

AL-V-A-241  
Machin Farmstead  
Mount Savage  
Private

1901 - 1903

Only out buildings remain standing on the Machin farmstead. The stone foundations of a farmhouse and a summer kitchen-smokehouse building are clearly visible. A small bank barn, a blacksmith shop, a stone "cave," and some chicken coops remain standing.

Between 1901 and 1903 Thomas Machin built this farm on property he acquired from James Sharpe. Machin was employed at local mines as a blacksmith. Straphinges and latches on several of the outbuildings were hand made by Machin.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Machin Farmstead

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Northwest of Dutch Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gilbert Machin

Telephone #: (301) 264-3964

STREET & NUMBER

Dutch Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 381

Folio #: 305

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

*12-16-26*

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

Only outbuildings remain standing on the Machin Farmstead. The stone foundations of a farmhouse and a summer kitchen-smokehouse building are clearly visible. The "L" shaped farmhouse was one and one-half stories tall and contained six rooms and a bathroom. It was a frame structure covered with german siding. A porch was located on the facade and on one side of the building.

The small bank barn is a frame structure covered with horizontal plank siding. It rests on a coursed ashlar stone foundation. The gable roof of the barn is covered with corrugated metal. Eaves consist of rafter ends. A large vertical board door on the southwestern-facing facade of the barn opens on metal runner. A shed roofed board and batten addition abuts the northeastern elevation of the barn. Vertical board doors on the northwestern and southeastern elevations of the addition have original machine produced strap hinges and handles.

A blacksmith shop to the northwest of the barn is a one story frame structure with board and batten walls. It has no foundation. The gabled roof is covered with corrugated metal and tarpaper. Eaves consist of rafter ends and a fascia. Most window openings are empty but some windows on the southwestern elevation of the building have various six light sashes. A chimney which serves a small forge inside the building has a cap of white glazed bricks. A stone "cave" built by the Machins in 1938 has a hand made metal door and an "all-year" spring to cool the interior. (see interview)

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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Machin Farmstead is located on a 28 acre tract purchased from the Union Mining Company by James Sharpe in 1891 (Liber 88, Folio 719) Sharpe built a dwelling on the property. (Tax Assessments) in 1901 Thomas Machin purchased the property for the sum of \$900.00 (Liber 90, Folio 34)

Thomas Machin was a blacksmith, farmer, clay miner, and coal miner who came to this country from England at an early age. His son, Gilbert, remembers that most of his father's work was at the mines, and at one time his father worked at the blacksmith's shop at the Keeley mine in Morantown. Between 1901 and 1903 Thomas Machin built a house, a barn, and a blacksmith shop on the property he acquired from James Sharpe. The Blacksmith shop was built with material taken from the Sharpe House which was dismantled. In later years, a "cave" and many outbuildings were erected on the farm. The strap hinges and latches on many of the outbuildings were handmade by Thomas Machin. An old tram road which reportedly led to a Union Mining Company ore mine on Big Savage Mountain traveling through the farmstead. The farmhouse was destroyed by fire in 1976. (Interview)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records  
Allegany County Tax Assessments, District 13, 1876-1895 p. 344,  
1896-1909 pp 318 & 238, 1910-1917 p. 372.  
Interview with Mr. Gilbert Machin, Dutch Hollow, 4/9/81

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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

AL-V-A-241  
Machin Farmstead

Liber 381, Folio 305

Grantee: Gilbert Machin

March 15, 1967

Grantor: Amelia Simpson et al

Notes: For estate of Thomas Machin .

Liber 90, Folio 34

Grantee: Thomas Machin

December 6, 1901

Grantor: James Sharpe & Clara M. Sharpe

Consideration: \$900.00

Notes: 28 acre tract.

Liber 88, Folio 719

Grantee: Union Mining Company

June 12, 1891

Grantor: Union Mining Company

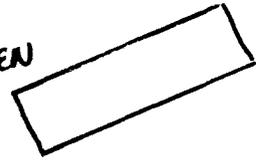
Consideration: \$737.00

Notes: 28 acre tract, part of "Mount Savage." Grantors reserved mineral  
and tram road rights.

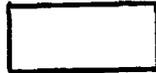
MEADOW



CHICKEN HOUSE



TRAILER



FOUNDATION OF FARMHOUSE



FOUNDATION OF SUMMER KITCHEN-SMOKEHOUSE



SITE OF SPRINGHOUSE



OUTHOUSE



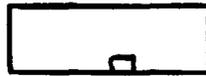
OUTBUILDINGS



BARN



BLACKSMITH'S SHOP

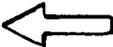


CAVE



OLD TEAM ROAD

DUTCH HOLLOW ROAD



REMAINS OF A BRIDGE LEADING TO A FUEL MINE

NORTHERN BRANCH OF JENNINGS RUN

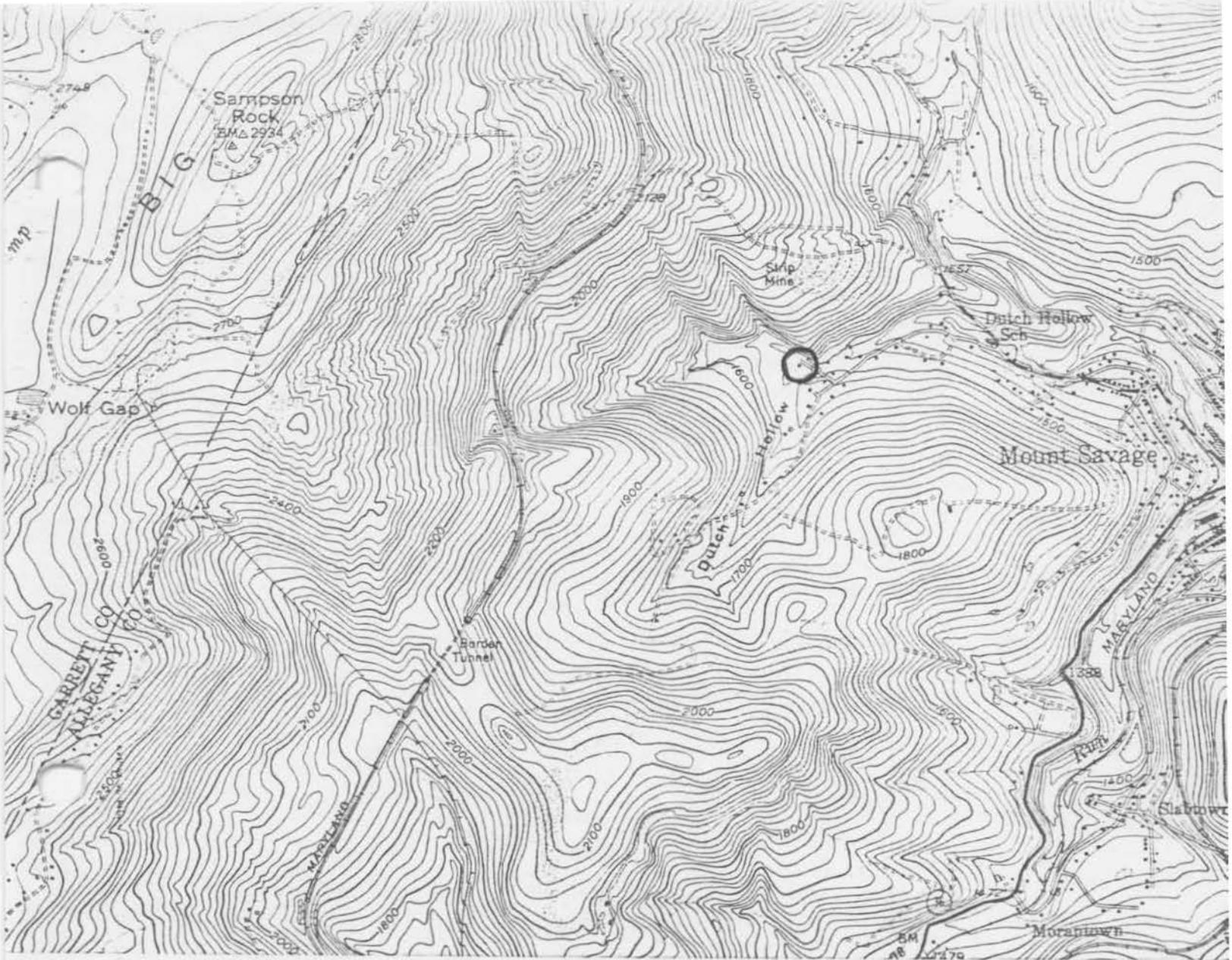


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MACHIN FARMSTEAD

DUTCH HOLLOW ROAD, ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD.

DAVID A. DORSEY  
4/9/81



Frostburg, MD-PA  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1949; photorevised 1974

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Machin Farmstead  
Northeast of Dutch Hollow  
Road



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Machin Farmstead  
Dutch Hollow RD-Mt. Savage  
David A. Dorsey 10/80  
Facing North



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Machin Farmstead

Dutch Hollow RD-Mt. Savage

David A. Dorsey 10/80

Facing East



AL-V-A-241  
Machin Farmstead  
Dutch Hollow RD-Mt. Savage  
David A. Dorsey 10/80  
Facing West



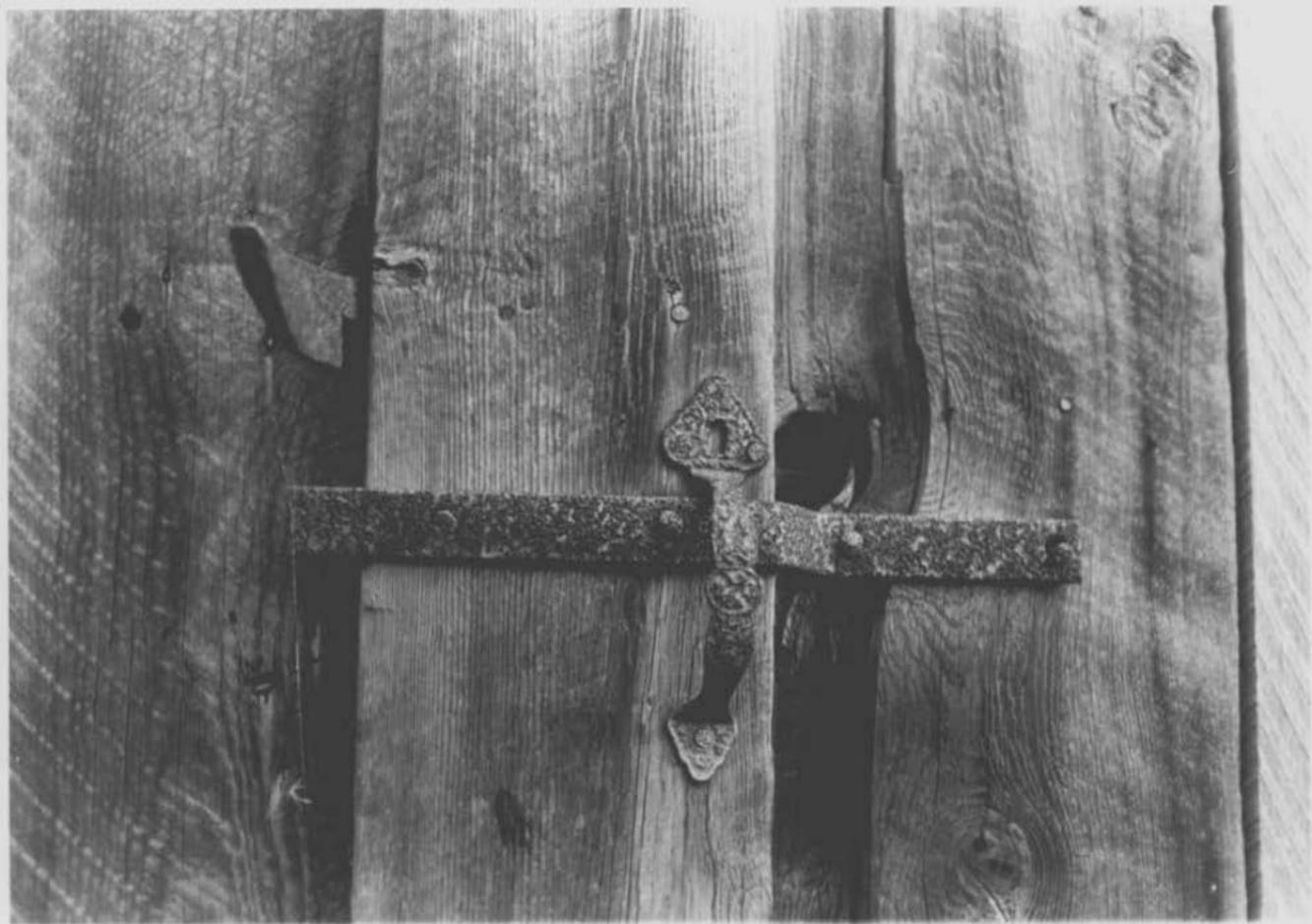
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