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Clauson House
Mount Savage Road, LaVale
1910

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The building is square with a high hipped slate roof with four dormers and finials. A second story balcony entrance on the southeast includes side lights, transom, and a bracketed flat roof. The house, in original condition, is a monument to the cultural awareness of the earlier residents of Allegany County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Clauson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mount Savage Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

LaVale

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mary C. Cook

Telephone #:

724-5765

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 232

CITY, TOWN

LaVale

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 490

Folio #: 309

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 Clauson House is located on the old Mount Savage Road near National Highway in northern LaVale.

The building in original condition, consists of a square two and one half story, five bays wide brick structure. Wall construction is of brick laid in american common bond in a variation of seven stretchers to one header. There is one course of six to one variation. The building rests on a low foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar stone with a plain water table. The high hip roof is covered with slate shingles including a band of diamond shaped shingles. Showboards and finials are also on the roof. Eaves consist of boxed cornice, soffit, and frieze decorated with dentils and architrave trim. Four dormers are gabled with slate shingle roofs and finials. Three small dormers, of one window each, have eaves consisting of a triangular pediment, boxed cornice, soffit and frieze with dentils. The larger dormer on the southeast, with three windows, has eaves consisting of boxed cornice, soffit, frieze with dentils, and returns. The three windows share a common pediment. A top the larger window in the center is a semicircular wooden moulded panel giving the group of windows the appearance of a Palladian window. Wall features include an octagonal bay window with a flat roof on the northeast. Two interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps are original.

The main entrance in the center of the southeastern facade includes a segmental brick arch of two rows of headers, and engraved segmental wooden panel, and a two light transom. Double doors with original hardware each have one light and two recessed panels. First floor windows are one over one lights, each with a segmental brick arch of two rows of headers, and engraved segmental panel, and wooden slipsills. Windows on the bay window are narrow. Other windows are one over one lights with wooden slipsills. Windows of the larger dormer on the southeast are one light fixed. All windows and doors have cyma recta moulding. The front porch on the southwest has a flat roof supported by six tapered wooden roman columns with scrolled Ionic caps with acanthus leaves. A balcony atop this porch roof includes an entrance on the second floor with two light sidelights and a three light transom. A flat roof over this entrance is supported by large decorative brackets.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Clauson had this large and elaborate brick house built in 1910. (1) It is located at the northern end of LaVale near the Narrows. Nearby is the site of Narrows Park, a popular entertainment center built around the turn of the century. (2) The building of the Clauson House was concurrent with real estate developer D.P. Miller's creation of LaVale. Miller purchased a half mile strip along the National Road in 1909 to be used as a residential suburb of Cumberland. (3)

Architecturally the Clauson House anticipated the scale and quality of the fine homes built in LaVale during the ensuing decades. The large brick house is square with a hipped roof with four gabled dormers. The main facade on the southeast was designed in a way to give the front of the building a vertical pile to compensate for the five bay width. The center of that facade is topped by the largest of the dormers with a simulated palladian window. The second floor balcony entrance with a transom and sidelights is protected with a flat roof with exaggerated brackets. The tall and airy front porch covers three bays of the facade.

The house is in original condition and is structurally sound. It stands as a monument to the cultural awareness of the earlier residents of Allegany County.

- (1) Interviews, September 19, 1978, Mrs. Mary C. Cook, owner
- (2) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.262
- (3) Ibid, p232

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry et al, Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .85 acres

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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

June 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: 59

DATE: _____

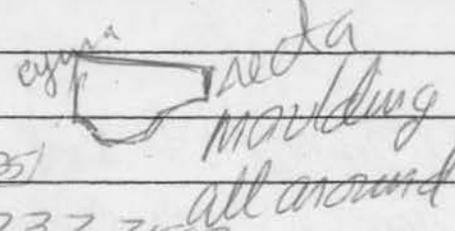
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor, none

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Clawson House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Homewood Add.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 130° SE



NAME OF OWNER: Mary C. Cook MAP LV 15 p. 351

ADDRESS: 490/309-85A Rt 1 Box 232 21502

3 generations 724 5765

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: DRUM DR SID 4 3 2 1
DWELLING SHAPE: (square), cross, rectangular

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (✓) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 7x1
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

1 row of G+1

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others 5 sided Bay on NE

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone course rock faced ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() engraved seg panel
wood slips segmental double header brackets w/
pegged() nailed(✓) wide(✓) narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SE
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN double doors 1 light ea.
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards one light transom ↓ two
horiz. rect recess panels ea.

2 narrow 1 w transom

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(✓) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave
gabled snowboards finishes on hip peak

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 4
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original(✓) replaced()

cut wooden posts w/ decorative scroll bracket

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(✓) gable() rear is ribbed tin

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(✓) Stone() Corbeled(✓) original(✓) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(✓)

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: arch
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1910 Built by George Clawson
CONDITION: good - exc

4 dormers w/ slate covering
check w/ [unclear] see plan.
8 1/4 x 1/4 rooms 3 halls
10 ceilings

DORMERS

① dormers have triangular pediment 3 part entabl w/ dentils. face of pediment has two slate shingles for facing.

Bulkhead on SW.



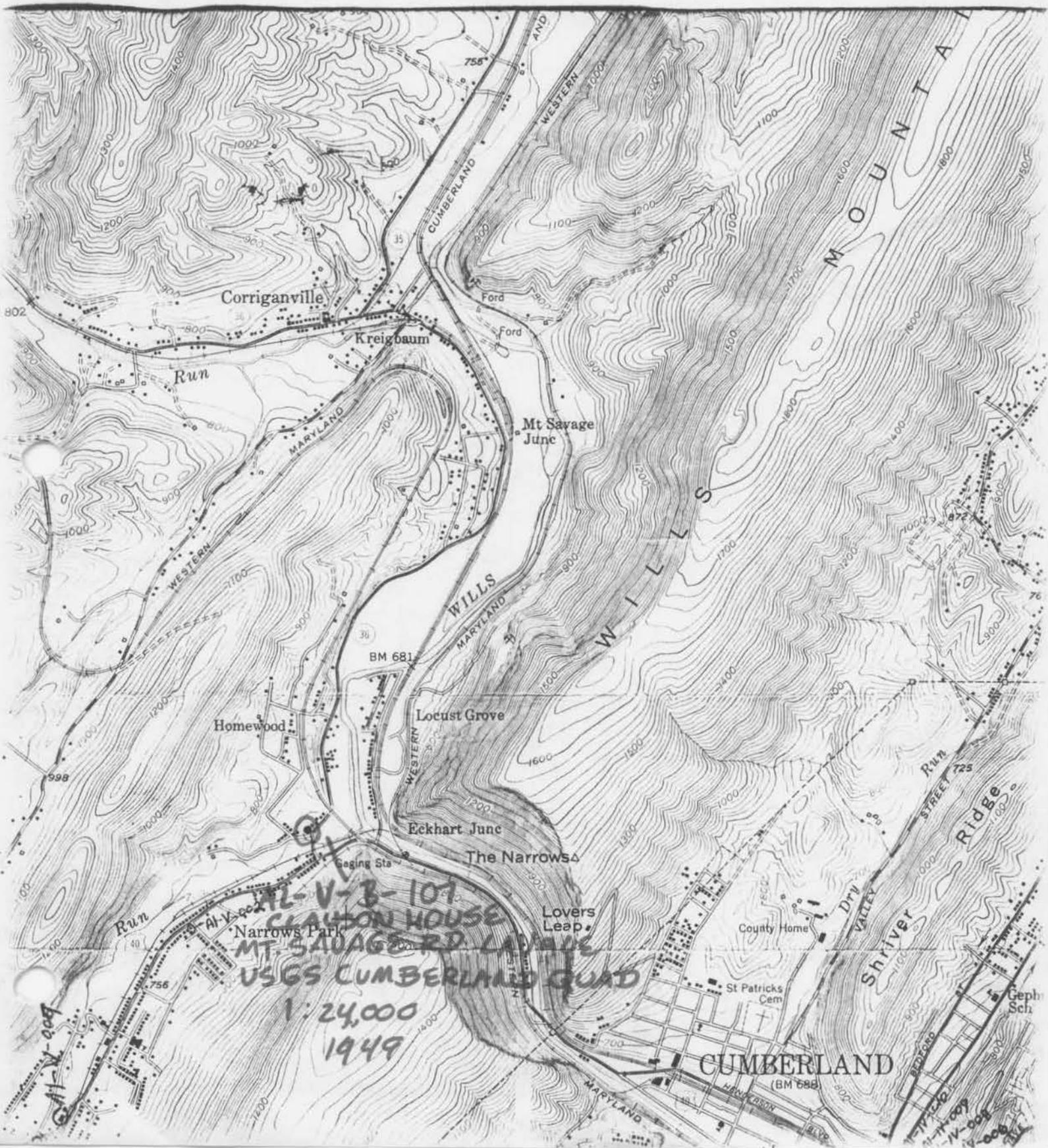
second story windows have no arches

SE dormer w/ returns. false paladian window w/ 3 windows
2 mullions pediment. radiating ^{plaque} w/ sun design.

SE 2nd floor door onto Balcony 2 light sidelights 3 light
transom (arch. panel below) brackets support overhang

SE Front porch flat. corinthian capped ^{acanthus leaves}
Roman columns. lintel ~~is~~ no projection over
front steps. brackets - makes porch w/ extra columns
2 caps missing

1728 photo shows bulkhead on porch roof & balcony on
SE corner. did have shutters.



Corriganville

Kreighbaum

Mt Savage June

Homewood

Locust Grove

Eckhart June

The Narrows

Lovers Leap

Shriver Ridge

CUMBERLAND
(BM 688)

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AL-V-007
CLAYTON HOUSE
MT. SAVAGE RD. (A-100)
USGS CUMBERLAND QUAD
1:24,000
1949

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MT. SAUABE RD LAVALLE

DAVID A. DORSEY

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south



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CLAUSON HOUSE
MT SAUSAGE RD ZAVALA

DAVID A. DORSEY

9/19/78
West



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CLAUSON HOUSE

MT SAVAGE RD, LAVALE

DAVID A DORSEY

9/19/78

NORTHWEST