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Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic District
Zihlman
Private

1846

The Zihlman-Allegany Mines Survey District is located on Maryland Route 36 approximately one mile north of Frostburg, in north western Allegany County. Most buildings within the survey district, with a few exceptions, are of one three types found in Zihlman: the saltbox house, the deuplex "blockhouse" and the vernacular-styled house. Saltbox houses are typically 1½ story frame buildings with a stone foundation and a gabled roof extended on the rear elevation by a shed-roofed addition.

Allegany Mines is a typical company town located in the northern section of the George's Creek coal region of western Maryland. Early in the 20th centruy the town was renamed Zihlman.

The town, like many others of the George's Creek region, developed around or near the mine for which it was named. The Allegany Mining Company opened the Allegany Mine circa 1846 and established the town shortly thereafter.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Zihlman-Allegany Mines Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36, one mile north of Frostburg, Md.

CITY, TOWN

Zihlman

___ 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

AL-V-A-127, AL-V-A-128

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	<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

The Zihlman-Allegany Mines Survey District is located on Maryland Route 36 approximately one mile north of Frostburg, Md. in north western Allegany County. The topography of the town is generally flat. Maryland Route 36 runs SE to NW through the survey district paralleling the Western Md. Railway tracts (originally the C&P RR) which form the southeastern boundary of the district. The Broken Heart Mine tram road runs through the center of Zihlman.

Most buildings within the survey district, with a few exceptions, are of one three types found in Zihlman: the saltbox house, the duplex "block-house" and the vernacular-styled house. Saltbox houses are typically 1½ story frame buildings with a stone foundation and a gabled roof extended on the rear elevation by a shed-roofed addition. Some saltbox houses within the survey district are duplexes. An example, the Jenkins House is #8 on the enclosed map. The duplex "block" houses, all on Green Row in Zihlman, are 2 story frame buildings with stone foundations and gabled roofs with central chimneys. An example, the Borden Company House, (MHT AL-V-A-128) is #22 on the enclosed map. Vernacular-styled buildings in Zihlman are typical 2 story frame structures with stone foundations and gabled roofs. Some of these are based on the ell plan and others are rectangular. Examples are #29 and #4 on the enclosed map. One vernacular-styled house in Zihlman, #2 on the enclosed map, is constructed with hollow building tiles.

One house in Zihlman, #38 on the enclosed map, is a typical example of Neo-Rationalistic architecture. The frame house is two stories tall and has a stone foundation and a pyramidal roof. Pumpkin Hall, #36 on the enclosed map, is an early 19th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Footnotes, (attachment)

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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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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
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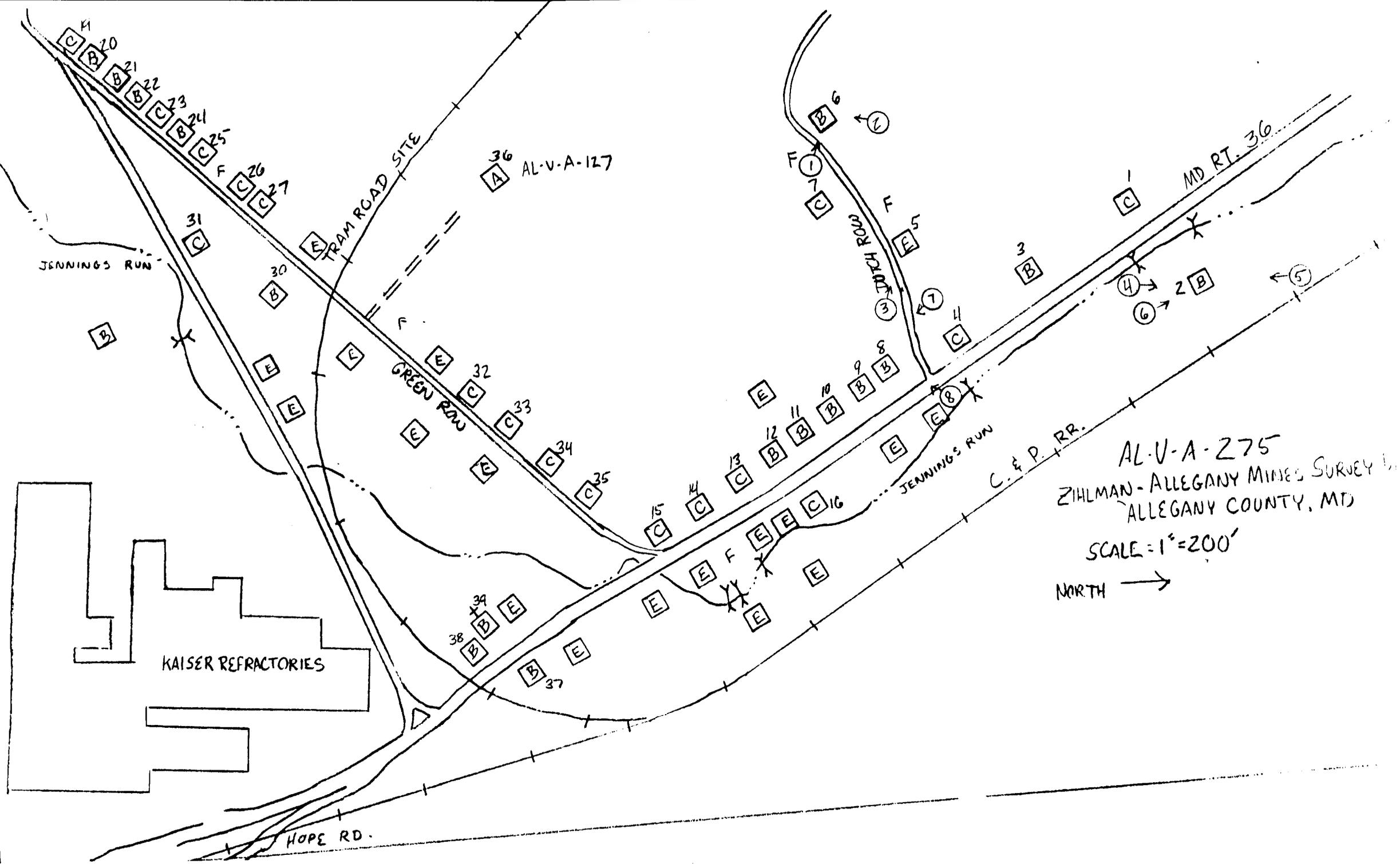
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 ZIHLMAN-ALLEGANY MINES SURVEY
 ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD
 SCALE = 1" = 200'
 NORTH →



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

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Route 36, one mile north of
Frostburg



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Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.

Gary/Consol. Coal Co. Hs.

Allegheny Co. David A. Dorsey

11/12/80 S elev.



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Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.

Gary/Consol, Coal Co. Hs.

Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey

11/12/80 W elev.



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#1

Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.

Gary/Consol. Coal Co. Hs.

Allegheny Co.: David A. Dorsey

11/12/80 S elev.



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Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist. #2

Gary/Consol. Coal Co., HS

Allegheny Co. David A. Dorsey

11/12/80 E elev.



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#3

Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic
Dis. "Dutch Row" Allegany Co.

David A. Dorsey 2/81

Looking NW



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#11

Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.

Beck House Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 11/6/80

NW elev.



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#5

Zihlman-AL-Mines Historic Dist.

Beck House Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 11/6/80

SE elev.



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#6

Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.

Beck House Allegany Co., MD

Dorsey 11/6/80

Detail: W elev.



#7

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Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic
District Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 12/80

Streetscape looking SW



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#8

Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic

Dis. "Jenkins Hs." Allegany Co.

David A. Dorsey 2/81

SE Facade