

Harden Slaughterhouse
Parkersburg Road
Morantown, Md.
AL-V-A-132

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Harden Slaughterhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Parkersburg Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Morantown

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- X BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- X PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- X OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- X ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nellie Harden

Telephone #: 689-2948

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3 Box 464

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 188
Folio #: 618

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

KL-V-K-132

	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 Harden Slaughterhouse is located east of Parkersburg Road near Morantown.

The slaughterhouse consists of a small board and batten structure with a small gabled board and batten vestibule on the south. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of rafter ends on the flanks and a cornice and fascia on the gabled ends.

A vertical board door with original hardware is on the vestibule offset on the south. A vertical board door with original hardware is offset on the north. The only window is a six light casement. A shed roofed frame addition on the west is covered with insulbrick siding and rests on a low foundation of random rubble. A relatively tall chimney of white glazed and brown bricks is located outside end of the addition. A stall and a fence surround the building on the east and south.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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/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 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 circa 1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 125, Folio 83
 (2) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.94

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100.79 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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Cordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites

August 24, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

3 Pershing Street
Cumberland

777-5944
Maryland 21502

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

TITLE SEARCH

Harden Slaughterhouse
AL-V-A-132

Allegany County Deed: Liber 188, Folio 618
Grantee: Wilbert J. Harding and Nellie G. Harding
Grantor: Carrie M. Harding
Notes: 114. 5 acres

Date: December 23, 1940

Allegany County Deed: Liber 125, Folio 83
Grantee: Carrie Matilda Harden
Grantor: New York Mining Company

Date: June 28, 1948
Consideration: \$2,600.00

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: 12/3 AL-V-A-132

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor 213

NAME OF PROPERTY: 802 SLAUGHTER HOUSE (PORTER FARM)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 802 E of Parkersburg Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 902 W ~~NE~~ NW

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: MAP 13 E.D. 30 13 00397 V-A-132

NELLIE HARDEN 188/618 100.79A Rt 3 Box 464 Frostburg

689 3948

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Frame shed on w. low rubble insul brick

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, 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()
orig 6 light casement
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: V Board orig hard. on gabled entrance vestibule
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced() on S
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards V Board offset N
on gable end

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 # _____
TARPAPER
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(✓) Central() Interior()
glazed & Brown Brick on top

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

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____



BARRELVILLE 18 MI.
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.
(CUMBERLAND)
5263 III NE
4396
4394
4392

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HARDEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE
PARKERSBURG RD, MORANTOWN
UGGS FROSTBURG QUAD
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HARDEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE
PARKERSBURG RD MORANTOWN
DAVID A. DORSEY

12/5/78

NORTHWEST



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HARDEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE
PARKERSBURG RD, MORANTOWN
DAVID A. DORSEY
12/5/78
EAST