

GENERAL STORE

AL-VI-B-038
Route 36, National
ca. 1900

The Old General Store consists of a two story, seven bay wide rectangular shaped main facade, with a one story shed roof wing on the south side. The possibility of this structure being a company store is good in that the Consolidation Coal Company did lease the land prior to 1927. However, it is difficult to determine this theory for certain because of the passage of an act by the Maryland General Assembly forbidding companies to own or operate stores. This act was skirted very easily; however, by the simple change of name in which the store was operated.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

General Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36 - near Ocean Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Ocean

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George A. Nolan & John Nolan

Telephone #: 463-2529

STREET & NUMBER

Klondike Road, Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #:

Folio #:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Ocean General Store is located along the west side of Route 36 near Ocean, Allegany County, near the intersection of Ocean Hill Road.

The structure basically consists of a two story, seven bay wide rectangular shaped main facade. A one story wing with shed roof abuts the main block on the southern side. The building is a frame structure originally covered with clapboards that has since been covered with insul brick siding. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table, and a high wall on the rear western side. The roof of the building is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The eaves feature boxed cornices and return ends while the front eastern side has a wide roof overhand supported by large brackets. Windows in the facade include double hung wooden sash frames with one over one and two over two lights with wooden cornices. Three entrances are located on the front eastern side and exhibit the original verticle paneled doors. One original corbeled brick chimney is located on the interior of the main block.

The structure is in deteriorated condition and is being used for storage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

3 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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. 1900	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old General Store is an example of the basic rectangular frame structure found in Allegany County, with a typical feature such as the wide overhang supported by brackets over the second story windows. The structure was built circa 1900 and is believed to have served as a general supply store for the community in the National Area.¹

Although the Maryland General Assembly in 1868 passed an act forbidding railroad and mining companies to own or operate stores; the act did not fully halt the practice of such businesses. In many cases, the only alteration the companies had to make was to run the store in the name of the boss miner or officer.² With this in mind, it is difficult to determine whether this general store was built as a company store or as an independent business. However, it is known that the Consolidation Coal Company did lease the land prior to 1927.³ In any event, it is known that miners did use both the independent and company store, but, "The better class of the underground workmen dealt with the independent stores, because goods were cheaper, and when they patronized the company store, they would not permit the company to deduct the store account."⁴

The structure is presently owned by George and John Nolan and is being used as a garage and storage space.

1 Interview with James S. Hanlin, December 15, 1976
 2 The Best Dressed Miners, Katherine A. Harvey, Cornell University, 1969 pp. 100-104
 3 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
 4 The Best Dressed Miners, ibid

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, Cornell University Press, 1969, pp 100-104

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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

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

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

Nolan General Store

Allegheny County Deed; Liber 451, Folio 330
grantee: George A. Nolan & John Nolan
grantor: Firmin J. Porter & Gladys, his wife
January 31, 1972
Consideration: \$1,000.00 Acres: .49

Allegheny County Deed; Liber 232, Folio 123
grantee: Firmin & Gladys Porter
grantor: Wilbur Emerick & ux.
November 24, 1950
Consideration: \$8,000.00
acres: .49

Allegheny County Deed; Liber 212, Folio 455
grantee: Wilbur Emerick & Florence Emerick
grantor: John McKean
November 21, 1946
Consideration: \$1,500.00
Acre: .49

Allegheny County Deed; Liber 158, Folio 260
grantee: John McKean
Grantor: Consolidation Coal Company
December 16, 1927
Consideration: \$300.00
acres: .49

Consolidation leasing under Mortgage from Standard Trust Company of New York.

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-038

451/330

DATE: 11/19/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

49 Area

NAME OF PROPERTY: General Store (Nolan)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt 36 - Near ~~Cates~~ Ocean Hill Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Georg A. + John Nolan

ADDRESS: Klondike Rd Rt 1 463-2579

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Shed roof wing

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 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 Insul Brick

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() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 3 East
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed Cornice
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()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

- Use - Storage Garage New
- Significance - Arch. - Comm.
- Date Constructed - CA. 1980
- Condition - Deteriorated

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



General Store
AI-VI-B-038
Rt. 36, .6 Mi. S of Ocean
Loxaconing Quad
1:24,000
1974 Revised



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Train Station

Rt. 36, west side

Ocean Station

John Nelson

11/19/76

Northwest



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Train Station

Rt. 36, west side

Ocean Station

Gunn Nelson

11/19/76

North east



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