





View of Hess Stone House (Al-V-22).

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Coal Company House or Hess Stone House  
Eckhart

c. 1845

The Hess House was built in the first half of the 19th century by the Consolidation Coal Company. As such it is typical of the type of housing provided by the coal companies for their workers. Like other worker houses in the area it is a one and a half story square stone structure. The main entrance is located beneath a three bay porch on the main facade of the building. Early structures such as the Hess House eventually gave way to larger and more substantial dwellings in the peak period of the mines during the late 19th century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Coal Company House

AND/OR COMMON Hess Stone House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER North Side of Old Rt. 40, Above Intersection of Beer Alley; Eckhart *Or Porter St. Ext.*

CITY, TOWN Eckhart  VICINITY OF Sixth  
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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Carrie H. Hess Telephone #: 689-8647

STREET & NUMBER Rt. # 2 Box 19

CITY, TOWN Frostburg  VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 444  
 Folio #: 269

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

**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 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**

The Hess old stone house is located along old Route 40 in Eckhart, Allegany County on the north side of the road near the intersection of Porter Street, West of the Wolford house.

The house is a one and a half story, three bay wide square shaped facade. A proportionally large rectangular wing abuts the main block on the rear northern side and it is a new addition as evidenced by the cement block foundation. The building is constructed of stone with rubble bond and is supported by a similarly constructed stone foundation with no water table. The roof of the house is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt materials. Windows in the structure include double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one, two-over-two, and six-over-six lights. A flat stone pediment is found over all windows in the stone portion of the building while the newer wing windows are plain. The main entrance is found on the front, southern face and is recessed and exhibits replaced door and hardware. A three bay end porch with shed roof supported by square wooden columns covers the main entrance and is a recent addition. One corbeled brick chimney, which is original is located to the interior of the structure.

The stone house is structurally sound, and retains much of its original fabric.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1830-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Hess old stone house was built between 1830 and 1850 by the Consolidation Coal Company. The structure is another house built for the workers in the nearby mines, and provided a means of affordable and adequate housing. The Eckhart mining community was very prosperous during its time, and the peak of production came during the late 1800's. These earlier structures, although somewhat small and crude, gave way to the larger and more stylish company houses of the peak production era.

The presence of this and other company houses certainly enhances the cultural mining heritage of Allegany County.

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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 Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Third Lot West from intersection of Porter St. & Old Rt. 40; Eckhart  
Approx; Lines North & South 190' & 210' Lines East & West 105' & 60'

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	DATE 5/25/76
STREET & NUMBER	10 Park Lane	TELEPHONE 689-8486
CITY OR TOWN	Frostburg	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

Old Company Stone House - Hess  
Along Old Rt. 40 - near intersection of Porter Street

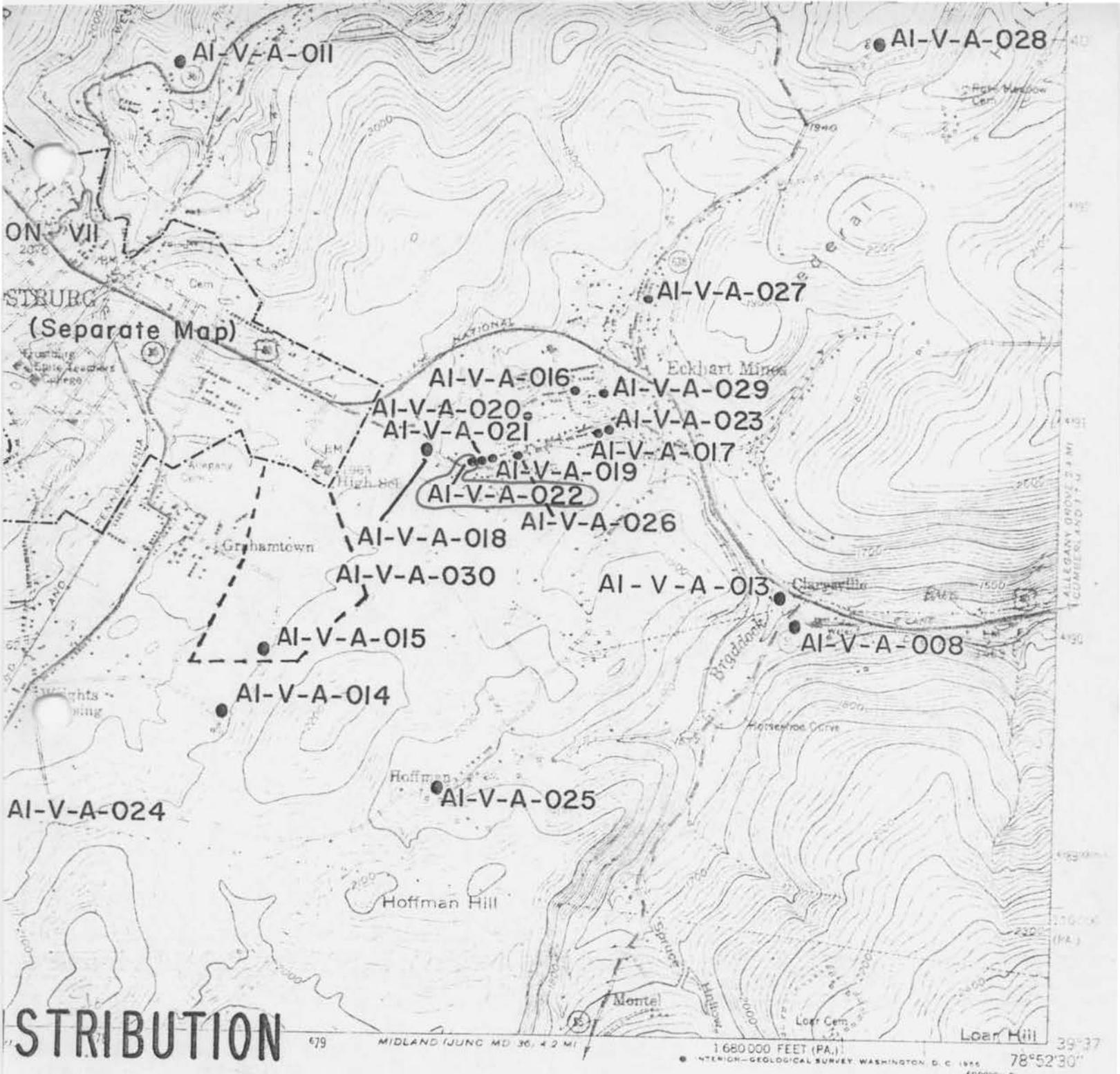
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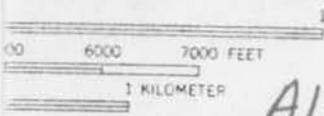
Allegany County - Deed - Liber 444, Folio 269  
grantee: Carrie Hess  
grantor: Maryland Coal & Realty Company  
March 12, 1971

Allegany County - Deed - Liber 215, Folio 705  
grantee: MD Coal & Realty Company  
grantor: Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company  
July 7, 1947

Consolidation Coal Company - original owner



# DISTRIBUTION



● = SITE LOCATION

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*Hess Stone House*  
*Old Rt. 40 - Eckhart*

### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light duty

Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.  
 NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3937 5-W7852 5/7.5

STANDARDS  
 STON, D. C. 20242  
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

*USGS - Frostburg Quad*  
*1:24,000*  
*1949*

1949

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Old Rt. 40

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