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Borden Mines Survey District  
Borden Mines  
Private

late 1840's

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bordon Mines Survey District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36, Frostburg, Maryland

CITY, TOWN

Bordon Mines

\_\_\_ 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

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

MHT Inventory AL-V-A-130

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Borden Mines Survey District is located less than one mile north of Frostburg. The town lies below a railroad embankment on a hillside sloping towards Jennings Run. Most buildings within the district are located on Borden Mines Road.

Three types of buildings are found in Borden Mine: Saltbox houses, duplex "block" houses and late 19th-early 20th century vernacular-styled dwellings.

The typical saltbox house is a 1½ story frame building with a stone foundation and a gable roof extended on the rear facade by a shed-roofed addition. The duplex "block" house is a 2½ story frame building with a stone foundation and a gabled roof with a central chimney. Vernacular-styled buildings in Borden Mines are typical 2 story frame structures with gabled roofs based on the ell plan. One building in Borden Mines is a 2 story structure covered with thick horizontal planks.

The ruins of the early 20th century George Tharp Mine are located at the northern end of Borden Mines Road. Most buildings within the district were damaged by a tornado in 1969.

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**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Borden Mines is a mid-19th century company town located in the northern end of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The town was constructed by the Borden Mining Company during the late 1890's. The company had deferred active mining operations pending the 1850 completion of the C&O Canal, a major outlet for Georges Creek coal. Prior to the opening of the canal the company's activities were directed towards the preparation of the Borden Mine on Big Savage Mountain and the construction of "...miners homes, tram roads, etc.".1

The Borden Mines Survey District includes most of the town. Associated historic sites not within the district include MHT-AL-V-A-011, AL-V-A-253, and AL-V-A-256.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882, p. 1444. and interview with Mr. Ronald Howsare, Borden Mines, 12/4/80.

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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

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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.

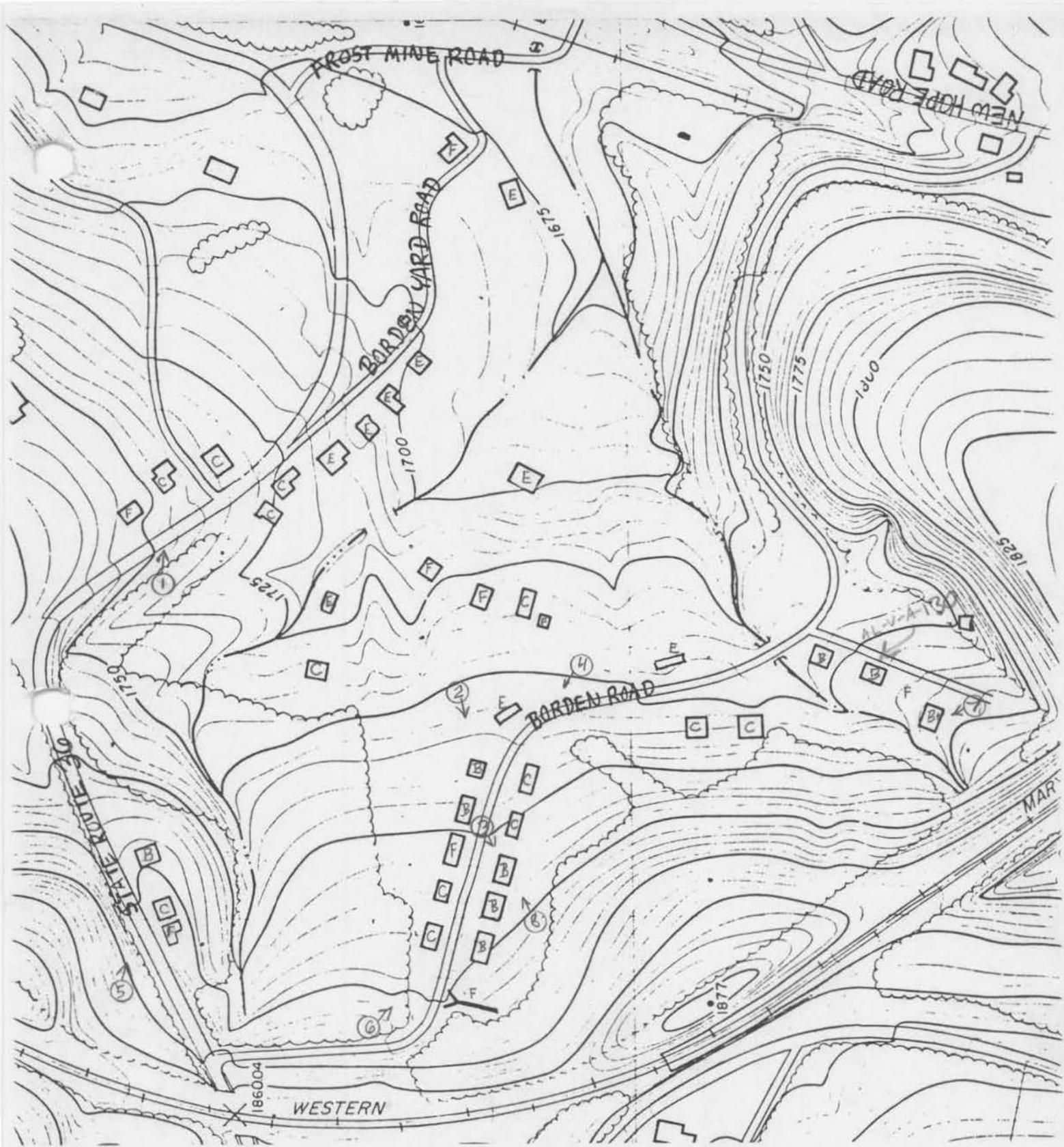
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USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1949; photorevised 1974

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Route 36, Frostburg



BORDEN MINES SURVEY DISTRICT ALLEGANY COUNTY MD  
 SCALE - 1" = 200'

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Borden Mines Historic Dist.  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 12/80  
Looking East



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Borden Mines Historic Dis.

Company Hs. Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 1/81

SW elev.



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Borden Mines Survey District  
Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 10/81

Looking N.E. (photo # 1)



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Borden Mines Survey District

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10/81

looking southwest



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Borden Mines Survey District

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10/81

looking southwest



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Borden Mines Survey District

Alegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 10 /81

looking west



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Borden Mines Survey District

Alleghany Co., MD

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Looking NE (photo # 5)