MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**NAME**

HISTORIC  
Spa Spring-Site

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
near Rte. 1, Tanglewood Ave. & N.E. Branch

CITY TOWN  
Bladensburg

STATE  
Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF  

COUNTY  
Prince George's

**CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
WSSC?

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  

VICINITY OF  

STATE, zip code

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

LIBER #:  
FOLIO #:  

Prince George's County Courthouse

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN  

STATE
### DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIPT THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The spring has been engulfed by a series of heavy commercial and industrial yards. Highway widenings, etc., have turned the area into a small, trash-filled, swampy ravine. The WSSC has a sewage pumping station here now.
SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
1400-1499
1500-1599
1600-1699
1700-1799
1800-1899
1900-

ARCHEOLOGY: PREHISTORIC
ARCHEOLOGY: HISTORIC
AGRICULTURE
ARCHITECTURE
ART
COMMERCE
COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNITY PLANNING
CONSERVATION
ECONOMICS
EDUCATION
ENGINEERING
EXPLORATION: SETTLEMENT
INDUSTRY
INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
RELIGION
LAW
LITERATURE
MILITARY
MUSIC
PHILOSOPHY
POLITICS: GOVERNMENT
OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was a celebrated spring, that was visited for its supposed curative powers. During the 1860's, a real estate venture known as "Spa City" was formed to sell residential lots here to city dwellers. This was one of the earliest attempts at suburbanization in the area. The Spring was intact as late as the early 1900's. It had a Victorian gazebo and a heavy, raised platform, that held large wooden barrels of the water.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) Promotional real estate brochure "Spa City" by Hall & Ross, 1868.
2) Old Maps & ca. 1910 photo at D.C. Public Library-Washingtoniana Room.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACHIEVING OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian
TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC
STREET & NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring
STATE: Maryland

DATE: 3/2/73
TELEPHONE: 589-1480

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
The mineral waters of the Spa Spring once drew visitors to Bladensburg, for they were renowned for their beneficial and curative powers. Surrounding the spring was a park, scene of many picnics and political gatherings throughout the nineteenth century. The spring was located at the north end of Water Street (Crimore Boulevard), now an industrial area. Courtesy of the Prince George's County Historical Society.

Virta, Alan
1984 Prince George's County, a Pictorial History. Norfolk: Donning Co.