

BOWEN HOTEL

AL-VI-B-066  
Route 36, Midland  
ca. 1910

The Old Hotel consists of a two story, four bay wide frame structure with a facial parapet. The building was constructed circa 1910 by Mr. Bowen for the purpose of boarding space for company representatives. The facade has been altered internally; first to serve as a pool room and saloon, and now to serve as bar and grill with second story apartments.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-066

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Bowen Hotel & Store

AND/OR COMMON Thrasher's Store Front Frame

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Route 36

CITY, TOWN Midland  VICINITY OF Sixth 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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED          | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS    | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED     | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED   | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION     |
|   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>Bar &amp; Grill</u>                |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME (Thrasher)

George's Creek Construction Company Telephone #: 463-2242

STREET & NUMBER Route 55

CITY, TOWN Frostburg  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 484

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street Folio #: 549

CITY, TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

100-8-06

# 7 DESCRIPTION

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" 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 Thrasher's Store is located on the west side of Route 36, Main Street in Midland, Allegany County near the new Route 36 intersection.

The structure basically consists of a two story, four bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure covered with beveled siding. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the building is flat and features a parapet on the front eastern face. The parapet includes a narrow soffit supported by scrolled brackets. Windows in the structure feature double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights and cornices on the second story. The building originally was divided into a store and dwelling place, and the ground story includes a bay window and commercial store front windows on the front eastern side. The main entrance placed on the commercial half of the structure is recessed into the store front windows, while the other entrance is plain with a verticle paneled door. The entrances are covered by a hipped roof; supported by banistered columns on the residential side and by the store front windows on the other.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been altered somewhat and now serves as a local tavern.

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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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Thrasher's store front frame was constructed by Mr. Bowen circa 1910. The building was originally built for the purpose of a hotel and was used to supplement the boarding space needed for mining company representatives.<sup>1</sup> After the decline of the mining industry and the need for boarding rooms diminished, the structure was converted into a saloon and pool-hall. The structure is presently used as a bar and grill on the ground floor, while the second story is renovated into apartments.

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1 Interview with Miss Catherine Broderick, February 7, 1977

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

John Nelson &amp; Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/17/77

STREET &amp; 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. AL-VI-B-066

484/549 Lot  
Less Than one

DATE: 12/29/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Thrasher's Store on Bowen Hotel

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt 36 Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southcast

NAME OF OWNER: George's Creek Construction Company, Inc (Thrasher)

ADDRESS: Rt 55 Rt 1 463-2242  
Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 2 Story Frame

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, 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  
Bay window architrave  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 Front  
HARDWARE: original() replaced()  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Faneled Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Scrolled Bracket  
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( )

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

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

COMMENTS:

Use - Bar + Grill  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed CA 1910  
Condition - Good

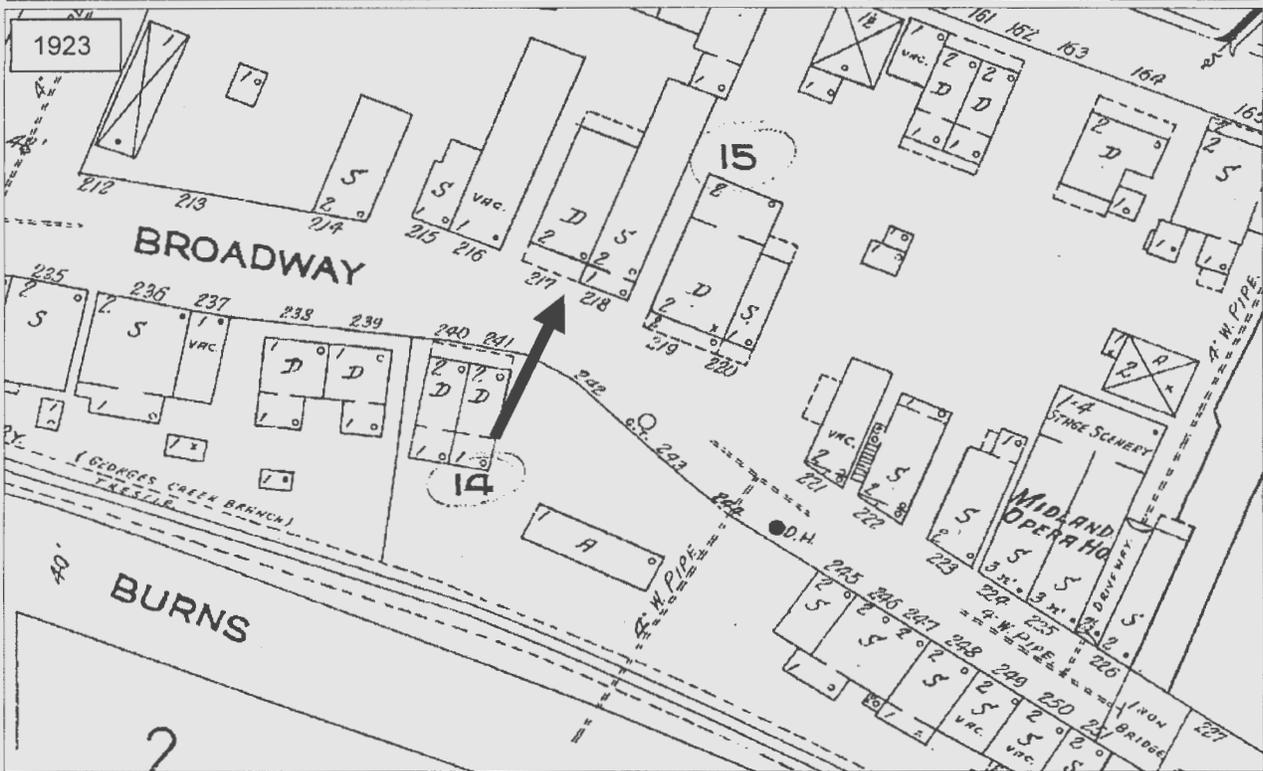
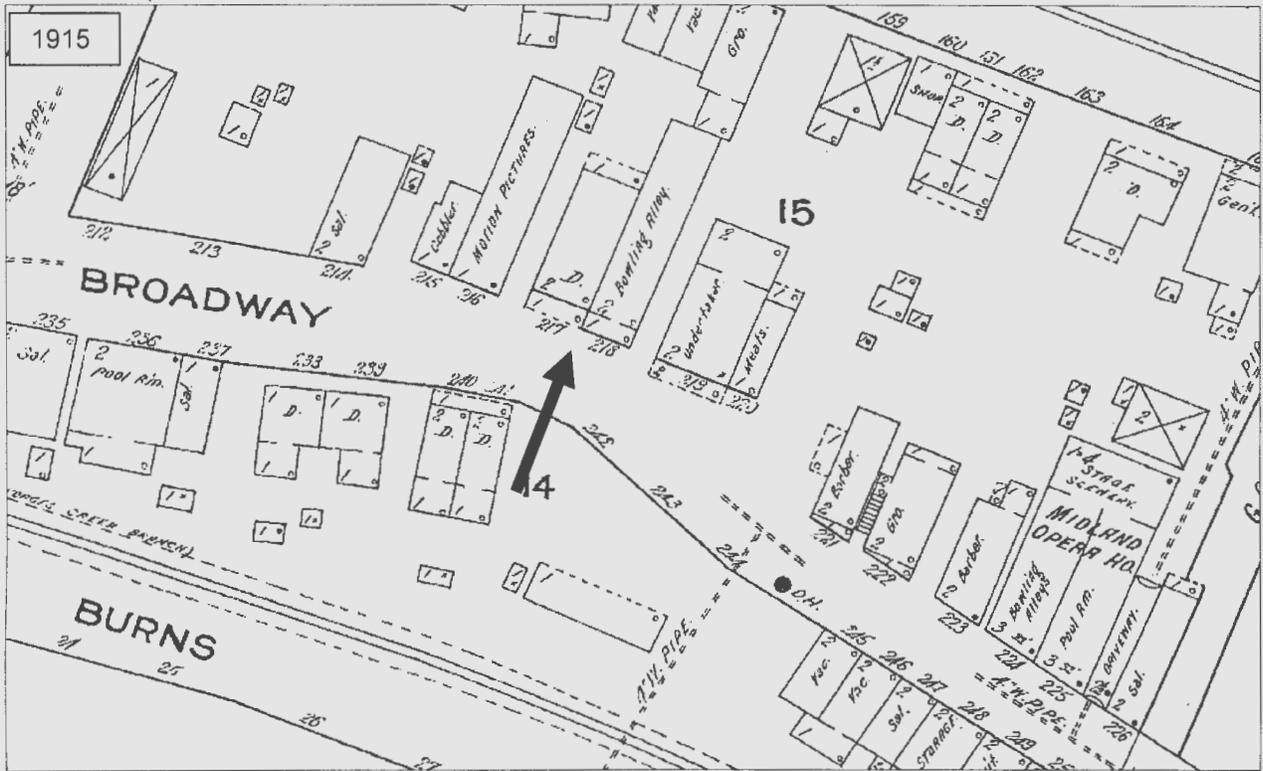
Used to be a  
store, pool room

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MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

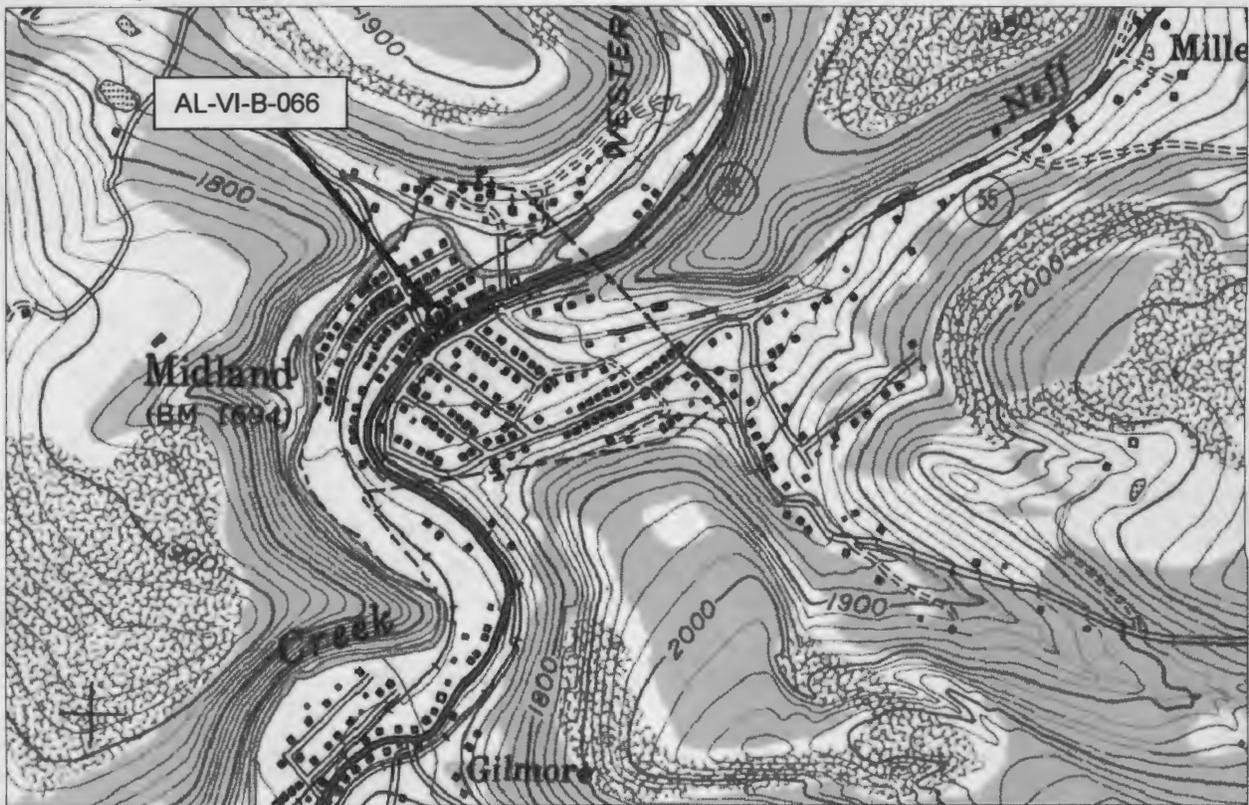


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Thrasher's Store Front Frame (Bowen Hotel & Store)  
14813 Broadway Street, Midland  
Sanborn Maps



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14813 Broadway Street, Midland  
Lonaconing Quadrangle 1950, Photorevised 1981



Allegheny County Tax Map 1i, Parcel 36



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Thrasher's Store

Rt. 36 Midland

12/29/76

West

John E. Nelson