

AL-V-B-095
Dressman Brick House
Cash Valley Road, La Vale
Ca. 1850's

This handsome brick structure laid in American Common Bond is one of at least three houses located in Cash Valley constructed during the 1850's featuring wide soffits, boxed cornices with return ends and using a six to one variation in the brick work. (See AL-V-B-091, AL-V-B-092). This leads one to believe that all were built by the same person. The Dressman Brick House retains much of its original appearance and serves as a good example of practical architecture which was used in this area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Dressman Brick House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Cash Valley Road

CITY, TOWN
La Vale VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER None |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Kenneth E. Bridges Telephone #: 722-7474

STREET & NUMBER
Rt. 1 Box 34 Cash Valley Road

CITY, TOWN
La Vale VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code
Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 425
Folio #: 314

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

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input 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 | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dressman Brick House is located on the Cash Valley Road near La Vale, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of two story, three bay wide, "T" shaped structure. One part is a two story frame addition with novelty siding. The main part is brick, laid in American Common Bond with a six to one variation. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a high stone foundation featuring a stone beveled water table. The roof of the house is gable flank; covered with asphalt shingles; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit boxed cornices with wide soffit. Square shaped louvered ventilators are located in each peak of each gable. Windows in the house are double hung with wooden sash frames and one-over-one and six-over-six lights. Window trim features Plain lintels and lugsills. The one chimney in the house is original; made of brick with corbeled caps and located inside end. The main entrance faces southeast and features fake pilasters and fake dentilated pediment surrounding a six paneled door. The house has two porches. The umbrage porch has a wooden floor with wrought iron railing, and lattice work that surrounds the base. The front porch is a three-bay wide, open porch with hip roof, supported by double cushion roman doric capital columns and lattice work surrounds the base.

The house is structurally sound, however it has been somewhat altered since original construction but is in good condition.

| 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1850's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833, Dr. Samuel P. Smith was granted land in the Cash Valley area known as "Wednesday's Work" and "Woodlands".¹ Dr. Smith served as a surgeon for the U.S. Army during the Civil War.² At the war's end Dr. Smith began selling his properties, The "Woodlands" and part of "Wednesday's Work" being sold in 1865 to Anne Bruce and her husband David for a large sum of money.³ The cost of these properties would suggest that the large brick house located on the "Woodlands" tract was built by Doctor Smith during the 1850's. The Bruces sold "Woodlands" to Bernhard Dressman in the year 1871.⁴ The brick house and land known as the "Woodlands" remained in the Dressman family for at least 100 years.

This handsome brick structure, laid in American Common Bond, was constructed in a "T" shape with gabled flanks and gable end at the base of the "T". Louvered ventilators are located in the gabled flanks. The porch at the main entrance features four wooden cushioned pilasters. The chimney, with corbeled cap, is original and located inside end. A second story frame addition to apex of the "T" creates an umbrage porch on the side, a feature that is unusual for this area.

The Dressman Brick House retains much of its original appearance and serves as a good example of practical architecture, enhancing the cultural heritage of Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records (Liber D, Folio 72)
2. Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County, Md. (Philadelphia: Titsworth and Co., 1923) p. 342
3. Allegany County Land Records (Liber 22, Folio 402)
4. Ibid (Liber 33, Folio 331)

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Thomas and Williams. A History of Allegany County, Md. Philadelphia: Titsworth and Co., 1923

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.36

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |
| STATE | COUNTY |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/28/76

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-95

DATE: 12/28/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

425/314
1.36 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Dressman Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Cash Valley Road - La Vale

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Kenneth E. Bridges

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 34 Cash Valley Road 722-7474

La Vale, Maryland 21502

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 story frame in apex of T, Novelty Siding

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) T shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6/1
- () 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(X) 2/2() 6/6(X) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced(X) Pilasters and Fake Dentilated
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Pediment
(6) Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() 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() hip(X) gable() Double cushion Roman Doric Columns
3 Bay

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(X) Stone() Corbeled(X) original(X) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end(X) Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1850's
CONDITION: Good

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
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

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

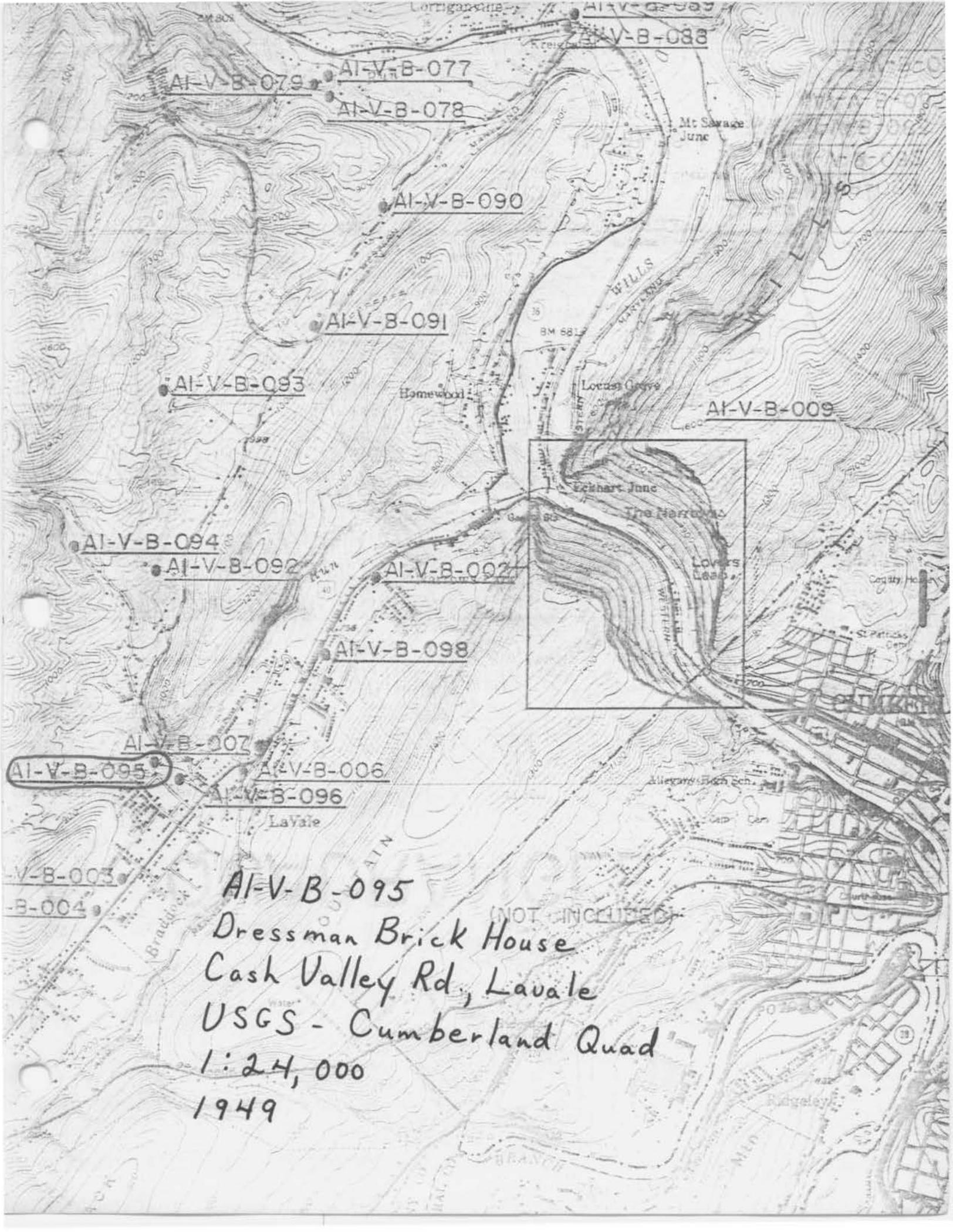
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

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

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(NOT INCLUDED)
Dressman Brick House
Cash Valley Rd, Lavale
USGS - Cumberland Quad
1:24,000
1949



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DRESSMAN BRICK HOUSE (OUTBUILDING)

CASH VALLEY Rd, LaVale

JOHN E. NELSON

12/28/76

SOUTHEAST



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DRESSMAN BRICK HOUSE

CASH VALLEY Rd, LaVale

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WEST



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DRESSMAN BRICK HOUSE

CASH VALLEY Rd, LaVale

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NORTHWEST



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DRESSMAN BRICK HOUSE

CASH VALLEY Rd, LaVale

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East