

WIGFIELD BLACKSMITH SHOP

AL-II-A-041

Old Route 41 & Flintstone Creek  
ca. 1900

The Wigfield Blacksmith Shop is believed to have been built around 1895 by James Ash who inherited the property from his father Eli W. Ash. The shop consists of a one and a half story, two bay wide, three bay long, rectangular shaped block. The building is of board and batten construction and continues to house many of the original blacksmith's tools and billows furnace. The property was sold to Eddie Wigfield in 1912 and was then known as the "Blacksmith Property". Wigfield continued the profession of blacksmith well into the present century, and his daughter still owns the property.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wigfield Blacksmith Shop

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Route 40 & Flintstone Creek

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

X 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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER **Storage**

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Alvin & Marybelle Moser

Telephone #: 478-2441

STREET & NUMBER

Old Route 40 & Flintstone Creek

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 268

Folio #: 508

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

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

The Wigfield Blacksmith Shop is located along Old Route 40 in Flintstone, Allegany County on the south side of the road at the junction of Flintstone Creek.

The shop basically consists of a one and a half story, two bay wide, three bay long, rectangular shaped block. The building is a frame structure that is covered with verticle boards and plain battens. The entire facade is supported by a low timbers foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt materials. The eaves exhibit a narrow soffit with rafter ends. Windows in the structure include single sash frames with six lights and plain trim. Entrances to the structure are all double sliding doors, which are attached to a small gauge iron rail. One original, tin chimney is located to the interior of the block and extends from the billows furnace.

The shop is structurally sound and is in very near original appearance.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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      ca. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wigfield Blacksmith Shop is believed to have been built around 1895 by James Ash, who inherited the property from his father Eli W. Ash. The Ash family purchased the property from the Hamiltons in the 1880's and are believed to have built the house presently existing on this tract. Due to its architecture however, it is believed that the shop was not built until after James assumed ownership of the plot. The building is known to have been built prior to 1912 as the tract of land is referred to as the "Blacksmith Property" in a deed from Ash to Eddie Wigfield that year.

The Wigfield Blacksmith Shop is in near original appearance and the original tools and billows furnace are still present in the shop. The shop remains a cultural document of a way of life once found in small communities in Allegany County.<sup>1</sup>

1 Notes prepared by Mrs. Helen Hinkle, Allegany County Committee for the Maryland Historical Trust for the Flintstone Bicentennial Celebration. Interview November 11, 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 5 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 &amp; Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/8/76

STREET &amp; 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

INVENTORY NO. AL-II-A-041

268-508

DATE: 9/29/76

Approx. 15 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: EDDIE WIGFIELD BLACKSMITH SHOP

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: <sup>RD</sup> ROUTE 40 + FLINTSTONE CREEK

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH

NAME OF OWNER: ALVIN + MARYBELLE MOSER 478-2441

ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE

STORIES: <sup>1 1/2</sup> 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?) <sup>PLAIN</sup>
- ( ) 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 TIMBER

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
single sash - 6 light pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: BIG DOUBLE SLIDING DOORS

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, FORMERS # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original() replaced( )

STOVE PIPE LOCATION: FOR FURNACE Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ()

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

COMMENTS:

Use - STORAGE FOR TOOLS + GARAGE  
Significance - BLACKSMITH SHOP  
Date Constructed - 1903 USED TILL 1957.  
Condition - Fair to Good





Eddie Wigfield Blacksmith Shop

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John Nelson

9/29/76

Northwest