

MARTIN SALTBOX

AL-VI-B-074  
Railroad Street, Midland  
ca. 1860

The Martin House is a one and a half story, four bay wide saltbox. The house is an example of a "block" or a two family dwelling constructed by a coal company in the second half of the 19th century. It is an especially good example since it has been altered little since its original construction.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Martin Saltbox

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Railroad Street

CITY, TOWN

Midland

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
- None

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jim & Loretta Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

536 E. 24th Street

CITY, TOWN

Eris,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 177

Folio #: 645

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-VI-6-074

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 Martin Saltbox is located on the east side of Railroad Street in Midland, Allegany County near the Route 36 intersection.

The building basically consists of a two story, four bay wide, frame structure of the Saltbox design. The facade is covered with beveled siding and is supported by a low stone foundation, with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled with a rear shed roof wing and is covered with replaced asphalt materials. The eaves of the structure feature the original rafter ends with no trim. Windows in the house include double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights, while on the front second story single sash frames are exhibited with six lights and wooden cornices. There are two entrances to the structure on the front western side, giving evidence to the fact that it originally was a double house. The entrances feature the original verticle paneled doors with plain trim. The house includes a three bay end porch. The porch exhibits a hipped roof supported by square columns with cushion capitals and steps lead to the porch level. Two brick chimneys, which appear to be original, are located; one to the interior of shed wing and one centrally to the gabled block.

The house is structurally sound and retains much of its original 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES            1850                                    BUILDER/ARCHITECT    Midland Coal & Iron Company

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Martin Saltbox is typical of a "block or a two family dwelling constructed by a coal company in the second half of the 19th century. These houses were usually one and a half stories high with a roofed porch across the front of the house. There were no cellars but the houses were set on low stone foundations. The frame was constructed of timbers mortised and tenoned together with horizontal whitewashed weatherboard on the outside. Inside rooms were plastered and painted. Each unit consisted of three rooms on the first floor and one on the second with a brick chimney running up through the middle providing each tenant with two fireplaces. Double houses built by the Midland Coal and Iron Company in 1856 cost about \$400.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 83 & 84

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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

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/17/77

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B 074

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DATE: 12/28/76

Less than one Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Martin Saltbox

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Railroad St. Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Jim + Loretta Martin

ADDRESS: 536 E. 24th St.

Erie, Pennsylvania

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Saltbox

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

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
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( ) 4 Bay End - Square Col

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 - None  
Significance - Arch Ind  
Date Constructed - Mid 19th  
Condition - Deter.

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Southwest

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