

Williams Store and Barton Post Office Building
Railroad Street
Barton, Md.
AL-VI-C-191

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The double commercial building is a rectangular two story frame structure of board and batton covered with beaded flushboard on the principle facade. The original slate shingle roof is intact. The entrances consist of double doors of two lights each. Original hardware on the post office of the building is an intricately engraved brass thumb latch and plate set. A shed roofed addition was added to the store half of the building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Williams Store and Barton Post Office Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Railroad Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Barton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Olen C. Colmer

Telephone #:

729-1369

STREET & NUMBER

12109 Lotus Avenue S.W.

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 414

Folio #: 275

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

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 type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The Williams Store and Barton Post Office Building is located on the southeastern side of Railroad Street in Barton.

The building consists of a two story, six bays wide rectangular frame structure with plain board and batten which is covered with beaded flushboard siding on the northwestern facade. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with slate shingles and looped wire snowbirds. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice and soffit. A large central brick chimney has a damaged corbeled cap.

Two entrances, each in the center of the three bays wide halves of the building, consist of double doors each of one panel and two lights with original hardware. Of particular interest is the hardware of the Post Office entrance, the southern most, which is elaborately engraved. Windows are pegged six over six lights except for the northwestern first floor windows which are pegged two over two lights. A metal awning frame is on the northwest. A board and batten saltbox addition is on the southeastern side of the store half of the building. This first addition has a stone random rubble foundation. A telescoping addition of similar construction added to the first rests on wooden posts.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
400-1499	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This joint store and post office was constructed a little before the turn of the century. The store was most likely an "all-inclusive" general store which were common in mining towns at this time. (1) Although the Williams Brothers were in business as early as 1900, they did not purchase this building from D.E. Parks until 1908. (2) The store and post office remained in operation until 1968 when the store went out of business and the post office was moved into another building. (3)

The double commercial building is a rectangular two story frame structure of board and batton covered with beaded flushboard on the principle facade. The original slate shingle roof is intact. The entrances consist of double doors of two lights each. Original hardware on the post office side of the building is an intricately engraved brass thumb latch and plate set. A shed roofed addition was added to the store half of the building.

- (1) Katherina A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 85-86
- (2) Allegany County Assessment 1896-1909, p. 410
- (3) Interview with Mr. Joseph Howell, 1st. National Bank of Oakland, Barton, Md. July 11, 1979

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 48'x105'x50'x107

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

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DATE
July 17, 1979

STREET & NUMBER Allegany County Historic Sites
3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE
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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

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-C-191

DATE: 12/27/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Williams Store and Post Office

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: RR street Barton

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NW

NAME OF OWNER: Olen C Colmer

ADDRESS: 1209 Cotus Avenue

Cumberland Md.

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: ^{two halves of 3 BAYS each.} 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: two sawtooth additions telescoping from store

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) originally.

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 NW Beadboard Flush

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards - awning frame

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random Rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: ^{front 1st floor} 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 sets double doors 2 light 1 panel
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

^{2nd} 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: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Storage

SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

CONDITION: Fair

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: _____

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

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- () 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()
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ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
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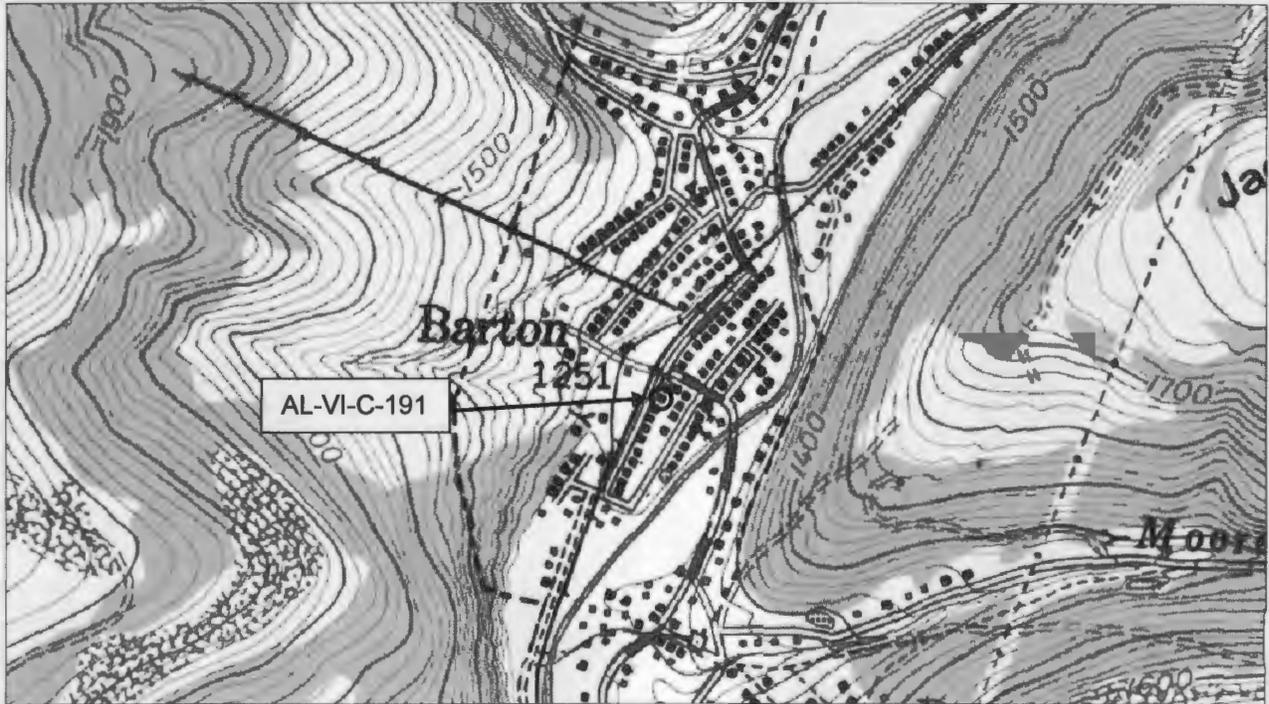
COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____

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Williams Store and Barton Post Office Building
19102 Railroad Street, Barton
Sanborn Map, 1921-1936



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Williams Store and Barton Post Office Building
19102 Railroad Street, Barton
Barton Quadrangle 1947, Photorevised 1981



Allegheny County Tax Map 2a, parcel 158



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FIGURE 55

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WILLIAMS STORE + BARTON POST OFFICE

9/17/1979 David Dorsey & Julie Baker



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William's Store and Barton P.O. Bldg.
Railroad St., Barton

David A. Dorsey

10/27/78

South



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WILLIAMS STORE AND
BARTON P.O. Bldg.

DAVID A. DOISEY
10/27/75.

North



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Williams Store and Barton P.O. Bldg.

Railroad St., Barton

David A. Dorsey

10/27/78

DETAIL: POST OFFICE DOOR