

Browning Farmhouse
AL-11-A-118
North side of Black Valley Road
near Flintstone

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Browning Farmhouse
 AND/OR COMMON _____

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER North Side of Black Valley Road
 CITY, TOWN Flintstone 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Robert L. and Bonnie A. Logeston Telephone #: 478-2360
 STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 233
 CITY, TOWN Flintstone VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland 21530

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 328
 STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street Folio #: 438
 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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is a rectangular frame house three bays wide and two and a half stories tall, with German and shiplap siding. The wall features include cornerboards.

The stone foundation of the building is a low rubble, one with a plain water table. The eaves consist of boxed cornice and soffit on gabled flanks (SW and NE) and a simple overhanging cornice with bed mould on gabled ends. The gable flank roof is covered with pressed tin shingles. On it are located lightning rods and snowbirds. Two brick chimneys are original with corbeled caps and are located on the interior.

The entrance on the southwest facade of the building is pedimented with one light recessed transom. The door has one light with five recessed panels and engraved original hardware.

The pegged windows are one over one lights with a one-light casement in the dormer.

A small frame structure was added onto the southeastern facade of the house. This addition has a shed roof.

The porch of the building has a wraparound veranda with lattice underneath. The ribbed-tin shed roof is supported by decoratively-cut post with a decorative balustrade.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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

Meschach Browning built this large frame house late in the 1890's. It ⁽¹⁾ was built to replace an older house on the family farm that was torn down. During ⁽²⁾ the nineteenth century it was common for children to settle on the family farms. Other ⁽³⁾ houses in the neighborhood were also built by members of the Browning Family. ⁽³⁾ (See AL-II-A-119)

There were 133 farmers and a total ⁽⁴⁾ of 1200 people living on farms in the Flintstone area between 1878 and 1881. They were an integral part ⁽⁵⁾ of the area's economy, producing crops mostly of "wheat, oats, potatoes, and corn." ⁽⁵⁾ The importance of farming was sustained into the twentieth century by improvements in the efficiency of the farms. The Flintstone School devoted so much time to improving farming techniques that it won a reputation ⁽⁶⁾ as the western branch of the University of Maryland Agriculture School.

The Browning Farmhouse retains its original appearance and exemplifies the prosperous farmhouses built later in the nineteenth century. It is large to accommodate the traditionally large farm family. Interesting features of this house include the handsome wraparound veranda and the original roof of pressed tin shingles functionally decorated with snowbirds and lightning rods.

- (1) Interview with owner, Mrs. Robert Logeston, March 1, 1979
- (2) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Printing Co.), p. 97.
- (3) Interview cited in Note 1.
- (4) Stegmaier, P. 213 and 259.
- (5) Ibid, p. 213
- (6) Ibid, p. 222

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry et al, Allegany County - A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing Co.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 59.9 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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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Site Survey DATE March 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER County Office Building TELEPHONE 777-5944
3-33 Pershing Street

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland

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

INVENTORY NO: #13

DATE: 8/21

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

AL- II - A - 118

NAME OF PROPERTY: Black Valley Rd

Browning Farm House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gap road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 230° SW

NAME OF OWNER: Rbt. L. Logeston 328/438

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 233 59.92 Acres

ph. #

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed roof frame on SE.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

german? ship lap siding

- (✓) FRAME: 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 corner boards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center sw. 1 light 2 + 3 sq panels
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards engraved

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; original() replaced()

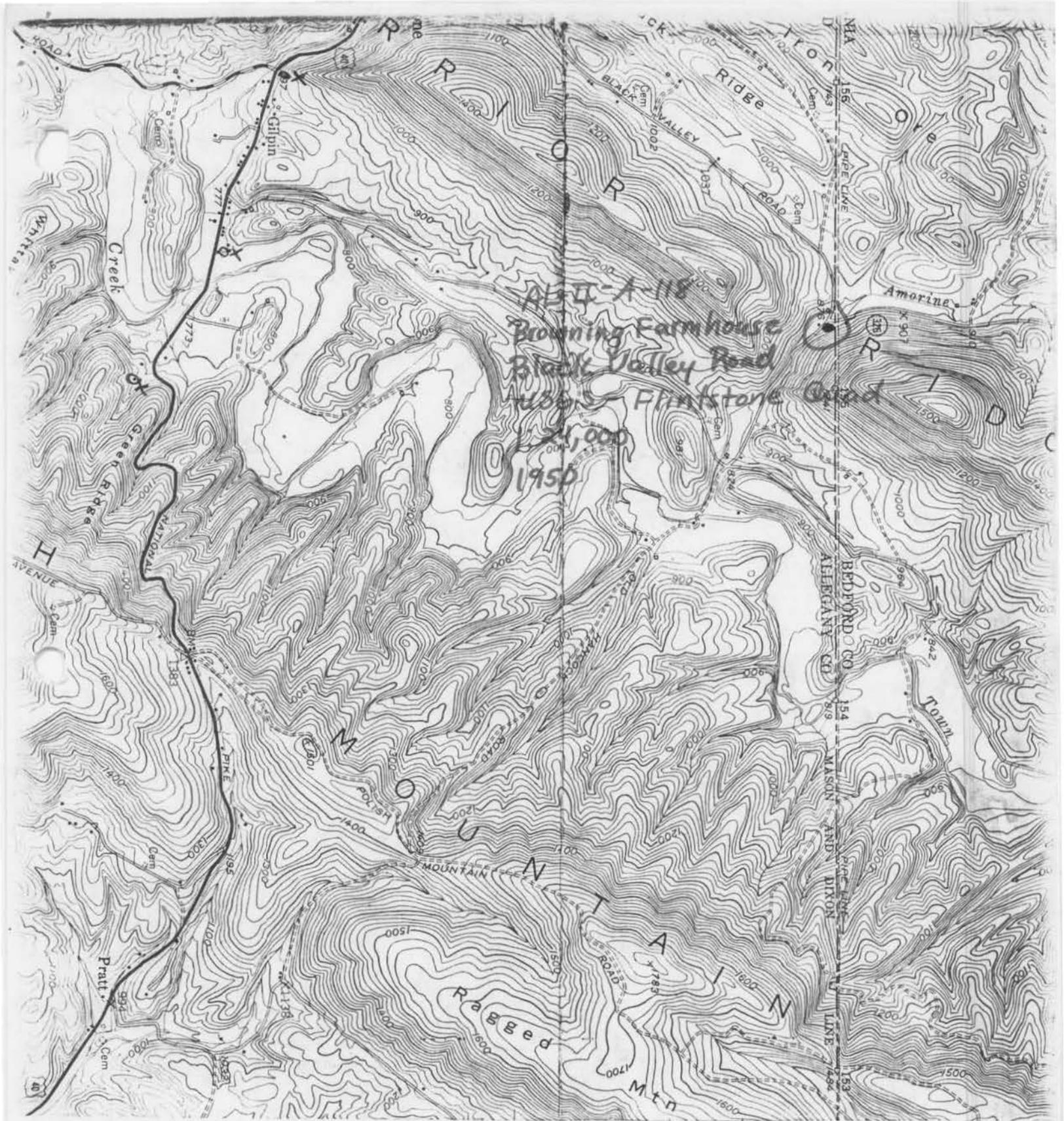
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip() gable() wrap around veranda

CHIMNEYS: Number: Snowbirds lightning rods Brick() Stone() Corbeled(✓) original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(✓)

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

COMMENTS: raked in porch roof lattice underneath

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: good



ALTA-A-118
Browning Farmhouse
Black Valley Road
Flintstone Road
24,000
1950

ALLEGANY CO. 14
MASON AND DIXON LINE

Town

Ragged Mt

Mt



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BROWNING FARMHOUSE

BLACK VALLEY RD FLINTSTONE

David A. Dorsey

8/21/78

South



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BROWNING FARMHOUSE

BLACK VALLEY RD FLINTSTONE

David A - Dorsey

8/21/78

North