



INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: The Brick Plant Ruins Survey Number: AL-VI-B100

Project: Surface Mine Beachwood Rd, Lonaconing Buffalo Coal Co. CPA #91-10 Agency: BOM

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This ruin of a brick plant does not meet the National Register Criteria for listing. The property is noted as a "mid-level" property in the Coal Region Survey.

The property was described as structurally unsound in 1977.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Coal Region Survey
and inventory form AL-VI-100

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Elizabeth Hancock 7/23/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Ronald Hoover 7/23/91
Reviewer, NR program Date

BRICK PLANT RUINS

AL-VI-B-100
Beechwood Road, Lonaconing
1912

The Brick Plant Ruins Building was built in 1912 by a brick bonding company. The ruins basically consist of the shell of a two story, irregular rectangular shaped brick structure. The facade is laid in American Common Bond and includes pilastered wall treatments. Only one car load of bricks was even shipped from this particular plant, due to the overwhelming competition from plants such as Mount Savage.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Brick Plant Ruins

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Beechwood Road

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

__OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES RESTRICTED

__YES UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

X OTHER

NONE

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Coal & Realty Company

Telephone #:

689-8895

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 410

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 187

Folio #: 292

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input checked="" 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 Brick Plant Ruins Building is located on the south side of Beechwood Road near Lonaconing, Allegany County near the boundary line between Garret and Allegany County.

The plant ruins basically consists of the shell of a two story, irregular rectangular shaped brick structure. The facade is laid in American Common Bond brick construction and includes: pilastered wall treatments. The building is supported by a low brick foundation. Although the roof is missing, the structure continues to exhibit the gable ends. Windows and doors in the facade are missing, as well as all other internal and external features.

The old brick plant is structurally deteriorated; however, it remains a cultural reminder of a type of industry, other than mining, in the Lonaconing area.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brick Plant Ruins Building was built circa 1912 by a brick bonding company. Experiments on materials used in the product were made at this plant; however, operations were short lived. In 1914, the one and only car load of bricks was shipped from the Beechwood Road plant, and soon after the shipment the plant ceased operations. Other larger brick plants, for instance at Mount Savage, produced and supplied most of the final product, this forcing the small companies out of business.¹

The Brick plant, although in ruins, remains an architectural reminder of an industry other than mining in the Maryland Coal Region.

¹ Interview with Alvin Ternent, March 14, 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 9.89 acres

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

3/15/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

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-100

187/292

DATE: February 9, 1977

9.89 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Brick Plant Ruins

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Beechwood Road, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Maryland Coal & Realty Company

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 410

Frostburg, Maryland 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, irregular
rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6/1 part glazed
- () 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() 9/6() 9/9() other() Gone
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: GONE

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()

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 - Vacant

Significance - Brick Industry/Architecture

Date Constructed -

Condition - Deteriorated - Ruins

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AI-VI-B-044
AI-VI-B-046
AI-VI-B-047
AI-VI-B-048
AI-VI-B-049

AI-VI-B-071
AI-VI-B-035
AI-VI-B-045

AI-VI-B-067
AI-VI-B-072
AI-VI-B-074
AI-VI-B-069
AI-VI-B-068

AI-VI-B-073
AI-VI-B-079
AI-VI-B-042
Giltmore
AI-VI-B-041

AI-VI-B-088
AI-VI-B-080

AI-VI-B-095
AI-VI-B-094
AI-VI-B-101

AI-VI-B-081
AI-VI-B-091
AI-VI-B-082
AI-VI-B-090
AI-VI-B-085

AI-VI-B-004
AI-VI-B-092
AI-VI-B-086

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AI-VI-B-099
AI-VI-B-087

AI-VI-B-104
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Brick Plant Ruins
Beechwood Rd, Lonacoring
USGS - Lonacoring Quad
1:24,000
1974 Revised



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Brick Plant Ruins

Beechwood Rd, Lonaconing

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John E. Nelson

Northwest



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Brick Plant Ruins

Beechwood Rd, Lonaconing

2/9/77

John E. Nelson

West