

# DATA SHEET

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
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ENTRY DATE
MAR 13 1975

### 1. NAME

COMMON:

Washington Aqueduct Georgetown Reservoir Castle Gatehouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Near Intersection of Reservoir Road and MacArthur Blvd., N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D. C.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE:

CODE

COUNTY:

CODE

District of Columbia

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N/A

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Water Supply</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

### 4. AGENCY

Washington Aqueduct Div., Balto. Dist., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

N/A

STREET AND NUMBER:

5900 MacArthur Blvd., N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

31

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Chief, Real Estate Division

Dept. of Army, Balto. Dist., Corps of Engineers

STREET AND NUMBER:

P.O. Box 1715

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore

STATE:

Maryland 21203

CODE

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### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Not recognized in any known existing surveys or inventories

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal  State  County

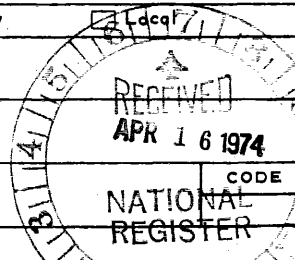
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE



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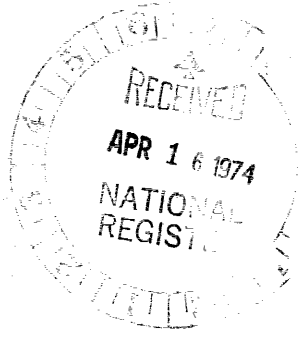
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The castle gatehouse was originally built between 1899-1901 using face brick as its exterior surface. In order to give it an authentic look of a typical ancient castle, the brick surface was covered with Portland cement plaster blocked off to represent stonework. In 1958 the old stucco was removed and a new coat of gray stucco was applied to the brick surface and similarly blocked off.



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <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)<br><u>Water Supply</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <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

By Acts of Congress in 1850 and 1852, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was given the responsibility for providing a water supply to Washington, D. C. For approximately 40 years, the city was furnished untreated, unfiltered, often muddy water, first from Little Falls Branch and then from the Potomac River.

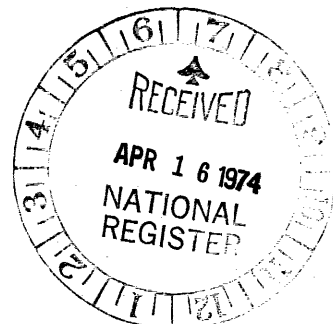
During the latter eighteenth hundreds and early nineteenth hundreds, extensive additions and changes were made to the system. In 1905 the first filtered water was sent to the city from the newly completed McMillan Filter Plant.

The Castle Gatehouse was constructed as part of these improvements. Situated at the mouth of the Georgetown Reservoir, water passes through the Castle on the way through the 4 mile long city tunnel to the McMillan Reservoir and Treatment Plant.

This structure was constructed to resemble the insignia of the Corps of Engineers. This insignia had been adopted as a regulation device for the Corps of Engineers uniform from the 1839 West Point Cadet uniform which carried a turretted castle on the cap plate, hat, coat collar, belt plate, and buttons.

The Georgetown Castle is a well known local landmark. It is worthy of recognition as symbol of the Corps of Engineers responsibility held for over one hundred years. It is a symbol of the beginning of the actual treatment of the water furnished to the city, a major factor in reducing diseases and providing a high quality, palatable supply.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Insigna of the Corps of Engineers by Raleigh B. Buzzaird THE MILITARY ENGINEER Magazine, January - February 1958.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

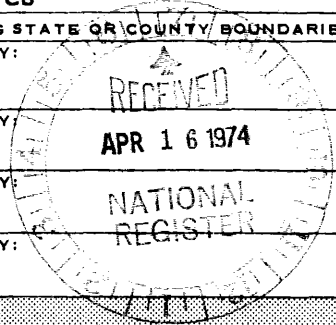
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.02 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JERROLD D. McSWAIN, Outdoor Recreation Planner** DATE: **26 December 1973**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Dept. of Army, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 1715** PHONE: **962-2558**

CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Maryland 21203** CODE: **32**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

*James H. Stiles*  
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State

*Richard O. Henry* 5 Apr 74  
Federal Representative Signature Date  
*Federal Representative*  
Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*A. R. Mortensen*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 2/13/75

ATTEST:  
*W. J. ...*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.12.75