

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Westernport Historic District Inventory Number: AL-VI-D-311

Address: _____ Historic district: yes no

City: Westernport Zip Code: 21562 County: Allegany

USGS Quadrangle(s): Westernport

Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____

Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust

Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust

Preparer's Name: C. Andrew Lewis Date Prepared: 6/10/2004

Documentation is presented in: MHT Library

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: C. Andrew Lewis Date: 3/25/2004

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The town of Westernport, Maryland is located in the southwestern corner of Allegany County where Georges Creek flows into the Potomac River. According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form for the South Westernport Historic District (MIHP No. AL-VI-D-310), the town "...traces its late 18th century beginnings to George Washington's idea of deepening and connecting the Potomac and Ohio Rivers for water transportation. The plan, although never realized, created interest in the area and attracted settlers (Harry L. Stegmaier 1976, pp 84-86). In 1802, the town known to its residents as "Hardscrabble" was named Westernport and made a post town. As early as 1810 Georges Creek Coal was shipped down the Potomac River from Westernport. The town's importance as a transportation center was established in the 1850's when it became the site of the junction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. (Harry L. Stegmaier 1976, pp 140-141).

By 1920, the prosperous railroad businesses and the paper mill in nearby Luke had helped Westernport to expand to a population of nearly 4000. This expansion resulted in the construction of many of the town's most notable churches, residences and other significant buildings. (Harry L. Stegmaier 1976, pg. 258). Included among these are the St. Peter's Church (AL-VI-D-130), St. James Church (AL-VI-D-133), the Tibbets Stick Style House (AL-IV-D-209) and the First Baptist Church Parsonage (AL-VI-D-

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MHT Comments:

<u>C. Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>Thursday, June 10, 2004</u> Date
<u>Peter Kurtze</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>Sunday, June 22, 2003</u> Date

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More information on the history and development of Westernport and its adjacent residential neighborhoods can be found in the MIHP Forms for the South Westernport Historic District (MIHP No. AL-VI-D-310), the Hammonds Addition Historic District (AL-VI-D-037) and the Westernport Survey District (AL-VI-D-311). While South Westernport and Hammonds Addition are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the latter survey district was determined ineligible in 1982 due to a low level of integrity stemming from considerable flood damage and unsympathetic alterations.

During a site visit in March 2004, staff from the Maryland Historical Trust (C. Andrew Lewis, Tania Tully and Tim Tamburrino) visited Westernport to re-evaluate current conditions. The ineligibility of the larger survey district was confirmed but the concentration of high-style Victorian residences, churches and commercial/civic buildings located primarily along Church and Main Streets in the core of town led to the establishment of the Westernport Historic District. Although some inappropriate alterations and unsympathetic infill construction do exist, the Westernport Historic District retains sufficient integrity and sense of feeling and association to make it eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A and C as a representative example of an early coal and railroad town in Allegany County.

Bibliography:

Harry L. Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County - A History, Parsons: McClain Publishing Company, 1976.

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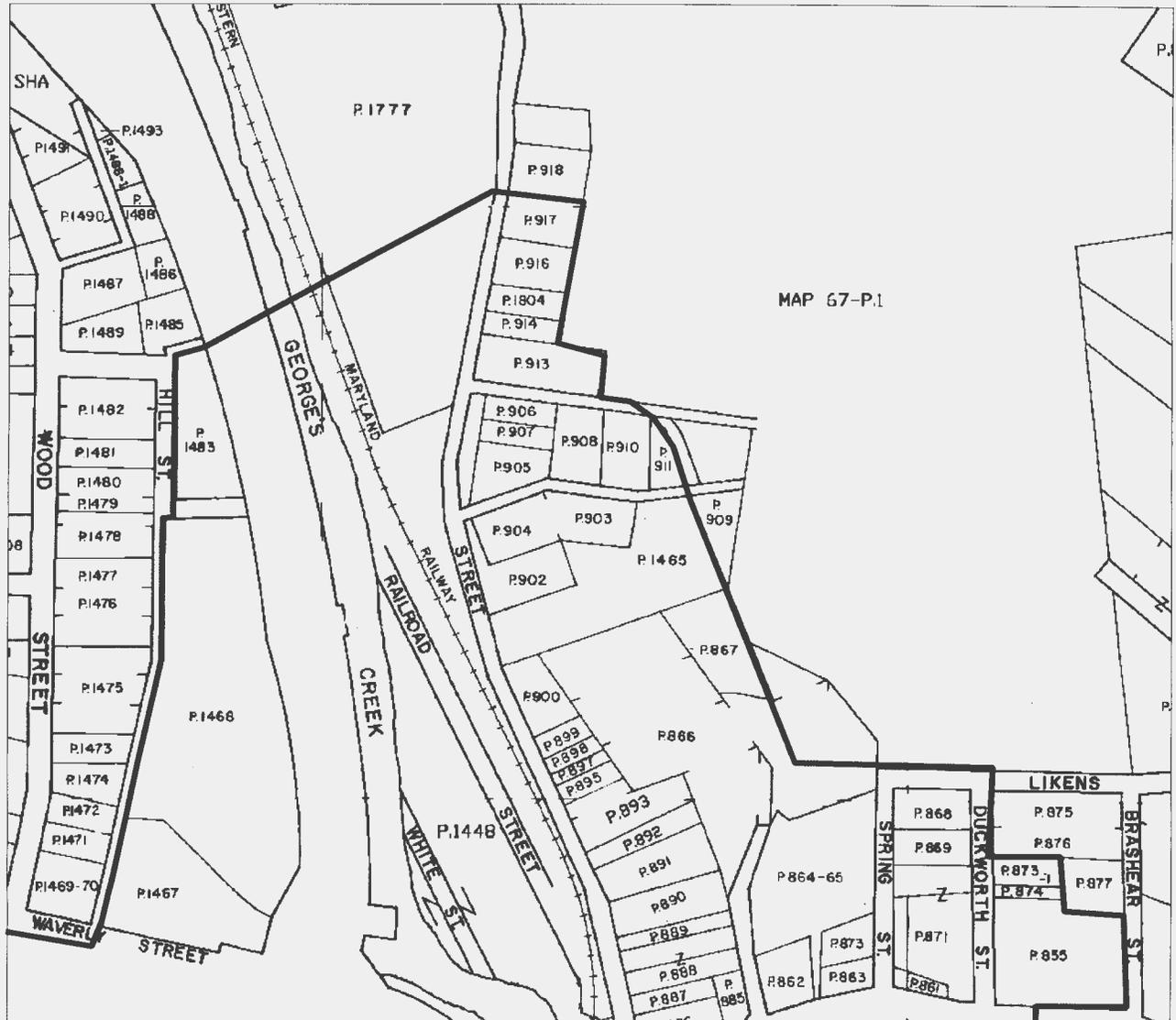
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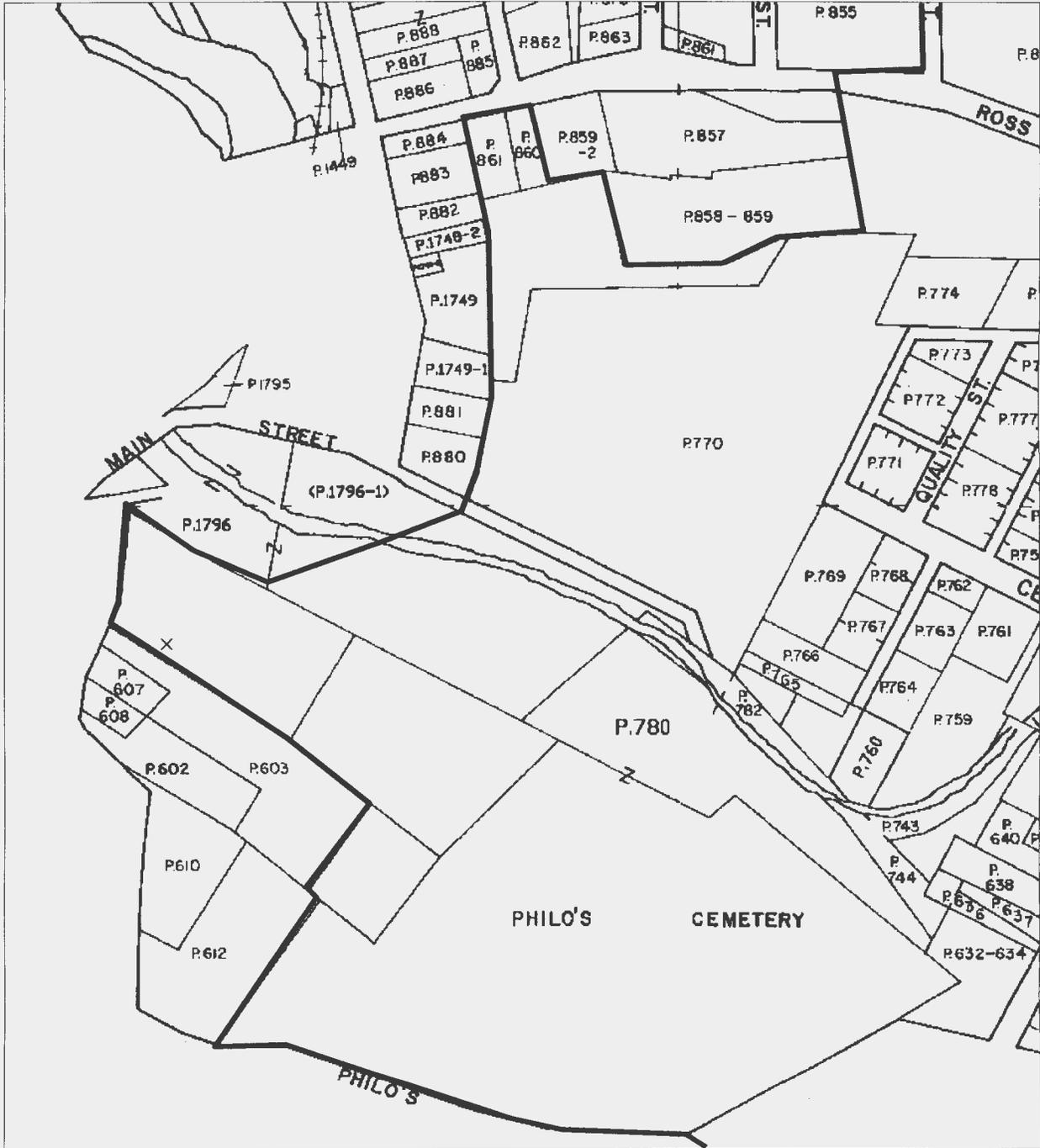
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Westernport Historic District
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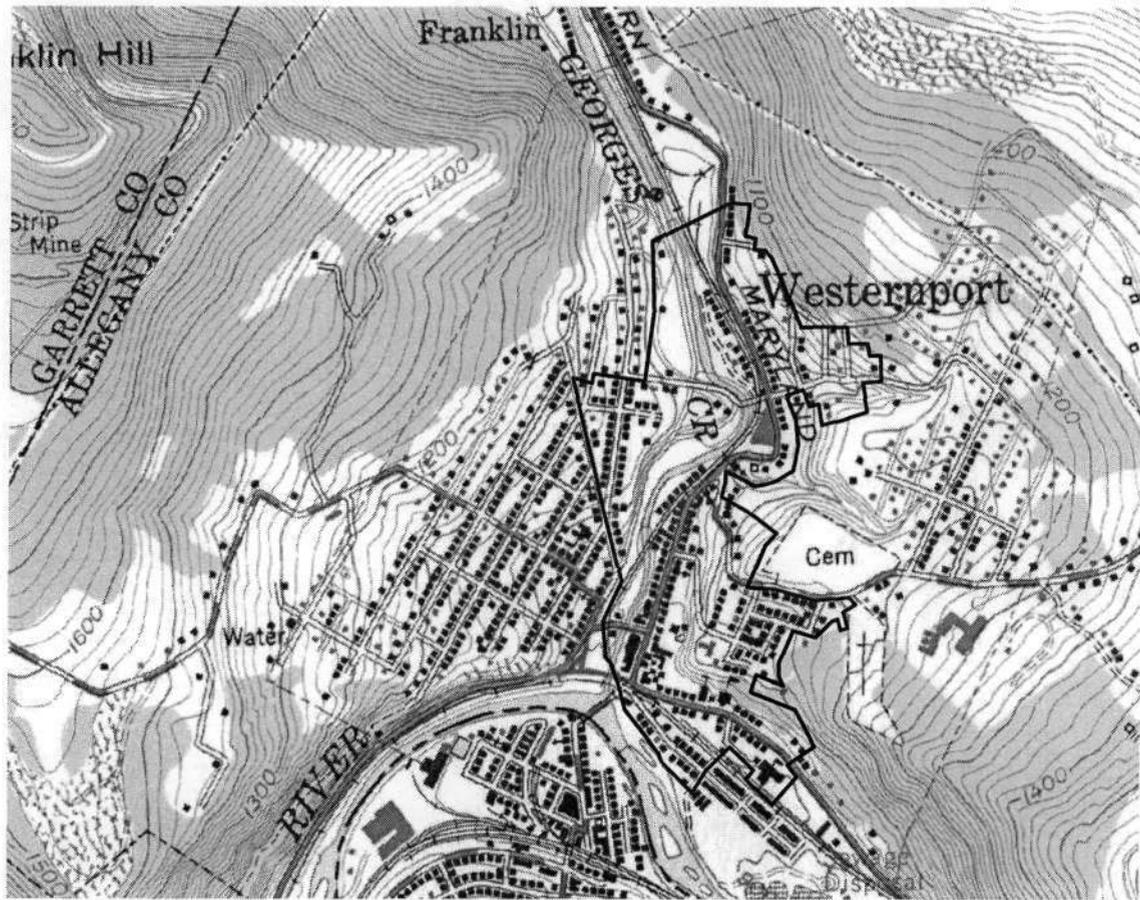


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Westernport Historic District
Tax Map 500



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Westernport Historic District
Westernport Quadrangle





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WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT

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N. SIDE OF CHURCH ST. (INCLUDES ST. PETER'S
CHURCH ON LEFT SIDE OF PHOTO), VIEW
WEST

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WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT

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N. SIDE OF CHURCH ST. VIEW WEST

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S. SIDE OF CHURCH ST., VIEW EAST.

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WESTERNPORT

SPEED
LIMIT
25

DRUG
FREE
SCHOOL
ZONE

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WESTERNPORT TRAIN STATION, VIEW S. FROM

CHURCH ST.

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E. SIDE OF MAIN STREET, VIEW N.

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WHELAN'S
TAVERN

COLD BEER COCKTAILS

DAILY NUMBERS GAME

BUSCH

B

1799

1499

1799

5.98

17 99

TRIKER
PHARM



UNITED
DAIRY

SPEED
LIMIT
25

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WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT

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EAST SIDE OF MAIN ST, ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND RECTORY

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WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON ST. BRIDGE OVER GEORGE'S CREEK

AND "MUNICIPAL BUILDING," VIEW N.E.

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VIEW N. ALONG MAIN ST, E. SIDE

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MAIN ST., WEST SIDE, VIEW N.

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VIEW OF CHURCH ST. LOOKING WEST FROM
HAMMOND'S ADDITION.

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WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT

ALLEGANY CO., MD

C. ANDREW LEWIS

3/25/04

VIEW OF WASHINGTON ST AND N. END OF DISTRICT.

LOOKING N.E. FROM HAMMOND'S ADDITION

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

Property/District Name: Westernport Survey District Survey Number: AL-VI -D-311

Project: flooded properties for ACQUISITION + DEMOLITION Agency: S/SHA

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)

SHA contracted URS Greiner to conduct the NR evaluation of 28 properties located within the Westernport Survey District. The consultant assessed the eligibility of the 28 properties as a district and individually. Since the 28 properties are representative of the entire district, the consultant concluded that the district is not eligible. There is consistent structural damage from the 1996 flood. Alterations of the fenestration, materials, plans and ornamentation all contribute to the low level of integrity on these common buildings from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The district does not convey architectural continuity due to the widespread alterations. Unsympathetic infill construction diminishes the historic character as well. URS Greiner determined that this Westernport district has a noticeably lower level of integrity compared to the other two districts: South Westernport and Hammond's Addition. The Trust concurred that the Westernport Survey district was not eligible for the National Register.

The addresses of the 28 properties are listed in the addendum.

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

"WESTERNPORT FLOODING" COMPLIANCE FILE

Prepared by: Marvin Brown, URS Greiner

Lauren Bowlin
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/31/1997
Date

2/29/00

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR program

2/29/00
Date

Greiner

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 (Allegheny, 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: district
 Historic Environment: village
 Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic, single family

Known Design Source: _____

ADDENDUM
to
Maryland Historical Trust
Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey
of
WESTERNPORT SURVEY DISTRICT
AL-VI-D-311

1. **Name** - unchanged
2. **Location** - unchanged
3. **Classification** - unchanged
4. **Owner of Property** - unchanged
5. **Location of Legal Description** - unchanged
6. **Representation in Existing Surveys** - unchanged
7. **Description** - see attached narrative and Westernport Survey District Inventory Addendum
8. **Significance** - see attached text
9. **Major Bibliographical References** - add:

Ware, Donna

1991 *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles, the Maryland Coal Region's Industrial and Architectural Past: A Preservation Guide to the Survey and Management of Historic Resources*. Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland Historical & Cultural Publications, Crownsville, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data -

Verbal Boundary Description: This addendum surveys those resources within the Westernport Survey District located on Front Street, Main Street Extension, and White Street. These resources and streets stand on two crescents of land located west of the tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad (CSX) and east of George's Creek.

11. Form Prepared By - Addendum prepared for the Maryland State Highway Administration by:

Name/Title: Marvin A. Brown, Senior Architectural Historian

Organization: URS Greiner, Inc.

Street & Number: 6200 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 101

City or Town: Raleigh

Date: January 14, 1997

Telephone: 919-876-2760

State: North Carolina 27609

7. DESCRIPTION:

This addendum covers two groups of resources (Figure 1) within the larger Westernport Survey District: a dozen houses on Front Street sandwiched between the tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad (CSX) on the east and George's Creek on the west (Figure 2a); and 16 houses on Main Street Extension and White Street, also discretely placed between the tracks and the creek (Figure 2b). These houses, described in detail in the following inventory list, were erected from the mid-nineteenth through the late twentieth centuries. In general, they utilize basic forms commonly constructed in Westernport, the George's Creek Valley, and elsewhere in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The most common form they utilize is the two-story, one-room-deep, I-house form (see for example 123 Front Street [#7] and 275 Main Street Extension [#20]). A few also utilize another form common in the town and valley in the last third of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the gable-front form (see for example 249-251 Main Street Extension [#14]). Due to alterations, flood damage, or just an original modest bearing, they are largely unornamented. A few display minimal Victorian (see for example 253-255 Main Street Extension [#15]) or Colonial Revival-style (see for example 281-283 Main Street Extension [#22]) decorative motifs at their porches, and one is marked by an Italianate bracketed cornice (245 Main Street Extension [#13]). Also common to their placement in the George's Creek Valley, many were built as two-family dwellings (see for example 113-115 Front Street [#5]). Their alterations range from modern siding, sash, and additions to the destruction of eaves and, along Front Street, entire structures (139 Front Street [#12]) during the flooding of George's Creek in early September, 1996, as part of the aftermath of Hurricane Fran.

Many examples of the forms and finishes of these houses are found throughout the George's Creek Valley, described in the survey forms for the Westernport Survey District, the Hammond's Addition Historic District (AL-VI-D-307), and the South Westernport Survey District (AL-VI-D-310), and described and pictured in *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles* (Ware 1991), an architectural history of the region. Even the most unusual dwelling of the group, the two-bay wide residence at 289 Main Street Extension [#24], is paralleled by a dwelling pictured in Ware (1991:96), the ca. 1870 Tichnell House in Barton north up the valley.

As discussed in the following inventory, and at the addendum to Section 8, none of these resources, either individually or as a group, are believed to be eligible for listing in the National Register.

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
<i>Front Street (or Railroad Street)</i>									
1	Not elig	101 Front Street	Manuf'ed house	Frame/metal	1	Deter	Post 1970	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
1a	Not elig	"	Functional	Metal	1	Deter	Post 1970	Shed/Vacant	No-cond
1b	Not elig	"	Functional	Cinder block	1	Deter	Post 1970	Garage/Vacant	No-cond

[This manufactured house and its outbuildings are less than 50 years old, not of exceptional importance, and in poor condition due to neglect and some flood damage. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

2	Not elig	103 Front Street	Gable end, single pile	Frame/vinyl & aluminum	2	Fair	1880- 1900	Residence/Vacant	No-alter
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[This plainly finished I-house-form dwelling has four bays at its first-story front facade and two bays above. A one-story later-added ell extends to its rear. Its many alterations include vinyl and aluminum siding, modern one-over-one and two-over-two sash, added and deleted bays, modern metal porch supports, and a modern carport. Its exterior exhibits limited apparent flood damage at its ell. Any interior damage could not be assessed. The house is not individually distinctive and is not a notable representative of a type. Many other more intact representatives of its type can be found in Westernport and throughout George's Creek Valley. It is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of its many alterations, it is further believed to have lost its integrity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

3	Not elig	109 Front Street	Gable front	Frame/alum & permastone	2	Deter	1900-20	Residence/Vacant	No-alter
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[This plainly finished gable-front dwelling has a three-bay wide, gable-front facade. It retains many original three-over-one windows. Its later-added or altered, full-facade, front porch features heavy brick piers supporting an enclosed flat-roofed sunroom. Its one-story rear ell has been heavily undercut by flood waters. Any interior condition could not be assessed. It is not individually distinctive and is not a notable representative of a type; nor is it part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Many other more intact representatives of its type can be found in Westernport and throughout George's Creek Valley. It is further believed to have lost its integrity as a result of its altered cladding and porch and because of flood damage. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

4	Not elig	111 Front Street	Gable front	Frame/alum	2	Fair	Post 1950	Residence/Vacant	Yes
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[This house is less than 50 years old and is not of exceptional importance. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register either individually or as part of any historic district. Its exterior exhibits some flood damage at its rear elevation and rear, two-story, shed-roofed ell; interior damage could not be assessed.]

5	Not elig	113-115 Front St	Foursquare	Frame/German siding	2	Fair	1890- 1910	Duplex/Vacant	Yes
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[This plainly finished, boxy, hip-roofed dwelling has a four-bay-wide front facade. The outermost bays contain doorways, which provide access to its two dwelling units. Its first story is shaded by a shed-roofed full-facade porch. Its roof features two front facade gables with simple pinwheel-pierced ventilators and two interior chimney stacks. Its exterior exhibits little apparent flood damage; interior damage could not be assessed. It is not individually distinctive and is not a notable representative of a type; nor is it part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Many other representatives of its type can be found in Westernport, including a few across the street on Main Street, and throughout George's Creek Valley. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
6	Not elig	119 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/wthrbd	2	Deter	1860-80, 1880-1900	Residence/Vacant	No-cond

[This once five-bay-wide, I-house-form dwelling was erected in two sections. The plainly finished, southern, two-bay block has a flush gable end and boxed cornice that suggest a mid-19th-century construction date. Its front entry was filled in, probably when the house was converted to single-family use. A central chimney stack rises from the interior end of the north gable of the block, or off-center of the roofline of the entire structure. The plainly finished, northern, three-bay block of the house appears to have been added in the late 19th century. Its north gable end is finished with boxed cornices. Both blocks have one-over-one windows, set in plain frames, at their front facades that are not original. The full-facade hip-roofed front porch has also been altered; its turned posts stand on a cinder block wall. An early two-story ell at the rear of the house has been heavily damaged by flood waters. Its porch has collapsed, weatherboards have been pulled from its walls, and it tilts to one side. The square-cut stone foundation of the main body of the house is visible beneath its heavily undercut foundation. This house is not individually distinctive and is not a notable representative of a type. Other more intact representatives of its type can be found in the George's Creek Valley. It is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of alterations and heavy flood damage, it is further believed to have lost its integrity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

7	Not elig	123 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/alum	2	Deter	1870-90	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
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[This three-bay-wide dwelling is one room deep and relatively narrow, with a shallowly pitched gable-end roof marked by cornice returns. Its windows bays are boarded over—either because of the flooding or earlier abandonment—but appear to contain some six-over-six sash. A one-and-a-half-story rear ell is clad in weatherboards and German siding and pierced by an interior chimney stack. Other more intact representatives of its type can be found in Westernport and the George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of flood damage or prior abandonment, it is further believed to have lost its integrity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

8	Not elig	125 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/wthrbd & 2 & board & batten 1½	2	Deter	1870-90	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
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[This gable-end, single-pile dwelling consists of two attached houses that were combined into a single-family residence at some time. The southern block is two stories tall and two bays wide and no longer retains an entry at its front facade. It features a shallowly pitched gable-end roof, cornice returns, and board and batten and weatherboard cladding. The block affixed to its north is one-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide. Its gable-end roof is marked by cornice returns and an interior-end chimney stack. A porch supported by round columns shades the central three bays of the entire five-bay-wide structure. The front windows of the structure have been broken out, probably as a result of flood damage or the storm's aftermath. A one-story gable-roofed ell extends to the rear of the north block. It has sustained heavy flood damage, with its back wall partially pulled away. Its L-shaped porch, edged by turned posts, partially survived the flooding. Other more intact representatives of this dwelling's type can be found throughout Westernport and the George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of flood damage, it is further believed to have lost its integrity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

9	Not elig	129 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/vinyl & asphalt	2	Ruin	1880- 1900	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
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[The integrity of this two-story-tall, one-room-deep, gable-end house has been compromised by alterations, flooding, and damaging actions taken after the flood. Alterations prior to the flood included the addition of vinyl and asphalt siding and metal porch supports. The number of its front bays could not be determined because they have been removed and, at the south of the front facade, sawn out. The gaping hole left by the sawing may have been made to facilitate the removal of flood damaged materials from the interior. A heavily damaged, one-and-a-half-story ell with a rear shed is still affixed to the back of the dwelling. Other far more intact representatives of this dwelling's type can be found throughout Westernport and the George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of flood damage and other alterations, its integrity has been destroyed. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
10	Not elig	131 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/wthrbd & 2 board & batten		Ruin	1870-90	Residence/Vacant	No-cond

[This I-house-form dwelling has a weatherboarded front facade and board and batten siding at its gable ends. Its front facade has three or four bays at its first story and three above. One six-over-six window is in place in the front facade, the others are empty due to the flood or its aftermath. Plainly articulated, shallow, triangular pediments cap the bays. Due to the flood, the front porch has collapsed and the rear shed ell has been heavily damaged. Its siding and parts of its walls have been pulled away, its windows destroyed, and its floor piled with rocks and silt. Many other far more intact representatives of this dwelling's type can be found throughout Westernport and the George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Because of flood damage and other alterations, its integrity has been destroyed. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

11	Not elig	135 Front Street	Gable end	Frame/wthrbd	2	Ruin	1860-80	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
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[This I-house-form dwelling is largely a shell as a result of the flood. It may have been four bays wide, but the loss of its doors and windows, and the sawing out of part of its front facade, makes this difficult to determine. Its two-story rear shed ell has largely collapsed. Flush gable ends at the front block suggest a relatively early date of construction. Other far more intact representatives of this dwelling's type can be found throughout Westernport and the George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. Further, flood damage has destroyed its integrity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

12	Not elig	139 Front Street ?		Frame/wthrbd & 2? aluminum		Ruin	?	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
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[The cladding, form, date of construction, and even original height of this dwelling could not be definitively determined, because it has been reduced to a partial shell by the flood waters. Its integrity has been destroyed and it is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

Main Street Extension (or Railroad Street)

13	Not elig	245 Main St Ext	Gable end/ Italianate	Frame/asbestos 2 & & permastone 1		Good	1870-90, 1910-30	Residence & store/ Residence	No-alter
13a	Not elig	"	Functional	Frame/asbestos 1		Fair	1910-30	Garage/Garage	No-alter

[This structure was erected in two sections. At its south end is a one-story block with a gable-end roof and south-facing front facade that contains a vacant market. Alterations, which include plate glass windows and asbestos and permastone siding, make it difficult to determine if it was originally built as a store or a dwelling. To its north rear is affixed a one-story hyphen that connects it with a four-bay wide, double-pile, gable-end dwelling. This block has been altered through the addition of asbestos and permastone siding, modern one-over-one sash, and a plate glass window. However, a bracketed Italianate-style cornice that extends across the front facades of this block and the hyphen suggests a late nineteenth-century date of construction. One-and two-story ells extend to the rear of the two-story block. Behind (west) of them, on White Street, stands a gable-roofed, single-car garage. Other more intact representatives of the structure's type can be found in Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is further believed to have lost its integrity due to its many alterations. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

14	Not elig	249-251 Main St Extension	Gable front	Frame/German 2 siding & wthrbd		Good	1880- 1900	Residence/Residence	Yes
14a	Not elig	"	Functional	Frame/wthrbd 1		Fair	1910-30	Garage/Garage	Yes

[The two central bays of this four-bay-wide duplex contain entries leading into its dwelling units. Its front facade is marked by cornice returns, one-over-one sash, and a full-facade porch supported by columns. The central portion of its rear elevation projects out and is flanked by two corner porches at the first story and two balconies above. A single-car, gable-roofed garage stands to the rear. Many other representatives of the structure's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
15	Not elig	253-255 Main St Extension	Gable front/ Victorian	Frame/asbestos	2	Good	1890- 1910	Residence/Residence & Ceramics shop	No-alter

[This four-bay-wide gable-front structure now houses Donna's Ceramic shop, although it appears also to partially serve as a residence. Its most prominent feature is a two-tier Victorian front porch with turned posts and, at its balcony, turned balusters. Two central entries lead out onto the porch and the balcony. A long, large, modern, one-story, shed-roofed addition, which serves the ceramics business, has been added to the rear. Many other more intact representatives of the structure's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is further believed to have lost its integrity through the addition of modern siding and the long ell. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

16	Not elig	259 Main St Ext	Gable front	Frame	1	Good	Post 1960	Residence/Residence	Yes
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[This house is less than 50 years old and not of exceptional importance. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

17	Not elig	261 Main St Ext (fronts White St)	Gable end	Frame/Asbestos	1½	Good	1978 or 1880-1900	Residence/Residence	Yes
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[Harold Mayhew, this house's owner, says that he built it in 1978. Its traditional form, however, appears earlier, perhaps late 19th century. Its three-bay-wide front facade features randomly placed and sized sash. Its metal seam roof is pierced at the center by a chimney stack. A one-story ell extends to its (east) rear. Because the house is less than 50 years old (or has been extensively altered within the past 20 years) and is not of exceptional importance, it is not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

18	Not elig	265 Main St Ext	Bungalow	Frame/alum	1½	Good	1910-30	Residence/Residence	Yes
18a	Not elig	"	Functional	Cinder block	1	Good	Post 1970	Outbldg/Outbldg	Yes

[This bungalow is topped by a gable-end roof pierced front and rear by central gabled dormers. Three bays wide, it has three-over-one sash. Engaged full-facade porches underpinned by modern metal supports extend across both its front (east) and rear (west) elevations. A large, cinder-block, gable-front outbuilding—utilized for storage or as a shop—stands to its north rear. Many other more intact representatives of the house's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

19	Not elig	269 Main St Ext	Gable end	Frame/asbestos	2	Good	1900-20	Duplex/Residence	Yes
19a	Not elig	"	Functional	Cinder block	1	Good	Post 1970	Outbldg/Outbldg	Yes

[This I-house-form dwelling has four bays at its front facade with a door at either outside bay, suggesting that it was originally a duplex. The placement of the doors and form of the house is common at duplexes in George's Creek Valley. The house is marked by four-over-one sash and a full-facade front (east) porch supported by tapered posts on paneled piers. The north gable end is flanked by a narrow brick flue stack. A two-story gabled ell extends to the rear (west). The structure's sash is four-over-one. A large, cinder-block, gable-front outbuilding—utilized for storage or as a shop—stands to the south rear of the dwelling. Many other representatives of the house's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

20	Not elig	275 Main St Ext	Gable end	Frame/asphalt	2	Good	1900-20	Residence/Residence	Yes
20a	Not elig	"	Functional	Frame	1	Good	Post 1950	Outbldg/Outbldg	Yes

[This I-house-form dwelling has a three-bay front (east) facade with a central entry and one-over-one sash. Its full-facade front porch retains narrow half-column pilasters, but its other original columns have been replaced by metal supports. An interior brick chimney stack pierces its gable-end roof, which is flanked at the south by a cinder-block flue stack. A two-story ell extends to the house's rear (west). A small modern outbuilding stands to the rear. Many other more intact representatives of the house's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
21	Not elig	277 Main St Ext	Hipped roof	Frame/alum & permastone	1	Good	Post 1960	Residence/Residence	Yes

[This one-story, hip-roofed house is clad in aluminum and permastone and marked at its front (east) by a long metal carport. It is less than 50 years old and not of exceptional importance and is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

22	Not elig	281-283 Main St Extension	Gable end	Frame/asbestos	2	Good	1890- 1910	Duplex/Duplex	Yes
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[This two-story double-pile house has a four-bay front (east) facade with an entry at either end leading into its two dwelling units. Its gable-end roof is pierced by two interior chimney stacks, one for each unit. The full-facade hip-roofed porch is supported by columns. The windows contain one-over-one sash. To the rear extends a one-and-a-half-story ell. Many other representatives of the house's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

23	Not elig	285-287? Main St Extension	Gable end	Frame/alum	2	Fair	1890- 1910	Residential/Apartments	No-alter
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[This two-room-deep structure was converted within the past 50 years to a four-unit apartment house. It may originally have been a duplex. Its sash and bays have been altered; an open stairway leading to the second-story units has been affixed to the front; it has been sided with aluminum; and a long two-story ell has been added to its rear. Some of its apparently original three-over-one sash remains in place. Many other more intact representatives of the structure's type can be found throughout Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is further believed to have lost its integrity through its conversion to a four-unit building and many alterations. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

24	Not elig	289 Main St Ext	Gable front	Frame/asbestos	2	Good	1870-90	Residence/Residence	Yes
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[This narrow two-pile house is only two bays, and apparently one-room, wide. It is largely intact, retaining two-over-two sash, cornice returns, a shed-roofed full-facade porch with turned posts, and minimally crosssetted surrounds. A one-story shed ell extends to its rear. Other representatives of the house's type can be found in George's Creek Valley. (For example, the ca.1870 Tichnell House in Barton, pictured in *Wares' Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles* (1991:91), is two bays wide, although topped with a gable-end rather gable-front roof.) The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

25	Not elig	291 Main St Ext	Gable end	Frame/alum	2	Good	1880- 1900	Residence/Residence	No-alter
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[This I-house-form dwelling appears to have been erected in the late nineteenth century, although its common traditional form and many alterations make it difficult to date on the basis of its appearance. Much modernized, it has later one-over-one sash, an altered first-story bay at the north end of its three-bay front (east) facade, a modern entry, aluminum siding, and a modern full-facade front porch. Many other more intact representatives of the structure's type can be found in Westernport and George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is further believed to have lost its integrity due to its many alterations. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

ID#	Eligibility	Address	Form/Style	Material/ Cladding	Hght	Con- dition	Date of Constr.	Historic Use/ Current Use	Integrity
<i>White Street</i>									
26	Not elig	300 White Street	Gable-end	Frame/vinyl	1	Deter	1984	Residence/Vacant	No-cond
<p>[The owner of this gable-roofed L-shaped dwelling, Harold Mayhew (who lives immediately across the street at 261 Main Street Extension), states that he erected it in 1984. Flood waters have heavily damaged the rear (west) of the structure, undercutting it, taking part of a wall, and carrying dirt and rocks inside. The house is less than 50 years old, not of exceptional importance, and has lost its integrity due to flood waters. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]</p>									
27	Not elig	306-08 White St	Gable end	Frame/alum	2	Good	1984	Apartments/Apartments	Yes
<p>[The owner of this gable-roofed, four-unit apartment house, Harold Mayhew (who lives immediately across the street at 261 Main Street Extension), states that he erected it in 1984. It is less than 50 years old and not of exceptional importance and is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]</p>									
28	Not elig	310? White St	Gable end	Log?/vinyl	2	Good	1850-70	Residence/Residence	No-alter

[This I-house-form dwelling has been greatly altered. It is sided with aluminum, its sash has been replaced, the placement of its bays has been altered and many bays have been sided over, and a long modern ell has been extended to its north side. These changes and its typical form make it difficult to date based on any stylistic features. Its effectively flush gable end and the apparent depth of bays, judged by peering from the outside through the windows, suggest that it is of log or perhaps heavy timber frame construction, indicating a relatively early date of construction. Other more intact representatives of the structure's type can be found in George's Creek Valley. The house is also not part of a significant or distinguishable entity. It is further believed to have lost its integrity due to its numerous, all-encompassing alterations. It is therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district.]

KEY:

Eligibility column:

Not elig = Recommended as not eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district

Material/Cladding column:

Alum = aluminum siding
Wthrbd = weatherboard cladding

Condition column:

Deter = deteriorated

Integrity column:

No-alter = Recommended as not retaining integrity, because of alterations
No-cond = Recommended as not retaining integrity, because of poor condition generally due to flood damage or the flood's aftermath

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Westernport Survey District, inventoried in 1982, covers a large portion of the town of Westernport, encompassing streets lined with residences and a small number of non-residential resources. Other areas of Westernport and its vicinity were surveyed in 1982. These included two neighborhoods within the town proper: the Hammond's Addition Historic District, located across George's Creek to the west of the Westernport Survey District (AL-VI-D-307); and the South Westernport Historic District (AL-VI-D-310), located to the southeast. Both Hammond's Addition and South Westernport have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register (Ware 1991:49). The former is significant, according to its survey form, "for its examples of architectural styles which were popular during the latter half of the 19th century and the early 20th century." The latter, encompassing an early twentieth-century housing complex, is architecturally significant, according to its survey form, "as the only rowhouse development of its size in Allegany County." It is also significant, in western Maryland, for its "unusual architectural approach to company-supplied housing."

The 1982 inventory of the Westernport Survey District did not recommend the survey district as eligible for listing in the National Register. A quick review of the district, which extends well beyond the bounds of the project area for which this addendum was prepared, appears to confirm the judgment of the 1982 survey. Because of the modest nature of and alterations to its resources, and because of the quality of the resources located within the two nearby historic districts, the Westernport Survey District is not believed to represent a significant and distinguishable entity. It is therefore not believed to be eligible for listing in the National Register.

The present project focused on two discontinuous portions of the Westernport Survey District that were damaged by flooding in early September, 1996, in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran (Figure 1). The southern portion encompasses 12 houses on Front Street, located on a crescent of land west of the Western Maryland Railroad (CSX) and east of George's Creek. These houses were heavily damaged by flood waters and actions taken after the flood (Figure 2a). The northern portion encompasses 16 houses on Main Street Extension and White Street, also located on a crescent of land west of the railroad tracks and east of George's Creek.

As discussed in greater detail at the inventory list accompanying this addendum, none of these resources are believed to be eligible for National Register listing either individually or as part of any historic district. Individually, none are known to have been associated with significant persons or with events that have made a significant contribution to our history. None embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values. In general, they utilize standard forms commonly erected in Westernport and the George's Creek Valley in the last half of the nineteenth century and the first third of the twentieth, and they have been damaged by flood waters (particularly those along Front Street) or otherwise altered over time.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued):

The Front Street resources--taken together or, more broadly, with the resources immediately to their east across the tracks or with all of the resources in the Westernport Survey District--do not constitute a significant and distinguishable entity. They lack architectural character and, due to alterations and heavy flood damage, integrity. They are therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing as a discrete or larger historic district. Separated by George's Creek, Route 36, and a hillside from the Hammond's Addition Historic District, and by downtown Westernport from the South Westernport Historic District, they also are not part of any previously existing historic district.

The Main Street Extension and White Street resources--taken together or, more broadly, with the resources immediately to their east across the tracks or with all of the resources in the Westernport Survey District--also do not constitute a significant and distinguishable entity. They lack architectural character and, although they avoided, at least outwardly, the major depredations of the flood, they also lack overall integrity due to alterations. They are therefore not recommended as eligible for National Register listing as a discrete or larger historic district. Separated by George's Creek, Route 36, and a hillside from the Hammond's Addition Historic District, and by downtown Westernport from the South Westernport Historic District, they also are not part of any previously existing historic district.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN HISTORIC CONTEXTS (for the resources on Front Street, Main Street Extension, and White Street):

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition/1815-1870; Industrial/Urban Dominance/1870-1930; Modern Period/1930-Present

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types: Single- and multi-family, non-farm residences

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Westernport Survey District
Westernport
Private

1790

Westernport Survey District includes areas of Westernport, Maryland adjacent to or outside of Hammond's Addition Historic District and South Westernport Historic District. The architecture of the survey district is eclectic in nature and includes examples of vernacular architecture several styles of victorian architecture and early 20th century architectural styles.

Westernport's late 18th century beginnings were the result of plans to improve the Potomac River making it navigable to the tributaries of the Ohio-River to a point about two miles west of the town. Around 1880, James Morrison laid out a town and sold building lots to settlers. In 1802, the town known to its residents as "Hardscrabble" was named Westernport and made a post town. The railroad and coal industries provided the employment opportunities which were vital to the mid-19th century growth of Westernport and the adjacent town of Piedmont, WV.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Westernport Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
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			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MHT Inventory AL-VI-D-128,130,131,132,133,204,207,210,211, and 213

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Westernport Survey District includes areas of Westernport, Maryland adjacent to or outside of Hammond's Addition Historic District and South Westernport Historic District. Maryland Route 36, Route 936, the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad and Georges Creek travel parallel north to south through the center of the survey district. Maryland Route 135, the Western Maryland Railway and the Potomac River travel parallel east to west on the southern end of the survey district. The terrain consists of hills on the east and west of the flat Georges Creek and Potomac River flood plains.

The architecture of the survey district is eclectic in nature and includes examples of vernacular architecture, several styles of Victorian architecture and early 20th century architectural styles.

The vernacular architecture of the Westernport Survey District is characterized by single family and duplex frame dwellings. The 1½, 2 or 2½ story buildings range between 2 or 5 bays in width. Some of the buildings have gable end facades. They are rectangular or are based on the ell or tee plan. Some of the buildings have shed roofed additions abutting their rear facades which give them the saltbox shape common to the Georges Creek mining region. The buildings rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. The wide variety of vernacular-styled buildings in Westernport are strictly functional in design or contain decorative elements such as a jigsawn roof or porch trim, projecting wings or bay windows and dormers. Example of the utilitarian simpler vernacular design are #200 and #83 on the attached map. Examples of vernacular architecture which are larger and architecturally complex include #40 and #88 on the attached map.

The Victorian-styled buildings of Westernport include examples of several architectural style which were popular throughout the latter half of the 19th century. A single example of the Second Empire Style at 80 Main Street, #104 on the attached map, is a 2½ story brick building. The steep mansard roof with shallow dormers are typical elements of the style. Several examples of the Queen Anne style in Westernport exhibit the characteristically asymmetrical design, varied wall textures, and architectural elements (projecting bay windows, turrets, towers, and dormers) of the style. Examples are AL-VI-D-128, (Map #186) and 76 Main Street (Map #100). Two examples of the late 19th century Stick style exhibit the asymmetrical design, gable ends with decorative stick work, and exposed framing of the style. These buildings are AL-VI-D-209 (Map #115) and #240 on the attached map. Several examples of Colonial Revival architecture in Westernport are large residences built late in the 19th century or early in the 20th century. The symmetrically balanced facades of these buildings are sheltered by wide verandas. The pyramidal roofs of the building have oversized dormers and the eaves are bracketed.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Westernport's late 18th century beginnings were the result of plan to improve the Potomac River making it navigable to the tributaries of the Ohio River to a point about two miles west of the town. The idea to improve the Potomac was first proposed by Maryland governor Thomas Johnson in a 1770 letter to George Washington. Washington, who owned vast tracts of land in the Ohio country, responded with a plan to establish an inland water route from the Potomac to the Mississippi Valley through the tributaries of the Ohio River.

The promising future and available water power of the area were recognized by Peter Devecomon, A Cumberland businessman, who in the 1790's purchased much of the future site of the town and erected a stone grist mill. Later in the 18th century Devecomon's holdings were acquired by James Morrison and Adam Sigler. Around 1802, the town known to its residents as "Hardscrabble" was named Westernport and made a post town.

Although the promise of becoming the westernmost port on a navigable Potomac River was never realized, Westernport's favorable location at the southern end of the Georges Creek coal region insured the continued development of the town. As early as 1810 flatboats carried Georges Creek coal down the Potomac from Westernport.

The railroad and coal industries provided the employment opportunities which were vital to the mid-19th century growth of Westernport and the adjacent town of Piedmont, W.V. Construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reached the site of Piedmont in 1851 and within 3 years rail facilities were built there. In 1856 the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, which transported much of the coal produced in the mining region, established a rail connection with the B & O Railroad, making Westernport an important outlet for Georges Creek coal. The C & P Railroad established shops in Westernport during the 1860's or 1870's.

The coal industry, like the railroads, played an important role in the mid-19th century development of Westernport. The many coal companies operating near Westernport during the 1860's included the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company, The Franklin Coal Company and the New Creek Coal Company.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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 Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw Street

TELEPHONE

(301)269-1438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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(continuation of #7 Description)

Examples are AL-VI-D-132 (Map #35) and AL-VI-D-136, (Map #281).

Examples of Bungalow architecture in Westernport are 1½ story buildings with gently pitched gabled roofs. Common elements of the style include oversized dormers and simple brackets. Neo-Rationalistic buildings in the town exhibit the characteristic symmetrical design, hipped roofs with dormers, and simple treatment of the eaves common to the style. Examples are 156 Church Street (Map #53) and #162 on the attached map.

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Westernport Survey District

Footnotes

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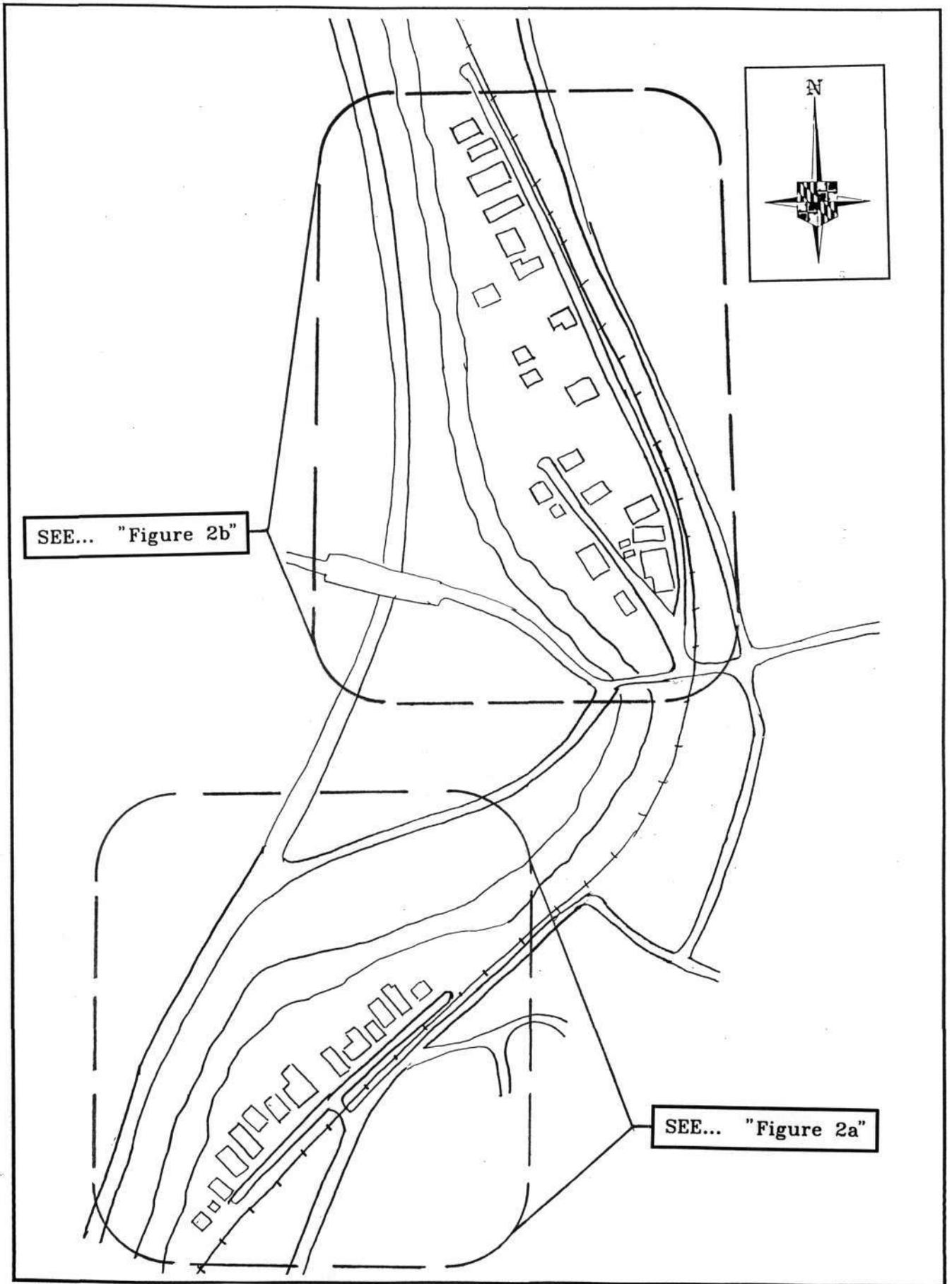


Figure 1 Westernport Survey District Addendum (AL-VI-D-311)
Allegany County, Maryland

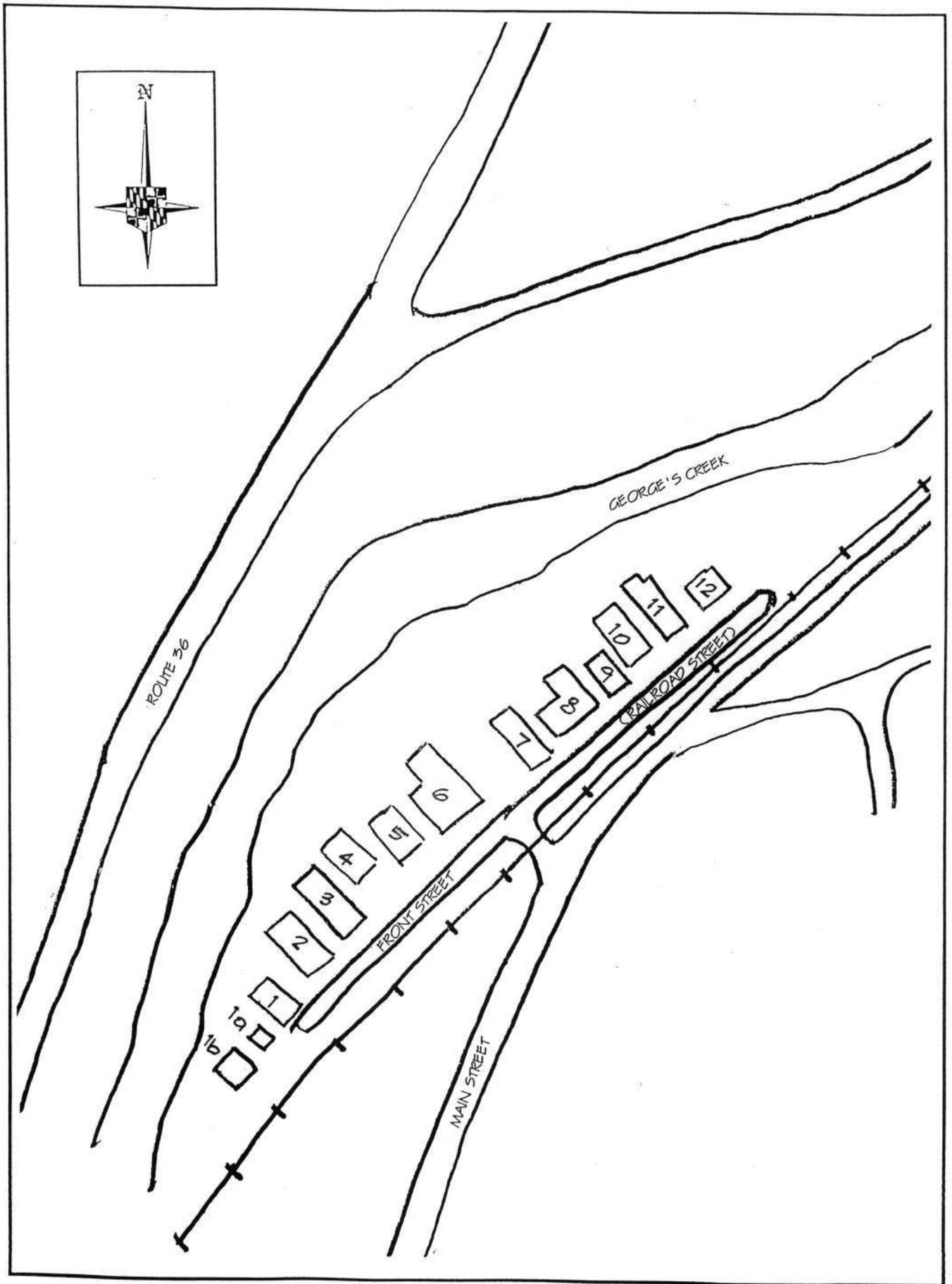


Figure 2a Westernport Survey District Addendum (AL-VI-D-311)
Allegany County, Maryland

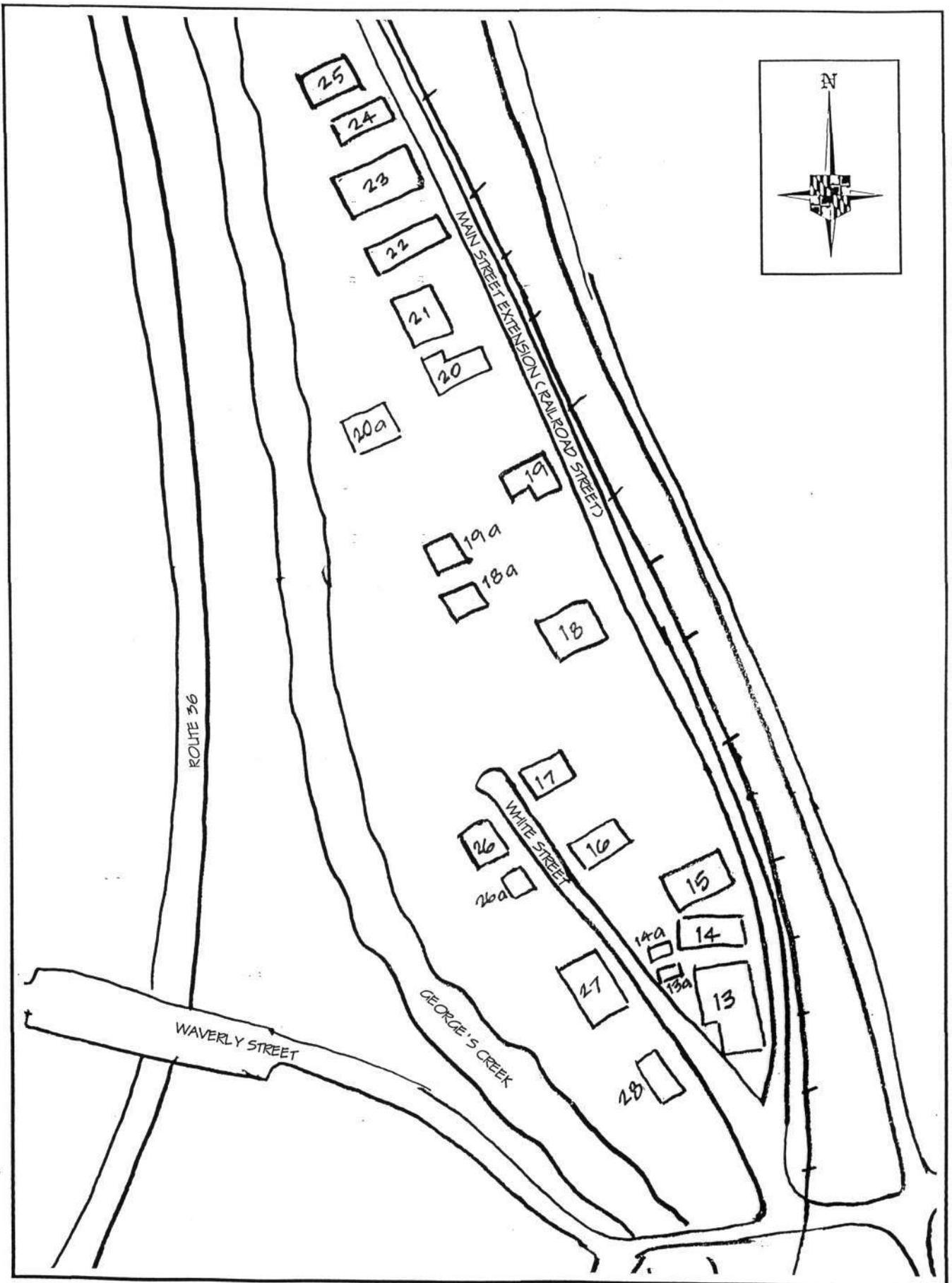
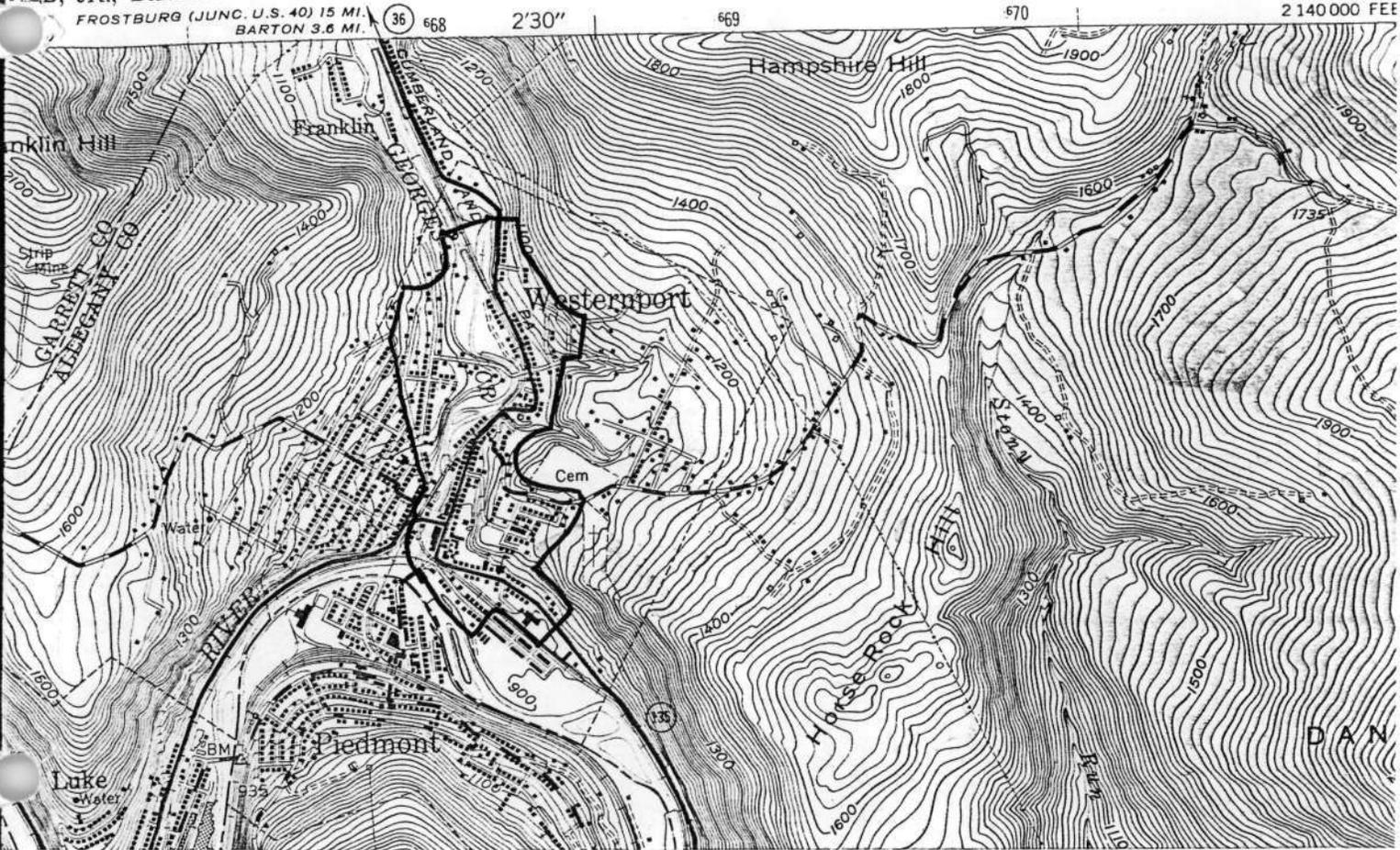


Figure 2b Westernport Survey District Addendum (AL-VI-D-311)
Allegany County, Maryland

MARYLAND
MINES, AND WATER RESOURCES
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USGS 7.5 Minute Series
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Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 2/82
photo 1, looking west



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COLD BEER COCKTAILS
DAILY NUMBERS GAME

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