1. Name: Old Anglers' Inn

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 29/31


4. Address: 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac

5. Classification Summary
   - Category: building
   - Ownership: private
   - Public Acquisition: N/A
   - Status: occupied
   - Accessible: yes; restricted
   - Present use: commercial
   - Previous Survey Recording: M-NCPCC
   - Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Historical Sites
   - Federal State County Local

6. Date: c. 1900

7. Original Owner: Ida Bodine

8. Apparent Condition
   - a. good
   - b. altered
   - c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story Inn is built into the side of a hill, facing south. The first level is constructed of fieldstone and the second level is half timbered—possibly a veneer. There is a south terrace and a path encircles the Inn. There are modern four light casement windows. Windows at first level, south, have wooden lintels. The Inn has intersecting gable roofs covered by wooden shingles and with boxed and returned cornice lines. The south and west elevations have a skirt roof between the first and second level. On the south elevation, at the southwest corner there is an exterior fieldstone chimney and fireplace.

10. Significance: This turn-of-the-century building has served as a gathering place for sportsmen, naturalists and diners enjoying the River and C&O Canal for eighty years. Its name reflects the fact that the Old Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C. had a clubhouse nearby from the 1860's to 1896. The Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C., whose membership included several U.S. Presidents, was a club for hunters and fishermen. A two story frame clubhouse had been constructed in the 1860's, but burned by about 1896.

Ida Bodine of nearby Cropeley purchased 10.43 acres near the site of the old clubhouse in 1900, and probably built the first sections of the present Inn. She operated an inn for many years. After her death c. 1945 the property had three short term owners before D.L. and Rosemary Batten took it over in 1948. They remodelled it in 1957, operating a popular outdoor cafe in warm weather. The present owners bought the Inn in 1974.

11. Researcher and date researched: Beth Elkins-8/79

12. Compiler: Gail C. Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 8.404 acres

Candy Reed
Arch. Description
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Old Anglers' Inn

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
10801 Mac Arthur Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Potomac

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
 _PUBLIC
 X PRIVATE
 _BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 _IN PROCESS
 _BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
 X OCCUPIED
 _UNOCCUPIED
 _WORK IN PROGRESS
 ACCESSIBLE
 X YES: RESTRICTED
 _YES: UNRESTRICTED
 _NO

PRESENT USE
 _AGRICULTURE
 _MUSEUM
 X COMMERCIAL
 _PARK
 _EDUCATIONAL
 _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 _ENTERTAINMENT
 _RELIGIOUS
 _GOVERNMENT
 _SCIENTIFIC
 _INDUSTRIAL
 _TRANSPORTATION
 _MILITARY
 _OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Maryland Catering Co., Inc.
c/o John Olympia Reges

STREET & NUMBER
10801 Mac Arthur Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Potomac

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20854

Telephone #: 335-1000

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE
Montgomery County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
M-NCPCC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE
1976

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTRY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

20855
This three bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story inn is built into the side of a hill, facing south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the first level is fieldstone and the second level is of half-timber construction. This half-timbering may be only a veneer, certainly on the northwest corner of the north elevation this is true, where the cinderblock structural system is covered by a stone veneer.

There is a south terrace. A path leads all the way around the inn and back again to this terrace. There are stone steps on the north elevation and at the southeast corner of the east elevation. The south (front) door is a vertical wooden paneled door set into a frame with a wooden lintel. At the northwest corner of the west elevation there is a vertical wooden paneled door leading into the kitchen.

There are modern four light casement windows throughout the inn. These windows at the first level, south elevation, have wooden lintels. There are some two-over-two double-hung windows on the north elevation.

The inn has intersecting gable roofs with boxed and returned cornice lines. The roof has wooden shingles. On the south and west elevations there is a skirt roof. There are two exterior chimneys: at the southwest corner of the south elevation there is an exterior chimney and fireplace and at the north elevation.
This turn-of-the-century structure retains the name of the club which had been a gathering place for sportsmen and naturalists using the river and canal for many years.

The Anglers' Association of Washington, D.C., was a club for hunters and fishermen who came out from Washington, including several U.S. Presidents. The two-story frame building had been constructed in the 1860s, although the club did not own the land on which it sat until 1895. The club purchased another acre from the heirs of Smith Townshend in 1896, that land being "situate directly opposite the Anglers' Association Club House at the junction of the Great Falls and Conduit roads." It is believed that the clubhouse burned down about this time.

Ida Bodine, of nearby Cropley, purchased 10.43 acres from the Townshends in 1900 and probably built the first sections of what became the present inn. By 1908 she was taxed for improvements worth $740 and land valued at $20 per acre. Mrs. Bodine operated the inn for many years, and sold off four small parcels of the original 10.43 acres. Her heirs sold the remaining 8.404 acres in 1945 to Philip and Mamie Heilig. After two short-term owners, the property was conveyed to D.L. and Rosemary Batten, who operated the inn for many years. Remodelling it in 1957, the Battens provided a popular outdoor cafe in warm weather.

On a rainy day in the 1960s, U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas interrupted one of his famous hikes on the canal to order a soft drink at the Old Anglers' Inn. His old clothes and paper bag lunch angered the owners, and he was asked to leave.

The present owners bought the inn in 1974. 

FOOTNOTES:
1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. JA 49/481 (August 20, 1895).
2. Montgomery County Equity Records, #1459.
3. Land Records, op. cit., TD 14/266 (May 21, 1900).
4. Ibid., 988/9 (August 22, 1945).
5. Ibid., 1146/152 (March 26, 1948).
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Land Assessment & Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Interview, Manager at the Inn and Michael Dwyer, M-NCPPC.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.404 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Candy Reed Architectural Description
Beth Elkins

ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails
DATE August 1979
STREET & NUMBER Box 87
TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN Dickerson
STATE Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
1. NAME
   COMMON:
   Old Angler's Inn
   AND/OR HISTORIC:
   Site of Old Angler's Club

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   10801 MacArthur Blvd.
   CITY OR TOWN:
   Potomac
   STATE:
   Maryland
   COUNTY:
   Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   [ ] District [X] Building [ ] Site [ ] Structure [ ] Object
   [ ] Public [ ] Private [ ] Both
   OWNERSHIP
   [ ] Public Acquisition:
   [ ] In Process
   [ ] Being Considered
   [X] Occupied [ ] Unoccupied [ ] Preservation work in progress
   STATUS
   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   [X] Yes: [ ] Restricted [ ] Unrestricted [ ] No

   PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   [ ] Agricultural [ ] Government [ ] Park [ ] Transportation [ ] Comments
   [X] Commercial [ ] Industrial [ ] Private Residence [ ] Religious [ ] Other (Specify)
   [ ] Educational [ ] Military [ ] Scientific (restaurant)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME:
   D. Lee & R. Batten? (1967 tax map)
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN:
   STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
   Montgomery County Courthouse
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN:
   Rockville
   STATE:
   Maryland
   Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg, #):

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:
This present building dates from the 20th Century. It replaces an older, two-story frame building that sat across MacArthur Blvd. This latter building was used as a sportsman's club for hunters and fishermen who came out from Washington (including several U.S. Presidents.) It was reportedly built sometime in the 1860's or '70's.

Present building is a "rustic style" structure, with a faintly-Tudoresque upper level perched on a fieldstone first story.
This area, known as Cropley (for a family that once lived here), has long been a gathering place for sportsmen and naturalists using the river and canal. The present Inn is a popular outdoor cafe' in warm weather. One visitor who was given the bum's rush, however, was former U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

On a rainy day in the 1960's, Douglas (who was on one of his famous 50 mile hikes to support the plan to form the C & O Canal Park), entered the establishment with a number of his fellow hikers and sat down and ordered soft drinks after opening his own lunch bag. Dressed in old clothes, they were tossed out of the place by the angry owner.
1) 1878 Atlas.

Acreage Justification:

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

8787 Georgia Ave.

Silver Spring, Maryland

Significance of this property is:

National □ State □ Local □
M. Reuwer
3/5/75

Mr. Arthur Glee (Crockett) Great Falls, Mo.

Photo Taken

Facade 58
Location

Name: Anderson, Inc.

# 29-31