

Browning Frame House  
AL-11-A-119  
off Black Valley Road  
near Flintstone  
ca. turn of the century

Browning Frame House was built around the turn of the century by a member of the Browning family. Other houses in the neighborhood were also built by the Brownings, one of them by Meschach Browning. (See AL-11-A118) The house is a typical rural dwelling for Allegany County with its three bays wide structure. Although the house retains little of its original appearance, it serves as a reminder of a once-prominent family in the eastern area of the county.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Browning Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harmon W. Heavner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 227

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21530, STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 306  
Folio #: 15

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland 21502, STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AL-II-A-119

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Browning Frame House is located west of Black Valley Road north of Flintstone.

This building is a two story, three bays wide frame house covered with aluminum siding. It rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. Eaves consist of a box cornice, soffit, and bedmould. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two brick chimneys are in the interior.

The entrance in the center of the eastern facade has a replaced door. One over one light nailed windows have wooden slipsills. A gable roofed porch is on the east, a hip roofed porch is on the north, and an enclosed shed roofed porch is on the west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

This frame house was built around the turn of the century by a member of the Browning family.<sup>(1)</sup> Other houses in the neighborhood were also built by the Brownings, one of them by Meschach Browning.<sup>(2)</sup> (See AL-11-A-118)

Farming is the main industry for the Flintstone area of Allegany County. Between 1878 and 1881, there were 133 farmers and 1200 people living on farms in the Flintstone area.<sup>(3)</sup>

Although Browning Frame House retains little of its original appearance, it serves as a reminder of a once-prominent farming family in eastern Allegany County.

(1) Interview with Mrs. Robert Logeston, March 1, 1978

(2) Ibid

(3) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) P-213

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 65 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator  
Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Allegany County Historic Site Survey	April 9, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
3 Pershing Street	777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Cumberland	Maryland 21502

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: # 21

DATE: 8/22

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Browning FRAME HOUSE AL- 11-A-119

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Black valley Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

TAX MAP # 7  
NAME OF OWNER: Norman W. Weaver 2306 F 15 65 Acres parcel 26

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: add on w enclosed porch.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 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 aluminum siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center East  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(x)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN 3 lights  
2 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Box CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( x 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() w/ pediment

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(x) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(x)

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

COMMENTS:

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



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DROWN ING PRIME HOUSE  
BLACK VALLEY RD. POINTSTONE  
USES POINTSTONE QUAD  
1:24,000  
1950

4400  
4399  
42'30"  
4398  
4397  
4396  
(ARTEMAS)  
5363 III NW

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Schubert



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BROWNING FRAME HOUSE

BLACK VALLEY RD

FLINTSTONE

David A. Dorsey

8/22/78

Southwest