

BOOTH HOUSE

AL-VI-B-055  
Vale Summit  
ca. 1860

The Booth House is an "L" shaped frame building with two shed roof additions on the north and west sides. As such it is a well preserved example of a 19th century miner's home, and like the other houses in Vale Summit, it is not a typical "company house" in that the houses in Vale Summit were constructed by the miners themselves. Architecturally, it is of special interest because of its houndstooth frieze and multiple gable-roofed additions.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-055

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Booth Frame

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Vale Summit ML 55

CITY, TOWN

Vale Summit  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 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walter Booth

Telephone #: 689-3493

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 573

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 485

Folio #: 844

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***ML-VI-B-055*

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Booth Frame House is located in Vale Summit, Allegany County.

The Booth House is an "L" shaped frame building with two shed roof additions on the north and west sides. The house is covered with clapboard and rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and a houndstooth frieze. It is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the house are pegged double hung, wooden sash frames with a combination of four over four and six over six lights. The main entrance is located on the south side of the building and features a verticle paneled door with original hardware. The entrance is covered by a single bay hipped roof end porch. A single original brick chimney is located at the inside gable end.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

*M-V-BOSS*

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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Booth House, located in Vale Summit, is a well preserved example of a 19th century miner's home. However, the house is atypical in that the majority of the homes in Vale Summit were not company houses. That is, they were not constructed by Consolidation Coal Company or another smaller mining company. Instead, the town was laid out in 1851 and miners bought the lots and constructed their own homes.<sup>1</sup> The result was that the homes in Vale Summit vary somewhat from the type of company housing utilized in other towns. Thus, the Booth House with its houndstooth frieze and multiple gable-roofed additions varies a great deal from the typical Consolidation Company saltbox.

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1 HARVEY, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 79

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland  
Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N. Y.:  
Cornell University Press, 1969)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Lots 13 & 14 - less than 1 acre

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

1/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

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

INVENTORY NO. A-1-V-1-B 055

485/844

DATE: 12/15/76

Lots 13+14  
Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Booth Frame

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Vale Summit

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Walter Booth 689-~~3493~~ <sup>3493</sup>

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 573  
Eastbury, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Side Shed Rear Shed  
L shaped

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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE replace Cement Block

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) <sup>4/4</sup> 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Cornice  
pegged () nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) houndstooth  
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( ) Hood

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original() replaced()  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

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

COMMENTS:  
Use - Residence  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed -  
Condition - Fair

LONACONING QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE

563 11 25  
CUMBERLAND

55° 679 1+ MI TO 17.5 10 181 270,000 FEET (MD.) 182 73° 52' 30" 39° 37' 30"



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Booth Frame House  
Vale Summit  
USGS - Lonaconing Quad  
1:24,000  
1974 Revised

437  
436  
550,000 FEET (MD.)  
435  
434  
35'  
433



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Vals Summit

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Alan Baldwin

Northwest