

DORSEY FRAME HOUSE

AL-VI-B-065
Paradise Road, Midland
ca. 1890

The Dorsey Frame House is a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped frame structure. The house is typical of the rural style of architecture found in Allegany County in the latter part of the 19th century. Similar to the other houses of this style, the house exhibits some of its own unique features which makes each of these houses a little different from each other.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dorsey Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Paradise Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Agatha Dorsey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.C. General Delivery

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21542

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 167

Folio #: 498

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 Dorsey Frame House is located on the south side of Paradise Road in Midland, Allegany County.

The Dorsey House is a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped frame structure that has been covered with weatherboard. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. A small shed roof addition abuts the main block on its eastern side; it has been covered with novelty siding. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and is covered with asphalt shingles. The Northern gable end is partially covered with fish scale shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung, wooden sash frames with a combination of one over one and two over two lights. In addition, all window frames have architrave trim and cornices. The main entrance is located on the western facade and features a vertically paneled door with original hardware and a transom light. It is covered by a three bay hipped roof end porch which is supported by brackets, chamfered columns and a banister. Three original, corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

The Dorsey House is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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8 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 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 ca. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dorsey Frame House, located near Midland, is a typical example of rural architecture found in Allegany County in the latter part of the 19th century. In all probability, the house was constructed circa 1890 and like many others, exhibits its own unique features which makes each of these houses a little different from the others. Like numerous other houses in the county, the house exhibits the typical features of a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped structure with gabled roof. Although the style is rather conservative, the size of the structures above point to the fact that the inhabitants were a little more prosperous than the average citizen of Allegany County, and these structures remain an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in Allegany County.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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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

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joan Baldwin & John Nelson

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.

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. AI-VI-B-065

DATE: 12/20/76

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

~~area~~? Less than one

NAME OF PROPERTY: Dorsey Frame House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Paradise Rd. 3rd House Midland on South Side of St.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 332° North-Northwest

NAME OF OWNER: Agatha Dorsey

ADDRESS: P.O. Midland, MD. 21542

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 1 story shed roofed frame (concrete), 2 1/2 light asphalt

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) L shaped

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, PILASTER, 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()
Cornice + architrave narrow or front pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North-Northwest, west

HARDWARE: original () replaced ()
PAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards.

boxed 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, FORMERS # MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original () replaced ()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed () hip () gable () 2 Bay Front End Hipped Roof

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK () STONE () CORBELED () original () replaced () LOCATION: Flush end () Inside end () Outside end () Central () Interior ()

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

COMMENTS:

Use - vacant
Significance - arch.
Date Constructed - 1890's
Condition - deteriorated

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Paradise Rd, Midland

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West

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Dorsey Frame House

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East

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