

CLARK FRAME HOUSE

AL-V-A-052  
George Street, Shaft  
ca. 1850

The Clark Frame House is a two story, four bay wide, frame structure that has been covered with asbestos shingles. The house is one of a number of "company" houses built by the Borden Mining Company in the mid 19th century. Similar to other towns and villages in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was a company town. However, unlike the other villages, the actual mine which supported growth was the only "shaft" mine in the George's Creek Valley. The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846 and soon after this date began construction of houses to serve as dwellings for the miners.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-V-A-052

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Clark Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

George's Street

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph/Jane Clark

Telephone #: 689-8966

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1 Frostburg

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 353

Folio #: 54

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AZ-V-A-052

**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 Clark Frame House is located on George Street in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Clark House is a two story, four bay wide frame structure that has been covered with asbestos shingles. A large gable roofed addition abuts the main block on the west side. The building rests on a low stone foundation and has a beveled cement water table. The roof is gabled and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights. Two entrances are located on the main facade and both the doors and the hardware have been replaced. A shed roofed one bay aluminum end porch covers each door while a second partially enclosed porch is located on the south side of the house. A single brick chimney is located in the interior of the house.

At the rear of the building is a small board and batten out-house with a lattice work screen in front of the door.

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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		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Borden Mining Company

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846<sup>1</sup> and operated the only shaft mine in the George's Creek area.<sup>2</sup> Like the other mining towns in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was primarily a company town. That is, the majority of buildings (homes, etc.) were constructed by the company although miners did have the opportunity to build their own homes if they desired.

Although the Clark Frame House has been altered somewhat, it is nevertheless typical of the type of home constructed by a coal company in the second half of the 19th century. It is an example of what was known as a "block" or a two family dwelling. "Blocks" were usually of frame construction and two stories high. The houses had three to four rooms and a shed kitchen for each family. Often a small garden was located along each side of the house. The cost of a typical block in the 1850's was about \$400.00 a piece.<sup>3</sup> They were rented to a miner for approximately \$3.50 per month or 12% of a miner's annual income in 1880.<sup>4</sup>

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- 1 Katherine A. Harvey, *The Best Dressed Miners*, (Ithaca, New York;1969) p.11  
 2 Ibid P. 221  
 3 Ibid P. 83  
 4 Ibid P.

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Harvey, Katherine A. The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, New York)  
Cornell University Press, 1969

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .56 acre

### 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

12/10/76

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.

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

INVENTORY NO. AI-V-A-052

353/54

~~180/420~~

DATE: 11/20

REMODELING: Drastic, ~~moderate~~, minor

.56 Acre ~~1.17 Acres~~

NAME OF PROPERTY: Blk Clark<sup>franz</sup> House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: George's Street, Shaft

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Joseph Clark 689-8966

ADDRESS: Rt 1

Shaft Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: gable roofed addition in rear

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
- ICG
- Other: Coverings Asbestos Shingles

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

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, REVELED, MOULDED BRICK cement

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced()  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards replaced

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( ) CORBELLED( ) original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

Use - misses home  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - 1868 Borden Mining Co.  
Condition - fair

Jrm. Switzer

Clark Frame House  
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2 miles west of Rt. 30  
George's St. - Shaft  
Frostburg, MD. - PA.  
1:24,000

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SECTION VII  
FROSTBURG  
(Separate Map)

AI-V-A-039

AI-V-A-024

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# HISTORIC SITES DISTRIBUTION

SCALE 1:24,000



● = SITE





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Clark Frame House

Genevieve Street

Shaft

John Nelson

1/20/76

northwest



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Clark Frame House

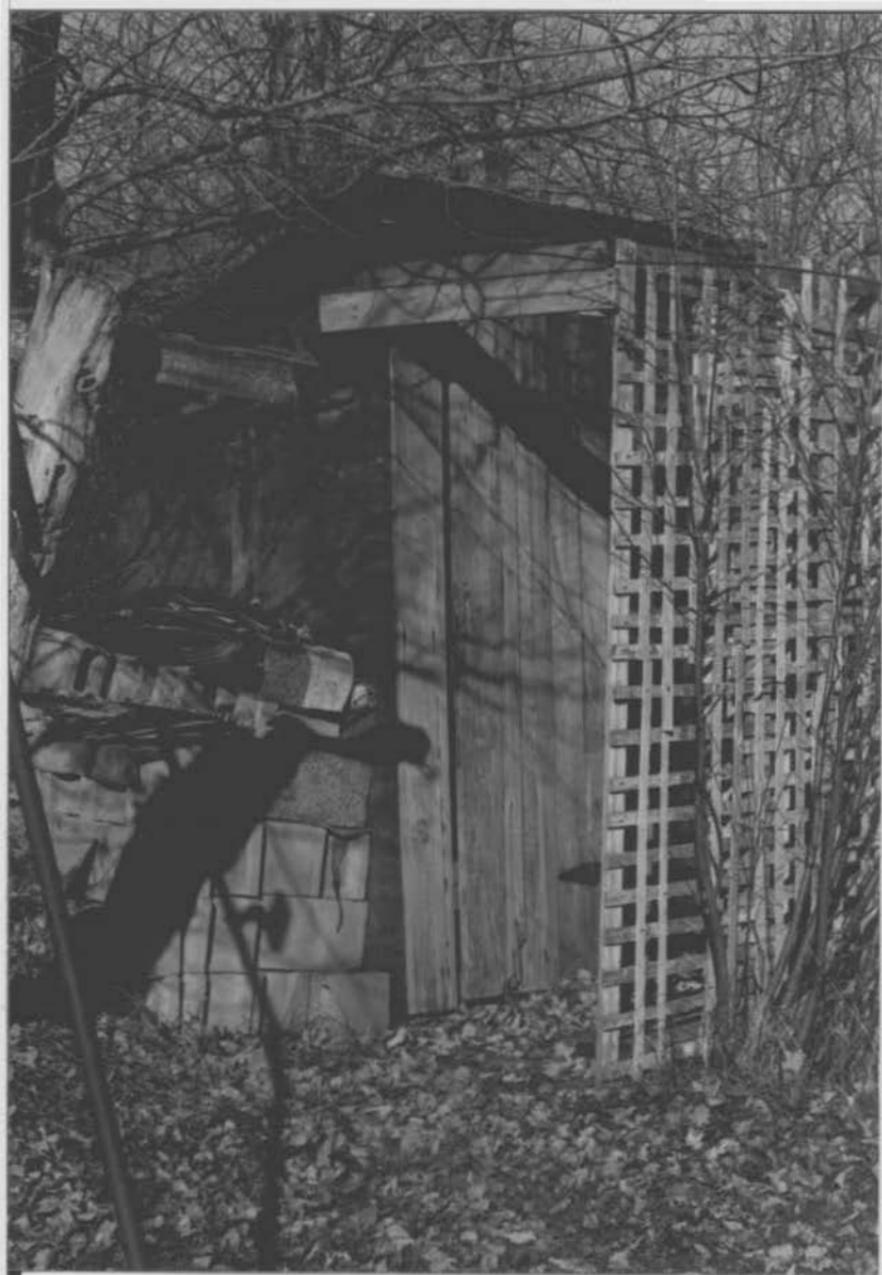
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East



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Clark Farms House / Outhouse

George Street

Shaft

John Nelson

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