

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Slabtown Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Slabtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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 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 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Slabtown Survey District is a group of six buildings located approximately one mile south of Mount Savage on Slabtown Road. Three of the buildings are situated on the western edge of Slabtown Road. The remaining three buildings are clustered at the end of a lane which leads west from the road. The topography of the neighborhood is level. to the west of the district, the ground drops in a steep slope which is broken by an embankment of the C & P Railroad.

The district includes five frame dwellings and a brick store building. The frame dwellings, with the exception of the Bishields House, are best exemplified by the Slabtown Frame House which retains more of its original configuration and appearance.

The Slabtown Frame House is a rectangular two story dwelling, three bays wide on the facade, (north elevation), and one bay deep. Wall construction is frame covered with weatherboard siding. It rests on a low rubble stone foundation. The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingels. A porch in the center of the facade has a gabled roof supported by two capped and tapered square wooden posts. Windows are 3/1 and 1/1 sash which appear to have been altered. An entrance in the center of the facade has a door of three panels and one light with original hardware. A central chimney is probably made of bricks which were sheathed with cement. Similar buildings within the district have central chimneys of white glazed bricks. A small one story frame addition with a gabled roof abuts the southern elevation.

The Campbell, Twigg, and Martin houses follow the plan of the Slabtown Frame House but have been subjected to various alterations. The Campbell and Martin houses have had two story wings added to give these houses an "L" shape. The facade ground floor of the Martin House is covered with moulded-bevel novelty siding.

The Bishields House is a square, two story structure, three bays wide on the facade (east elevation). Wall construction is frame covered with asbestos shingles. It rests on a low rubble stone foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A shed roofed porch on the facade has turned posts. Windows are 1/1 sash, some of which are paired.

The Bishield Store is a rectangular, one and one-half story structure, two bays wide on the facade, (east elevation), and two bays deep. Wall construction is of glazed brown bricks laid in American common bond in a variation of five to one. The building has a sloping shed roof. Windows are 1/1 sash with brick sills. The main entrance is located on the southern end of the facade. This entrance and another located on the western end of the southern elevation have doors of two panels surmounted by four lights. Entrances and windows have segmental brick arches and wooden tympanum with scrolled jigsawed decorations.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 |
| <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 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 | | |

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | Early 20th century | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Slabtown is a small mining village constructed by the New York Mining Company early in the twentieth century. Four of the six buildings within this survey district are company houses built between 1902 and 1917. (Campbell interview) All are now privately owned. The typical company house in Slabtown is a two story rectangular structure three bays wide and one bay deep.

The remaining two buildings within the district were constructed early in the twentieth century by Michael Bishields on property he acquired from the New York Mining Company. (Keene and Trimble interview) One of these buildings is a brick storehouse. Each small town in the Maryland mining region had "at least one store." (Harvey p. 84).

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Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the MD Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithica: Cornell Unicersity Press, 1969.
Interview with Mrs. Clara Campbell, Slabtown, 10/27/80.
Interviews with Mrs. Marianna Keene and Mrs. Virginia Trimble, Slabtown, 3/4/80 and 4/2/81.

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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

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|-----------------|-----------|--|
| NAME / TITLE | | David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor |
| ORGANIZATION | DATE | Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines September 1981 |
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| CITY OR TOWN | STATE | Annapolis 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.

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

intrusion-garage

intrusion-dwelling

intrusion-garage

Twiggs House

Martin House

Cement block wall
Campbell House

Slabtown Frame House

stone wall & stone posts
Bishields House
Bishield's Store

SLABTOWN ROAD

TO MOUNT GAUGE →

TRIMBLE ROAD →

↑
NORTH
not drawn to scale

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SLABTOWN SURVEY DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

DAVID A. DORSEY 10/27/80



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

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Slabtown Survey District
Slabtown Road
Mount Savage



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Campbell House

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10-27-80

NE elevation



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George Bishields House
Allegany County, MD
Dave Dorsey 10-23-80
NE elevation



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Martin Frame House

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10-23-80

SW elevation



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Martin Frame House

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10-23-80

NE elevation

THREE MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION
BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Slabtown Frame House

Allegany County, MD

David A. Dorsey 10-27-80

NE elevation



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Earl Twigg Frame House

Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 10/27/80

SE elev.