

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Inventory Number: AL-VI-C-196

Name:

NR or Easement?

County: Allegany

Address: Morrison Road

Town: Reynolds

USGS Quad: BARTON

Description:

Construction Material:

Detail Map:

Mapped on Mylar? T

Capsule Summary? F

MIHP Form? F

Other Forms?

Chain of Title? F

Floor Plans? F

Drawings? F

Quad Map with Form? F

Maps:

No. Photos:

Odd Photos:

Vertical File?

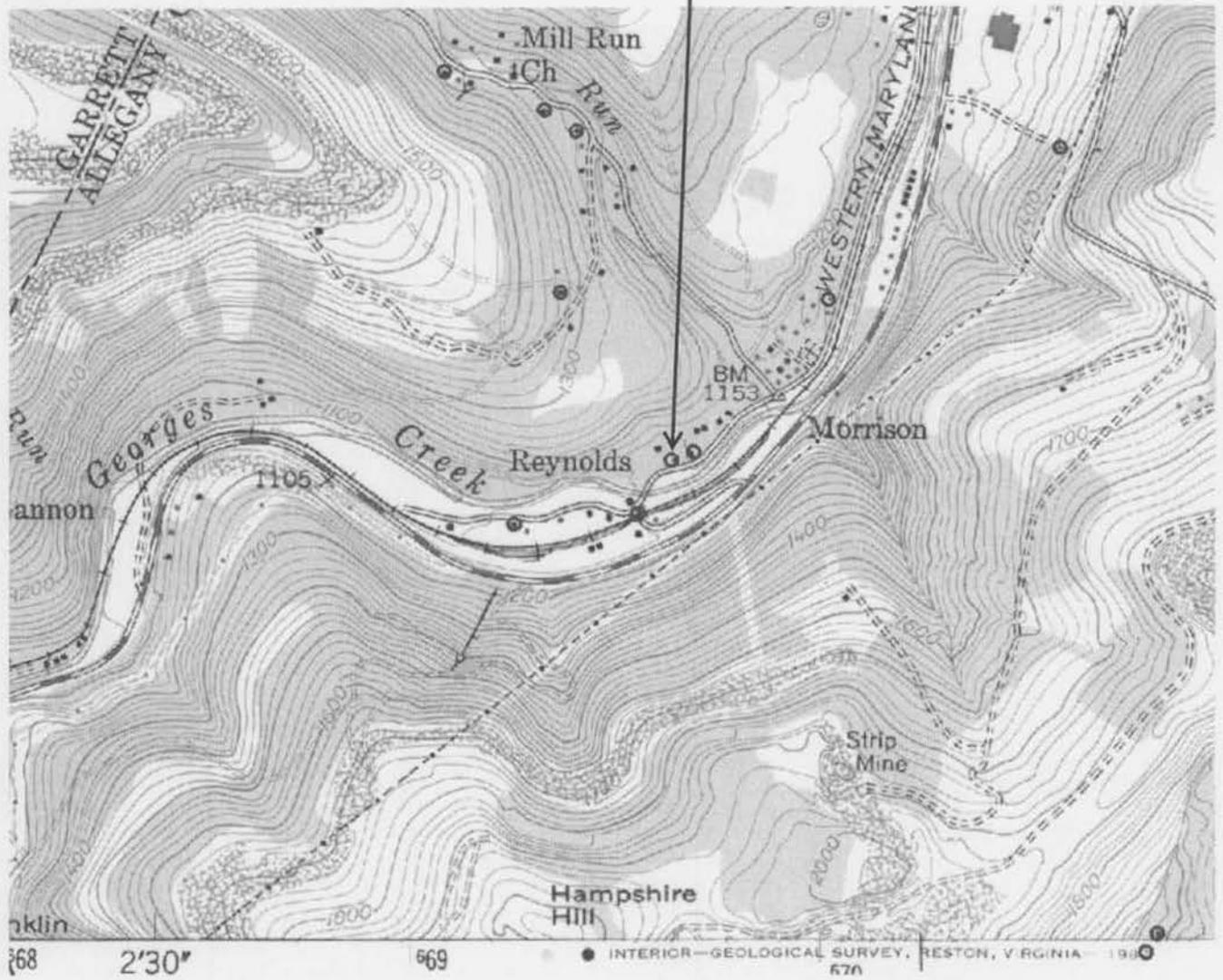
Historic District? F

Survey District? F

Other:

Digitized? T

AL-VI-C-196
Morrison Road
Barton Quad
Allegany County



Shaffer Saltbox
AL-VI-C-197

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Shaffer Saltbox

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

west side of Route 36

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

--- 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: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carl W. Shaffer

Telephone #:

359-3604

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 16

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

--- VICINITY OF

Maryland 21532 zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 250

Folio #: 51

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

AC-11-C-197

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Shaffer Saltbox is located on the western side of Route 36 in Franklin.

The double house is two stories tall and six bays wide. It originally was a gable roofed rectangular structure. A shed or "outshut" addition on the west makes the building a saltbox. Wall construction is frame covered with insul siding. The building rests on a low foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and bed mould on the gabled ends and of a boxed cornice and soffit on the flanks. One large brich chimney located in the center of the original building serves both sides. A smaller chimney is located in the center of the "outshut" addition.

Entrances are in the center of each three bay half of the building. Doors of both are of four panel with original hardware. Windows are pegged six over six light sashes. A wide hip roofed porch on the east has chamfered wooden posts. Separate shed roofed porches on the west have been enclosed.

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

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Franklin was developed between 1852 and 1857. It was one of several villages created by coal companies near mine sites in the lower George's Creek Valley during the 1850's. (1) The initial growth of these towns was predicated by the establishment of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Railroad through the lower part of the valley in 1852 which provided an essential outlet for mined coal.(2) Another factor in the growth of the towns was the completion of the C & O Canal in 1850. As the canal neared completion many mining companies "announced plans for housing the additional miners" necessary for the anticipated increase in mining activity. (3)

This double saltbox was most likely a company house built between 1852 and 1857. In later years it was the property of the Gannon family which apparently was involved in mining and owned rental properties in the area. (4) Double or "block" houses of this type were the standard style of the mining region. Most are like this building, a two story frame structure on a rubble stone foundation and a shed or "outshut" addition on the rear which makes a saltbox.

- (1) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) Vol. I p. 539
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegheny County, A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co) p. 142
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 78
- (4) Allegheny County Land Records Liber 83, Folio 450 and Index of Names-G Also see the attached map which shows a small town north of Franklin known as Gannon (which no longer exists)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History Parsons W Va. :McClain Printing Co., 1976

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 82'x154'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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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

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: AL-VI-C-197

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

81

10/30

NAME OF PROPERTY: Saltbox double house

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: W side Rt 36 Franklin

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Carl W ~~Shaffer~~ Shaffer *check location* 250/51 197

ADDRESS: ED 8 Map 62 p. 19 359-3604
Rt 1 Box 16 Westport 21562 82x154

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on w shd make it a saltbox on wooden posts

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 wood sheathing

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick replaced with 3/1 on 1st floor

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center of ea half of panels

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: overhang & bed on gable sides
(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; tar paper original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original(1) replaced(2)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central(1) Interior(2)

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

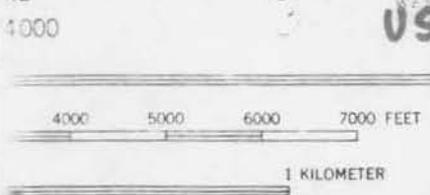
COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

REST



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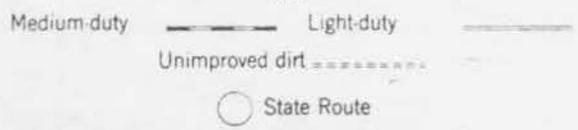


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(A LEVEL)

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SHAFER SALTOX
W. SIDE RT 36 BARTON
USGS BARTON QUAD.
1:24,000 1947



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
1964



(KEYSER)
5262 IV NW



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SHAFFER SALTECK

W. SIDE RT. 36, FRANKLIN

DAVID A. DORSET

10/30/78

northwest



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SHAFFER SALTBOK
W. SIDE RT. 36 FRANKLIN

DAVID A. DORSET

10/30/78

Southeast