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Bishields Store

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bishfield's Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Slabtown Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Slabtown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George Bishields

Telephone #: 264-3851

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland Zip code 21545

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 387

Folio #: 131

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE Maryland Zip code 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bishield's Store is located in Slabtown near Mount Savage.

The rectangular building is one and one-half stories tall and two bays wide. Wall construction is of brown brick laid in american common bond in a variation of five to one. It rests on a low brick foundation with no apparent water table. The building has a shed roof with close pent eaves.

The main entrance, offset on the southeast, and a side entrance on the southwest have doors of two panels and four lights. Entrances and first floor windows have segmental brick arches, scrolled tyrnpanum, and roll moulding. One over one light sash windows are nailed and have brick sills.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This store was built early in the twentieth century by Michael Bishields. (1) It is located in the mining village of Slabtown near Mount Savage. Each small town in the George's Creek mining region had "at least one store." (2)

By the turn of the century the unpopular company operated stores had disappeared and a number of miners and miners' sons had entered the professional class to take their place. (3) This particular business was most likely an "all-inclusive general store", but other members of the mining population were marketing "specialties." (4)

The small one and one-half story structure is unique in appearance. It is built of bricks of various hues of brown and has a sloping shed roof. First floor entrances and windows have segmental brick arches and sawed scrolled tympanum.

- (1) Interview with Mrs. Marianna Keene, Slabtown, Md. 3-4-80
- (2) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 84
- (3) Ibid, pp-85-86
- (4) Ibid

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16.2 acres

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

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

March 5, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Bashfield's store 264-3851

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Slabtown Call for info

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SE

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ 264-3943

ADDRESS: WILLIAM J. WINEBRENNER yellow brick  
110/605 MAP B pg 9  
RD 13 Rt. 1 Box 17 Mt Savage 21545

STORIES: 1( 1/2 ) 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. 5-1
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: offset SE of lights 2 panel  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards same as side door?

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: X (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, TAR PAPER Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Shed Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

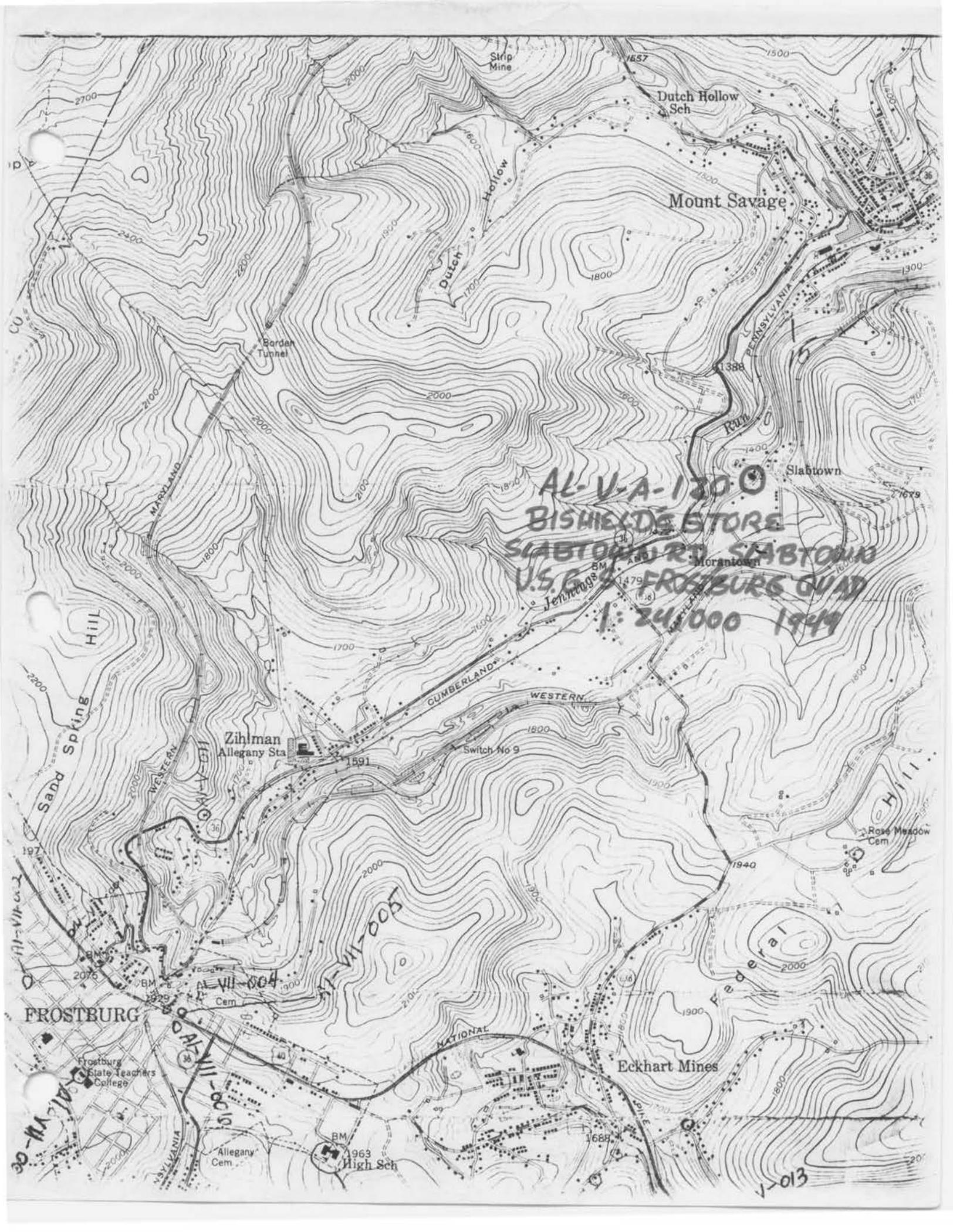
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - X shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Brick( X ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: Brick sills header deco panel

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_



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BISHIELD'S STORE  
SLABTOWN RD  
SLABTOWN  
U.S. R.  
FROSTBURG QUAD  
1:24,000 1949

Mount Savage

Dutch Hollow Sch

Borden Tunnel

Slabtown

Zihlman Allegany Sta

Eckhart Mines

FROSTBURG

Frostburg State Teachers College

1963 High Sch

Allegany Cem

Rose Meadow Cem

1013



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BISHIELD'S STORE  
SLABTOWN RD, SLABTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

12/1/78

North