

AL-V-A-057 Cordial Board and Batten House
Washington Hollow
Eckhart (Clarysville vicinity), Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

This building is no longer standing. It was a 1 1/2-story, five-bay frame house that may have been built c. 1840 by the Maryland Mining Company. As the building no longer exists this site is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
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Cordial Board and Batten House
Washington Hollow, Eckhart
ca. 1840

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cordial Board and Batten House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Hollow

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

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
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bernard Cordial

Telephone #: 463-2671

STREET & NUMBER

25 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Looncong

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 463

Folio #: 362

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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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input 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 Cordial Board and Batten House is located in Washington Hollow, Eckhart, Allegany County.

The Cordial House is a one and a half story, five bay wide frame structure. The building was constructed using a combination of board and battens and sawed planks which resemble log construction. The building rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a wide soffit and rafter ends and has been covered with asphalt roofing material. A shed roofed addition with a corogated metal roof abuts the main block on the southwest facade. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with a combination of two-over-two and six-over-six lights, small six light windows are located in the gable ends. Two main entrances are located on the northeast facade. They feature doors with four verticle panels and original hardware. A shed roofed porch supported by plain posts is located on the northeast facade. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the gable end of the interior of the addition respectively.

The Cordial House is in poor condition, but nevertheless remains a good example of the type of dwelling constructed for the miners by the mining companies operating in the Georges Creek Valley.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. A. 1840 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Maryland Mining Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cordial Board and Batten House is believed to have been constructed circa 1840 by the Maryland Mining Company. In Eckhart, as in other growing mining towns, the coal companies supplied most of the housing for mine employees.¹ As the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal approached Cumberland in the nineteenth century, an increase in production was anticipated and plans were made for additional mining houses.² The Maryland Mining Company developed the village of Eckhart, and by 1852 the town contained approximately seventy dwellings; among them was the Cordial Board and Batten house.³ In 1864 the Consolidation Coal Company bought out and assumed control of the older establishments and their housing facilities; among them were the holdings of the Maryland Company in Eckhart. Of particular interest in the Cordial house is the variety of means of construction. The central portions features stacked wooden beams with no notching, while the ends include board and batten and simple frame construction.

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1. Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners (Cornell University, 1969) p. 77
 2. Ibid p. 78
 3. Ibid p. 76

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Harvey A., Katherine. The Best Dressed Miners. Cornell University, 1969.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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 and Jaon Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/16/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

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777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

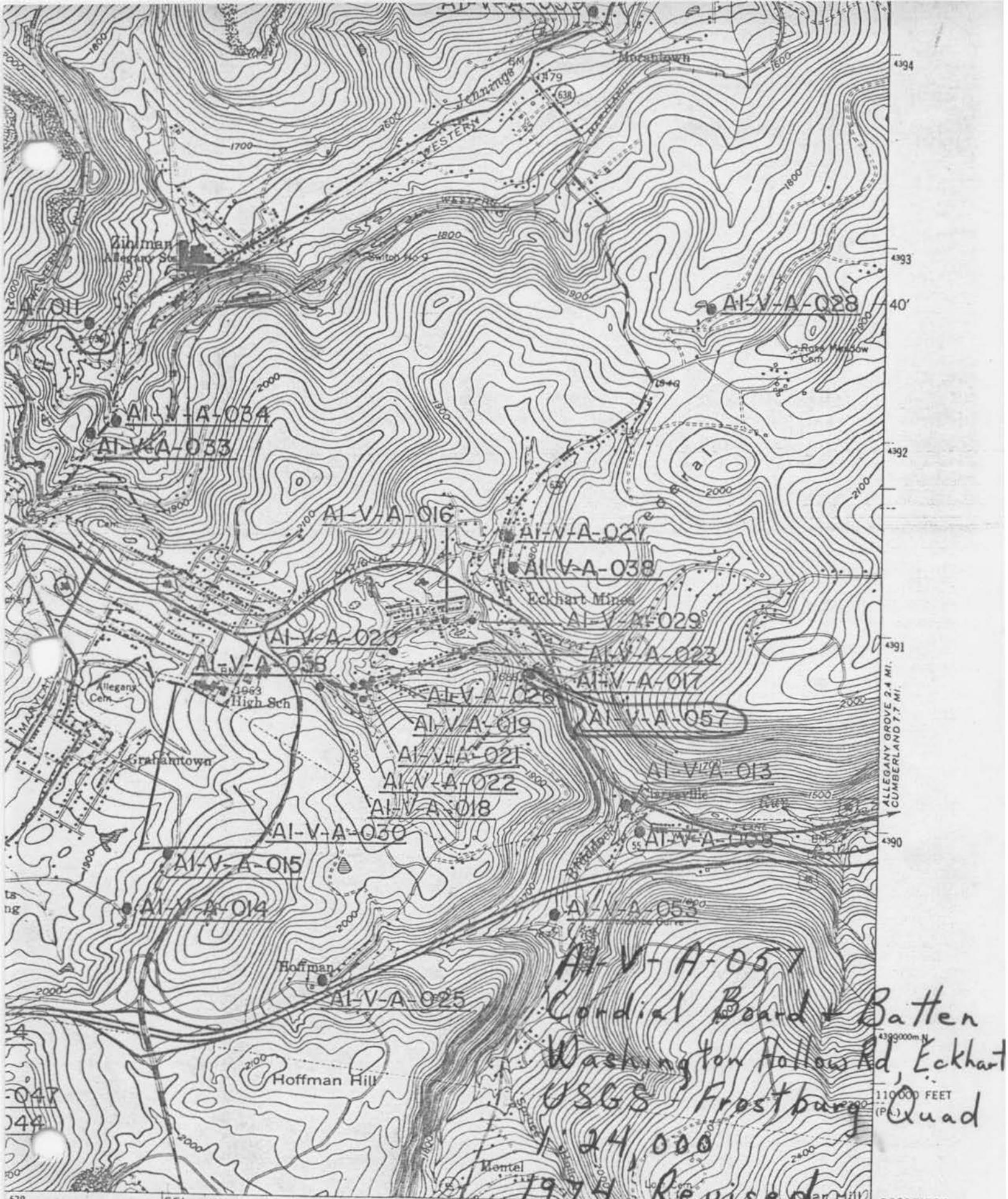
STATE

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.

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



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40'
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4391
ALLEGANY GROVE 2.4 MI.
CUMBERLAND 7.7 MI.
4390

Cordial Board + Batten
Washington Hollow Rd, Eckhart
USGS Frostburg Quad

1:24,000
1974 Revised

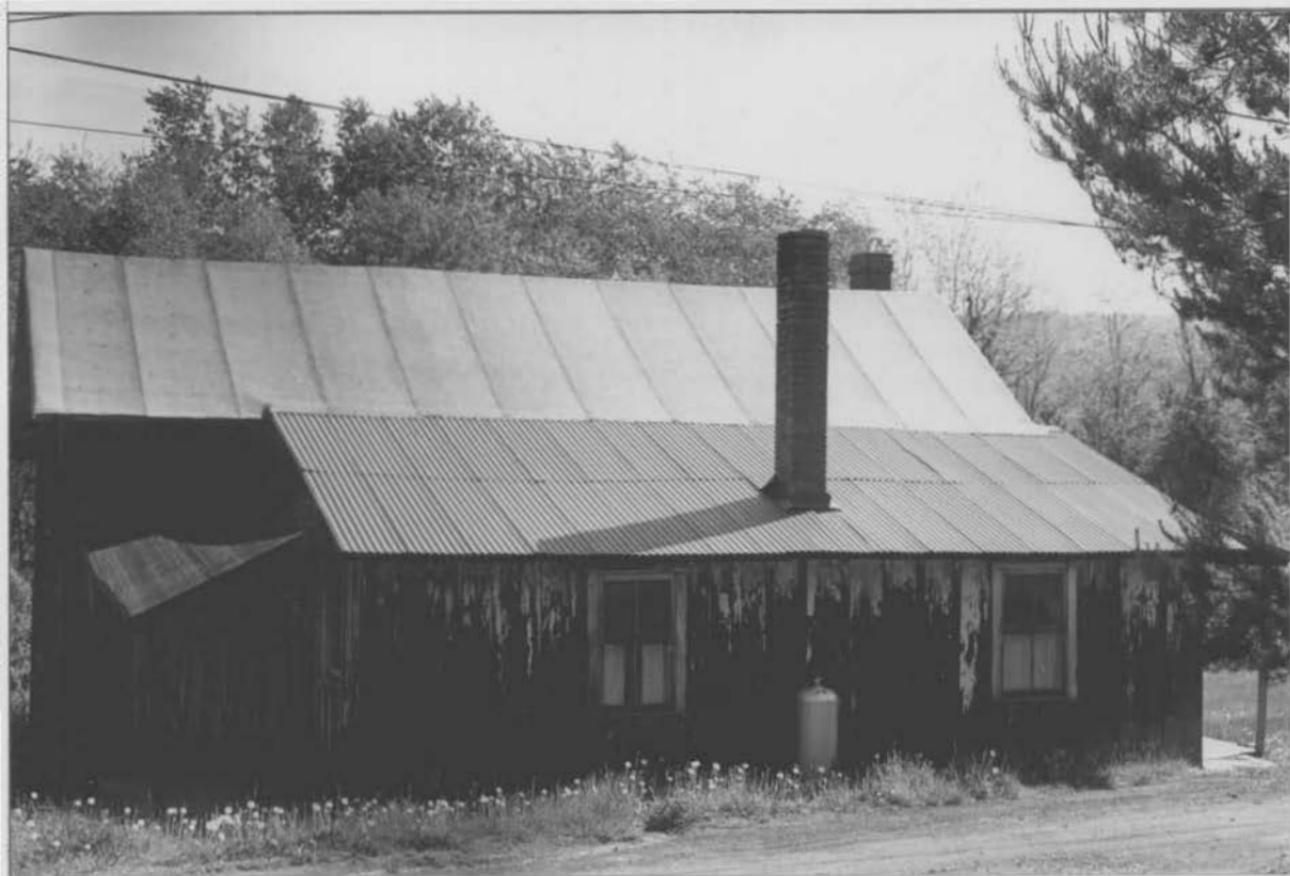


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Washington Hollow, Eckhart

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John E. Nelson
west



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Cordial Chapel & Baptist House
Washington Hollow, Eckhart

5/16/77

John E. Wilson

Northwest