

JOE HIGGINS CANAL HOUSE

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½ mile east of Stickpile Tunnel, 50 yards  
from the C & O Canal  
1913

The Joe Higgins Canal House meets the standard of the typical rural dwelling found in Allegany County being a "T" shaped, two story frame structure covered with novelty siding. It was built in 1913 as a residence for Joseph Higgins. The household was able to view traffic on the nearby C & O Canal for 11 years until it closed in 1924. The house stands out as being one of the first in its area to be built upon a poured concrete foundation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Joe Higgins Canal House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

C & O Canal near Little Orleans on Kasecamp Road

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Helen H. Rohman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 479

Folio #: 864

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

MD.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<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**

The Joe Higgins Canal House lies  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of the Stickpile Tunnel and just 50 yards from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Frame construction on a two story, four bay wide rectangular block typifies his house. It was built in 1913 upon a poured concrete foundation. The southeast corner of the house now includes a small one story shed roofed addition with a small porch. Novelty siding which was never painted composes the wall structure. Windows in the house are all double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights, cornices and plain trim. The main entrance faces north-east and contains the original verticle paneled door. The roof over the main block is gabled and features a soffit. Circular ventilators decorate each gable; replaced asphalt materials now cover the roof. There is a four bay front end porch supported by five turned columns and covered by a shed roof. The house contains one original corbeled brick chimney located to the interior of the structure.

The Joe Higgins Canal House is presently in fair condition and stands structurally sound. It has been unaltered and contains its original fabric.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 274 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/3/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Joe Higgins Canal House  
Kasecamp Road  
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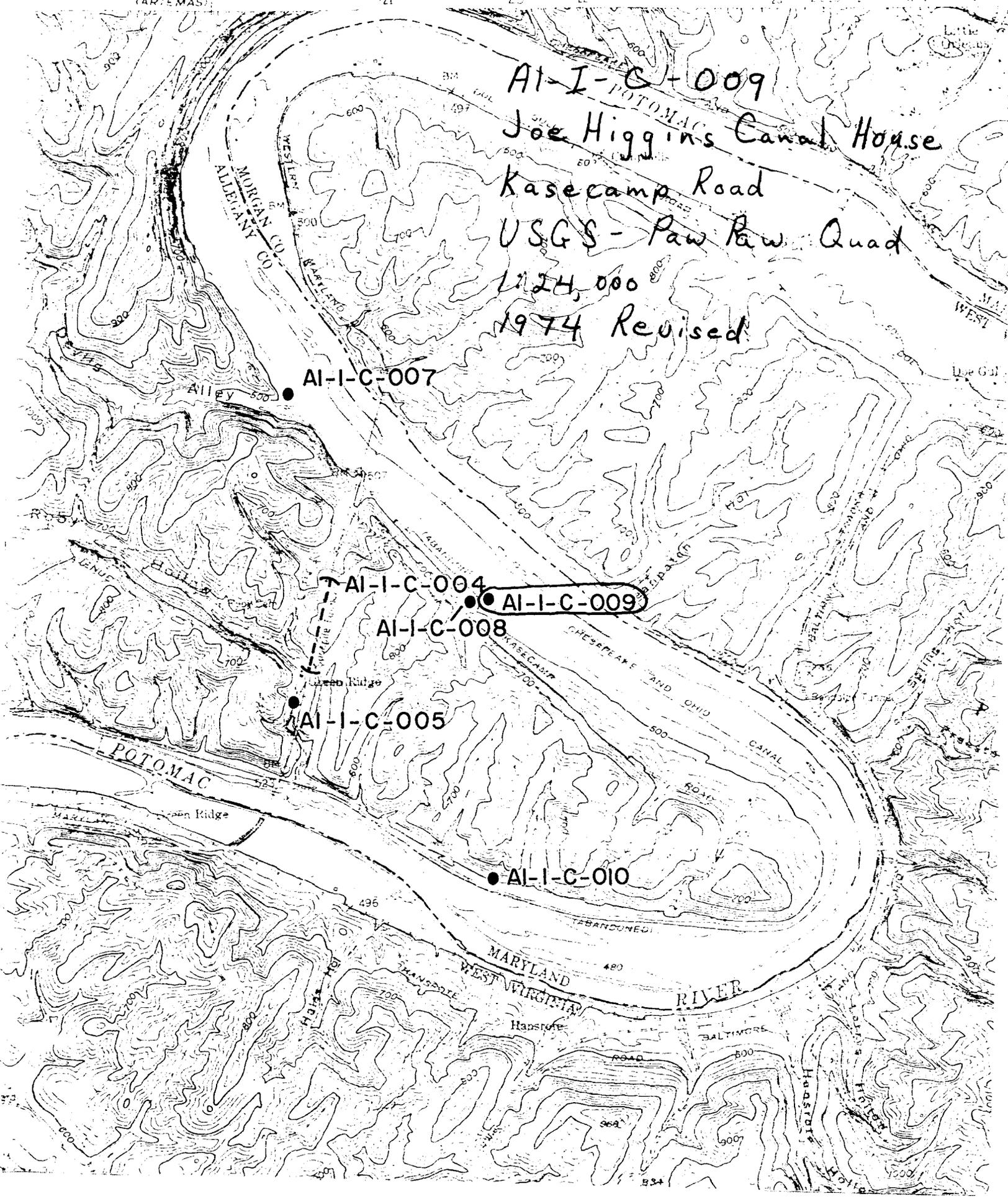
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INVENTORY NO. AL-I-C-009

DATE: 10/14/76

479/864

274 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Joe Higgins Canal House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: C+O Canal Near Little Orleans

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northeast

NAME OF OWNER: Raymond Higgins Helen H. Rohman

ADDRESS: Little Orleans, Maryland

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 STORY CENTRAL REAR SHED ADDITION

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) T SHAPED

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: <sup>Novelty</sup> Bevel, 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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE poured concrete

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2() 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
Cornices pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NORTHEAST

HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original() replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBEREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip( ) gable( ) 4 BAY FRONT END

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - not occupied  
Significance - arch.  
Date Constructed - 1913  
Condition - fair

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South