

AL-V-A-285, Hoffman Hollow Survey District  
Hoffman Hollow Rd.  
Clarysville, Allegany Co. MD  
Not Eligible

The Consolidation Coal Company built Hoffman Hollow in the late 1860s or early 1870s. This typical company town housed miners from the Hoffman mine. Although at its peak in 1880, 203 people lived in the town there are only about a dozen houses remaining today. Many of the buildings were destroyed during construction of Route 48, now Interstate Route 68.

The vernacular frame dwellings in Hoffman Hollow are mainly two-story or saltbox shaped buildings. They have been largely altered in design, materials, workmanship, and feeling by modern materials such as aluminum and vinyl siding and by additions. The adjacent interstate highway has drastically marred the entire setting. Therefore this survey district is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>  X  </u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D	Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: _____	Date: <u>  6/13/00  </u>
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View of Hoffman Hollow Survey District (AI-V-285).

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Hoffman Hollow Survey District  
Hoffman  
Private

1860s - 1870s

The Hoffman Hollow Survey District is located on the northern side of Maryland Route 48, east of the intersection of Route 48 and Route 36, south of Frostburg in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. The architecture of the survey district is characterized by vernacular-styled frame buildings. The majority of these are saltbox houses.

Hoffman Hollow is a typical company town in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. The town was built by the Consolidation Coal Company, probably during the late 1860s or early 1870s to house miners employed at the company's #3 or Hoffman Mine.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hoffman Hollow Survey District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

north side Md. Rt. 48 east of Md. Rt. 36, south of Frostburg

CITY, TOWN

Hoffman

\_\_\_ 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

AL-V-A-025, 141, 142, 148

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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 checked="" 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		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Hoffman Hollow Survey District is located on the northern side of Md. Rt. 48 east of the intersection of Rt. 48 and Rt. 36, south of Frostburg in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. Hoffman Road travels NE to SW through the survey district. The terrain of the survey district is hilly.

A 1½ story, 4 bay by 2 bay log house, (AL-V-A-025, Map #3) has walls of v-notched logs. Additions and aluminum siding have obscured much of the original building.

The architecture of the survey district is characterized by vernacular-styled frame buildings. The majority of these are saltbox houses. The 1½ story, 3 bay by 1 bay structures rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Shed-roofed porches shelter their facades. Shed-roofed additions abutting their rear elevations give these buildings the saltbox shape common to the Georges Creek region. An example is #15 on the attached map. One saltbox house in Hoffman Hollow, #16 on the attached map, is five bays wide, which may indicate that this dwelling was the home of a mine boss or foreman.

Several buildings in Hoffman Hollow are typical 2 story, 3 bay by 1 bay frame houses based on the ell plan. They rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Shed or hip-roofed porches shelter their facades. An example is #2 on the attached map.

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 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 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**

Hoffman Hollow is a typical company town in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. The town was built by the Consolidation Coal Company, probably during the late 1860's or early 1870's to house miners employed at the company's #3, or Hoffman Mine.<sup>1</sup> It was common in the Georges Creek region during this period for houses to "spring up" in the vicinity of newly opened mines.<sup>2</sup> The houses of the town were either built by the company or by employees of the company who leased building lots from the company.<sup>3</sup> The monthly rent for Consolidation company houses in the early 1880's was between \$3.50 or \$6.00.<sup>4</sup> The population of the town in 1880 was 203 people.<sup>5</sup>

The Hoffman Mine was one of the larger mines in the Georges Creek region. Approximately 500 men were employed in the mine early in the 20th century. <sup>6</sup>In 1885 Consolidation installed the first ventilation fans in the region at the Hoffman Mine.<sup>7</sup> It was one of only 2 mines in the region at which bathing facilities were provided for the miners.<sup>8</sup> Most of the buildings associated with the mine were removed during the construction of Maryland Route 48.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Consolidation Coal Company Insurance Map #3, 1931.

Harvey, Katherine, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969.

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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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CITY OR TOWN

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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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Katherine Harvey, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969 pp. 43 and 84.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 90

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 92 and Consolidation Coal Co. Insurance Map #3, 1931.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 90

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 84

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., p. 43

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., p. 45

<sup>8</sup>Ibid., p. 43

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HOFFMAN HOLLOW SURVEY DISTRICT  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD  
SCALE: 1" = 200'    ○ → photo views



AL-V-A-140

1 C

2 B

3 C

4 E

5 C

6 B

7 B

8 C

9 B

10 B

11 C

12 B

13 C

17 C

MD. ROUTE 46 (WEST)

MD. ROUTE 48 (EAST)

HOFFMAN RD.

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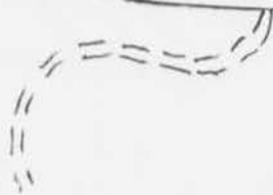
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Frostburg, MD:PA  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1949; photorevised 1974

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Hoffman Hollow Survey District  
North side MD Rt. 48, east of  
MD Rt. 36, south of Frostburg



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Hoffman Hollow Survey District  
Allegany Co., MD

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photo #1, looking west



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photo #2, looking northeast



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photo #4, looking northeast



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photo #5, looking west