

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Bicentennial Trail

1. NAME

COMMON: Old Mr. Flint's Place AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Route 144, (5102 Western Pike, Hancock) about one mile west of Hancock CITY OR TOWN: Hancock STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): Building, Structure, Object OWNERSHIP: Private, Both STATUS: Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Felipe S. Cohill STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: Hancock STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 411/600

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #5002 DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

"Old Mr. Flint's Place" is located along Maryland Route 144, about one mile west of Hancock in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a rise of ground, facing south, above a spring, several hundred feet north of the roadway.

The two-story house is six bays in length with a three-bay, two-story el extending from the rear or north wall. The structure is of log covered with white stucco and set on rubble fieldstone foundations. The roof is covered with sheet metal.

A large chimney projects from the front section of the house, about midway between the two gables. A second chimney is located inside the north gable end of the el. A modern Spanish style multi-arched porch extends along most of the facade of the house.

Some windows of the facade contain nine-over-six pane sashes. Others have received modern two-pane sashes.

The house was apparently built in several sections with the rear el being the most recent addition. The front section appears to have been built in two parts, probably dating from the 18th century. Alterations have removed or masked much of the original structure.

The house is located on land which was surveyed for Joseph Flint on November 12, 1762. The patent, dated 1763, was for a "Resurvey on Flint's Chance," which contained 258 acres.<sup>1</sup> No record has been located of the original survey.

At present a state commemorative sign marks "Old Mr. Flint's Place," stating that George Washington spent the night there in 1769. Documentation for this event is reported to have come from Washington's diary.

Although the house has been greatly altered, it is in good condition and is not at present in danger of destruction. The property contains 10.85 acres.

<sup>1</sup>J. B. Ferguson and Co., "Map of Western Section, Washington County, Maryland, Showing Original Land Grants and Surveys," 1939.

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**B. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---|--|---|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>George Washington</u>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>is supposed to have</u>                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>spent the night</u>                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | <u>her, Sept. 4, 1769</u>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____   |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The significance of "Flint's Chance" lies in the historical association with George Washington. According to tradition, Washington on a trip west crossed the Potomac and rested for the night at Mr. Flint's place on September 4, 1769. The information is said to be recorded in Washington's diary. No documentation has been found among local records and history texts.

The architectural merit of the old log house on the property has been lessened by the extensive alterations it has received. The basic structure remains, however, as one of the earlier log buildings in western Washington County.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ferguson, J. B. & Co., "Map of the Western Section, Washington County, Maryland, Showing Original Land Grants and Surveys," 1939.

**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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10.85 acres

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey      DATE: January, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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