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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AU-167 THE BLACKROCK SPRINGS SITE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

LURAY

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

06

STATE

VIRGINIA

VICINITY OF

CODE

51

COUNTY

AUGUSTA

CODE

015

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, NRAY

STREET & NUMBER

643 SOUTH THIRD STREET

CITY, TOWN

PHILADELPHIA

VICINITY OF

STATE

PENNSYLVANIA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

LURAY

STATE

VIRGINIA 22835

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N.A.

DATE

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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Environment:

near the prehistoric site during the last quarter of the 19th century, burning down around 1917. The present setting of AU-167 is probably returning to that which characterized the site in Archaic times.

Archaeological Investigations:

Prior to excavations, a base line and grid system were established oriented to the longitudinal axis of the AU-167 terrace. A temporary site datum was marked with a nail on the base of a large tree on the southern periphery of the site. A topographic map at a scale of 1:250 with a 25 cm. contour interval was executed in order to relate artifact concentrations to micro-elevational variation and control for effects of micro-erosion. This original map was reduced to a scale of 1:650 with a 50 cm. contour interval and included with this form.

For sampling purposes, the site was divided into five meter "sections" composed of 25 one meter squares. After removal of the decomposing forest litter (A₀ horizon) in designated sections, large numbers of artifacts were found in place and piece plotting undertaken. The plotting of individual artifacts was facilitated by strings crossing the sections in rows and columns to form 25 squares. All artifacts were cleaned with trowels and brushes and mapped on 1:10 scale drawings before removal and bagging. Since most artifacts were confined to the shallow humic zone (A₀ - A) horizon) most sections were cleared only to a depth of 5 cm. Limited vertical testing revealed a shallow B horizon and underlying cobble stream terrace. Artifacts are most abundant in the A horizon. All soil units contain large numbers of quartzite cobbles with the frequency of boulders increasing as one moves toward the steep mountain slope to the north-northwest.

A total of 3,002 artifacts (including debitage) were recovered from five sections and two one meter test squares at AU-167 (see map), yielding an artifact density of 469 artifacts per cubic meter. Of the 3,002 stone artifacts recovered, 98.1 % were quartzite and apparently obtained from the boulders and cobbles of Hampton Quartzite found in the adjacent stream bed and on and within the terrace itself. Analysis by Foss (1977: 89-105) has confirmed our original hypothesis (McLaren 1976) that artifact distribution at or near the surface reveals distinct activity areas. Foss (1977: 89-105) identified six horizontal clusters encompassing 63.1 % of the excavated area and representing about 28% of the potentially habitable portion of the site. Since only the top 5 cm. were removed from most excavated units, it is possible that additional material could be recovered and associated with one of the defined clusters.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Foss, Robert W.

1977 Man and Mountain: An Archaeological Overview of the Shenandoah National Park. M.A. thesis, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9,000 square meters

UTM REFERENCES

A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

AU-167 lies at an altitude of about 1800 feet ASL

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State

Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER