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Arion Band Hall  
Frostburg

Late 19th Century

The Arion Band Hall was built in the latter half of the 19th Century for the German Arion Band as both a meeting place and a practice hall. The structure is a rectangular block one story high and three bays wide. The Hall was originally covered with weatherboard and roofed with shingles. The entrance, located on the west side, is covered with a console supported by brackets while the windows are two-over-two lights covered by louvered shutters.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Arion Band Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

35 Uhl Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                           |   | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS   | PRESENT USE                            |  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED              | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS      | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL   | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
|                                    |   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS         |
|                                    |   | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER  |

Band Practice Hall

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William S. Jenkins, MD Coal & Realty Company Telephone #: Office-689-8895

STREET & NUMBER

Depot Road

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

Liber #:

Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Arion Band Hall is located at 35 Uhl Street in Frostburg, Allegany County, and is found on the east side of the street approximately two blocks north of the intersection at Main Street.

The structure built in the mid<sup>to late</sup> nineteenth century is basically a one story, three bays wide rectangular block. The roof line of the structure runs east/west and is gabled and has replaced asphalt shingle materials covering the structure. The foundation of the hall is made of cut stone and is low with a plain water table. The structure, which is frame, was originally covered with weatherboard but has since been covered with asbestos siding. The entrance of the structure, (west side) is six paneled and is covered with a small semicircular hood which is supported by consoles. The windows feature architrave trim with cornices and are all closed by lowered shutters. An original corbeled brick chimney is located on the east inside end of the facade.

The building appears to be structurally sound and partially near original condition except for the replaced roof shingles and asbestos siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| 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                       |  |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input checked="" 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 1850-1875-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Arion Band Hall was built in the mid<sup>To late</sup> nineteenth century exclusively for the purpose of the band meeting place and practice hall. The band's original name was the German Arion Band, however, the surname German was dropped at the beginning of World War I. The structure is basically sound and is still being used as a practice hall for the Arion Band. Although somewhat altered the opportunity for restoration is very possible and restoring the hall would add greatly to the cultural heritage of Frostburg which exhibits deviation from the typical mining town due to structures such as the Arion Band Hall.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 80' x 100'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

35 Uhl Street

Boundary Lines East & West 100' Lines North & South 80'

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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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/76

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-012

DATE: 4/12/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor Approx - 80'x100

NAME OF PROPERTY: Arion Band Hall - Own - Building

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 35 UH1 St

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: William S. Jenkins - Md. Coal and Realty - Own Groa

ADDRESS: Depot Rd.

Frostburg, MD. 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 0

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Now Slate Siding

- () 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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

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( )  
Cornices pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West Face

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

CORNICE, BARGE, RAVES (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original() replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BOMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) - Hood - Semicircular

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELLED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:  
Use - Band Hall  
Significance - Music-Hall  
Date Constructed - Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century to late 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Condition - Fair

## Key points regarding interior architecture.

## 1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

## 2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

## 3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

## 3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

## 4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

## 5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. Note presence of lead (if any) on any wooden member described





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East



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North