

HITCHINS BRICK HOUSE

AL-VII-A-037

179 W. Main Street, Frostburg
1918

The Hitchins Brick House is a two story, two bay wide, rectangular structure constructed of white enamel brick laid in American Common Bond. That particular type of brick is extremely unique to the area; it was manufactured in Mt. Savage by Andrew Ramsey and has a special chemical formula. "The Castle", which is the elegant place of residence of Mr. Ramsey in Mt. Savage, also displays the white enamel brick.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hitchins Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

Workman Brick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

179 W. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

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

Mr. & Mrs. Elsie & Jabez Workman

Telephone #: 689-9725

STREET & NUMBER

179 W. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 134

Folio #: 159

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hitchins Brick House is located at 179 W. Main Street, Frostburg, Allegany County.

The Hitchins Brick House is a two story, two bay wide rectangular structure. It is constructed of ceramic glazed brick laid in American Common Bond. The building is supported by a low cement foundation. The roof is hipped, with a soffit and frieze and is covered with original slate shingles. Windows in the structure are a combination of one over one, two over two, and four over four lights. An oriel window ornaments the eastern side of the building, while a dormer interrupts the roof line of the main facade. The main entrance is located on the southwestern face of the building and consists of a verticle panaled door with a transom and side lights. Flat structural arches are located above the windows. A single corbeled brick chimney is located in the interior of the building. A semi-enclosed front end porch covers the main entrance. The porch has a hipped roof with a soffit and a dentilated entablature and is supported by Roman Doric columns. A second enclosed porch is located at the rear of the building.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Unique construction material.

SPECIFIC DATES	1918	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	William S. Lowe
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hitchins Brick House stands out as one of the most beautifully styled and structurally unique homes in Frostburg. Its walls are made of an attractive arrangement of white enamel brick, and is for this reason unique to Frostburg.

William S. Lowe bought the property from William E. G. Hitchins in 1915. Lowe had the present house constructed just after World War I in 1918. The white enamel brick for the house was made in Mt. Savage at the Ramsey Refractories Company. William Ramsey, an Englishman, owned the brick company that specialized in the making of the white enamel brick. It was also used to construct the ceiling on the front of the Castle in Mt. Savage and the jail in that same town. The white brick was mostly used for interior fireplace work. Its chemical formula is not known today.

Lowe was the superintendant of a textile plant in Frostburg at the time of construction of the house. He was transferred to Connecticut that same year (1918, thus never got a chance to live in the house he had just built.) An architect actually designed the home; it was uncommon at that time for architectural consultation to take place in this county. While in Connecticut, Lowe rented his house out.

Jabez Workman bought the home in 1920 after returning from France with his with his stay in the armed forces during World War I. The white enamel brick home has been property of the Workman family since that time.

Interview with Mrs. Charles Carney, October 26, 1976
Interview with Mr. Donald Workman, November 4, 1976.

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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 Less Than 1 Acre

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

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

10/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Workman House

Allegany County Deed, Liber 134, Folio 159

grantee: Jabez B. Workman

grantor: William S. Lowe, et. ux.

August 9, 1920

Consideration: \$3,000.00

Lot # 52 of "Hitchin's 2nd addition to Frostburg, Maryland."

Allegany County Deed, Liber 116, Folio 173

grantee: William S. Lowe

grantor: William E. G. Hitchins

March 15, 1915

Consideration: \$450.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 103, Folio 533

grantee: William E. G. Hitchins

grantor: The Borden Mining Company

September 13, 1908

Consideration: \$3,500.00

Land West of Frostburg on North side of Road - called "Clifton"

Allegany County Deed, Liber , Folio

grantee: The Borden Mining Company

grantor: William Borden

May 11, 1847

Consideration: \$86,741.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 2, Folio 305

grantee: William Borden

grantor: The Clifton Coal Company (William A. Talbot, Trustee)

November 10, 1846

The State of Maryland patented the said "Clifton" land to the Clifton Coal Company (4153 acres) on August 24, 1841

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134/159

DATE: 9/20/76

Lot #52

Less than 1

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

W.B.I.P. HOUSES

NAME OF PROPERTY: Hitchins Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 179 W. MAIN ST., FROSTBURG

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTHWEST

NAME OF OWNER: MRS. ELSIE + JABEZ WORKMAN 689-9725

ADDRESS: 179 W. MAIN ST., FROSTBURG
Frostburg MD. 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Ceramic Glazed
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () ICG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

Storm 2/2 + 4/4

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
oriel pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()
Interior - All 1/1

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SOUTHWEST

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

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, BARRERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

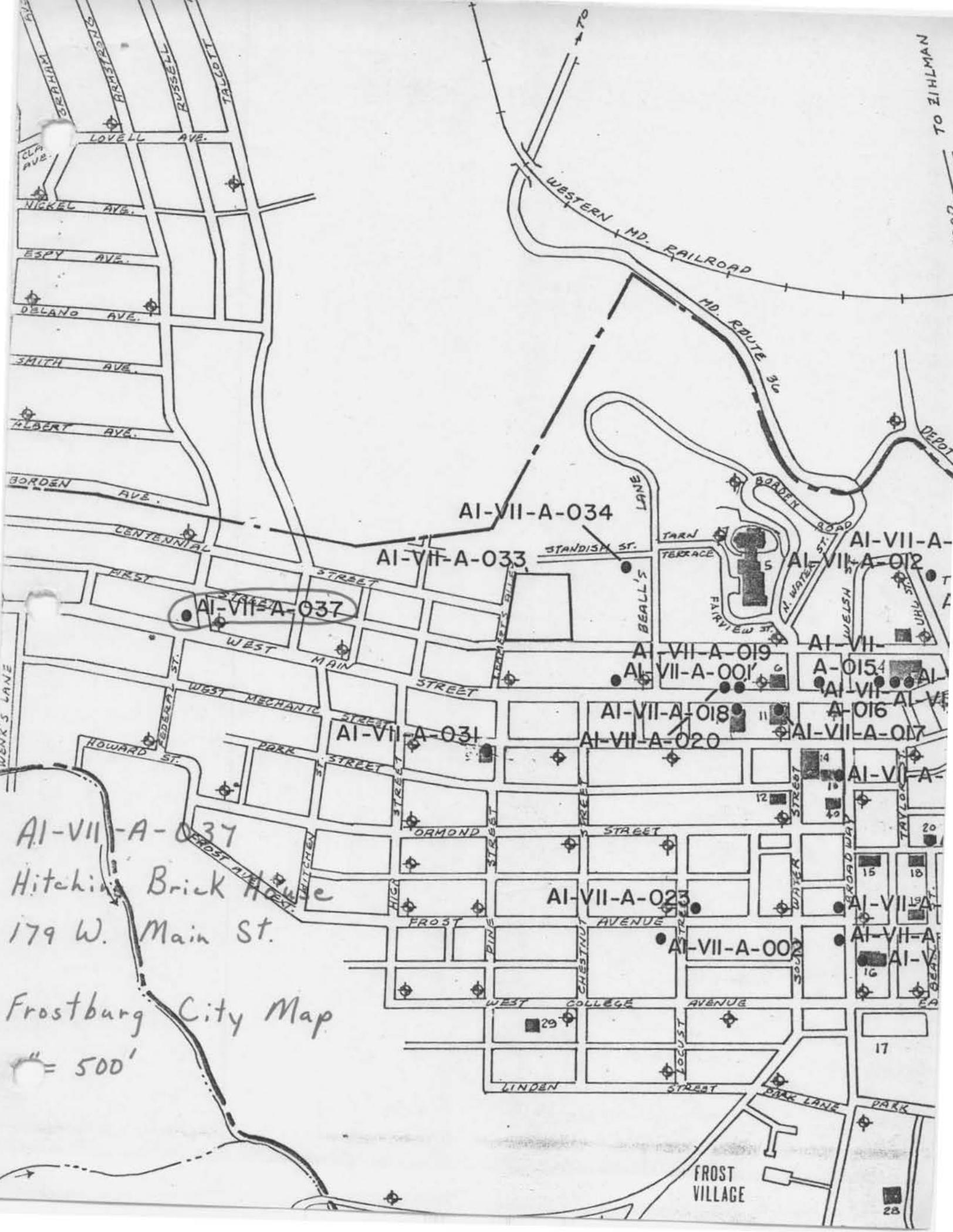
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() Back-Enclosed
Front-Semi-Enclosed

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 - Residence
- Significance - construction materials
- Date Constructed - 1918
- Condition - good



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 Hitching Brick Howe
 179 W. Main St.
 Frostburg City Map
 1" = 500'



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Hitchins Brick House

179 W. Main St. Frostburg

9/20/76

John NELSON

north east



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Hitchins Brick House

179 W. Main St. Frostburg

9/20/76

John NELSON

Southwest