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Old Porter Farm  
Eckhart

c. 1840

The Porter Farm House was built in the first half of the 19th century. It is built in the "salt box" style and is covered by clapboards. The windows are two-over-two and six-over-six lights with plain trim. A three bay end porch with shed roof covers the main entrance and the roof is presently supported by locust poles. The main entrance features the original verticle paneled door and hardware.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Porter Farm House

and/or common Porter Farm

### 2. Location

street & number Along Rt. 638, 1 mi. North of intersection with Rt. 40; ~~not for publication~~

Eckhart

city, town Eckhart  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Allegany

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	Old Farm House not in use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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	<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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Marshall R. Porter

street & number Rt. #2 Box 170 telephone no.: 689-8717

city, town Frostburg Maryland state and zip code 21532

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse liber #: 153

street & number 30 Washington Street folio #: 682

city, town Cumberland state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Porter farmhouse is located on the east side of Route 638 and north of Cemetery Road to the north of Eckhart. The two-story log house is situated along the southern side of a bowl-shaped meadow which drains to the northeast.

The two-story log structure rests on a stone foundation. The three-bay facade faces south. A porch covers the facade, and a vertical-plank shed-roofed addition covers the rear. The main structure is covered by a metal-clad gable roof. An interior brick stove-flue chimney at the west end may replace an earlier chimney occupying this position.

The facade includes a central entrance. Doors are located on either floor level on the west end. The first floor doorway appears to have been cut in later, and may have originated as a window. The second floor doorway includes apparently original moldings.

Double-hung 6/6 sash windows framed with a quirk ogee/astragal molding light the facade. A small square window lacking its sash appears east of center on the second floor of the facade. Two windows, now boarded up, are located on the rear of the shed addition.

Plain lapped weatherboards cover the entire house. The V-notched logs are exposed and whitewashed under the porch.

The interior consists of a hall and parlor floor plan with a beaded board partition wall. A boxed stair occupies the northwest corner. Beaded chair rails and baseboards appear on both floor levels. A simple mantel stored on the second floor includes a molding matching those on the architraves.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AL-V-A-028

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Early to mid 19th century **Builder/Architect**

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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.

The old Porter farmhouse was built in the early to mid nineteenth century as a residence for the Porter family. The Porter name is one of several early settler names to have moved into Western Maryland, and this frame house is associated with one of the early Porter land claims. The Porter family has always owned the land and a more modern one-and-a-half story farmhouse now is used as the family residence.

Although this property is believed to have been owned by the Porters in the early 19th century, the title search is blocked by mid 19th century New York Mining Company ownership. The house appears to have been constructed in the first half of the 19th century.

The size of the building and the hall and parlor floor plan is typical of early buildings in George's Creek, such as the Thomas Wright Farm (AL-VI-B-036). A significant early feature is the sparse fenestration of the second floor. On the facade, a single small window is placed off center.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AL-V-A-028

Allegheny County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx 50 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Between the fork in the road State Rt 638, and County Cemetary Rd.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Architectoral Description: Merry Stinson, 1982.  
Historical Research: John E. Nelson, 1976.

organization MHT/Md. Bureau of Mines date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number 21 State Circle telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Annapolis state Maryland

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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  
 Shaw House  
 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Porter Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

Porter Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Along Rt. 638, 1 mi. North of intersection with Rt. 40; Eckhart

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

Old Farm House not in use

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Marshall R. Porter

Telephone #: 689-8717

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. # 2 Box 170

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 153

Folio #: 682

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**

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 old Porter Farm house is located along Route 638, Parkersburg Road in Eckhart, Allegany County on the east side of the road at the intersection of Cemetery Road.

The old house consists of a two story, three bay wide square shaped facade. The house is a frame structure that is covered with clapboards, and is supported by a crude stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled with simple rafter ends and is covered with replaced tin materials. The windows in the house include double hung wooden sash frames with two-over-two and six-over-six lights and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the southeastern face and features the original verticle paneled door and hardware. A three bay end porch with shed roof, covers the main entrance and the roof is presently supported by locust poles. No evidence of any chimneys can be found on the roof, however the roof has been recovered and the original chimneys were most likely from pot belly stoves and made of metal materials.

The old farm house is badly deteriorated and practically in the state of ruins, however it is still used for the storage of farm tools.

**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		
<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 Early to mid 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The old Porter farm house was built in the early to mid nineteenth century as a residence for the Porter family. The Porter name is one of the several early settler names to have moved into Western Maryland, and this frame house is a symbol of one of the early Porter land claims. The Porter family has always owned the land and presently a more modern one and a half story farm house now is used as the family residence.

Although the old farm house is now in ruins it remains a cultural reminder of the early settlers and farmers of Allegany County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY            Approx 50 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Between the fork in the road State Rt 638, and County Cemetary Rd.

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

5/27/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-028

Liber - 153

Folio - 652

DATE: 5/21/76

REASONING: Drastic, moderate, minor No Longer in Use

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Porter Farm house

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Along Rt 638 1 Mile North of Rt 40 Intersection; Eckhart

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South east

NAME OF OWNER: Marshall R. Porter 689-8717

ADDRESS: Rt #2 Box 170  
Frostburg, Maryland 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: None

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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS Plain

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( )  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South east  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSCOM, 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, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, (tin) asphalt original( ) replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

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

COMMENTS:  
Use - Formerly Residence - Tool Storage  
Significance - Arch.  
Date Constructed - Mid 18<sup>th</sup> - Early 19<sup>th</sup>  
Condition - Ruins

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?  
Rooms on one side only? How many?  
Is stair in through hall?  
Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing  
How many? Curved.  
If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition  
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

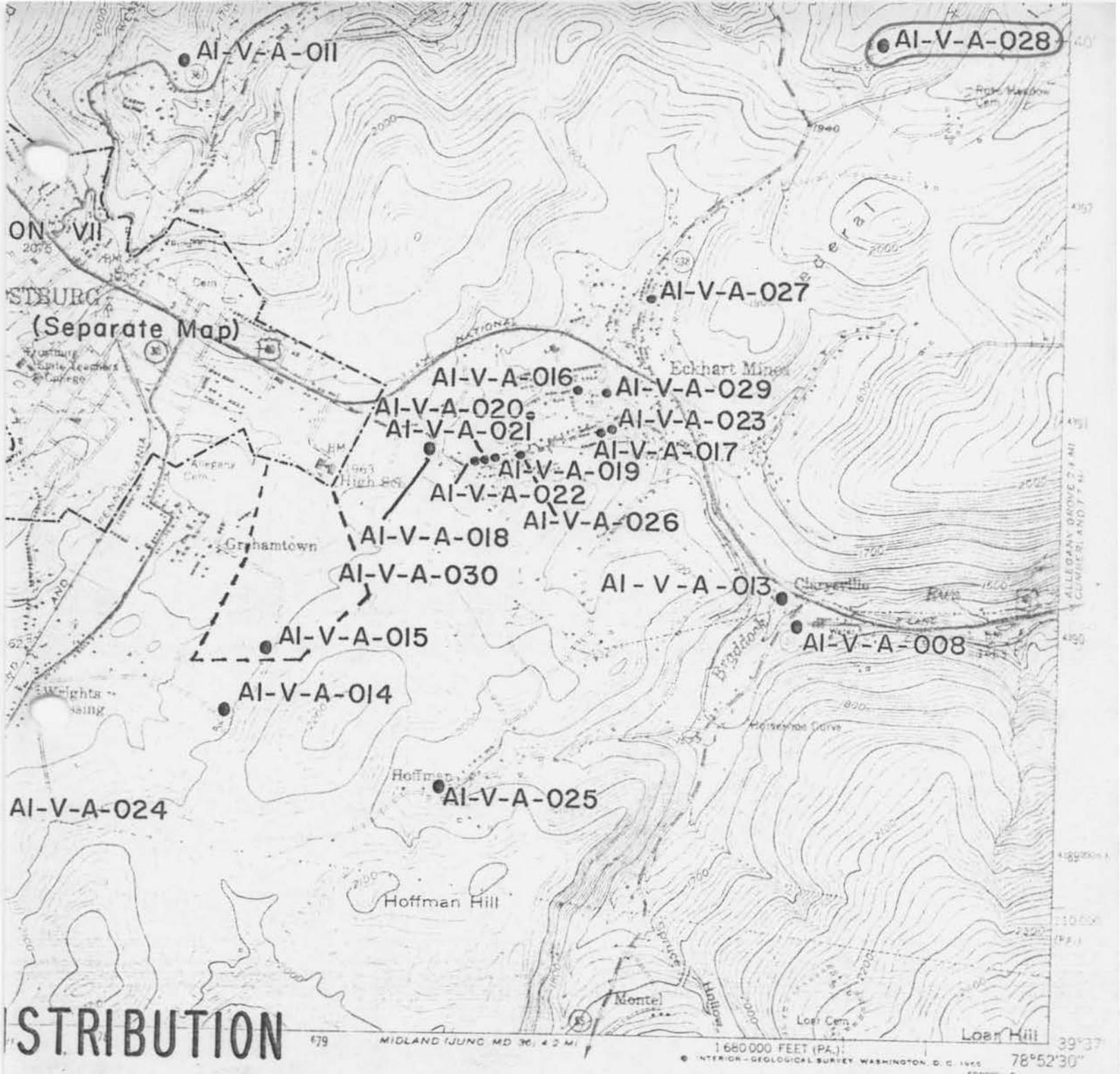
3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in  
corner?  
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color? ), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of  
applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical,  
horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded;  
pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very  
large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal  
dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any  
of the above?

6. Note presence of heads (if any) on any wooden casings perceived.



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AI-V-A-017

AI-V-A-019

AI-V-A-022

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AI-V-A-013

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AI-V-A-008

AI-V-A-014

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# DISTRIBUTION

● = SITE LOCATION

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Porter Farm

Parkersburg Rd. - Eckhart

USGS - Frostburg - Quad

1:24,000

1949

## 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

1949

AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V833

STANDARDS  
 STON, D. C. 20242  
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Parkersburg Rd

Eckhart

John E. Nelson

5/21/76

Northeast



Old Porter Farm

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Parkersburg Rd

Eckhart

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Southwest



Porter Log

FIGURE 1

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old Porter Farm

Parkersburg Rd, Eckhart

John E. Nelson

5/21/76

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Old Porter Farmhouse  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 1/81  
S elev.



AL-V-A-028  
Old Porter Farmhouse  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 1/81  
Detail: S elev.



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OLD PORTER FARMHOUSE

1/81 - David Dorsey

FIGURE 7



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Old Porter Farmhouse  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 1/81  
N elev.



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Old Porter Farmhouse  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 1/81  
Detail: S elev.