MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**NAME**

Historic

Port of Bladensburg

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Anacostia River & Bladensburg Rd.

CITY/TOWN

Bladensburg

VICTIMNY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

**CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning

STREET & NUMBER

6600 Kenilworth Ave.

CITY/TOWN

Riverdale

VICTIMNY OF

STATE, ZIP CODE

Maryland

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

Prince George's County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

STREET & NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

_FEDERAL_ STATE_ COUNTY_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY/TOWN

STATE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 18th Century seaport of Bladensburg has all but disappeared, except for a handful of old homes scattered about the town. A small, power boat marina exists where sailing ships once tied up. The "Magruder House" and "Bostwick" overlook the site. The appearance of the Anacostia River was altered by an extensive Army Corps of Engineers flood control and channelization project in the 1950's.
SIGNIFICANCE

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The town of Bladensburg was laid out in 1742, on the site of the earlier Garrison's Landing. The town consisted of 60 one-acre lots, adjacent to the head of navigation of the Anacostia River (then called the Eastern Branch.) It was a thriving Colonial tobacco port for years, and had a number of factor's warehouses, taverns, mills, etc. It was also located on the old Colonial Post Road that led to most of the established Eastern cities. Other roads that merged here were used to roll tobacco from places such as lower Montgomery County (where no water ways existed.) By the early 1800's, however, the town had begun its decline, and the early arrival of the RR, coupled with the heavy siltation of the River, ended the "golden era"—although the town continued to serve travellers passing through. The Battle of Bladensburg was fought here in the War of 1812.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

3) Various notes, sketches, photos, etc. in M-NCPDC Files.

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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

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPDC

DATE
3/2/73

STREET & NUMBER
8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE
589-1480

CITY OR TOWN
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

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
NAME  BLADENSBURG MARINA  (NOTE MACRUDER HSE & BOSTWICK IN BACKGROUND)
LOCATION  ANACOSTIA RIVER
FACADE  BLADENSBURG, MD
LOOKING NE
PHOTO TAKEN  3/2/73 MDWYER