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DOOLAN FRAME HOUSE  
Oldtown, Maryland  
ca. 1880

The Doolan Frame House, located on Main Street in Oldtown, is a typical example of rural architecture in Allegany County. As such it is a two story, three bay wide "L" shaped frame building covered in weatherboard. Also typical of homes built in the vernacular tradition are the small circular ventilators which ornament the gable ends. In the early 20th Century, the Doolan House was remodeled with the addition of a commercial front on the facade of the building in order to facilitate its use as a store. This addition has since been removed and the house is now used as a private residence.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DESCRIPTION

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Doolan Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Agnes Doolan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 157

Folio #: 626

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

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**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 Doolan Frame House is located just west of the intersection of Greensprings Road and Main Street in Oldtown, Allegany County, on the North Side of the street.

The Doolan House is a two story, three bay wide "L" shaped frame building. It is covered in weatherboard and supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The windows are one over one lights with wooden trim and cornices. The roof is gabled and covered with tin. Small circular ventilaters ornament the gables. The northern gable is ornamented by a barge board. The main entrance is located on the south side and is verticle panaled with a transom light. A three bay wide porch covers the main entrance. The porch has a hipped roof which is supported by Roman Doric columns. The entire porch is supported by four brick supports. The building has two original brick chimneys located on the inside end and the interior of the residence.

The house is in fair condition and retains most of its original fabric and appearance.

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**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"/> 400-1499	<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 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		

<b>SPECIFIC DATES</b>	<b>BUILDER/ARCHITECT</b>
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Doolan House, located on Main Street in Oldtown, is a typical example of rural architecture in Allegany County. In all probability it was constructed in the latter half of the 19th Century. Like numerous other houses in the county it is two stories high, three bays wide with a gabled roof. Also typical of homes built in the vernacular tradition are the two circular ventilaters located in the gable ends.

In the early 20th Century the Doolan House was remodeled by the addition of commercial front on the main facade of the building in order to facilitate its use as a store. This has since been removed.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Interview with Rev. Irving Allen, Oldtown, Historian 9/14/76

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

ALLEGANY COUNTY LAND RECORDS, CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 30' x 80'

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

9/1/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

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  
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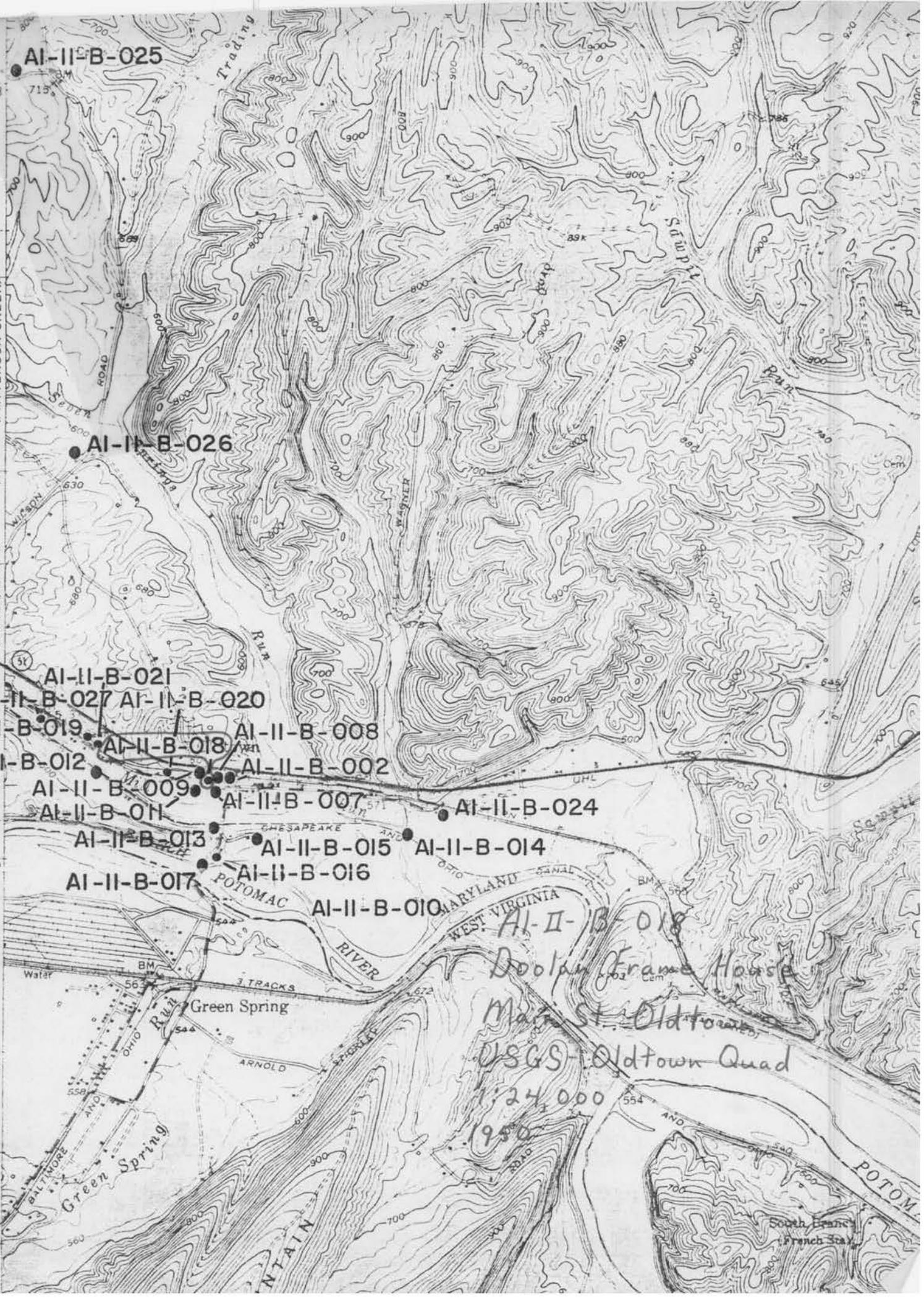
Main St. Oldtown

USGS - Oldtown Quad

1:24,000

1950

5263 1/2 MI (PATTERSON CREEK)  
CUMBERLAND 14 MI  
SPRING GAP 3 1/2 MI  
32°30'  
4370  
4378  
20,000 FEET  
KEY 16 MI  
281.64 MI





Doolan Framing House

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Main St. at Grass Spring Rd.  
Oldtown

John E. Nelson

8/4/76

~~sketch west~~ east  
north



Doonan Farms, House

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Main St. at Greensprings Rd.

Oldtown

John E. Nelson

8/4/76

~~north west~~ south east west