GEORGE'S CREEK IRON & COAL COMPANY OFFICES

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Park Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1840

The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Building was built by the company in the early years of its operation; ca. 1840. The building is a large "L" shaped structure constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. One of its most interesting features is the three outside end chimneys which feature built-in fire places in case the building was ever expanded.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Park Street

CITY, TOWN
Lonaconing — X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
William Marshall, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Park Street, R.R., Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Lonaconing — X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 188
Folio #: 535

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
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George's Creek Iron and Coal Company Office Building is located on the West side of Park Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County near the intersection of Route 36.

The building basically consists of a two story front eastern side rising to a three story rear western side, five bay wide, "L" shaped facade. The building is constructed of brick and is laid in American Common Bond. The wall treatments found on the building include a brick belt course between the first and second stories and pilastered and arcaded treatments on the front eastern and northern sides. The entire structure is supported by a high stone foundation with semi-circular arched window wells and plain water table. The roof of the facade features a steeply pitched shed roof which accounts for the building being two stories in front and three in the rear. The roof is covered with replaced materials and exhibits the original rafter ends on the front east and north sides. Windows in the facade feature pegged double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights and plain trim. The windows are placed within the arcades on the east and north sides, while the rear section does not include these treatments. Two main entrances are located on the front eastern side and feature replaced verticle doors and plain trim. The entrances are covered with one bay shed roof hoods supported by square columns. Three original corbeled brick chimneys are placed on the facade. One chimney is located to the interior of the north side, while the remaining two are located on the outside ends of the "L" wings. These outside end chimneys also feature built-in fire places in case of expansion of the office building.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been altered when renovated to use as apartments.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Office Building was built by the company in the early years of operation; circa 1840. The building originally was used for office spaces and boarding quarters for miners during the development period of the George's Creek Company.[1] In these early days of the company, the boarding house keepers on the company's lands were limited to charging three dollars a week for their housing.[2] The building was purchased by the Maryland Coal Company in 1866 and continued the same use. Near the turn of the 20th century, the building continued to be used as a boarding house and a space was leased for use as a private store on the ground floor.

The structure is now used as apartments and continues to be an architectural reminder of the Maryland Coal Region.

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1 Interview with Alvin Ternents, March 14, 1977
2 Harvey, Katherine A; The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 92
3 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 & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION: Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE: 2/24/77

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

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TITLE SEARCH

George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

Allegany County Deed; Liber 188, Folio 535
grantee: William Marshall, Jr.
grantor: Peter Marshall, et. ux.
December 11, 1940
Consideration: $1,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 166, Folio 404
grantee: Peter Marshall & Mary Marshall
grantor: Hannah Evans
October 3, 1931

Allegany County Deed; Liber 133, Folio 258
grantee: ARch M. Evans & Hannah Evans
grantor: J. Glenn Beall
May 22,1920

Allegany County Deed; Liber 133, Folio 212
grantee: J. Glenn Beall
grantor: Joseph G. Story
April 26, 1920
Consideration: $1,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 101, Folio 552
grantee: Joseph G. Story
grantor: Maryland Coal Company
July 9, 1907

Allegany County Deed; Liber 24, Folio 265
grantee: American Coal Company
grantor: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company
March 17, 1866

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-094 188/535

DATE: February 8, 1977 Lot - Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Park Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: William Marshall, Jr.

ADDRESS: Park Street, R.R., Main Street

Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 5/1
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
( ) LOG
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:
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

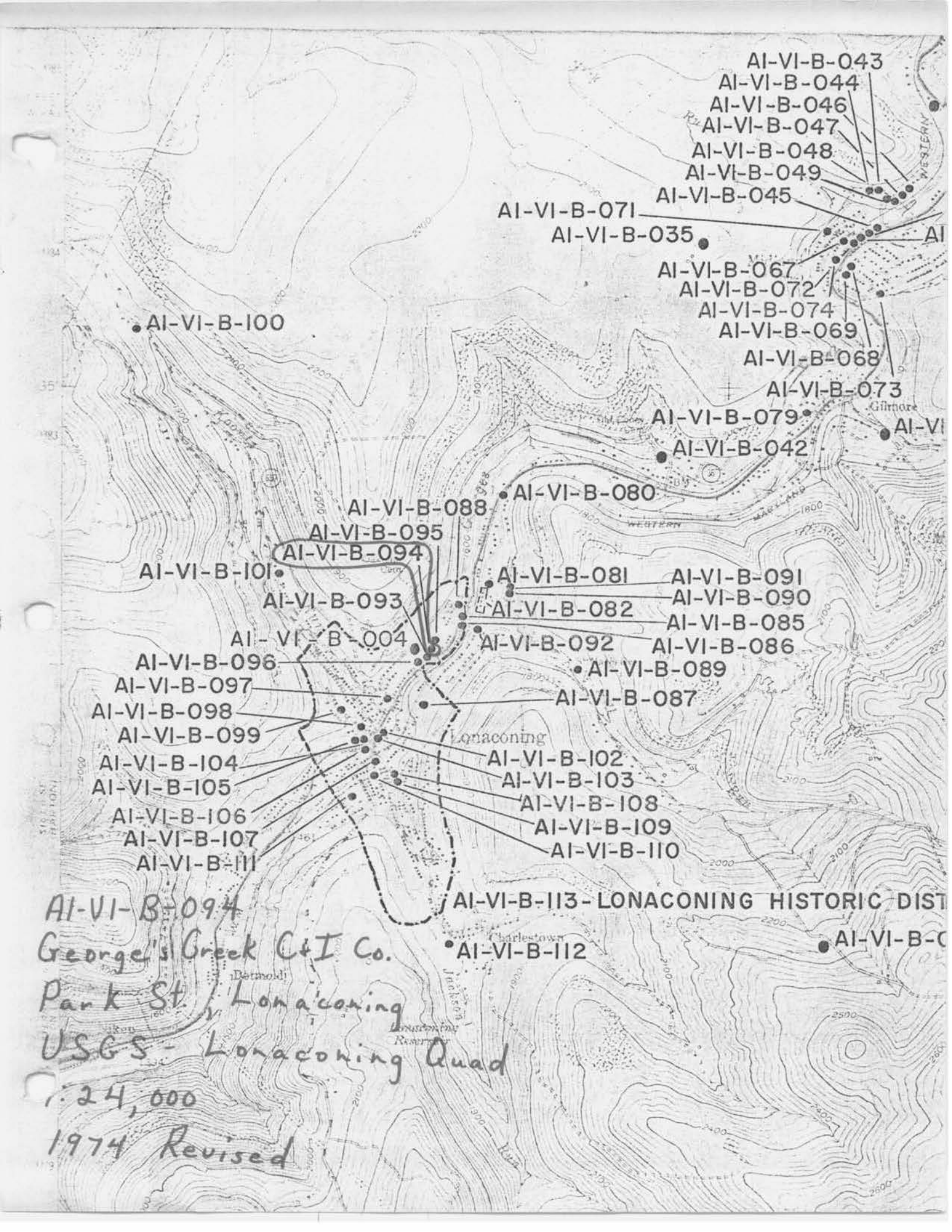
ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip( ) gable( )

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

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

COMMENTS:
Use - Apartments
Significance - Architecture/Industry
Date Constructed - 1836 - 1837
Condition - Fair



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George's Creek C&I Co.
Park St / Lonaconing
USGS - Lonaconing Quad
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1974 Revised

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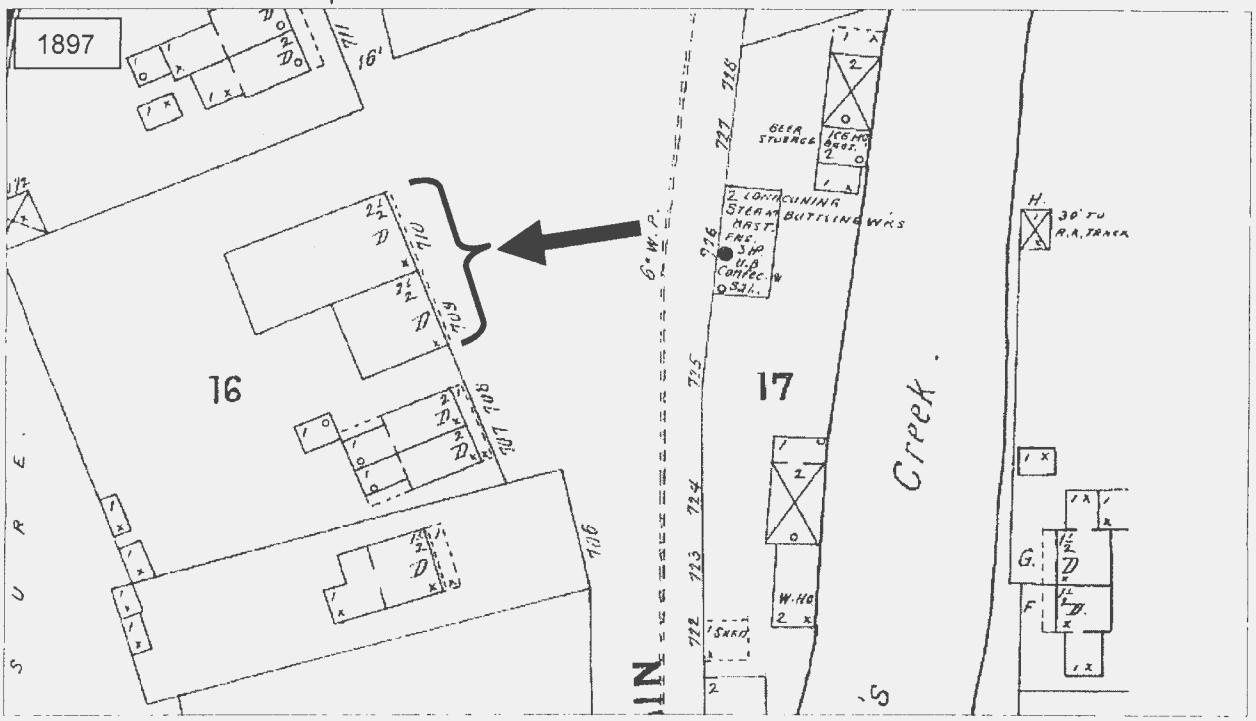
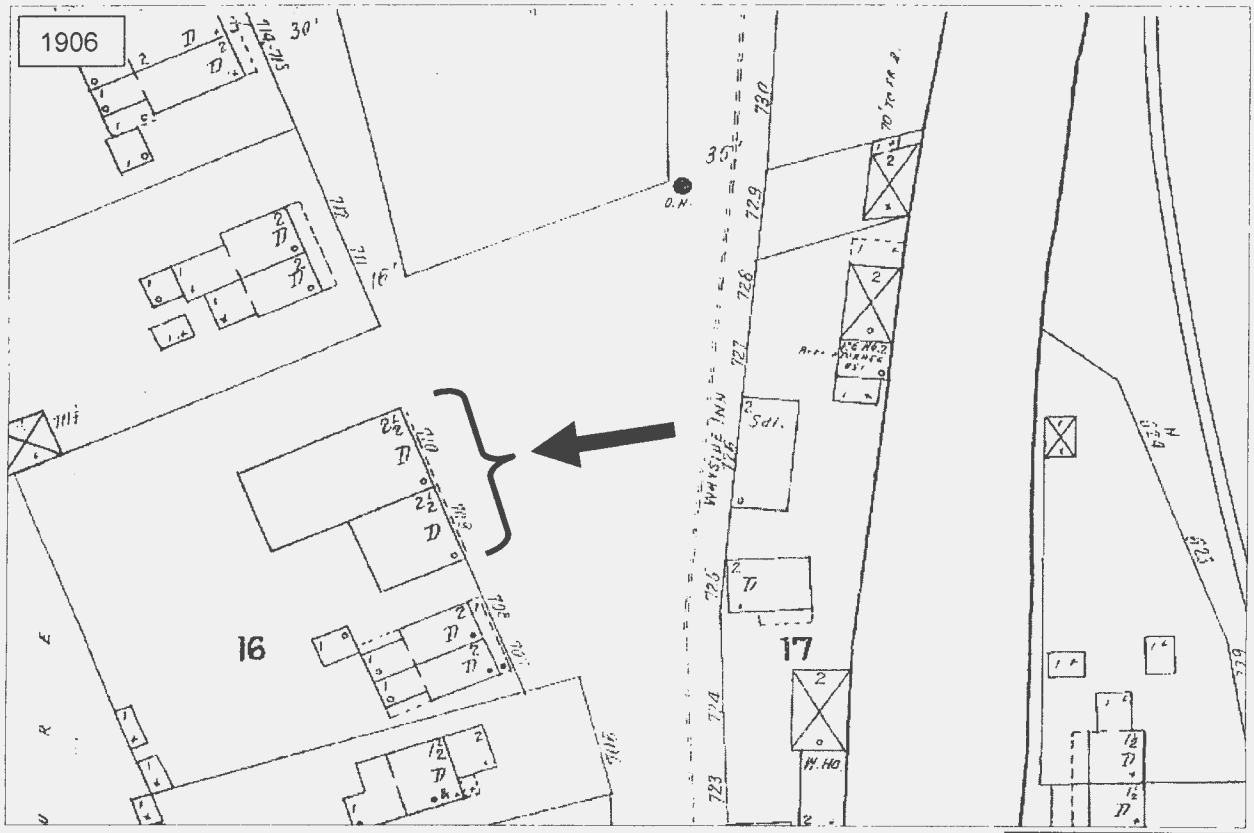
7-9 Park Street, Lonaconing
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps





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7-9 Park Street, Lonaconing
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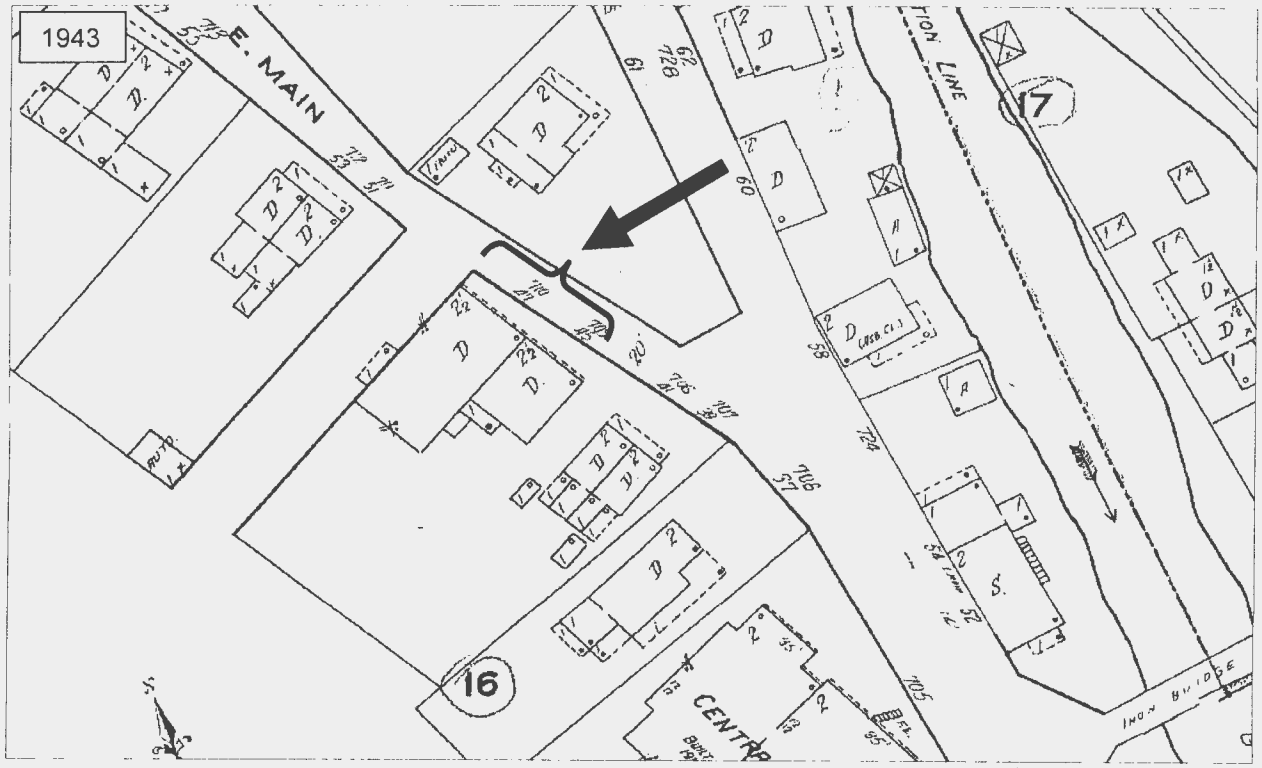

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7-9 Park Street, Lonaconing
Lonaconing quad 1950, Photorevised 1981

Allegany County Tax Map 2I, Parcel 170

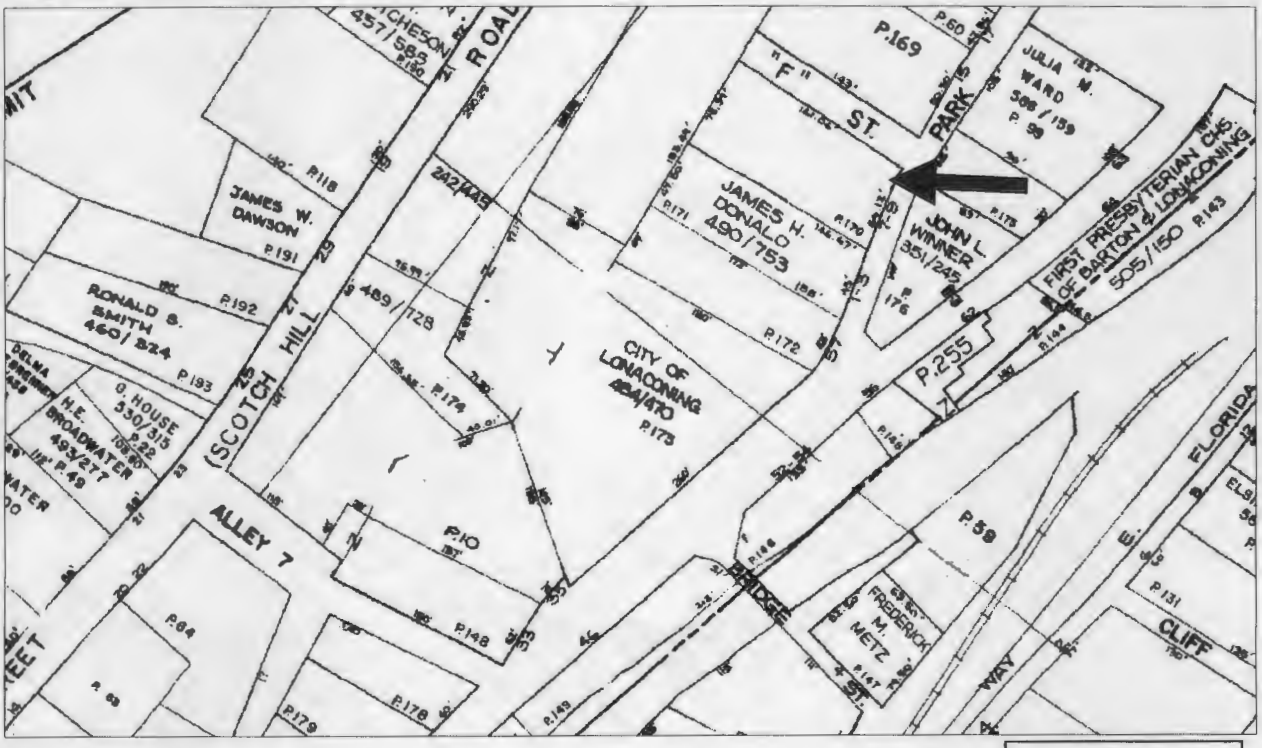

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FIGURE 30

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GEORGES CREEK COAL + IRON CO'S OFFICE

3/24/77 - John Nelson, Joan Baldwin

Lonaconing Historic District
Allegany County
1982 Photo: Mark R. Edwards
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD.
George's Creek Coal & Iron Co. offices
(AL-VI-B-~~086)~~ 094 Park Street, from S.W. corner.
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(FIGURE 30)

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Georges Creek Coal + Iron Co. Offices

Park St., Lonaconing

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John E. Nelson

Northwest

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Georges Creek Iron + Coal Co. Offices

Park St., Lonaconing

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John E. Nelson

Southwest

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George's Creek Iron + Coal Co. Offices

Park St., Lonaconing

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

Northeast