

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

DRAFT--WHISKEY BUNKER

ADDENDUM TO 1979 SURVEY FORM

The Whiskey Bunker is a one-story stone structure with unusual characteristics. It was constructed in a manner to protect its warehouse item as shown by the fireproof steel doors and the small barred windows. It has a flat roof supported by steel beams. The complex also included an old house constructed of log ~~h~~^cited in the 1979 form but which is entirely overgrown. There is also the foundation of a large structure that appears to have been a manufacturing complex. All that remains of this complex are ~~some~~ foundation stone walls.

The Whiskey Bunker is located on the west side of Maryland Route 51, approximately 6 miles east of Old ⁽Town in Allegany County. The property is off a dirt lane that runs one-tenth of a mile off Route 51. The bunker sits on a slight rise and the manufacturing building was built into a slope to create ~~some~~ terraced levels within the structure. The log house sat to the north of both buildings ~~down~~ in a little valley along Purslane Run.

The Whiskey Bunker is a one-story structure constructed of stone. Its main facade faces west and has a single opening--a double-door entrance. The doors are two-inches thick and constructed of steel. The only ornamentation in the structure is an unusual pediment that was created by the positioning of three whiskey bottles in a triangle above the door set into mortar in the stone work. On the north and south facade are three small windows with iron bars and a metal casement window frame. The building has a rectangular plan that is roughly thirty by thirty-six feet. The

interior of the structure is open with no partitions and has ~~no~~ I-
~~beam~~ beam joists supporting the flat roof. The east side of the
structure is unfenestrated.

The ruins of what appears to have been a manufacturing
plant are located just west of the Whiskey Bunker. The
manufacturing plant was a large structure that was roughly sixty
feet by eighty feet in dimensions. It was built into a sharply
sloping hillside and had a major terraced level at the east end
of the building. This terraced level had a platform that over-
looked the interior of the structure. At the south ^{side} ~~facade~~ of the
east facade was a row of ^{twelve concrete supports} ~~twelve concrete supports~~ placed about three-foot, nine-
inches on center, ~~in a row of twelve~~. On the west side of the
structure was a small set of rooms that were partitioned in a
stone work. ~~the concrete supports were not there~~
Without further knowledge of how the complex was used, it is
difficult to decipher what the interior arrangement was from the
ruins.

Very little remains from the old log house sited in the
1979 survey form. Parts of a stone foundation wall are the only
visible sign of the house.

Statement of Significance: It is an enigma that a complex
that appears to have been as extensive as it was has little oral
tradition in the area. The ruins indicate that whatever existed
here was a large scale operation. ^{The} ~~The~~ 1979 survey form ~~references~~
makes obscure references to the whiskey industry prior to ^{and} ~~and~~ during
prohibition. The rangers at Greenridge State Forest have heard
of the plate being used to manufacture "apple-jack" but do not

Draft--Whiskey Bunker
Addendum to 1979 Survey Form

know of anyone locally who could provide more information about
this site.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Whiskey Bunker

2. Location

west side of street & number Md. Rt. 51, 6 miles east of Oldtown not for publication

city, town Oldtown vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Allegany

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>none</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Natural Resources

street & number Texas State Office Bldg telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town Amoxolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Court House liber

street & number Washington Street folio

city, town Lumbard state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title DNR Survey

date February 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources

city, town Amoxolis state MD

8. Significance

Survey No. AL-II-B-128

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AL-1-B-125

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name St. Johns

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C

Zone	Easting			Northing							

E

Zone	Easting			Northing							

G

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

D

Zone	Easting			Northing							

F

Zone	Easting			Northing							

H

Zone	Easting			Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Getty

organization Dept. of Natural Resources date February 1984

street & number Towers State Office Bldg telephone 264-3771

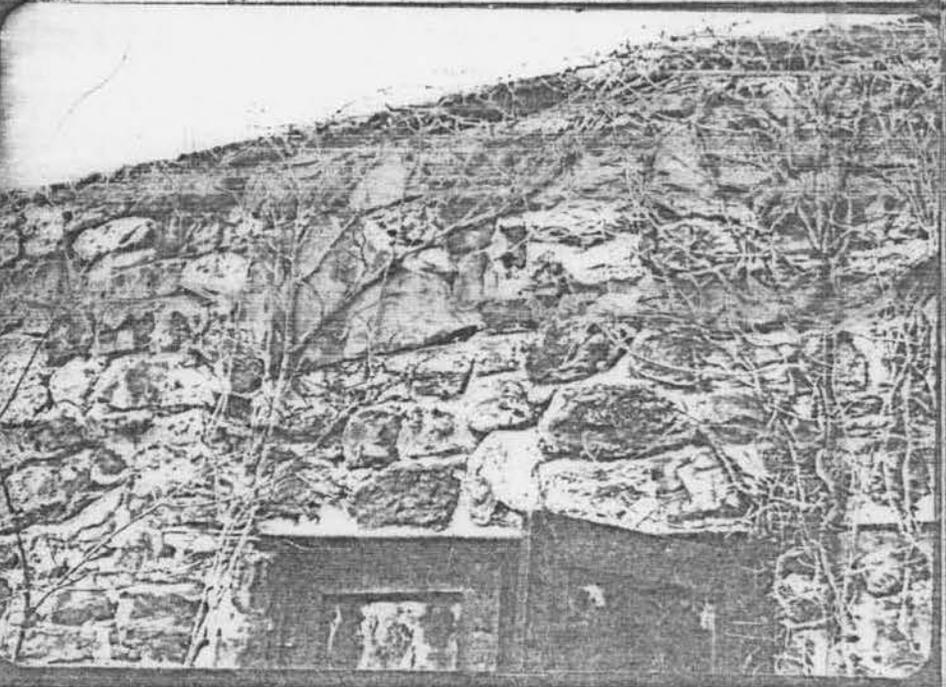
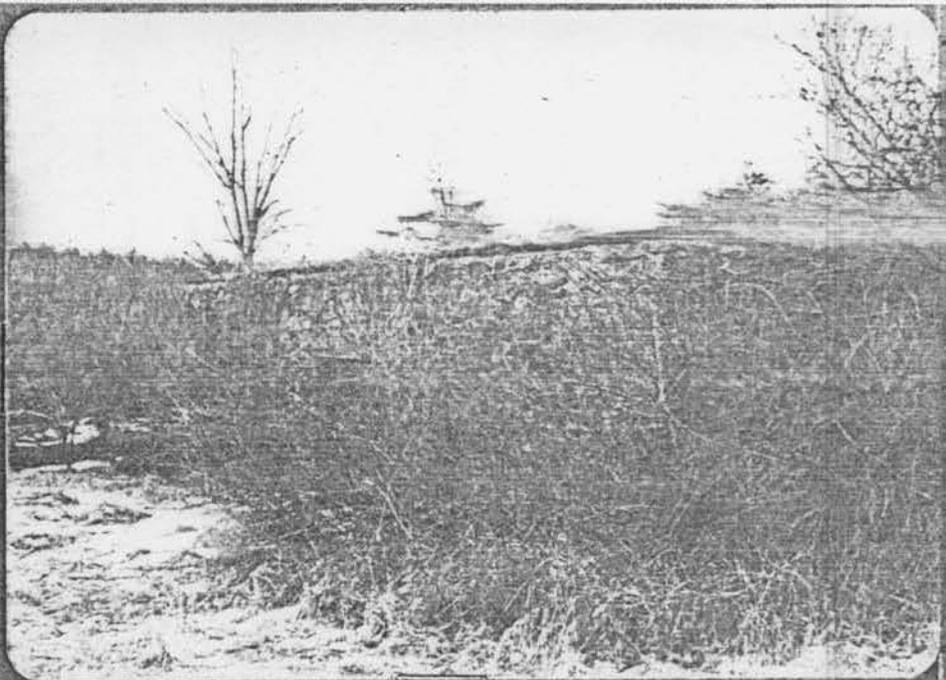
city or town Annapolis state MD

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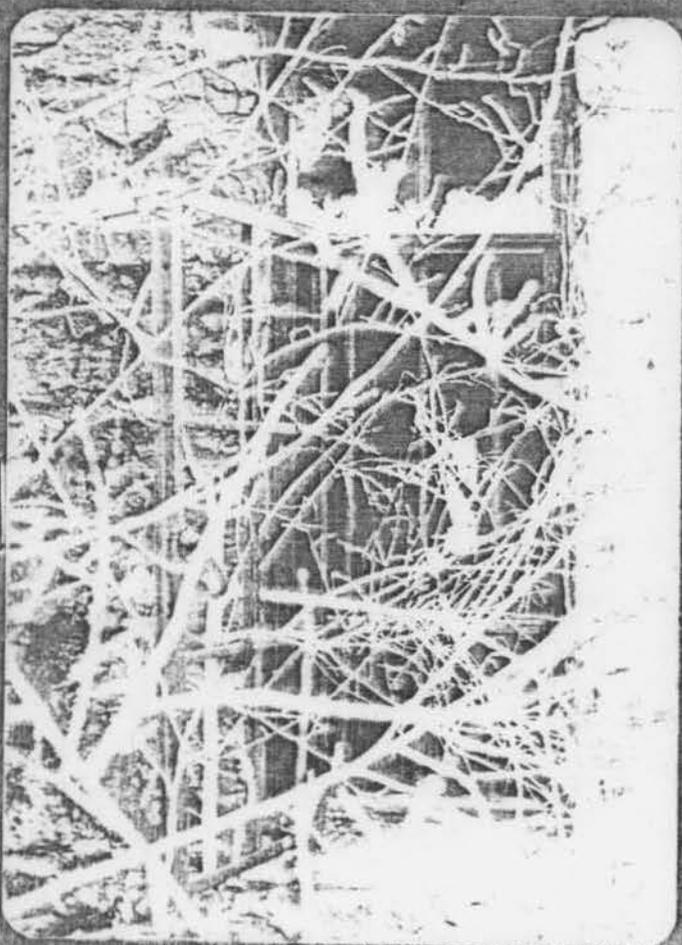
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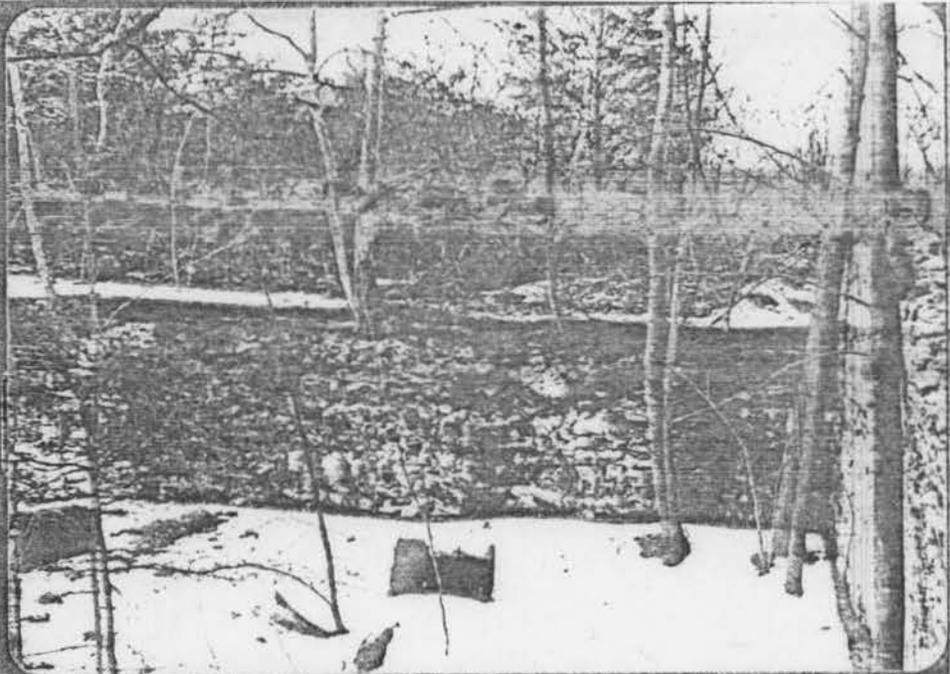
NK-II-B-128 - whiskey Bunker
top - West & South Facade
center - South Facade
bottom - Bottle Pediment



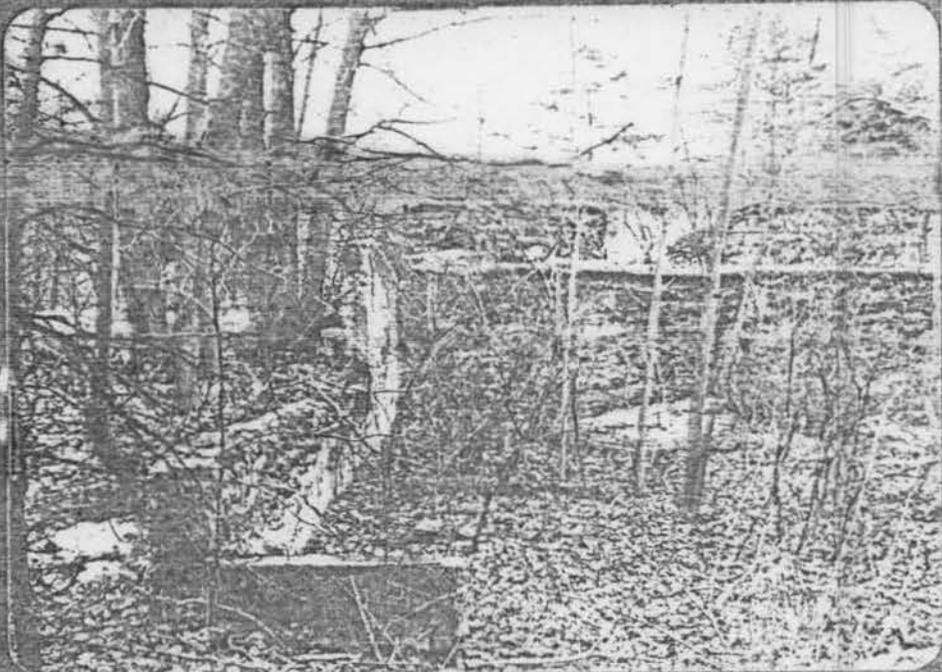
AL- II- B- 128 Whiskey Bunker
top - Bottle Detail
bot. left Window Detail
bot. right. Entrance



At-II - B-128 Whiskey Bunker
top Bldg Ruins - SE corner
center " " East wall of terrace
bottom " " Concrete supports



AL-II-B-126 whiskey bunker
top - Bldg Rems North Wall
bottom " " West End Section



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-II-B-128
 GREENRIDGE STATE FORES
 U.S.G.S. OLDTOWN QUAD
 DNR #: NONE

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Whiskey Bunker and old house foundations

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland Route 51, Green Ridge State Forest

CITY, TOWN

6 mi. east of Oldtown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

24

COUNTY

Allegany

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

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

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

All that remains of this whiskey bunker on State Route 51 is a set of stone walls with some concrete work. The top of the one story building is flat and apparently of reinforced concrete. The structure is surrounded and overgrown with brush and vines.

The building has steel doors. Inside, it has a concrete floor and some metal posts and racks.

A short distance north of the bunker are the overgrown foundations of an old log house which had burned some years ago.

Although no other buildings remain, the "oldtown" USGS quad sheet, dated 1950, does indicate that a sizable group of buildings was present. The complex was surrounded by an area of orchard.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone flat roofed building with steel doors is said to have been a whiskey bunker built during the 1920s and used to store quantities of liquor just prior to the period of Prohibition. The log house ruins are not dated and could not be examined more fully at the time of the Survey visit in August because of dense vegetation over the foundations. The historic potential of this property lies in its relationship to the whiskey industry prior to and during Prohibition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

(301) 432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

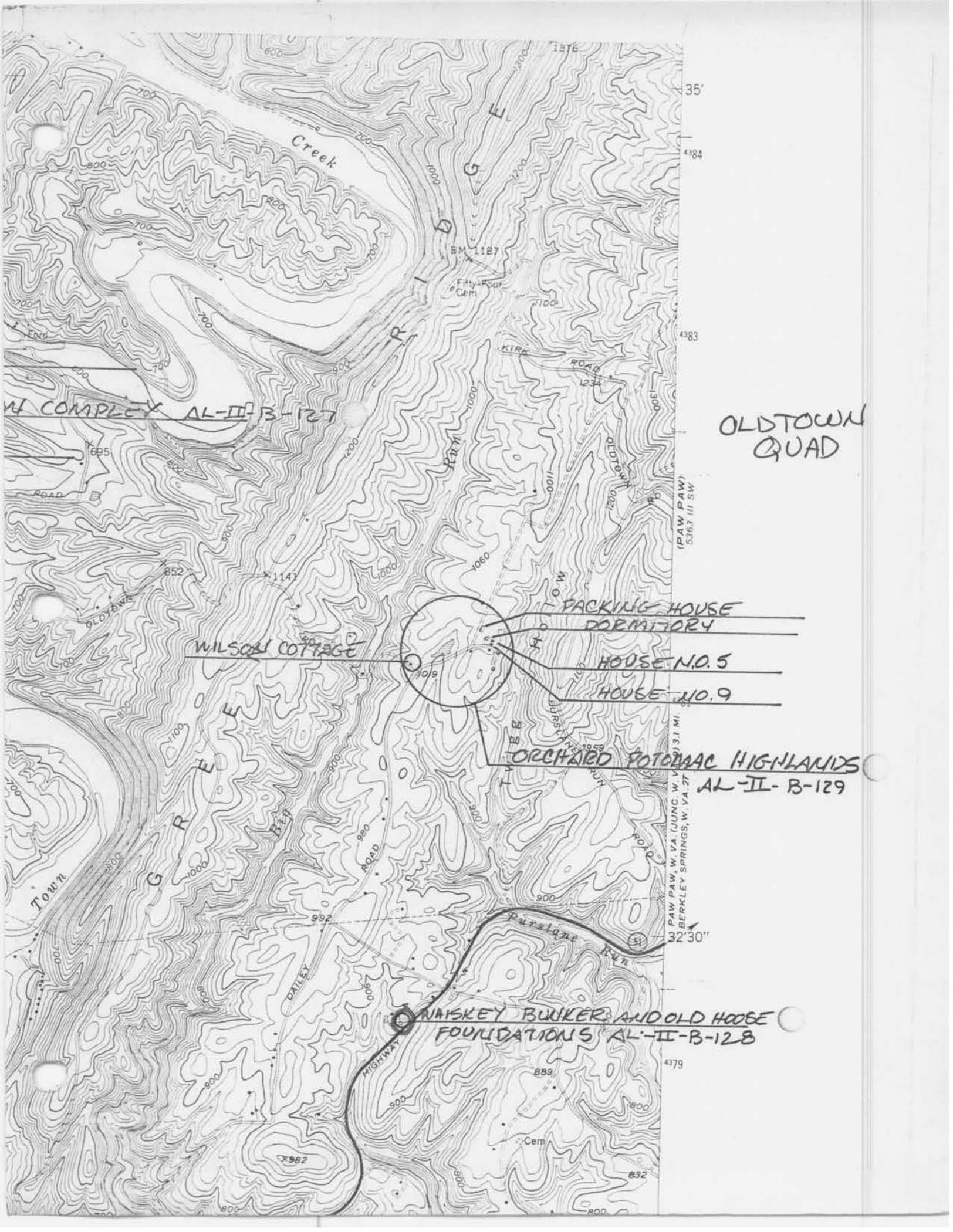
STATE

Maryland 21782

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35'

4384

4383

OLDTOWN
QUAD

(PAW PAW)
5363 III SW

WILSON COTTAGE AL-II-B-127

PACKING HOUSE
DORMITORY

HOUSE NO. 5

HOUSE NO. 9

ORCHARD POTOMAC HIGHLANDS

AL-II-B-129

WHISKEY BUNKER AND OLD HOUSE
FOUNDATIONS AL-II-B-128

PAW PAW, W. VA. (JUNC. W. V. 3.1 MI.
BERKLEY SPRINGS, W. VA. 27

32'30"

4379



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A-10

Green Ridge St. Forest

Whiskey bunker

N.E. View

August, 1978

DNR Survey

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