

Stevenson Board and Batten
Railroad Street
Pekin, Md.
S.D. 1874-1876
AL-VI-B-177

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Stevenson Board and Batten
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Railroad Street Sixth
 CITY, TOWN Pekin VICINITY OF 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Raymond M. Thrasher Telephone #: 463-5663
 STREET & NUMBER Nikep
 CITY, TOWN Nikep VICINITY OF STATE Maryland zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 500 Folio #: 660
 STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street
 CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building originally consisted of a two story, three bays wide rectangular frame structure of board and plain batten. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice and sloped soffit. One replaced cement block chimney is located on the interior.

The main entrance, offset on the northern facade, includes a one light transom and a three panel, one light door. Windows are slightly pedimented pegged two over two lights with wooden lugsills. A board and batten addition rests on stone pillars at the corners giving an "L" shape to the building. A small frame addition at the corner of the "L" rests on a low brick foundation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 1874-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Pekin, near the town of Barton, was "laid out" around 1867 by A. B. Shaw. (1) It is one of many small communities of the George's Creek mining regions established near the mines for which they were named. (2) In 1880 Pekin had a population of 505. (3) In most other American coal mining regions company ownership of all housing was prevalent. Some towns and villages of the Georges Creek area, where many miners owned their homes, proved to be the exception to the rule. This was possible because developers planning new villages of the area made lots "available to the general public." (4)

In 1874 James Stevenson, a resident of the adjacent village of Moscow Mines, bought part of lot number 30 of Pekin from James Mackay, who was probably a land speculator. (5) Stevenson built this board and batten dwelling and sold the property to his son, James Jr., in 1876. (6) The record of the sale describes the building as a

... two story frame house, twenty-four feet front by sixteen back, back building fourteen feet, one story high, one back porch, six feet by fourteen, front porch six by eight feet. (7)

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- (1) J. T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L..H. Everts Co. : Vol II) p. 1467
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al Allegheny County, A History (Parsons W. Va. McClain Printing Co.) p. 140
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 84
- (4) Ibid, p.79
- (5) Allegheny County Land Records Liber 43, Folio 266
- (6) Ibid, Liber 47, Folio 109
- (7) Ibid

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et. al. Allegany County, A History Parsons, W Va. McClain Printing Co., 1976
Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland: Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60'x82'

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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Cordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

August 27, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 500, Folio 660
Grantee: Raymond M. Thrasher Date: April 27, 1978
Grantor: John C. Shaw and Katherine M. Shaw
Notes: Part of James Mackay's lot #30 of the town of Pekin

Allegany County Deed: Liber 474, Folio 80
Grantee: John S. Shaw and Katherine M. Shaw Date: April 19, 1974
Grantor: Helen Monahan et al

Allegany County Deed: Liber 473, Folio 379
Grantee: Helen Monahan, et al Date: April 19, 1974
Grantor: Katherine M. Shaw
Notes: Grantor is personal representative for Genevieve K. Meese (Deceased)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 193, Folio 688
Grantee: Genevieve K. Meese and Charles L. Meese Date: February 18, 1938
Grantor: John A. Cavan, et al
Notes: Grantor are heirs of Patrick Cavan

Allegany County Deed: Liber 76, Folio 576
Grantee: Patrick Cavan Date: June 29, 1891
Grantor: Bridget Rooney Consideration: \$250.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 66, Folio 497
Grantee: Bridget Rooney Date: May 13, 1889
Grantor: Francis Stevenson Consideration : \$200.00
Notes: Equity case resulted in sale of Stevenson's property :
Grantor heir or trustee of James Stevenson, Sr.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 50, Folio 216
Grantee: James Stevenson, Sr. Date: September 11, 1877
Grantor: James Stevenson, Jr. Consideration: \$1,000.00
Notes: Grantor defaulted on mortgage from Grantee who
purchased property at public sale

Allegany County Deed: Liber 47, Folio 109
Grantee: James Stevenson, Jr. Date: April 28, 1876
Grantor: James Stevenson Sr. Consideration: \$1,000.00
Notes: Deed describes frame house located on Mackay's
lot #30 of Pekin

Allegany County Deed: Liber 43, Folio 266
Grantee: James Stevenson Date: April 13, 1874
Grantor: James Mackay and Mary Mackay Consideration: \$175.00

INVENTORY NO: 60

DATE: AL-VI-B-177 10/17 Thurs.

Change

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Pekin Board & Batten

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Nikep Railroad St. Pekin

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North unpainted

NAME OF OWNER: MAP 57 p. 244 ED 10 P. 249 500/600

ADDRESS: Earl Stafford Raymond M. Tharner
258/293 Box 82
463-5663 Nikep Md

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on N. 1/2 w/ stone pillars forms "L" 2 brick found in corner of c

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 tar paper on some of add. (21)

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: offset - N Facad
HARDWARE: original() replaced() 1 light
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN 1 light
3 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards See add (1)

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, sloped 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; RIBBED original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

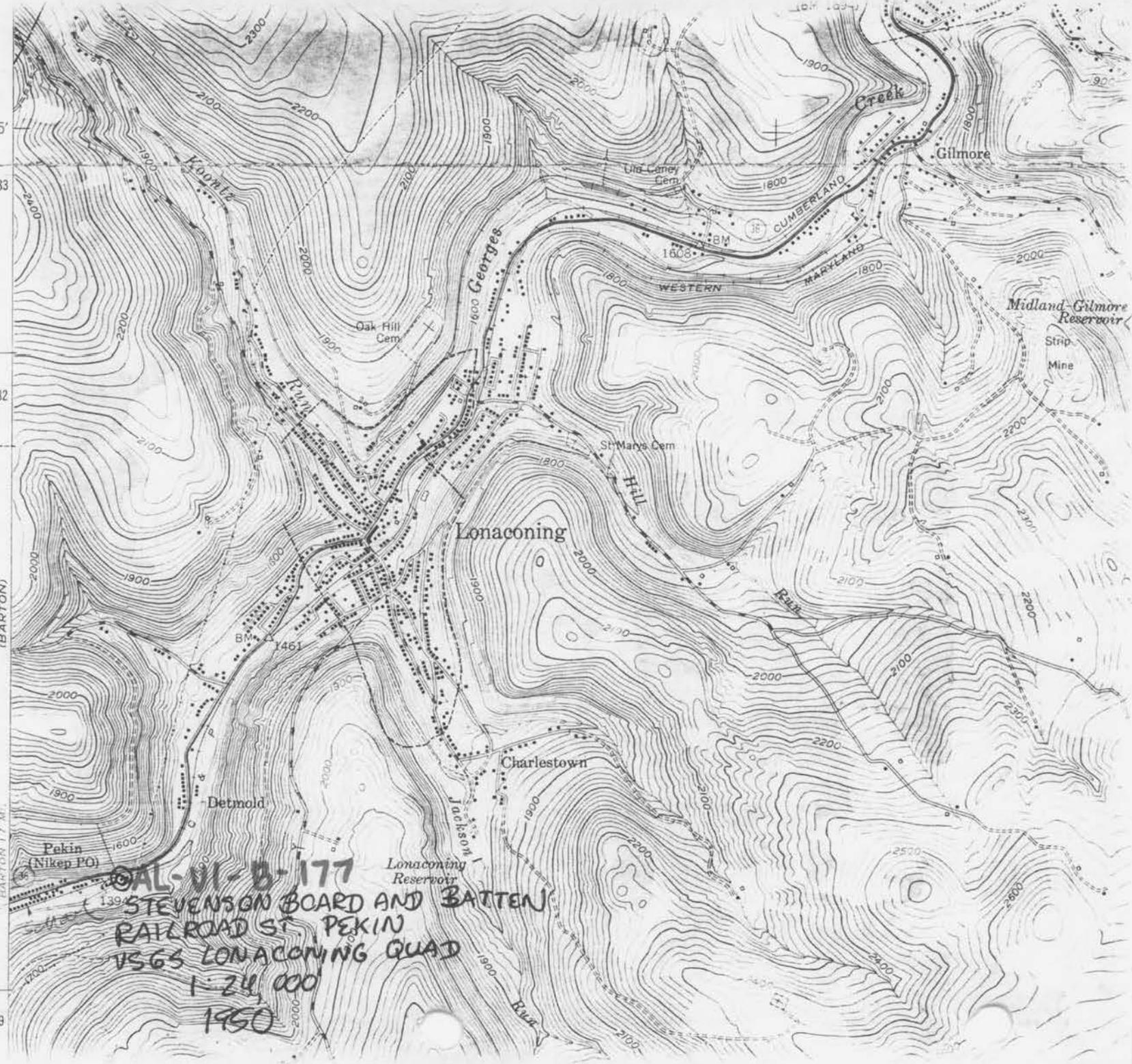
ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
LOCATION: _____

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5163 II SE (BARTON)
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BARTON 17 MI.
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