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Bloomington Survey District
Bloomington
Private

1800-1899

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bloomington

AND/OR COMMON

Bloomington Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MD Rt. 135 and Savage River Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bloomington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Of the thirty buildings that lie within the district, twenty-three of them are contributing structures. The group includes one church, two boarding houses, one lodge hall, one brick dwelling, one log dwelling, and seventeen frame dwellings.

The following is a list of the most important and representative buildings:

- lot 60: Bloomington Methodist Church, 1904 frame, gable-roofed, T-plan with bell tower and stained glass lancet windows.
- lot 9: Bartlett's Boarding House ¹, ca. 1880 two story, frame, hip-roofed building with 6/6 sash windows.
- lot 18: Garvey Hotel ², ca. 1880 two story-frame, shed-roofed building with 6/6 sash windows.
- lot 10: Jr. O.V.A.M. Lodge Hall ³, 1904 two story, frame, gable-roofed building with 4/4 sash windows. The lodge members rented the first floor to the Board of Education from 1904 to 1939, to use as a school.
- lot 67: circa 1880, two story, brick, hip-roofed dwelling. There were originally three other houses like this one, forming a group known as "Brick Row". ⁴
- lot 51: Elijah Kemp House ⁵, ca. 1860's two story, frame, hip-roofed dwelling. Built by Elijah Kemp, a carpenter, for himself. It was later the home of his son Dr. Howard Kemp, the town doctor.
- lot 53: circa 1880, large two story, frame, two story, gable-roofed, T-plan dwelling with board and batten siding.
- lot 58: late 19th century, two story, frame, gable-roofed duplex dwelling.
- lot 39: circa 1860, 1½ story, log, duplex dwelling with weatherboard siding.
- parcel 23: Moody House ⁶, ca. 1880 two story, frame, gable-roofed dwelling with gable end facade. This was the home of William Moody, who ran a mercantile business in town.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By the early 1800's a small village consisting of a gristmill, a store, and several dwellings had formed around the mouth of the Savage River, it being a stop for those travelling on the Interstate Road, the major transportation route heading west from the Potomac River. Upon learning that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was to be built through the area, William Combs and Patrick Hamill began buying up land around the village. In 1849 they hired James D. Armstrong to survey 39 lots for a town which was to be named Bloomington in 1851, the town began to grow, prompting additional lots to be surveyed.⁷

Coal mining and lumbering were the major industries around Bloomington from its beginning in the mid nineteenth century, to the early twentieth century. The Llangollen Mining Company, and the Empire Mine, operated by the Piedmont Coal and Iron Company.⁸ In the early twentieth century, the G.C. Pattison Coal Company and the Bloomington Coal Company began operations.⁹ Although coal mining was the largest industry in Bloomington, the coal companies did not own or run the town, as was often the case in other towns along the Potomac River Valley. Bloomington remained as an independent town within this coal mining region.

The lumbering industry started out as several small water-powered sawmills along the Savage River that produced lumber for the local market. Large scale production did not begin until the 1870's with the formation of the Lochiel Lumber Company, which built a dam and a sawmill at Bloomington. Lochiel's land holdings north of Bloomington were exhausted of timber by 1886.¹⁰

With the decline of the mines in the early part of the twentieth century Bloomington declined as well, and stands today as a small residential community.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

¹Bloomington Bicentennial Committee. The Bloomington Story. (Keyser, WV: Keyprint, Inc., 1976), p. 11.

²The Bloomington Story, pp. 14, 66.

³The Bloomington Story, pp. 22, 34.

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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

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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
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#7 Description Continuation

-lot 40: late 19th century, two story, frame, pyramidal-roofed dwelling with a pair of bay windows on the facade.

Two separately inventoried sites related, but not included within the boundaries of the district are:

G-I-E-007 The Brydon Mansion, ca. 1875 brick Italianate house built for Louis Brydon, owner of some of the coal mines in the area.

G-I-E-196 George Pattison House, ca. 1910 brick, Queen Anne Style house built for George Pattison, store owner and coal operator.

#9 Major Bibliographical References Continuation

⁴ Interview with Dorsey Pattison, postmaster in Bloomington, 10 September 1981.

⁵ The Bloomington Story, p. 70.

⁶ The Bloomington Story, pp. 11, 75.

⁷ The Bloomington Story, pp. 7-11.

⁸ The Bloomington Story, pp. 9, 26, 27.

⁹ Charles K. Swartz and William A. Baker, Jr. Second Report on the Coals of Maryland. (Maryland Geological Survey, Johns Hopkins Press, 1920), p. 27, 248-9.

¹⁰ The Bloomington Story, p. 27.

daughter of James J. and Margaret Stewart Burns, of Fairmont, was born April 8, 1871, and died at Elkins, W. Va., June 24, 1949. She was an officer of the Randolph County, W. Va., Historical Society.

PAUL WINSTON McINTIRE, a leading merchant of Oakland, born August 5, 1902, at Thomas, W. Va., died at his home May 24, 1949. His parents were Charles N. and Eva F. Poling McIntire. He was manager of the Oakland Hardware and Furniture Co., Inc., formerly owned by his father.

LLOYD H. CASTEEL, of Friendsville, born near Deer Park, October 6, 1897, died June 21, 1949. He was a son of Franklin B. and Hattie M. Casteel, and a great-great grandson of Thomas Casteel, a pioneer settler at Friendsville.

CHARLES F. WHITE of Oakland was born October 14, 1863, and died November 13, 1947. He was a son of Charles F. White and Mary Shaw White, and a great grandson of Henry White, Sr., one of the pioneer settlers of this county.

NOTES FROM THE GLADES STAR

E. S. Zevely, Editor. Issue of Jan. 6, 1872.

The Glades Star is free, independent and untrammelled in politics, and expects to continue so.

Few ladies were present at the dance at the Glades Hotel on New Year's Eve, but it was a merry, happy good humored party.

The Oakland Woolen Mill is about closing a prosperous season.

Married—On Tuesday 26 Dec'r in the Stone Church, Oakland, by Rev. Geo. H. Zimmerman, Mr. T. W. Casteel, to Miss Sidney M., daughter of Hon. P. Hamill.

Adv.—E. S. Zevely, Engraver and Printer, Oakland, Maryland. All kinds

of printing and wood engraving. Many years experience.

Adv. in The Maryland Advocate Dr. Wm J. R. Brooke having located himself in the Flat Woods settlement (Accident), offers his professional services to the inhabitants and those of the surrounding country. He may generally be found at Mrs. Drane's or the vicinity thereof.

July 15, 1834—In the March 10, 1835 issue, Dr. Brooke advises that he has located in Petersburg, Pa., at Robert Hunter's Hotel.

OAKLAND'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of Oakland and the Centennial Commission, I extend an invitation to you to visit Oakland during Centennial Week, August 8-14.

An interesting and varied program has been arranged for each day of the celebration and your presence will add to our observance of this historic occasion and provide you with pleasant memories to be carried with you when the week is over.

Visit us during August 8-14.

Yours sincerely,
Joseph Hinebaugh, Mayor.



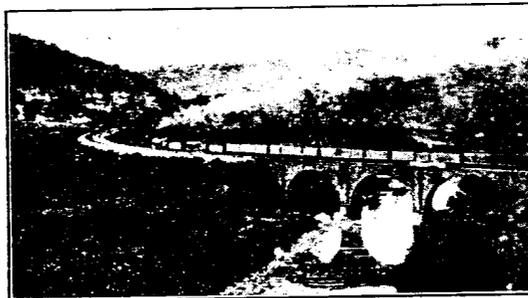
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***Bloomington At The Mouth of Savage**

In the county land records at Cumberland the first survey of town lots in Bloomington is recorded as follows:



B. & O. TRAIN AT BLOOMINGTON PHOTO 1910

I certify that I have at the request of William Combs and P. Hamill laid off a town near the Mouth of Savage River in Allegany County, Maryland, called "Bloomington", agreeable to the following courses and distances and annexed plat.
June 17, 1849.

(Signed)

James D. Armstrong

The plat locates 39 lots, lying on both sides of the proposed line of the B. & O. railroad.

Bloomington celebrated its centennial in 1949. May 26 was School Day. The local school gave an historical program of songs, stories and drama. It also presented an exhibit of museum articles loaned by citizens of the neighborhood. The gun collection, assembly by Charles Sullivan, was a highlight of the exhibit.

On May 27 the firemen's parade was followed by square and round dancing in Firemen's Hall.

The celebration ended on the evening of May 28 with a banquet in Firemen's Hall, attended by a hundred guests, many of whom were former residents of the town. Speakers at the banquet were Mr. F. E. Rathbun, whose wife is a daughter of Bloomington's devoted physician, Dr. Kemp; Mr. Tice, of Keyser, represented the B. & O. railroad, so important to the town. Capt. C. E. Hoye spoke of Bloomington's history.

BLOOMINGTON HISTORY

MAYO SURVEY
The first record we have of white men in the Bloomington area is the report of Major William Mayo of his survey in 1736 of the Potomac River. The Mayo party camped near the mouth of a river then known as the "North Fork" of Potomac. According to Col. Byrd's account their food supplies were exhausted; threatened with starvation, they decided to kill and eat John Savage, a surveyor, "the most worthless member of their party," because he was becoming blind. Sup-

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plies arrived in time to save Savage, and Mayo named the North Fork "Savage" River. Savage Mountain evidently took its name from the river at its base.

The site of Bloomington was on old Glades Path at the foot of the Great Backbone Mountain. During the years 1785 to 1789 Col. Francis Deakins, commissioner for Maryland, surveyed and opened up the old buffalo path as a

wagon road thru what is now Garrett County. This was part of the Virginia-Maryland Inter-State Road, an important highway until the building of the B. & O. railroad. The State Road was of special importance in the development of the "Mouth of Savage" settlement and neighborhood. From the Savage River westward a chain of log inns or taverns was built. The first was in Frog Hollow near the river mouth, where the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company woodyard is now located. One was on the road below the present railroad; another above. Briern Gainor's tavern was three miles west of the place now owned by Hansel Paugh. A tavern was on what is now the Pattison farm at the top of the mountain. Extra horses were kept in Frog Hollow to be hitched to freight wagons to help them up the steep grades as far as the Pattison place. James Stackpole had a noted inn on Castle Hill, the place now owned by Marshall Paugh. After Stackpole, M. Cartin kept the Castle Hill tavern.

In 1787 Col. Francis Deakins and ten assistant surveyors surveyed the Military Lots west of Fort Cumberland. One of the survey parties began its work at the Mouth of Savage. Lot No. 1, "Beginning at a Bounded White Oak marked 1 standing on the bank of Potomack River and about a hundred and thirty perches above the Mouth of Savage River and containing fifty acres," is part of the site of Bloomington.

* STATE ROAD. See The Glades Star No. 32.

** MILITARY LOTS. See The Glades Star No. 16.

At the time of the survey of the Military Lots, among those who claimed lots as settlers in the Bloomington neighborhood, were the following:

Charles Queen claimed Lots Nos. 1 and 2; he was probably the first settler on the site of Bloomington. In the assessment of 1789 the Queen lots were assessed to Moses Titchenal.

Patrick Burnes, Lot 69, on Potomac west of Bloomington.

Charles Boyles, Lots 96, 97, n. w. on the State Road.

Joseph Davis, Lots 260, 85, near the Potomac above Bloomington.

George Fazenbaker, Lot 3869, at Firm Rock.

Moses Titchenal, Lots 1879, 1880.

Johanes Paugh, Michael Paugh, Henry Kite, Joseph Warnick, John Ryan, James Dennison and John Streets also claimed lots as settlers.

The twelve years following opening of the state land west of Cumberland to settlers was a period of rapid settlement. In the census of 1800 heads of families in the Bloomington district include Charles Queen, Thomas Pritchard, Edward Barnard, Briern and George Gainor, three Titchenals, four Paughs, Joseph Davis, three Connellys, two Turners, Magruders and others.

In June, 1851, the railroad was opened for traffic as far west as Piedmont and construction of the line across the mountains was progressing rapidly. The original stone railroad bridge, built in 1851, and exhibiting marks of the unsuccessful attempt of McNeil's Rangers

to wreck it, still carries B. & O. trains across the Potomac. The old Mouth of Savage settlement in the 50's was booming; houses were moved from the river up to the railroad.

We have already noted the survey in 1849 of the original town lots under the name "Bloomington," the name said to have been suggested by the railroad civil engineers because of the early blooming wild flowers on the slope when they located the line. The laborers called the place "Blooming Town." However, it was also known as "Llangollen," the Welsh name of a coal mining company operating in the vicinity. There appears to have been quite a controversy as to which name should prevail officially. In 1852 a post office was established under the name "Llangallan," but in 1855 the name of the office was changed to "Bloomington." James Bell was the first postmaster. The Llangollen Mining Company in 1854 employed Wm. M. Owens to survey an addition to the town, "to be called Llangollen." Owens' plat of the town shows 207 town lots, including the 39 lots of the original survey.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

The Catholics, Presbyterians and United Brethren have had congregations in Bloomington, but at present the only church is Methodist. The first Methodist Church building is now the home of Milton Dever on the hill. The present church was built about 1904. John Charles Thomas, a noted radio baritone singer, is the son of a Methodist minister who lived in the Bloomington parsonage when John Charles was about twelve years of age.

The first public school appears to have been taught in a building near where the Firemen's Hall now stands. In the 1880's a one-room school house was erected opposite the old Methodist Church. Later two school rooms were rented in the Jr. O. U. A. M. building. In 1939 the present modern brick two-room school house was built. The teachers are Charlotte P. Barnard, Inez M. Bush and Bertha M. Frost.

INDUSTRIES AND PERSONS

Andrew Mullen came to Bloomington during construction of the railroad as the company blacksmith. He later became a merchant in the town. George C. Pattison, an orphan, was brought from the Eastern Shore to Bloomington when four years of age. He was reared in the Mullen home and operated the store. Later he bought and operated the Empire Coal Company. Dorsey Pattison, who now keeps one of the town's stores, is his son.

The old water powered grist mill near the Savage River mouth was built prior to 1812. In later times it was operated by Cornelius Kight for many years.

William L. Rawlings, of Bloomington, was in 1873 the first Register of Wills of Garrett County. He returned to Bloomington in 1883 and conducted a general grocery business.

Coal mining in the vicinity has always been Bloomington's most important industry. After the building of the railroad the Hampshire Coal Mines were opened on the Virginia side of the Potomac. William A. Brydon came to the town from Virginia in 1852. He was a clerk, and, later, superintendent of the mining company. Mr. Brydon was active in organizing the new county, and served as president of its school board and member of the House of Delegates in the 1870's. In 1864-1865 he built his home, "Borderside," now occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Sue Brydon Pattison.

The Lochiel Lumber Company operated a large saw mill on Savage

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Garrett County Historical Society

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Members having back issues of The Glades Star, which they do not desire to keep, will do the society a favor by sending them to the secretary, especially Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 23, 28, 29.

MEMBERSHIP: All persons interested in the Garrett County area are eligible to membership in the GCHS.

Membership fees: Regular, \$2.00; Life, \$20.

COUNTY HISTORICAL MAPS

R. Getty Browning, a native of Oakland, now with the State Roads Commission of North Carolina, has prepared an interesting historical map of Garrett County and presented it to the GCHS. The map shows early trails and roads, locations of settlers and historical places. It may be seen by the public in the office of the Register of Wills.



A. G. GORTNER

Alva G. Gortner of Oakland completed his term as Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Maryland. Mr. Gortner is a life member of the GCHS.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Earl Shartzter, Oakland.

NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

Mrs. Edith Starkey, Akron, Ohio.
 Frank R. Corliss, Jr., Somerset, Pa.
 Mrs. Marion Ashby Berg, Washington.
 Mrs. Mary West Pope, Baltimore.

MEMBERS of the GCHS who are not keeping a file of The Glades Star will favor the society and other members by sending any back numbers of the bulletin to the secretary, especially Nos. 1, 2, 22 and 27. These old issues are needed to complete files.

ERRATA. The name of the first newspaper published in Garrett county is "The Glade Star" not "The Glades Star."

THE SANGING GROUND INDIAN VILLAGE SITE EXPLORED

In September Frank R. Corliss, Jr., of Somerset, Pa., began excavation of the Indian camp or village site on the Youghiogheny at the mouth of Sang Run. He uncovered post hole markings of an Indian house (wigwam) nine feet in diameter. Poles had been driven into the sand, then bent to form a frame, over which bark or skins were fastened. Two "house pits" were discovered, containing pieces of pottery (pot-sherds), flint artifacts, bones of animals and ashes.

Numerous Indian camp sites have been found in Garrett County, but it has been doubted that the red men lived in permanent villages here, tho the pioneer Friends are said to have met the Indians at their "town" on the site of Friendsville. The discovery of remains of a well built wigwam indicates that at Sang Run there was also a village many years before the first white settlers arrived. Numerous Indian graves have been found in the vicinity of the village.

Mr. Corliss is a student at Pennsylvania State college. He plans to continue his explorations next summer.

THE McCARTY SEWING BASKET

A large willow sewing basket, woven at Yough Glades in the 1830's for Mrs. Isaac McCarty by a negro servant, was presented last August to our County Historical Society by Miss Rosa McCarty. This basket was inherited from her mother by Ingaba McCarty, who gave it to her niece, Rosa. Miss Rosa McCarty, now of Oakland, California, a granddaughter of Isaac McCarty, representing the founding family of our Oakland, was an honored guest during its recent centennial.

JOHN WILLIAM KIMMELL, our local poet, born in Deer Park, June 6, 1868, died in Akron, Ohio, July 13, 1949. He was a son of Chauncey F. and Harriet E. (Sinclair) Kimmell, and was reared on his parent's farm near Swallow Falls, now the Whitaker place. J. W. Kimmell was one of a family of fourteen children, nine of whom are still living. He spent a busy life as lumberman, farmer and operator of gas filling stations. In 1916 he was elected treasurer of Garrett County and served two terms. He was buried in his native county in the Oakland cemetery.

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River just above town. In the 1870's and 1880's the company cut all available timber in the Savage River basin and floated it to this mill during the spring high water season.

Brant's gun factory was located on the Potomac just above the site of Bloomington at "Brantsburg."

John G. C. Brant was born in 1770. He probably learned the gunsmith trade in Germany. In 1811, when the United States was preparing for war with England, Brant took a sub-contract to manufacture 2375 muskets with bayonets complete for the Government. He is said to have wagoned his pig iron from a furnace in Pennsylvania to Cumberland, thence by flat boat to his factory; black walnut for stocks was cut in the locality of the factory. The muskets were delivered at the Harper's Ferry armory. For many years after the war Brant manufactured guns for the local trade, and the product of his factory was noted for its fine workmanship. John W. Tichenal of Walnut Bottom, near Swanton has one of the Brant guns—a muzzle loading rifle, originally a flintlock, but changed to fire by cap and trigger.

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The Glades Star. "Davis Saw Mill at Bloominton." (reprint from
Cumberland Daily News, July 3, 1872), No. 35, Sept. 30, 1949, page 374.

"H.G. Davis & Brothers have 75 men employed in construction of a boom on the Potomac River above Piedmont, and in making excavations for a reservoir in which to float logs as they come down the River, and are directed into reservoir by the boom. A large sawmill is to be erected on the Maryland side of the river. The bed of the Potomac for 50 miles is to be cleared out and obstruction to logs removed. Also dams are to be erected to hold water for floating logs. Mesrs. Davis own immense tracts of land abounding in hemlock and white oak along the upper Potomac."

"The company is also erecting a R.R. bridge over the River to connect their mill with the B & O R.R. at Piedmont."

The Glades Star, "Bloomington Notes." No. 36, December 31, 1949, page 387.

- "The Llangollen Mining Company of Allegany County was incorporated by Act of teh General Assembly of 1849."
- "Dr. Howard Mason Kemp, son of Elijah Kemp of Grantsville, began practice of his profession in Bloomington in 1881, as doctor for a coal company and general practitioner. He was born in 1855 and died March 21, 1921. He was the father of Mrs. Alma Rathbun of Oakland."



Bloomington about 1915 Mullen's Store - Back of G.C.
Pattison's Store and Depot at Bloomington

Bloomington after 1900

These stores continued to exist, Mullen's, Pattison's and Warnick's. These new ones came into being and existed at different times over the years: Jacob Stump, Daniel Smouse, Harry Coffman, James G. Howard, Clarence Howard, Dorsey Pattison, Albert Farris, William Pattison, Ingrams, C. O. Wolfe, Clarence Miller (pool room), Russell Pattison, William Bever and Bernard Guy, Charles Pattison, Miles Riggelman, Eskey Fazenbaker. Wyder Garvey ran a barber shop for many years.

The only stores in town today are William Pattison General Merchandise, Ingram's Groceries, Lunch Room and Gas Station, and William Bever's Savage Inn.

We have a post office and also a postal route with mailboxes for those who desire them. There is the Garrett National Bank which is doing a thriving business. We have a fine school - Elementary and Junior High combined. (see schools).

We have one beauty parlor, Connie's Beauty Salon.

The trains still go through town but none of them stop. Mail is delivered by truck. Everyone in town has a car, many several. Most people are employed by Westvaco. We have some lovely homes. Everyone is well fed and we are sometimes spoken of as the affluent society.

The United Methodist is the only church but many people are members of churches in the Tri-Towns.

We have an excellent Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary, and Rescue Squad (Tri-Town).

We have an active PTA, The Daughters of America is the only lodge still in town. We have a Girl Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Troop.

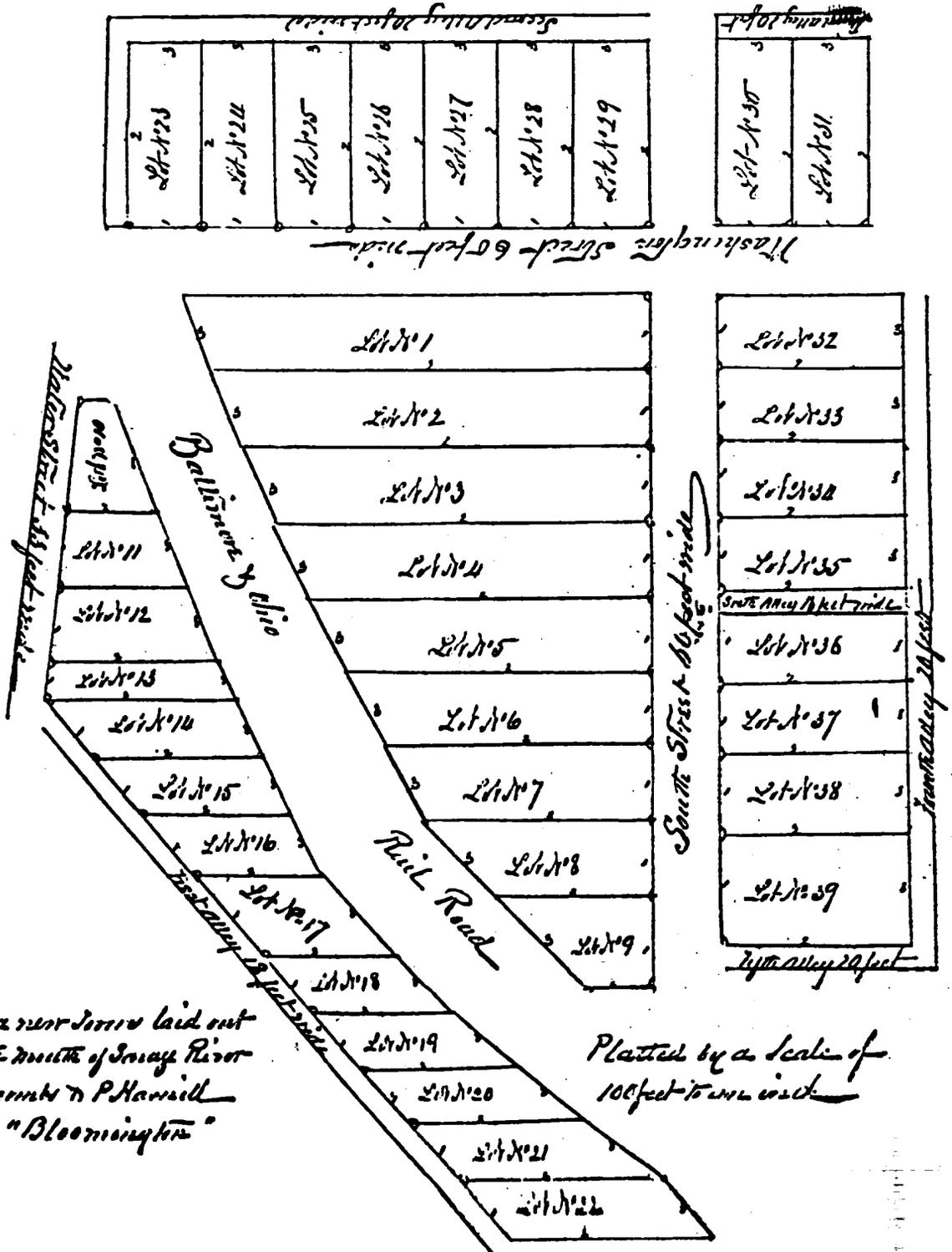


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Plat of Bloomington 1849

(Allegany Co. Liber 6 folio 80)

(Note-Later Lots 1 thru 8 were divided and the street where the post office is was put in.)



Plat of a new town laid out near the mouth of Savage River by Messrs. G. W. Harris and P. Harris called "Bloomington"

Platted by a scale of 100 feet to an inch

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CODE

- A- NATIONAL REGISTER MERIT
- B- CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT
- C- ALTERED, BUT STILL CONTRIBUTING
- D- SIGNIFICANT TYPE NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE REST OF THE DISTRICT
- E- INCOMPATIBLE BUILDING
- G- NON-HISTORIC OPEN SPACE

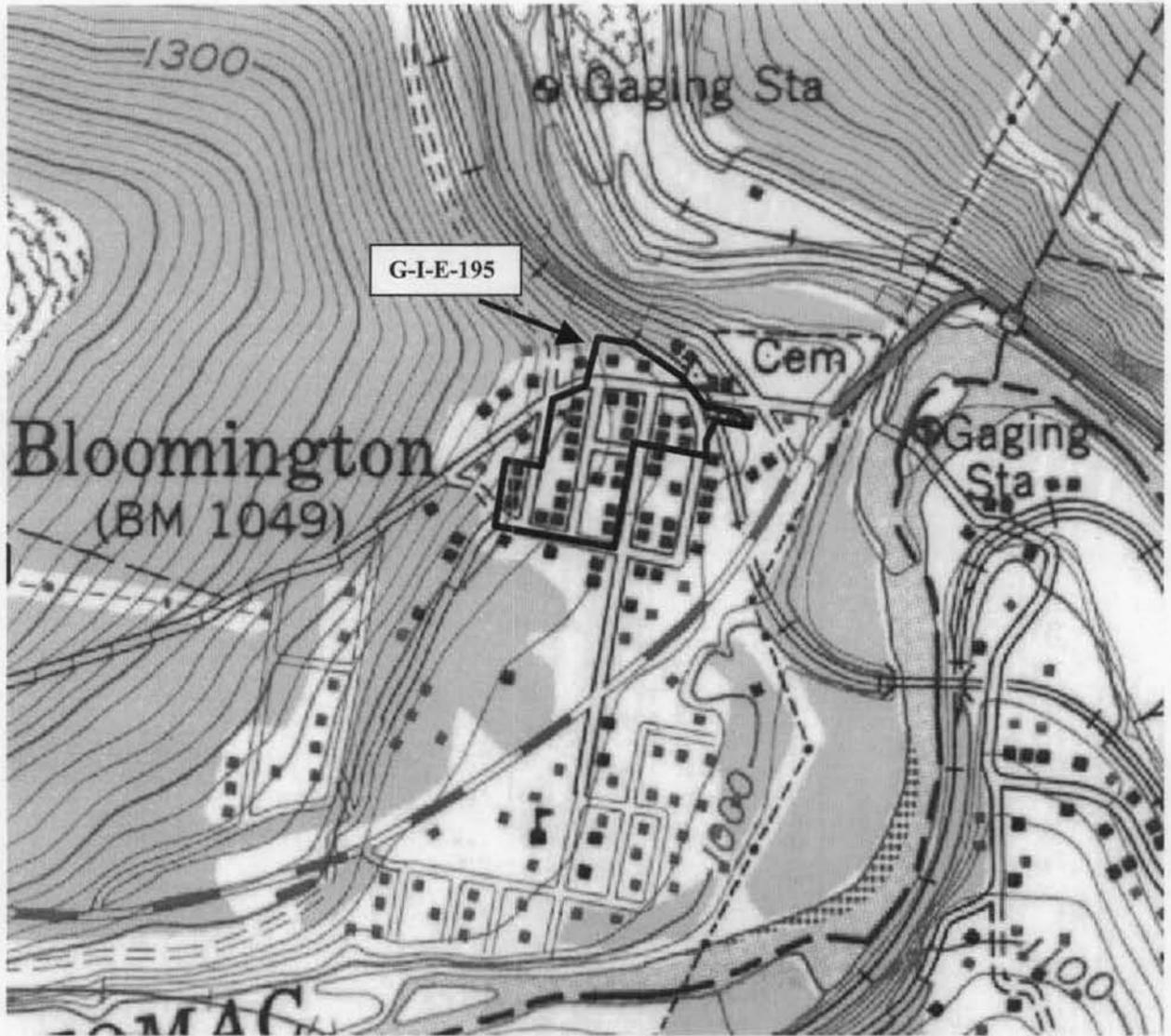




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Bloomington Survey District
MD Rt. 135 and Savage River
Road

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Westernport quadrangle





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Bloomington Survey District
V. Cesna; Garrett Co.; 9-10-81
Looking N down Church Street
from Lot 35



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Lot 67 Hampshire St.



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Methodist Church Lot 60



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Valerie Cesna 9/10/81

Lot 58



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Log House, Lot 39, Country Rd



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Lot 51, Dr. Kemp's House



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N. Branch Ave. Moody Hs. Parcel23



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Looking N. Down N. Branch Ave-
from Lot 35



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Lot 9, N. Branch Ave.



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Lot 40, Country Road



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Lot 18, Garvey's Hotel



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Lot 53



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