

Braheny Frame House
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Braheny Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Pekin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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: UNRESTRICTED
 YES: RESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY

MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Howard J. Brode, Jr.

Telephone #: 463-6625

STREET & NUMBER

13 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Nikep

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21502**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 413

Folio #: 44

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

RE-0-3-177

7 DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" 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

Braheny Frame House is located in the town of Pekin.

The building, in near original condition, consists of a square two story, four bays wide double house. Wall construction is frame with board and batten covered with weatherboard and german siding. It rests on a low foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The pyramidal hipped roof is covered with ribbed tin. A gable roofed copula covered with serrated and imbricated shingles has a simple overhand and semicircular arched openings. Eaves of the building consist of a boxed cornice, with a soffit, bed mould, and frieze with paired decorative wooden brackets. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps are on the interior. Wall features include capped cornerboards.

Two entrances, located on the ends of the southern facade have two light transoms. One original door is of four panels with original hardware. All windows are pegged six over six light sashes with wooden slipsills. A hip roofed porch on the south has capped square wooden posts. A shed roofed addition on the north may be an enclosed shed roofed porch.

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 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 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Italianate double house is located on Main Street, Nikep, formerly Pekin.

The village of Pekin was "laid out" around 1867 by A.B. Shaw. (1) It is one of many small communities of the George's Creek mining region established near the mines for which they were named. (2) In most other American coal mining regions company ownership of all housing was prevalent. Some towns and villages of the George's Creek area, where many miners owned their homes, proved to be the exception to the rule. Double houses were common in mining regions because the owner would live on one side and rent out the other side. (3) This may or may not have been the case in this house.

In 1870 John Braheny bought Lot #2 of Pekin, from Andrew B. Shaw. (4) According to the April, 1873 assessment of his property he had a "new house" upon the lot which was assessed to value \$625.00. (5)

Italianate architecture is rarely found in the villages of the George's Creek mining region. Although this building lacks the characteristic wide eaves, it contains other features common to the Italianate style. These include the basically square shape, the medium pitched pyramidal roof, the copula with semicircular arched openings, and the paired decorative wooden brackets. The house is a reflection of the cultural awareness of 19th century residents of the mining region.

- (1) John T. Scharf, Vol. II History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1467
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegheny County, A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.140
- (3) John T. Scharf, Vol. II p. 1503
- (4) Allegheny County Deeds, Liber 33, Folio 106
- (5) Allegheny County Assessments, District #16, 1867-1875

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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
 Allegany County Land Records
 Allegany County Assessment Department
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' x 105'

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 Coordinator Julie Baker, Historic Sites Surveyor	DATE	March 10, 1980
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STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	STATE	Maryland 21502
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland		

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

TITLE SEARCH

Braheny Frame House
AL-VI-B-178

Allegany County Deed: Liber 413, Folio 44
Grantee: Howard Brode and Mary Katharine Brode
Grantor: Effa Mae Kight

Date: October 7, 1967

Allegany County Deed: Liber 189, Folio 359
Grantee: John E. Kight and Effa Mae Kight
Grantor: Robert Kiddy and Elsie Kiddy

Date: March 20, 1941

Allegany County Deed: Liber 174, Folio 583
Grantee: Robert Kiddy and Elsie Kiddy
Grantor: Jennetta Breheny, et al

Date: March 9, 1931

Allegany County Deed: Liber 73, Folio 449
Grantee: James Breheny, Jr.
Grantor: A. Hunter Boyd and David W. Sloan, trustees

Date: January 25, 1889
Consideration: \$250.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 38, Folio 212
Grantee: Patrick Mullen
Grantor: John Braheny and Ann Braheny

Date: March 24, 1873
Consideration: \$1,300.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 33, Folio 106
Grantee: John Braheny
Grantor: Andrew B. Shaw and Mary M. Shaw

Date: October 4, 1870
Consideration: \$175.00

INVENTORY NO: _____

09

DATE: _____

10/17

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: _____

double house *Perkin / Italianate*

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

Nikep

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

South

VI-B

NAME OF OWNER: _____

MAP 57 p. 90 ?

Howard Brode Jr

4/3/44 EO 10

ADDRESS: _____

~~Block 40 - Parcel 274~~

13 W Main St, Nikep 50' x 105'

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: _____

shed on N

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 *germansiding & weatherboard.*

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

cornerboard

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() *Wood slips*
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: double on ends of s facade one replaced 1 of panel
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN *2 light*
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) *decorative brackets in pairs*
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: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

sq. gabled copula w/overhang
2 light Semicircular arched window
shingle facing.

USE: _____

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____



5163 II SE
(BARTON)

WESTERN: 6.4 MI
BARTON: 1.2 MI

4379

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Braheny Frame House
Main St. Nike Pk
USGS Lonaconing Quad
1:24,000 1949



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MAIN ST. PEKIN/NIKEP
DAVID A. DORSEY
10/17/78
Northwest