

AI-I-B-035 Doc Watson's Garage  
Rt. 40  
Bellegrove, Allegany Co. MD  
Not Eligible

This building is no longer standing. Therefore it is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
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Doc Watson's Garage  
AL-1-B-035  
Rt. 40 Piney Plains  
early 20th century

Doc Watson's Garage is one of several out buildings of a large house torn down for road construction. John Asbury (Doc) Watson was described as "practicing medicine in the Orleans District" in 1923. His spacious house was more like a hospital than a home when patients moved into the house for treatment. The garage is a simple utilitarian building built with beams extending beyond the sides to support sliding doors.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Doc Watson's Garage

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Piney Plains

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Storage)

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard Creek

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21766

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 283

Folio #: 374

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

Doc Watson's Garage stands on the northern side of Route 40 in Piney Plains.

This one story, one bay wide rectangular structure is in original condition. Walls are of frame construction with German and shiplap siding.

The building has no foundation or water table. Eaves consist of a simple overhanging cornice, fascia, and bedmould. There are exposed rafter ends on the eastern and western facades. The gable front roof is covered with corrugated tin.

Wall features include cornerboards. A pipe chimney is located in the interior.

Double garage doors on the southern facade are made of vertical boards with original hardware. They open on a runner that is extended on a wooden bracket on the west. Another entrance on the eastern facades includes a fine panel wooden door with two, two-light original hardware and pediment. (Two, two-light) sliding windows have wooden lugsills and are pedimented.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Doc Watson's Garage is a remnant of an era when automotive transportation was not a pervasive to society as it is now. Built early in this century, it is one of several out buildings of a larger house that was torn down for highway construction.

John Asbury (Doc) Watson was a descendant of a prominent Pennsylvanian family that traces its roots back to seventeenth century Scotland.<sup>(1)</sup> His father, originally from Piney Plains, was a shoe dealer in Indianapolis. After working as a painting contractor in Ohio, Doc Watson relocated to Piney Plains. In 1923, he was described as "practicing medicine in Orleans District."<sup>(2)</sup> Oral informants explain that Doc Watson's large house was more of a hospital than a home. His patients were moved into the house for treatment.

All that remains of his property is this garage and some chicken coops. The garage is slated for demolition for construction of a freeway.

- (1) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Company), p. 1105
- (2) Ibid, p. 1105

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Thomas, James W. and Williams, T.J.C. History of Allegany County, Philadelphia:  
L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 47.48 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Allegany County Historic Site Survey	March 9, 1979
STREET & NUMBER County Office Building 3-33 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE 777-5944
CITY OR TOWN Cumberland,	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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: # 26

DATE: 8/11

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Joe Watson's Garage

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: n side of Rt 48 near (east of) piney plains ch. rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: state - county & creeks

ADDRESS: Tax Map 21 Howard Creek 283/374 47.48 Acres parcel 12  
Rt 1 Little Orleans 21766 ph #

STORIES: 1 (✓) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) BAYS: 1 (✓) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) 7 ( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: none

p. 1105 T&W II

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, *german siding structure* clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

corner boards

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others *old license plates*

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone *none*

Fork for chain & pulley left

WATER TABLE: *None* Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 2 2 light shades slide *wood lug*  
1/1 ( ) 2/2 ( ) 6/6 ( ) 9/6 ( ) 9/9 ( ) other ( )  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment (✓)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: *large double doors on runners* original hardware

HARDWARE: original (✓) replaced ( )

v. siding boards

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards *on E 1 5 panel doors pediment orig hardware*

on W a beam is extended for door runner

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, ~~fascia~~ soffit) bed

original (✓) replaced ( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, ~~tin~~ asphalt; *corrugated* original ( ) replaced (✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ( ) hip ( ) gable ( ) *ridge beam of tin*

CHIMNEYS: Number: *hole for chimney pipe no pipe on N.* Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Corbeled ( ) original (✓) replaced ( )

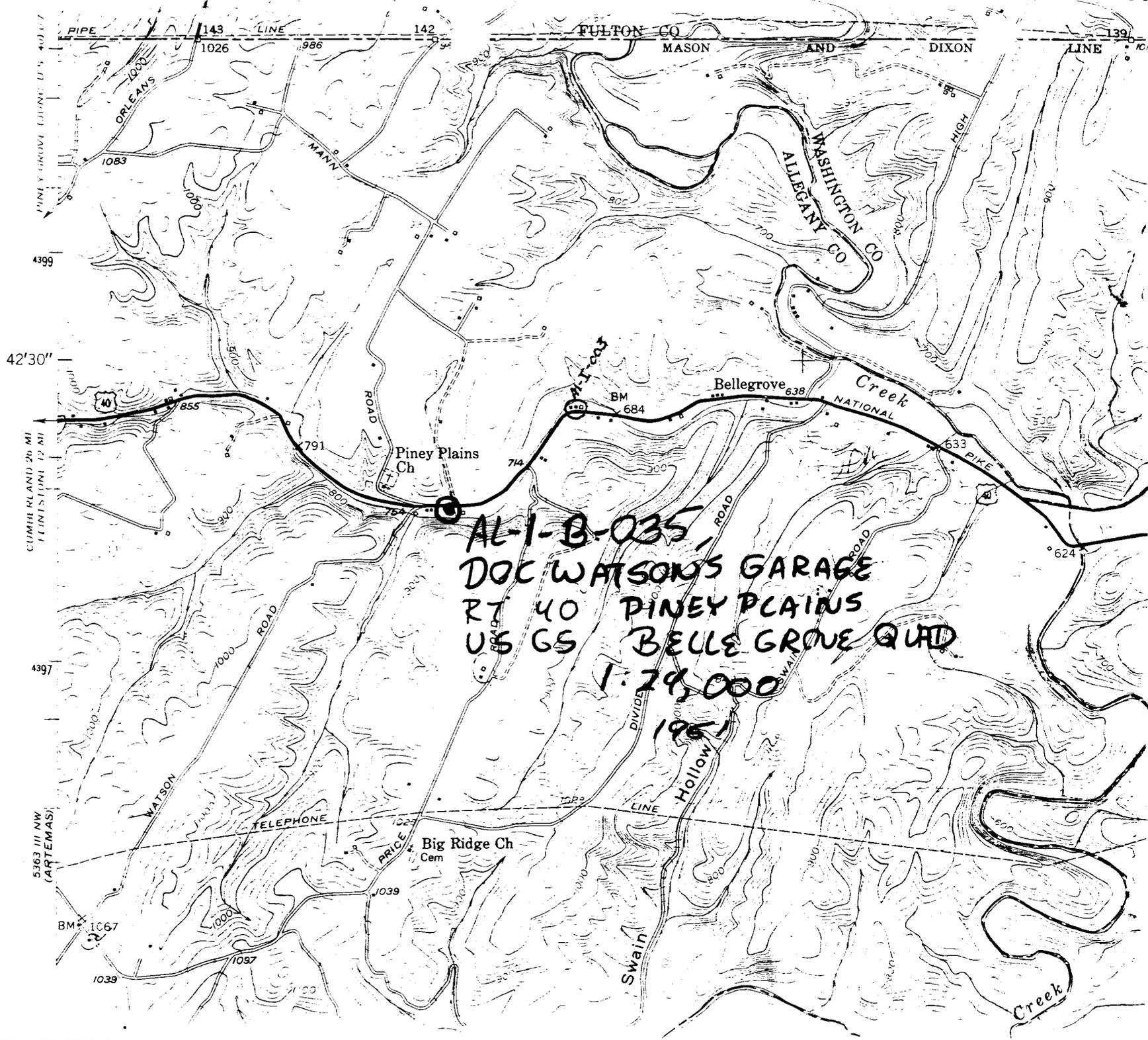
Pipe chimney

Location: Flush end ( ) Inside end ( ) Outside end ( ) Central ( ) Interior (✓)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: old house was across road - torn down. garage also slated for demolition

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_



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DOC WATSON'S GARAGE  
RT 40 PINEY PLAINS  
US GS BELLE GROVE QUAD  
1:24,000

Bellegrove



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Doc Watson's Garage

Rt 40 Piney Plains

David A. Dorsey

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Northwest



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Southeast