

AL-V-B-103

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
INVENTORY AL-82

1. STATE Maryland  
 COUNTY Allegany  
 TOWN Cumberland VICINITY North-end  
 STREET NO. WILL'S MOUNTAIN  
  
 ORIGINAL OWNER J. Henry Holzshu  
 ORIGINAL USE Elk Club House  
 PRESENT OWNER Gone  
 PRESENT USE  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION  
 NO. OF STORIES

2. NAME WILL'S MOUNTAIN INN  
  
 DATE OR PERIOD 1889  
 STYLE  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

1750 feet above sea level; 800 feet above Cumberland

Wide porches around three sides. Views of three States, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. LOVER'S LEAP was within a few feet where a "gazebo" was constructed so that the visitor could enjoy the scenery. From here could be seen a section of Colonial Maryland which had been occupied by the Indians; the site of Fort Cumberland; the hills where thousands of troops were encamped during the Civil War. You could look down upon the NATIONAL ROAD in the NARROWS--the GATEWAY TO THE WEST, the road over which the great Conestoga covered wagons, travelled west while thousands of cattle, horses and hogs on hoof passed to the east.

Beauty, comfort and refinement mark every portion of the building. Neat and Sanitary. 46 bedrooms with private bath and shower. Large ball-room, one of the finest in the State opening onto the 3 wide porches. An elegant room with old fashioned brick tile fire-place and gilded inlaid ceiling. A wide hallway leads from this room to the dining room. Pretty and comfortable, cozy corners here and there; a well appointed sun parlor. A handsome billiard room with heavy deep gilt moulding around the ceiling; a social room with an air of soothing home-like ease and comfort. Directions: Take Franklin street to Shawnee Avenue to Piedmont Avenue--turn left to road leading to hotel.

...from Will's Mt. Inn-Booklet.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  
  
 Will's Mt. Inn Booklet (rare)  
 HISTORY HOUSE FILE

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
  
 Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman  
 MHT and Sec. Preservation Society  
 Allegany County  
 Sept. 3, 1970  
  
 DATE OF RECORD

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