JOE HIGGINS CANAL HOUSE

AL-I-C-009
½ mile east of Stickpile Tunnel, 50 yards from the C & O Canal
1913

The Joe Higgins Canal House meets the standard of the typical rural dwelling found in Allegany County being a "T" shaped, two story frame structure covered with novelty siding. It was built in 1913 as a residence for Joseph Higgins. The household was able to view traffic on the nearby C & O Canal for 11 years until it closed in 1924. The house stands out as being one of the first in its area to be built upon a poured concrete foundation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joe Higgins Canal House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

C & O Canal near Little Orleans on Kasecamp Road

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Helen H. Rohman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 479

Folio #: 864

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

MD.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joe Higgins Canal House lies ½ mile east of the Stickpile Tunnel and just 50 yards from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Frame construction on a two story, four bay wide rectangular block typifies his house. It was built in 1913 upon a poured concrete foundation. The southeast corner of the house now includes a small one story shed roofed addition with a small porch. Novelty siding which was never painted composes the wall structure. Windows in the house are all double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights, cornices and plain trim. The main entrance faces northeast and contains the original verticle paneled door. The roof over the main block is gabled and features a soffit. Circular ventilators decorate each gable; replaced asphalt materials now cover the roof. There is a four bay front end porch supported by five turned columns and covered by a shed roof. The house contains one original corbeled brick chimney located to the interior of the structure.

The Joe Higgins Canal House is presently in fair condition and stands structurally sound. It has been unaltered and contains its original fabric.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1913 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joe Higgins Canal House meets the standard of the typical rural dwelling found in Allegany County, being a "T" shaped two story frame structure covered with novelty siding. It was built in 1913 as a residence for Joseph Higgins, the father of Raymond Higgins. The front of the house lies just 50 yards from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Occupants of the house witnessed traffic on the canal for 11 years until the C & O Canal ceased operation in 1924.

The Ornate circular ventilators found in the gable peaks are quite common to frame structures built during this time period in Allegany County. It was also one of the first houses in the area to be built upon a poured concrete foundation.

Interview with Raymond Higgins, October 14, 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 274 acres

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: 11/3/76
STREET & NUMBER: 507 National Highway	TELEPHONE: 777-8991
CITY OR TOWN: LaVale,	STATE: Maryland

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

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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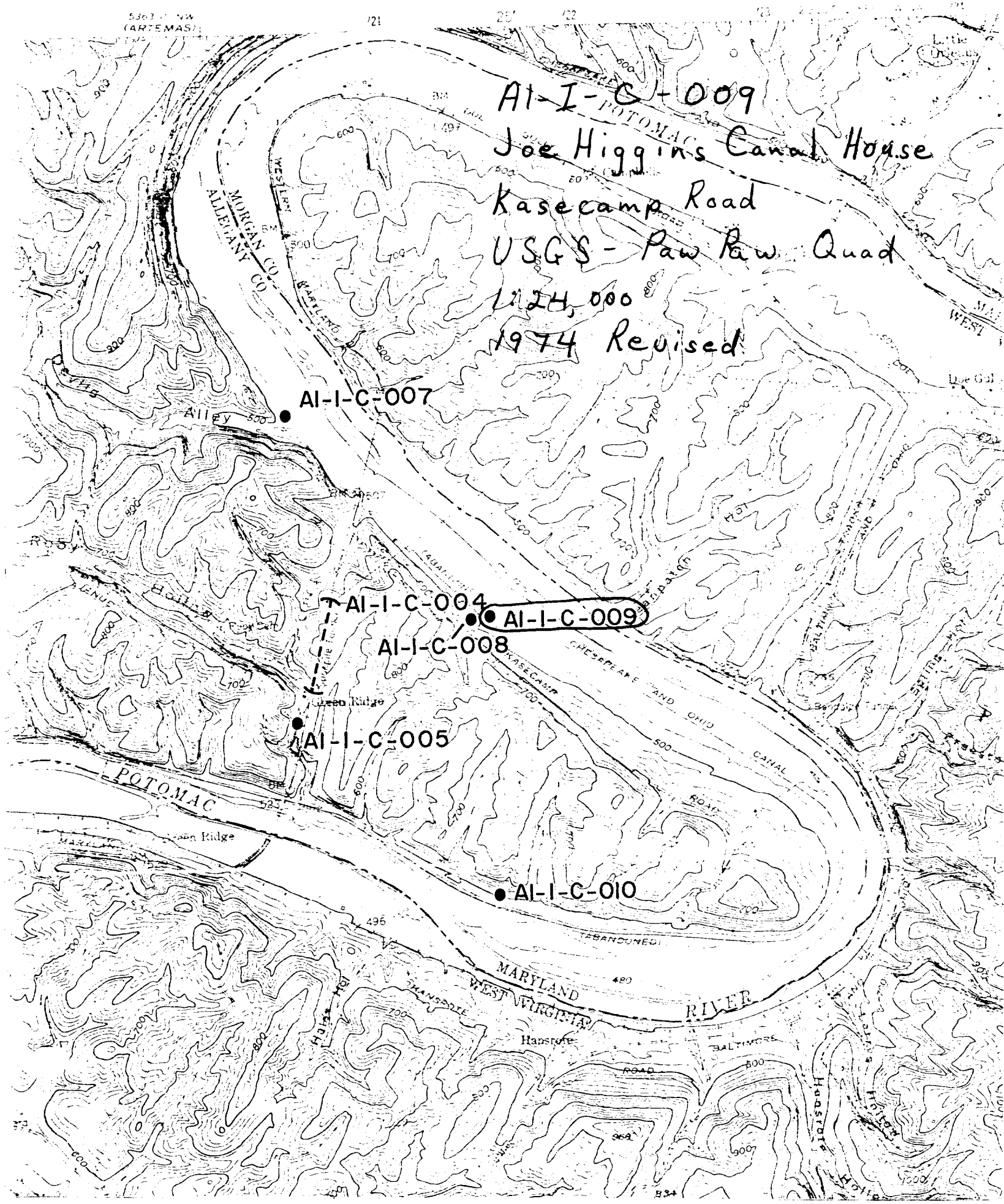

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Joe Higgins Canal House
Kasecamp Road
USGS - Paw Paw Quad
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1974 Revised
Al-I-C-007
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Al-I-C-009
Al-I-C-008
Al-I-C-005
Al-I-C-010
POTOMAC
MORGAN CO
ALLEGANY CO
MARYLAND
WEST VIRGINIA
RIVER
Green Ridge
Hansrote
CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL
KASECAMP
ROAD
BALTIMORE
(ARTEMAS)

INVENTORY NO. AL-I-C-009

DATE: 10/14/76

479/864
274 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Joe Higgins Canal House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: C&O Canal Near Little Orleans

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northeast

NAME OF OWNER: ~~Raymond Higgins~~ Helen H. Rohman

ADDRESS: ~~Little Orleans, Maryland~~

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 STORY CENTRAL REAR SHED ADDITION

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) T SHAPED

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

(✓) FRAME: Bevel, ~~clapboard~~ Novelty, 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
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE poured concrete
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: NORTHEAST
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) 4 BAY FRONT END

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

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

COMMENTS:
Use - not occupied
Significance - arch.
Date Constructed - 1913
Condition - fair

1947 Nat'l Geographic
Red Picture

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C+C Canal House near Little Orleans

John Nelson

10/14/76

East

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SOUTH