

OLD DISTILLERY

AL-VI-B-064
Dan's Rock Road, Midland
ca. 1880

The Old Distillery basically consisted of a one story, four bay wide salt-box frame structure. The building was the site of a small scale distilling process in the late 19th century and early 20th century and is believed to have operated even through Prohibition. The distilling provided inexpensive spirits to the numerous bars and taverns in the Midland area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Distillery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dan's Rock Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

X 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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles L. Hausrath

Telephone #: 463-2341

STREET & NUMBER

RFD 1, Box 485

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 413

Folio #: 396

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

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Distillery is located on the south side of Dan's Rock Road near Midland, Allegany County approximately three fourths of a mile east of the Paradise Street intersection.

The structure basically consists of a one story, four bay wide, frame structure of the saltbox design. The building was originally covered with mere vertical clapboards but has since been covered with weatherboarding. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled with a rear shed wing and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The eaves of the structure are very plain and exhibit a narrow soffit only. Windows in the structure feature replaced double hung wooden sash frames with cornices and one over one and two over two lights. The entrances to the structure are located on the front northern face and eastern side. The entrance on the eastern side includes an enclosed porch with hipped roof and shed roof hood over the door. The main entrance features a replaced, eight light paneled door with side lights and cornice. The front entrance is also covered by a four bay end porch with shed roof, supported by columns with Roman Doric Capitals. Two corbeled brick chimneys, which appear to be replaced, are located one to the outside east end and the other to the outside rear side.

The building is structurally sound but has been drastically altered when renovated into a residence.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Distillery was the site of a small scale distilling process which operated in the late 19th century.¹ The distillery is believed to have operated under James E. Pratt when first erected in the mid 1880's.² The operation continued production into the early 20th century and is believed to have been run by the Albrights even through Prohibition.³

These early distilleries sold rye whiskey for inexpensive amounts to the numerous taverns in the area. In Midland alone, there was an estimated twenty six saloons in the late 19th century. "Men who were too old to work or who were disabled opened up their homes as drinking spots, consequently, the employed patronized the unemployed."⁴

The old structure has been drastically altered and now serves as residence.

- 1 Interview with Mr. Charles L. Hausrath, December 20, 1976
- 2 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
- 3 ibid - Hansrath
- 4 Allegany County - A History, Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County Commissioners, 1976 p. 250

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/3/77

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.

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

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TITLE SEARCH

Old Distillery

Allegany County Deed; Liber 396, Folio 413
grantee: Charles L. Hausrath
grantor: Ettie Sires
October 30, 1967
Consideration: \$3,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 117, Folio 653
grantee: Mary Albright (Mother of Ettie Sires)
grantor: Alexander Morton, et. ux.
January 6, 1916
Consideration: \$1,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 75, Folio 254
grantee: William M. Clise
grantor: James E. Pratt
March 26, 1894

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B 064

DATE: 12/20/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Distillery

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Dan's Rock Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 24° (North-Northeast)

NAME OF OWNER: Charles L. Hausrath

ADDRESS: RFD 1 Frostburg Box 485 463-2341

413/396
Lot Less than One Acre
~~Ars base~~
~~(Leasehold) Titled here~~
one

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 STORY SHED ROOF (4 Bay) in rear

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Originally vertical Board now thin weathered

- () 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

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELLED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
cornice pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Door has 12 lights
HARDWARE: original () replaced ()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original () replaced () Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original () replaced ()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed () hip () gable () 4 Bay Front and Sbd Porch
3 Bay Enclosed Side Porch

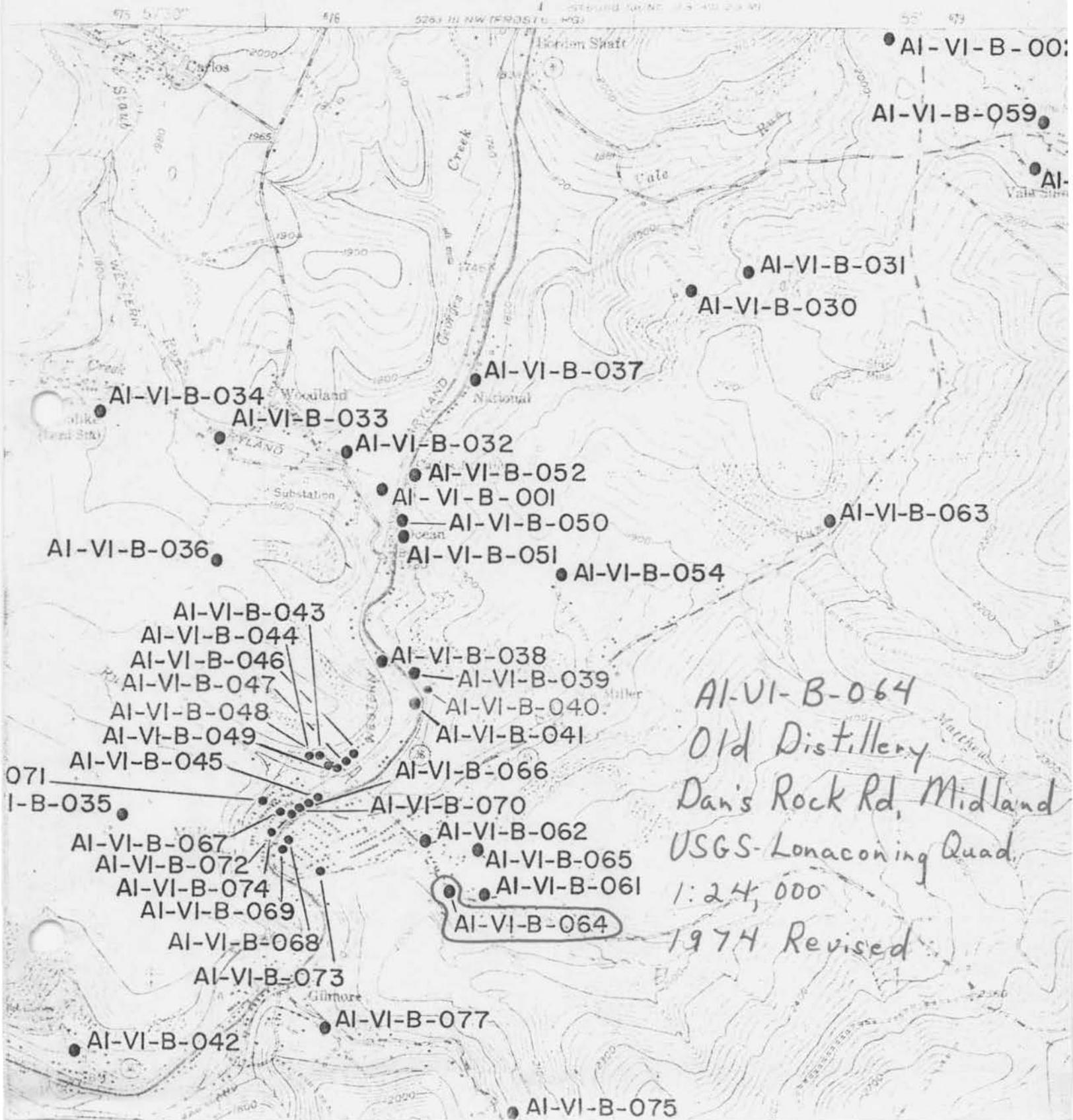
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK () STONE () CORBELLED () original () replaced ()
LOCATION: Flush end () Inside end () Outside end () Central () Interior ()

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

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

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Dan's Rock Road

12/20/76

Southwest

John E. Nelson



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Old Distillery

Dan's Rock Road

12/20/76

North east

John E. Nelson