

AL-V-B-083
Wills Creek Pottery Company House
Main Street and First, Ellerslie
Ca. 1880's

Evidence suggests that this large frame structure was once used to house workers from the pottery company next door. (AL-V-B-082) The building is a two and one half story, eight by two bays wide structure covered with weatherboard. This building stands as a reminder of the industrial way of life experienced in the area during the late 1800's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Wills Creek Pottery Company House**
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street and First Street

CITY, TOWN **Ellerslie** VICINITY OF **Sixth** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Allegany**

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Lottie Clites** Telephone #: _____
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN **Ellerslie** VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code **Maryland 21529**

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Allegany County Courthouse**

Liber #: 320
Folio #: 122

STREET & NUMBER
30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN **Cumberland** STATE **Maryland**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wills Creek Pottery Company House is located on Main Street and First Street, Ellerslie, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of two and one-half story, eight bay wide, rectangular shaped, frame structure. Two one story wings abuts the main building on the east side. Both with shed roof. The buildings' wall construction is weatherboard. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low stone foundation and plain wooden water table. The roof of the building is gable flank; covered with asphalt; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and soffit. Windows in the building are pegged, nailed, double hung, wooden sash frames with two-over-two lights. The building has four chimneys. Three are brick; original and interior. One is cement block; outside end. The main entrance is located on the northwest side containing original hardware with a paneled door with verticle boards. The building has two porches. The front porch has a hip roof and is supported by chamfered columns. The back porch has a shed roof and is supported by two square posts.

Even though the building is structurally sound and retains its' original appearance it is in deteriorating condition.

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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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

Ca. 1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Gardner Brothers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally a part of the Will's Creek Pottery Company property, this house was not included in the sale of the business to Andrew Ramsey in 1910.¹ It remained the property of the Gardner family from 1876 to 1960.²

Evidence suggests that this large frame structure was once used to house workers from the pottery company next door. During the later half of the nineteenth century several hundred men were employed in the area's firebrick industry.³ Many of these men being single or from out of town, needed such a place to stay while in Ellerslie.

This house was probably constructed in the 1880's and is covered with weatherboard. A two and one-half story structure of eight by two bays, this boarding house includes four chimneys, three which are original.

The Wills Creek Pottery Company House stands as a reminder of the industrial way of life experienced in this area during the last century.

1. Allegany County Land Records (Liber 107, Folio 472)
2. Allegany County Land Records (Liber 320, Folio 122 and Liber 47, Folio 566)
3. Harry Stegamier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va. : McClain Printing Co., 1976) p. 210.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland

Stegamier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W.Va. : McClain Printing, Co., 1976

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 244 x 60

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

John Nelson and William Pratt , Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/16/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

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

Wills Creek Pottery Company House
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 320, Folio 122
Grantee: Lattie M. Clites and Jesse Earl Clites Date: March 25, 1960
Grantor: William R. and James C. Gardner et al

Allegany County Deed: Liber 114, Folio 550
Grantee: Jennie Gardner (Intestate) Date: June 9, 1915
Grantor: J. James Gardner

Allegany County Deed: Liber 107, Folio 472
Grantee: J. James Gardner Date: Jan. 30, 1911
Grantor: William Gardner et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 100, Folio 269
Grantee: William Gardner, J. James Gardner Date: Nov. 16, 1906
Grantor: Mary Duke, Edgar Duke et al Consideration: \$13,000.00
Notes: Known as part of a tract of land called "Nothing Left" buildings,
sheds, houses, mills - Gardner Bros. Fire Brick Plant
Gardner sisters - Charlotte B., Gennie L., Mary

Allegany County Deed: Liber 62, Folio 134
Grantee: Gardner Sisters-Mary Duke et al Date:, Jan. 29, 1884
Grantor: William Gardner et ux
Notes: Being part of a tract called "Nothing Left"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 49, Folio 441
Grantee: William Gardner, James Gardner Date: Nov. 19, 1887
Grantor: William Stuart et al
Notes: Cumberland Fire Brick Works

Allegany County Deed: Liber 47, Folio 566
Grantee: Gardner Brothers and Stuart (From Pittsburg) Date: Aug. 25, 1876
Grantor: Issac Reese et al Consideration: \$15,000.00
Notes: Empire Fire Brick Co. or Works
Pittsburg and Connelsville Railroad

Allegany County Deed: Liber 44, Folio 462
Grantee: Issac Reese et al Date: Oct. 18, 1873
Grantor: John M. Buchanan et ux Consideration: \$666.67 cash
two promissory notes for \$66.67 each
Notes: "Nothing Left"
Pittsburg, Washington and Baltimore Railway Company

Allegany County Deed: Liber P, Folio 477
Grantee: John M. Buchanan Date: Jan. 28, 1832
Grantor: Samuel Tonlinson et ux Consideration: \$3,000.00
Notes: 300 Acres

CONTINUATION...

Title Search for AL-V-B-083 - Wills Creek Pottery Company House

Allegany County Deed: Liber J, Folio 52

Grantee: Samuel Tomlinson Date: Sept. 14, 1816

Grantor: John Tomlinson (Father) Consideration: \$600.00

Notes: 300 Acres

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-083

DATE: 6/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

320/122
Lots 23-29
244 x 60

NAME OF PROPERTY: Wills Creek Pottery Company House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Main Street, Ellerslie and First Street

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northwest

NAME OF OWNER: Lottie Clites

ADDRESS: _____

Ellerslie, Maryland 21529

STORIES: 1() 2(X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() (X) 8

ROOF, ADDITIONS: Two, one story shed roof

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(X) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(X) nailed(X) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northwest
HARDWARE: original(X) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(X) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin. asphalt; original() replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip(X) gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 4 Brick(X) Stone() Corbeled() Cement block
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(X) Central() Interior(X)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Vacant

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/industry

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1880's

CONDITION: deteriorated

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG WITH WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () OTHER

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

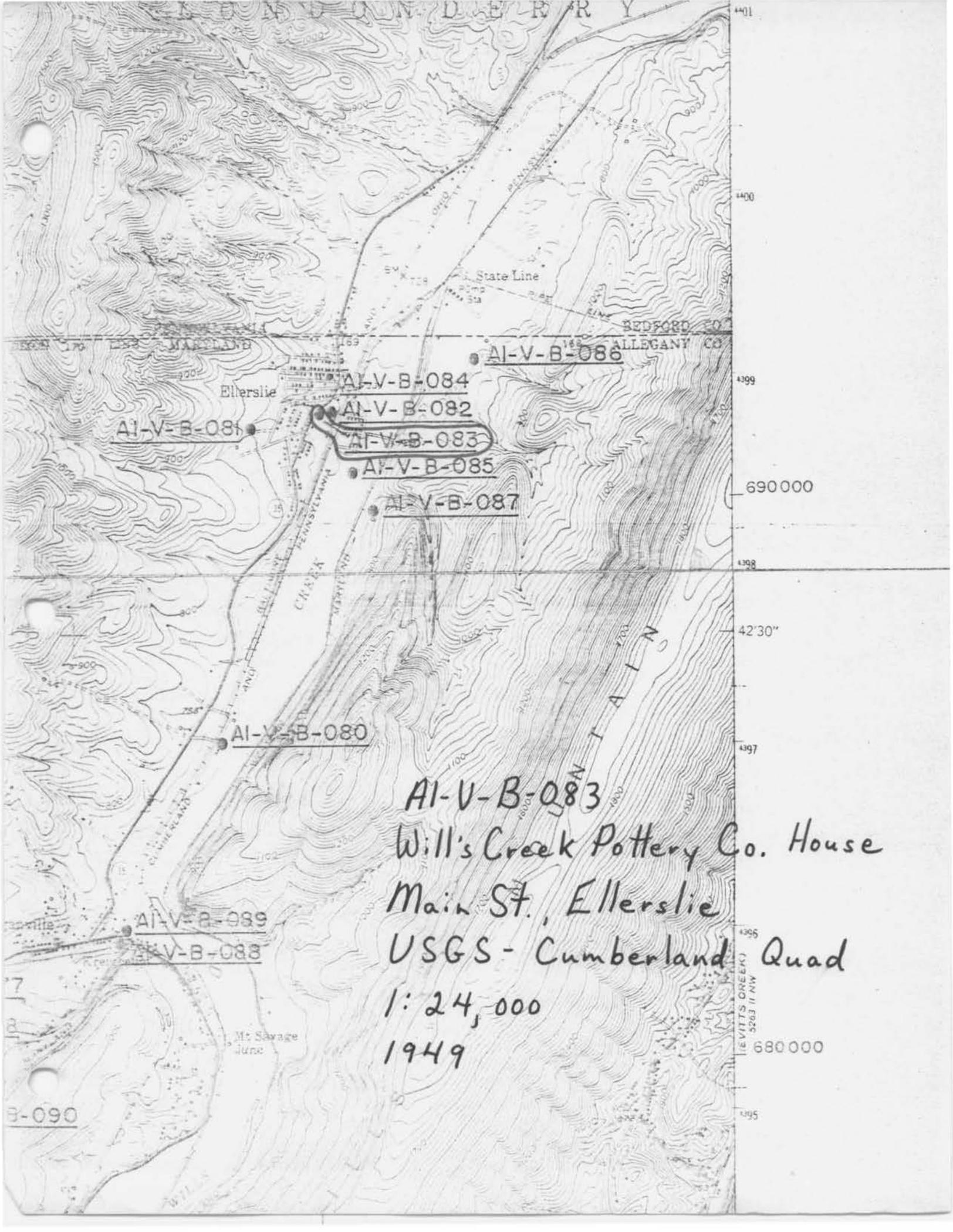
NUMBER _____
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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Will's Creek Pottery Co. House

Main St., Ellerslie

USGS - Cumberland Quad

1:24,000

1949

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Mt. Savage
June

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