

READ HOUSE

AL-III-C-029

Corner of Williams and Messick Roads  
ca. 1850

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Read Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Williams & Messick Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

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

William & Violet Popp

Telephone #: 04-5842

STREET & NUMBER

Box 391, Route 2, Williams Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 158

Folio #: 467

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Reed Brick House is located on the corner of Williams and Messick Road southeast of Cumberland, Allegany County.

The Reed House is a "T" shaped structure. The main block is two stories tall and three bays wide. A rear wing also two stories tall, abuts the main block on the southwest side. The entire building is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond and supported by a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled, includes a soffit, and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sashes with a combination of two over two and four over four lights. All windows are topped by flat structural arches. Single bay entrance porch with a pedimented gabled roof supported by Doric columns covers the main entrance. The entrance itself is a verticle paneled door with original hardware. A rear second story porch has been enclosed and covered with asphalt shingles, and a second shed roofed porch was added in the present century. Small circular ventilators are located in the gable ends. The house has two original brick chimneys also located in the gable ends of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Read House was constructed in approximately 1845 for Nelson C. Read of Cumberland. Read had purchased the land on which the house sits for \$300.00 from William L. Lamar. The house is typical of a rural brick dwelling built prior to the Civil War. A similar house is located nearby which Read had built for his son. Both houses have the spare lines of rural brick architecture common in the county prior to the Civil War. Of special interest are the main doors on both houses which have pointed Gothic panels indicating the growing interest in the Gothic Revival.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Read Brick House  
AL-III-C-029

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 158, Folio 467  
grantee: William M. Popp, et. ux.  
grantor: Edward J. Ryann, Assignee  
June 28, 1928  
Consideration: \$6,350.00

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 109, Folio 573  
grantee: James A. Messick  
grantor: Isaac Hirsch, et. al.  
March 29, 1912

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 109, Folio 535  
grantee: Isaac Hirsch  
grantor: Helen H. L. Read  
March 5, 1912

Allegheny County Deed, Liber EE, Folio 109  
grantee: Nelson C. Read  
grantor: William L. Lamar  
February 20, 1845  
Consideration: \$300.00

INVENTORY NO. AL-III-e-029

158/467

DATE: 10/13/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Rssd Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Corner of Williams + Messick Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: north east

NAME OF OWNER: Wm + Violet Popp PA4-5842

ADDRESS: Box 391 Rt. 2 Williams Rd.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

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 asphalt shingles on enclosed 2nd story porch

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(  ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(  ) 4/4  
pegged (  ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 main facade  
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, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(  ) hip( ) gable( )

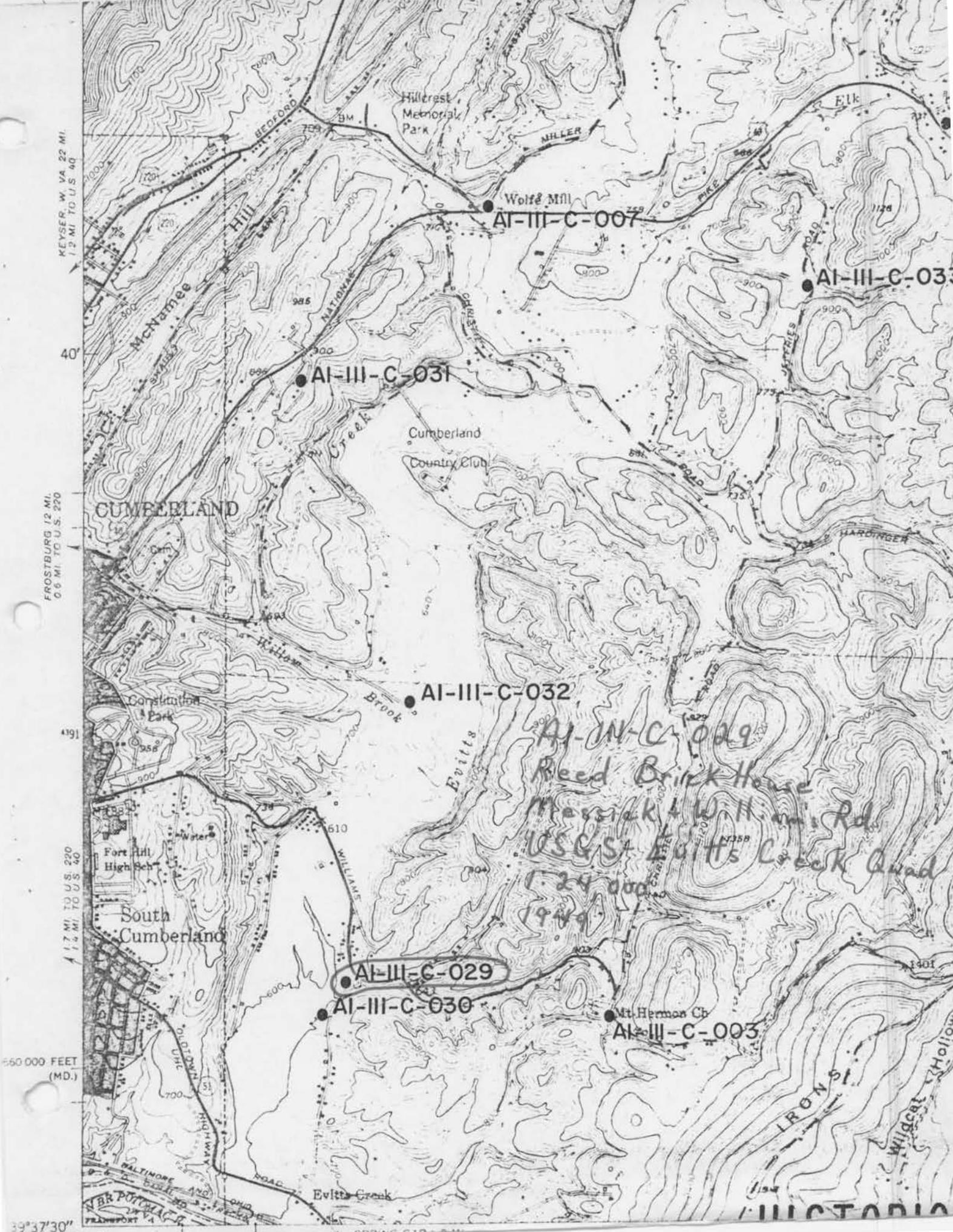
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(  ) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original(  ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(  )

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

COMMENTS:

Use - residence  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - CA 1850  
Condition -

DR. Rssd = original owner 10 rms. - brick interior walls  
raised grain for CTO canal moles



KEYSER, W. VA. 22 MI.  
1.2 MI. TO U.S. 40

FROSTBURG 12 MI.  
0.6 MI. TO U.S. 220

1.7 MI. TO U.S. 220  
1.4 MI. TO U.S. 40

560 000 FEET  
(MD.)

39°37'30"

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AI-III-C-031

AI-III-C-032

AI-III-C-029

AI-III-C-029

AI-III-C-030

AI-III-C-003

Reed Brick House  
Messick & Williams Rd.  
USGS - Evitts Creek Quad  
1:24,000  
1949

CUMBERLAND

South  
Cumberland

WILCAT HOLLOW

WILCAT HOLLOW



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Russel Brick House

Corner of Williams + Messick Pds.

John Nelsen

10/13/76

Northwest



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Rsd Brick House

Cornsr @ Williams + Messick Rd.

John Nelson

10/13/76

Southwest