

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

Property/District Name: Nikep Survey District Survey Number: AL-VI-B-270

Project: Acquisition and Demolition of various properties Agency: F/FEMA

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)

Nikep is a typical George's Creek coal town consisting of two story frame dwellings dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Coal Basin Historic Sites Survey conducted in the late 1970s identified similar coal towns in the region. The town of Nikep has undergone consistent alterations to its buildings in the application of synthetic siding, new chimneys and porches and replacement windows. In my opinion, the integrity of the town has been reduced by these alterations. In comparison to other mining towns like Mt. Savage, Nikep does not possess sufficient integrity to be eligible as a historic district for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Prepared by: _____

Lauren Bowlin 10/21/98
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

[Signature] 2/24/00
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: historic district

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic/ single residential

Known Design Source: _____

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Pekin (Nikep) Survey District
(MD 36)
Nikep

1867

The village of Pekin, near the town of Barton, was laid out in 1867 by A.B. Shaw. It is one of many small communities of the Georges Creek mining regions established near the mines for which they were named. In 1880 Pekin had a population of 505. 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 houses, 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.

Most architecture in this small village is vernacular, with a variety of shapes. Houses tend to be moderately sized, and mostly frame with few decorative features. There is, however, at least one building (Braheny Frame House, AL-VI-B-178) with Italianate influence.



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Pekin Survey District

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Looking W (photo #1)



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Looking NW (photo #2)



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Looking W (photo #3)