

Pumpkin Hall
A1-V-A-127
Scotch Row, Zihlman
circa 1806

In 1806 Philip Hansell purchased a tract of land known as "Pumpkin Hall" on Jennings Run west of Cumberland. Hansell owned no other property in Allegany County and was listed in the 1800 census as an inhabitant of the Wills Town District so it is probable that this log house was built prior to 1806. In later years the tract was resurveyed and enlarged by mining companies which dominated the area during the latter half of the nineteenth century. The present owner acquired the property from the Consolidation Coal Company in 1928.

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pumpkin Hall

and/or common Kroll Log House

2. Location

street & number Scotch Row not for publication

city, town Zihlman vicinity of Sixth congressional district

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Earl E. Kroll

street & number Route 2 telephone no.: 689-8356

city, town Frostburg state and zip code Maryland 21532

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegheny County Courthouse liber 158

street & number 30 Washington Street folio 182

city, town Cumberland state Maryland 21501

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AL-V-A-127

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Pumpkin Hall is located several hundred yards northeast of Scotch Row in Zihlman. The two-story log building faces south.

This structure consists of two two-bay sections under a continuous gable roof. The two sections appear to represent two building periods. Both sections are of exposed, whitewashed and painted logs.

The western section is set back several feet on the facade, accommodating a porch. A shed-roofed frame kitchen addition abuts the west end of this section. All three sections rest on stone cellars which are semi-exposed on the facade. They are accessible under the porch.

The facade entrance appears in the western bay of the western section. A second entrance appears in the northern bay of the two bay east end. The rear of either section consists of one bay. Double-hung 6/6 sash windows light the first floor, while 2/2 sash windows light the second floor, except on the facade of the western section, where 6/3 windows appear. Plain flat boards form the architraves.

A central brick stove-flue chimney heats the house. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

No original woodwork survives on the interior. Each section includes a single room.

The gable ends of the structure are covered with wide weatherboards. The log walls are v-notched at the corners. At the rear of the house, a vertical straight joint between the two sections is visible.

A small springhouse appears to the east. It consists of a subterranean stone structure with a north-south gable roof. The eaves line is just above ground level. Stone steps descend to the partly-exposed north end.

A small frame bank barn on a stone foundation appears northeast of the house.

8. Significance

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 circa 1806 **Builder/Architect**

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.

Phillip Hansell bought this property in 1806 from Andrew Bruce, a prominent land owner who was engaged in much land speculation.¹

The tract named "Pumpkin Hall" appears on an 1874 abstract of military lots which were surveyed in 1787. Tracts of land which were occupied at the time of the survey were indicated and "Pumpkin Hall" appears at the location of the Kroll property on the maps.² Hansell was listed as an inhabitant of the Will's Town District of Allegany County in the census of 1800.⁴ In later years the tract was resurveyed and enlarged by mining companies which dominated the area during the latter half of the nineteenth century.³ The present owner acquired the property from the Consolidation Coal Company in 1928.⁵

This structure is the only log building in the George's Creek Valley which is whitewashed rather than covered with siding. This is an early method of finishing log buildings, mainly utilized until the building's occupant could afford siding. Such treatment is rarely seen today.

The building is also unusual for its two sections, each including a single room on either floor.

¹ Allegany County Land Records, Liber D, Folio 559
² Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Baltimore: Regional Printing Co.) p. 263 and enclosed map
³ Allegany County Land Records, Liber T, Folio 110 and Allegany County Surveyor's Index, Liber E. Folio 262
⁴ Second United States Census Allegany County Maryland
⁵ Allegany County Land Records, Liber 158, Folio 182

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Pumpkin Hall

AND/OR COMMON Kroll Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Scotch Row Sixth

CITY, TOWN Zihlman CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Earl E. Kroll Telephone #: 689-8356

STREET & NUMBER Route 2

CITY, TOWN Frostburg STATE, zip code Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 158

Folio #: 182

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <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 building consists of two log sections, each one and one-half stories tall and two bays wide, connected to form an "L". Walls are of rectangular logs joined with "V" notching. The chinking has been covered with cement and the whole building painted white. The log sections and a shed roofed board and batten addition on the south rest on separate high stone foundations of random rubble. A replaced corrugated tin roof covers the "L" shaped log portion of the building. This creates a wide overhang which is finished with logs over the southern part of the western facade. Eaves elsewhere consist of rafter ends. Two brick chimneys, one outside end and one in the center, have corbeled caps.

An entrance with a replaced nine light door is offset on the eastern facade. An entrance off set on the northern facade includes a four panel replaced door. An entrance on the west has been covered into a window. First floor windows are nailed six over six lights. Second floor windows are two over two lights with upper sashes larger than the lower sashes. Windows of the one story addition are two over two lights. A flat roofed porch on the east has a stone foundation. A smaller shed roofed addition abuts the board and batten addition on the east.

A large gable roofed barn of vertical planks rests on a high stone foundation of combined random ashlar and rubble. Other outbuildings include a granary and springhouse.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1806

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Phillip Hansell bought this property in 1806 from Andrew Bruce, a prominent land owner who was engaged in much land speculation. (1) It is probable that the log building was standing prior to this date because the tract named "Pumpkin Hall" appears on an 1874 abstract of military lots which were surveyed in 1787. Tracts of land which were occupied at the time of the survey were indicated and "Pumpkin Hall" appears at the location of the Kroll property on the maps. (2) Hansell was listed as an inhabitant of the Will's Town District of Allegany County in the census of 1800. (4) In later years the tract was resurveyed and enlarged by mining companies which dominated the area during the latter half of the nineteenth century. (3) The present owner acquired the property from the Consolidation Coal Company in 1928. (5)

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- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber D, Folio 559
- (2) Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Baltimore: Regional Printing Co.) p.263 and enclosed map
- (3) Allegany County Land Records, Liber T, Folio 110 and Allegany County Surveyor's Index, Liber E. Folio 262
- (4) Second United States Census Allegany County Maryland
- (5) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 158, Folio 182

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
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Allegany County Surveyor's Index
Second United States Census, Allegany County, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

11.051 acres

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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 David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	DATE	December 5, 1979
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STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE	777-5944
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE	Maryland 21502
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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

TITLE SEARCH

Pumpkin Hall
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 158, Folio 182
Grantee: Earl E. Kroll and Catherine Kroll Date: January 4, 1928
Grantor: Consolidation Coal Company Consideration: \$1,200.00
Notes: 11.051 acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 35, Folio 166
Grantee: Consolidation Coal Company Date: January 9, 1872
Grantor: Allegany Mining Company By William Walsh, trustee Consideration: \$145,500.00
Notes: Bought at public sale August 16, 1871.
"Paris" was one of many tracts conveyed.

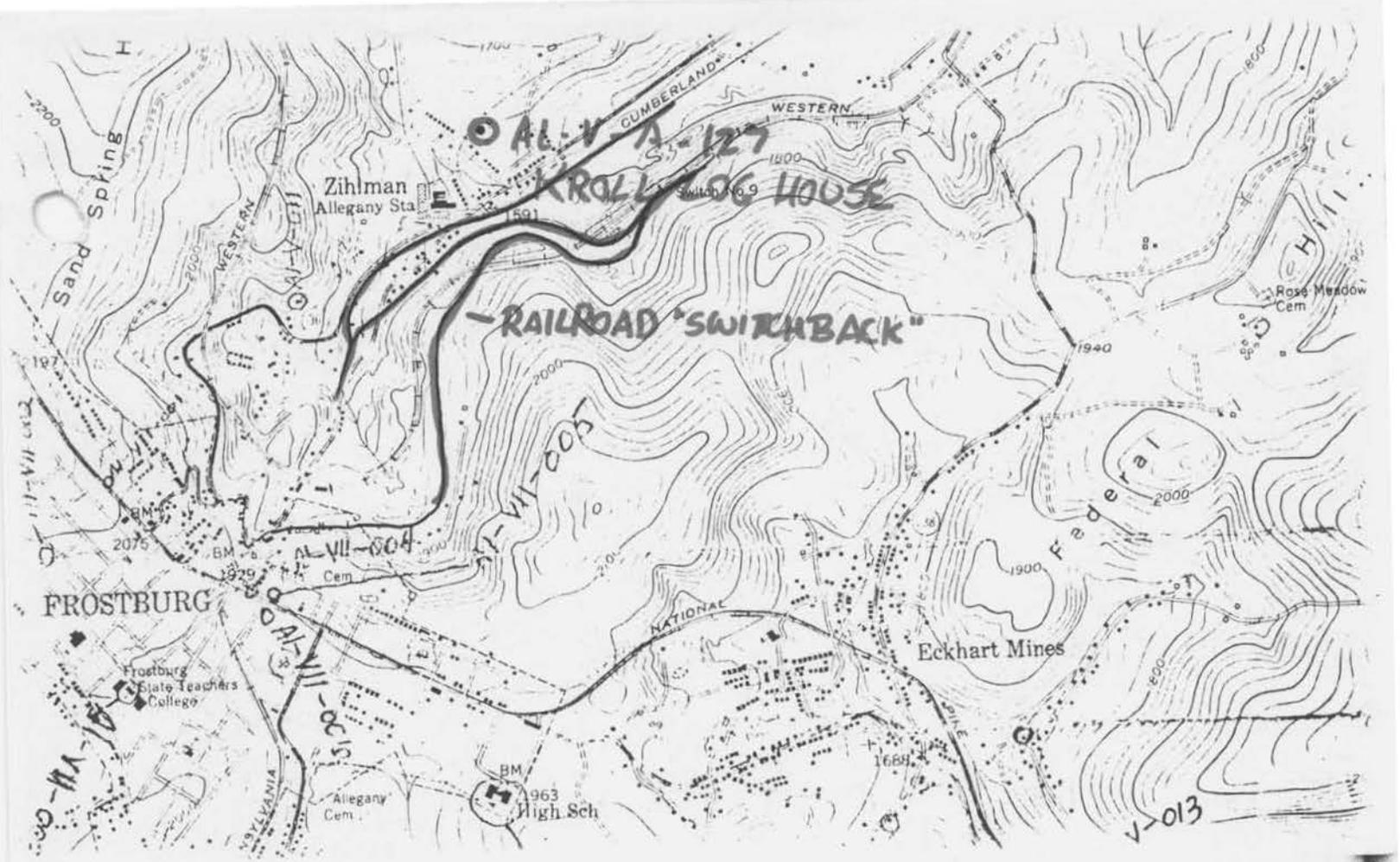
Allegany County Deed: Liber 19, Folio 753
Grantee: William Newman Date: December 31, 1861
Grantor: John M. Watkins, U.S. Marshal
Notes: Conveyed by court action which gave Grantee right
and title of Allegany Mining Company in "Paris."

Allegany County Deed: Liber T, Folio 110
Grantee: Allegany Mining Company Date: September 1, 1836
Grantor: I.L. Skinner Consideration: \$40,000.00
Notes: 557 acre tract known as "Paris" as resurveyed in
1848 (See Allegany County Surveyor Index, Folio 262)
"Paris" included the 162 acre tract "Pumpkin Hall Resurveyed"
this deed (Liber T, Folio 110) conveyed "Pumpkin Hall" and
other tracts.

Allegany County Deed: Liber S. Folio 7
Grantee: I.L. Skinner Date: September 24, 1835
Grantor: Jacob Hansell Consideration: \$7000,00
Notes: Conveyed 132.5 acre tract "Pumpkin Hall" and
contiguous military lots.

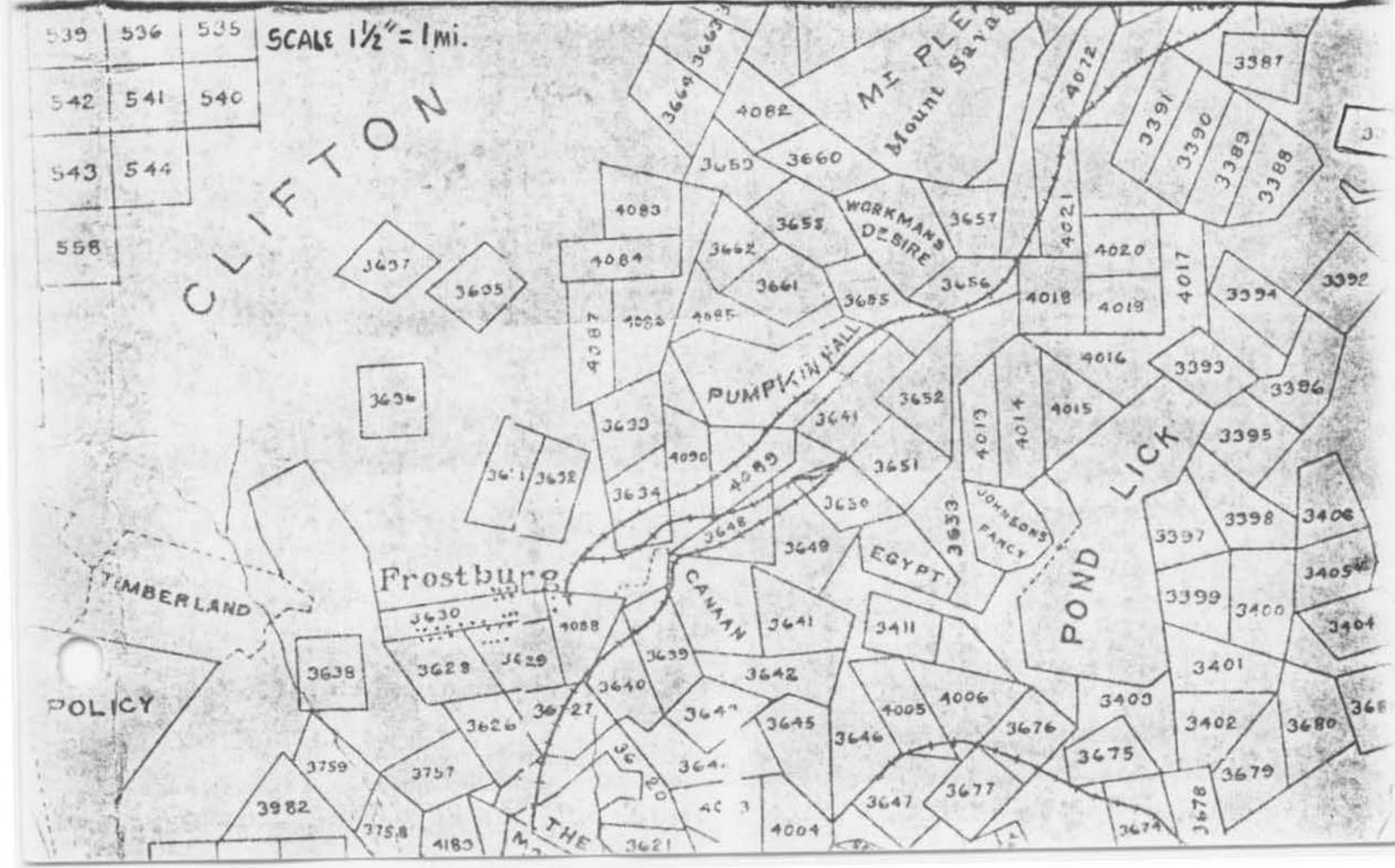
Allegany County Deed: Liber Q, Folio 251
Grantee: Jacob Hansell Date: April 6, 1833
Grantor: William Ridgely, trustee Consideration: \$2,000.00
Notes: For estate of Phillip Hansell. Sold at Public Auction

Allegany County Deed: Liber D, Folio 559
Grantee: Phillip Hansell Date: April 11, 1806
Grantor: Andrew Bruce Consideration: 250 lbs.
Notes: 146 acres, Phillip Hansel granted a resurvey in 1808
to add vacant lands, the whole estate to be known
as "Pumpkin Hall Resurveyed"



SCALE 2 1/2" = 1 mi.

SCALE 1 1/2" = 1 mi.



INVENTORY NO: AL-V-A-127

DATE: 11/30/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Kroll Log House PUMPKIN HALL

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Zihlman

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Earl E. Kroll Rt 2 Frostburg Md. 689 8356

ADDRESS: "one north Scotch Row of the village of Allegany Mines"
CIBER 158 10210 182 11.051 Acres

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: South shed roofed Board & Batten RR Foundation

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "L" ^{total} 2/2 Light w.

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 "V" notches 2 separate Log Sections
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random Rubble

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 on E #5 W (converted into window)
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
GABLED ROOF OVER "L" section creates wide log overhang on E.
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

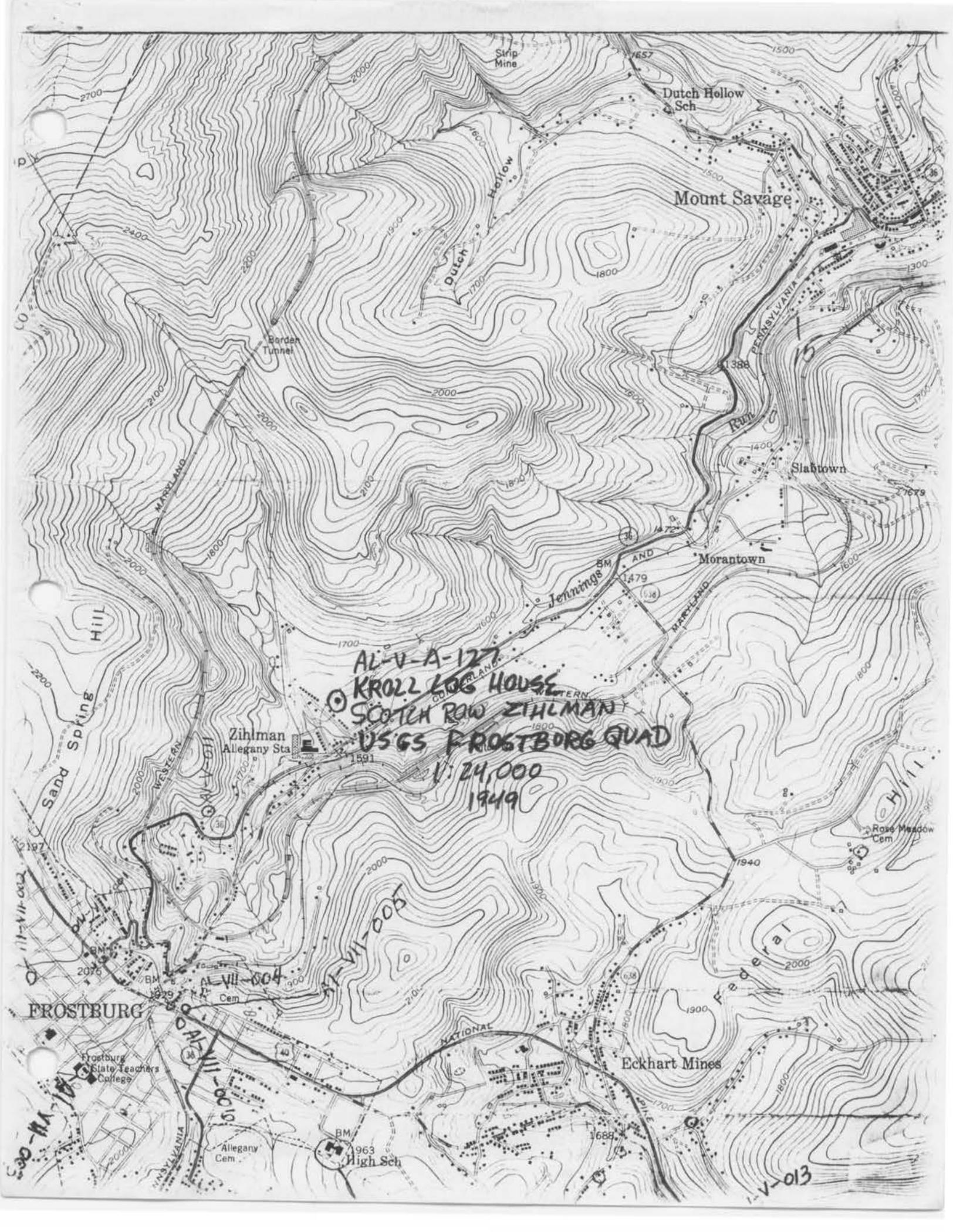
ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:
USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____
Springhouse
granary
gabled vent. plank random
rubble and ashlar



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KROLL LOG HOUSE
SCOTCH ROW ZIHLMAN
USGS FROSTBURG QUAD
1:24,000
1949

FROSTBURG

Eckhart Mines

Mount Savage

Zihlman
Alegany Sta

Alegany
Cem

High Sch

Hill

Rose Meadow
Cem

Hill

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College

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KROLL LOG HOUSE

SCOTCH ROW. ZIHLMAN

DAVID A. DORSEY

11/30/78

southeast



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KROLL LOG HOUSE

Scotch Row, ZIHLMAN

DAVID A. DORSEY

11/30/78

Northeast



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PUMPKIN HALL (KROLL LOG HOUSE)

12/5/1979 - David A. Dorsey



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KROLL LOG HOUSE
SCOTCH ROW, ZIHLMAN
DAVID A. DORSEY
11/30/78
NORTHWEST



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KROLL LOG HOUSE - BARN
SCOTCH ROW, ZIHLMAN
DAVID A. DORSEY
11/30/79
northwest



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KROLL LOG HOUSE-SPRINGHOUSE

SCOTCH ROW ZIHLMAN

DAVID A. DORSEY

11/30/78

Northeast