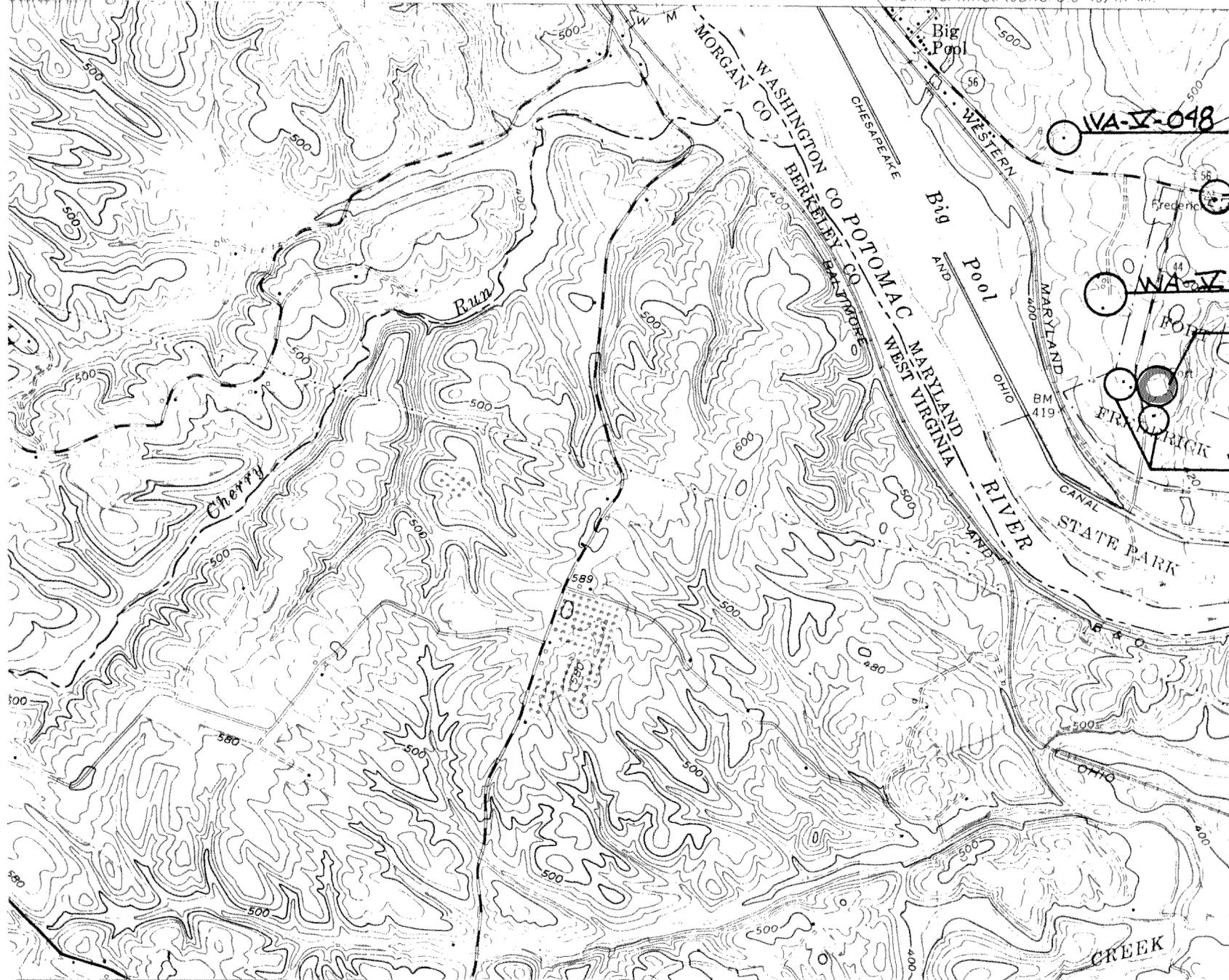
LINE
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2'30" CHERRY RUN 0.2 MI. | 510 000 FEET (MD.)

INDIAN SPRINGS (JUNC U.S. 40) 1.7 MI.

78°00'
 39°37'30"



CLEAR SPRING
 (JUNC U.S. 40) 5.7 MI.

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WA-V-200
 HORNBAKER PROP.

WA-V-204
 620 FEET MICHAEL FM

(MD.)
 FORT FREDERICK
 (N.R.)
 DNR-2

FREDERICK

WA-V-203
 PARK BUILDINGS

4388

4387

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Fr. Foster 1 31 18

Fort Worth: S. 2. 1818

Dec 14/18

Paula Stone
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Ft. Frederick St. St.

Ft. Wilson and Corcoran Court

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Dec. 1918

Paula Stoner
Reservation Associates



WA-V-205

FR. Palmer J. H.

Foundations (Catholic) 1815

S. W. W. -

Dec. 1973

Paula Stoner
Preservation Associates



WA-V-705

Ft. Stevens, NJ

Ft. Interior - reconstructed

N.E. View

Dec 1918

Paula Stoner
Preservation Associates



