

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

## DRAFT--WHISKEY BUNKER

## ADDENDUM TO 1979 SURVEY FORM

The Whiskey Bunker is a one-story stone structure with unusual characteristics. It was constructed in a manner to protect its warehouse item as shown by the fireproof steel doors and the small barred windows. It has a flat roof supported by steel beams. The complex also included an old house constructed of log ~~h~~ited in the 1979 form but which is entirely overgrown. There is also the foundation of a large structure that appears to have been a manufacturing complex. All that remains of this complex are ~~some~~ foundation stone walls.

The Whiskey Bunker is located on the west side of Maryland Route 51, approximately 6 miles east of Old ~~T~~own in Allegany County. The property is off a dirt lane that runs one-tenth of a mile off Route 51. The bunker sits on a slight rise and the manufacturing building was built into a slope to create ~~some~~ terraced levels within the structure. The log house sat to the north of both buildings ~~down~~ in a little valley along Purslane Run.

The Whiskey Bunker is a one-story structure constructed of stone. Its main facade faces west and has a single opening--a double-door entrance. The doors are two-inches thick and constructed of steel. The only ornamentation in the structure is an unusual pediment that was created by the positioning of three whiskey bottles in a triangle above the door set into mortar in the stone work. On the north and south facade are three small windows with iron bars and a metal casement window frame. The building has a rectangular plan that is roughly thirty by thirty-six feet. The

interior of the structure is open with no partitions and has ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> beam joists supporting the flat roof. The east side of the structure is unfenestrated.

The ruins of what appears to have been a manufacturing plant are located just west of the Whiskey Bunker. The manufacturing plant was a large structure that was roughly sixty feet by eighty feet in dimensions. It was built into a sharply sloping hillside and had a major terraced level at the east end of the building. This terraced level had a platform that overlooked the interior of the structure. At the south <sup>side</sup> ~~facade~~ of the east facade was a row of <sup>two concrete supports</sup> ~~wooden posts~~ placed about three-foot, nine-inches on center, ~~in a row of twelve.~~ On the west side of the structure was a small set of rooms that were partitioned in a stone work. ~~(The section of the concrete supports and platform)~~ Without further knowledge of how the complex was used, it is difficult to decipher what the interior arrangement was from the ruins.

Very little remains from the old log house sited in the 1979 survey form. Parts of a stone foundation wall are the only visible sign of the house.

Statement of Significance: It is an enigma that a complex that appears to have been as extensive as it was has little oral tradition in the area. The ruins indicate that whatever existed here was a large scale operation. <sup>The</sup> ~~In~~ 1979 survey form ~~references~~ makes obscure references to the whiskey industry prior to <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ during prohibition. The rangers at Greenridge State Forest have heard of the plate being used to manufacture "apple-jack" but do not

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know of anyone locally who could provide more information about  
this site.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

Whiskey Bunker

## 2. Location

west side of street &amp; number Md. Rt. 51, 6 miles east of Oldtown

 not for publication

city, town

Oldtown

 vicinity of

congressional district

Sixth

state

Maryland

county

Allegany

## 3. Classification

### Category

 district building(s) structure site object

### Ownership

 public private both

### Public Acquisition

 in process being considered not applicable

### Status

 occupied unoccupied work in progress

### Accessible

 yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no

### Present Use

 agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other: none

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Department of Natural Resources

street &amp; number

Times State Office Bldg

telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town

Annapolis

state and zip code MD 21401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Allegany County Court House

liber

street &amp; number

Washington Street

folio

city, town

Cumberland

state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

DNR Survey

date

February 1979

 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

Department of Natural Resources

city, town

Annapolis

state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. A1-II-B-125

**Condition**

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

**Check one**

- unaltered
- altered

**Check one**

- original site
- moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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# 8. Significance

Survey No. AL-II-B-128

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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

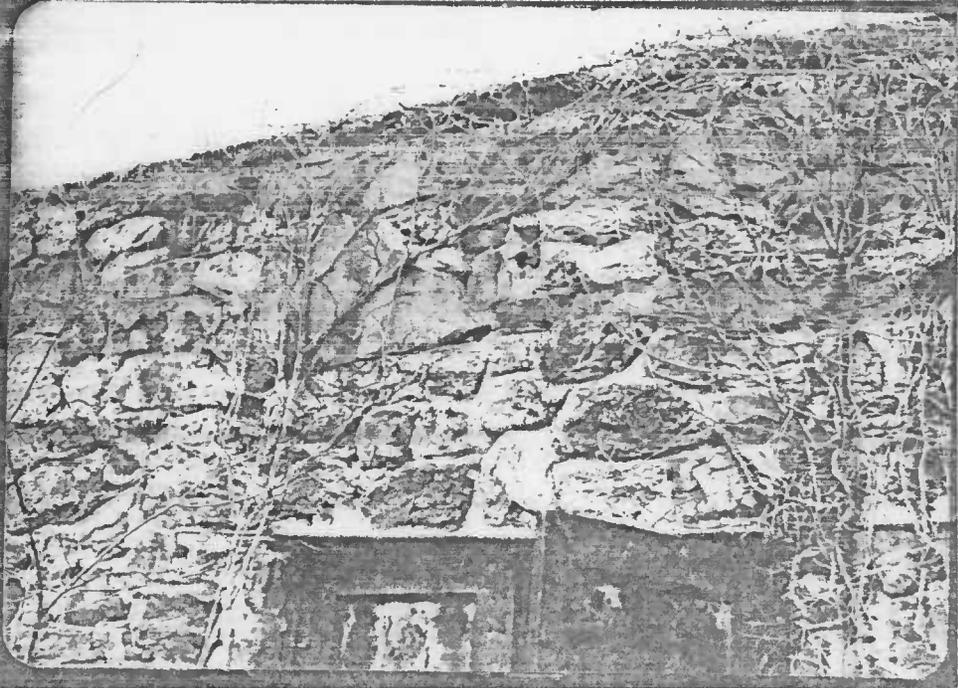
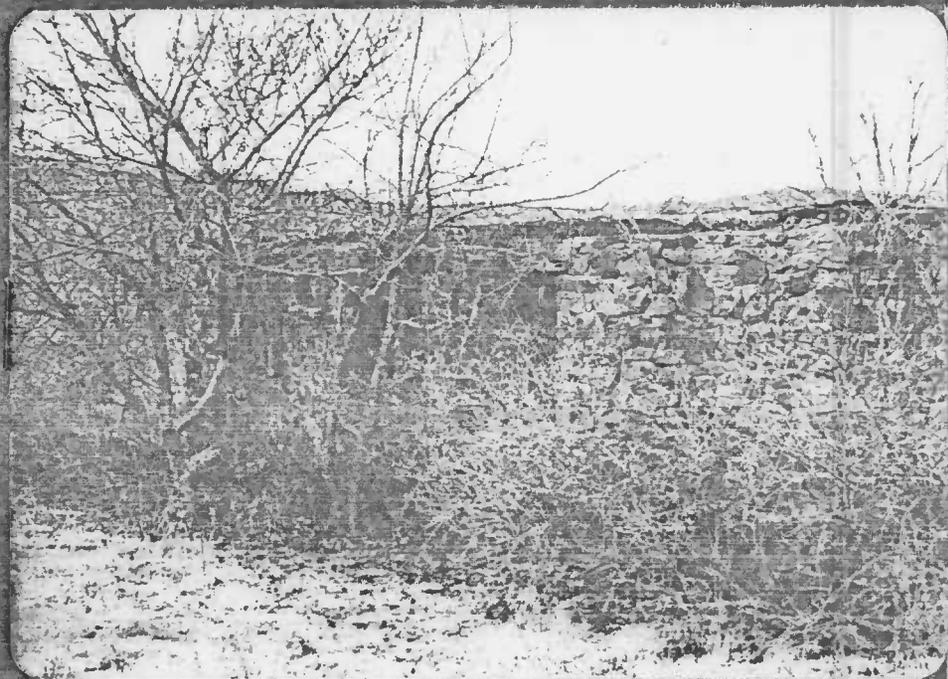
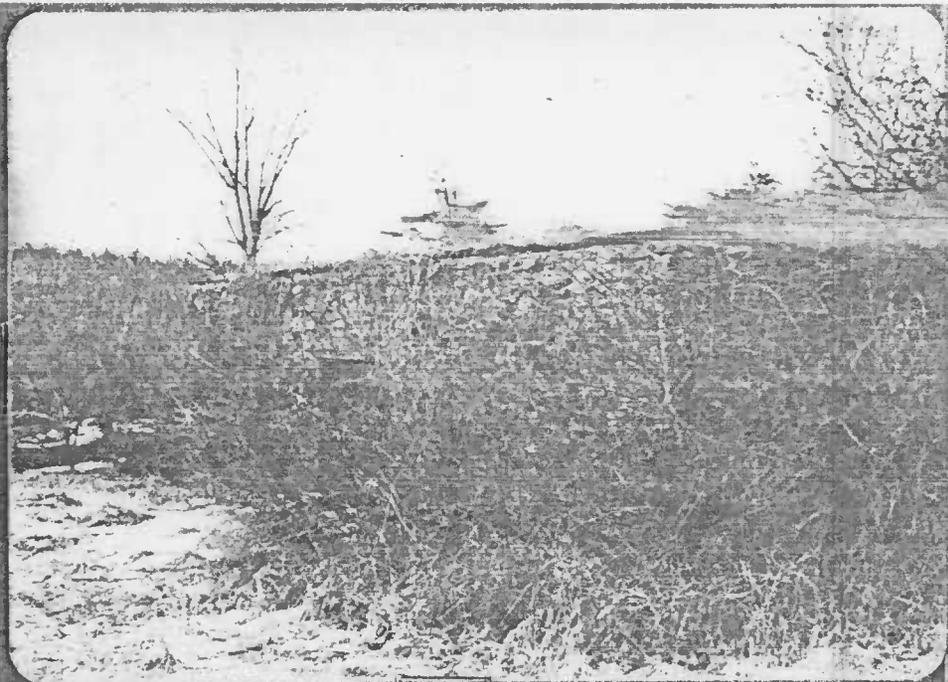
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Level of Significance:  national  state  local

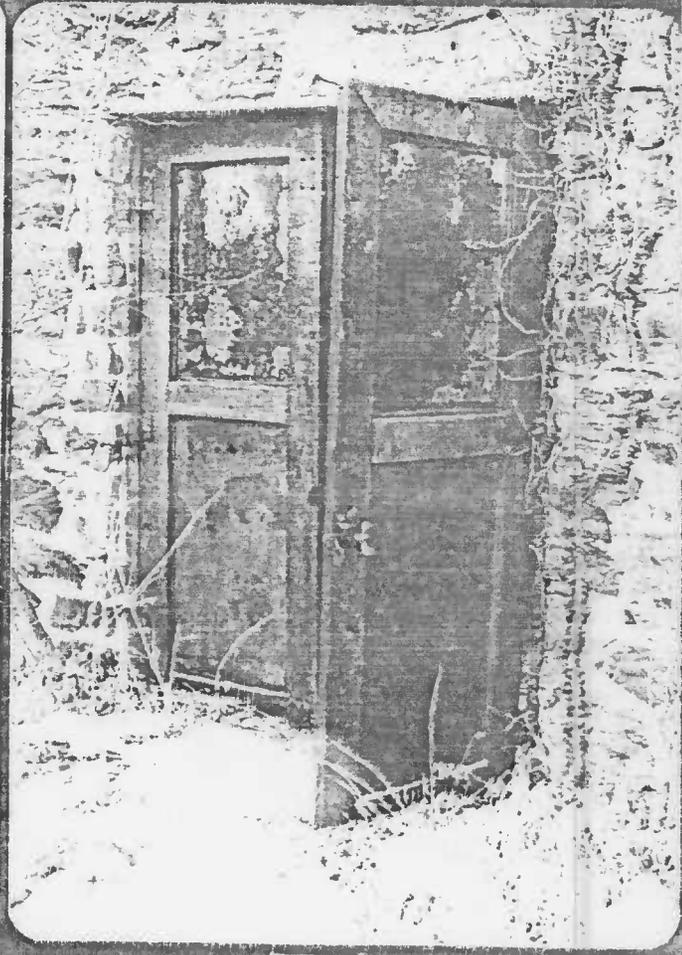
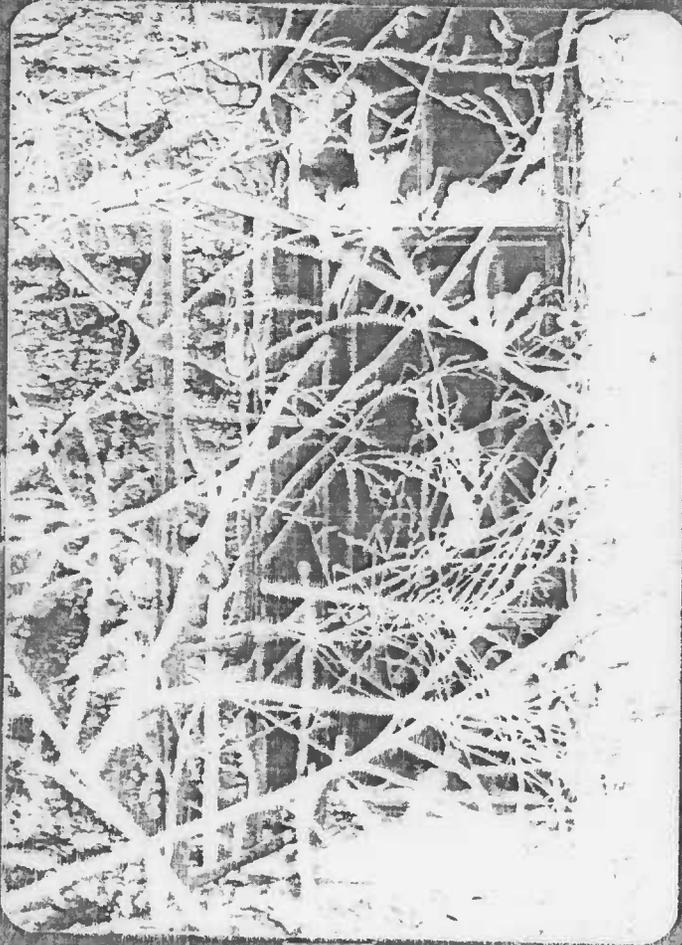
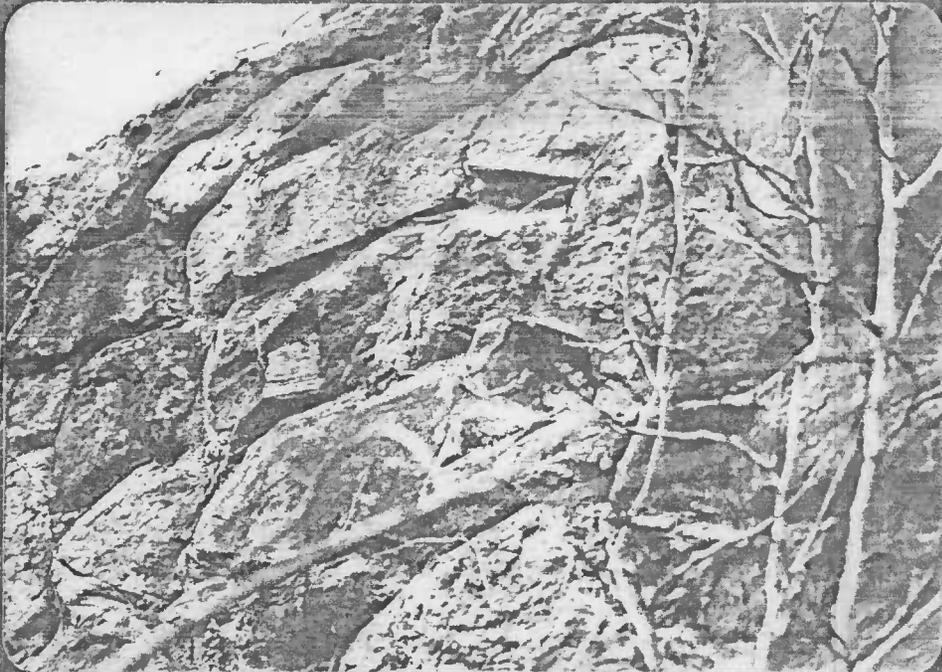
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.



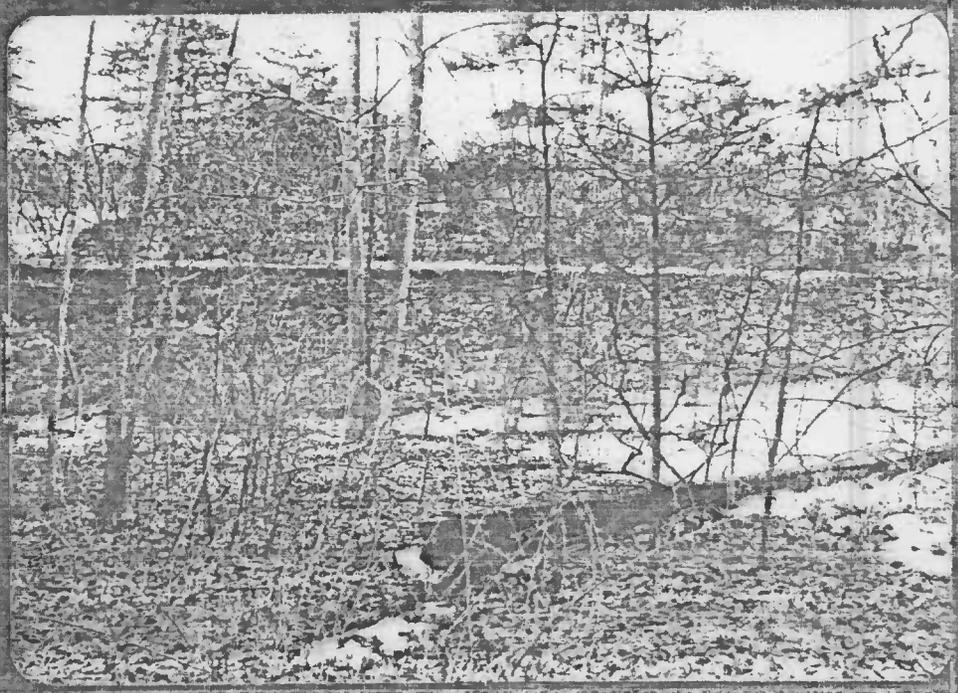
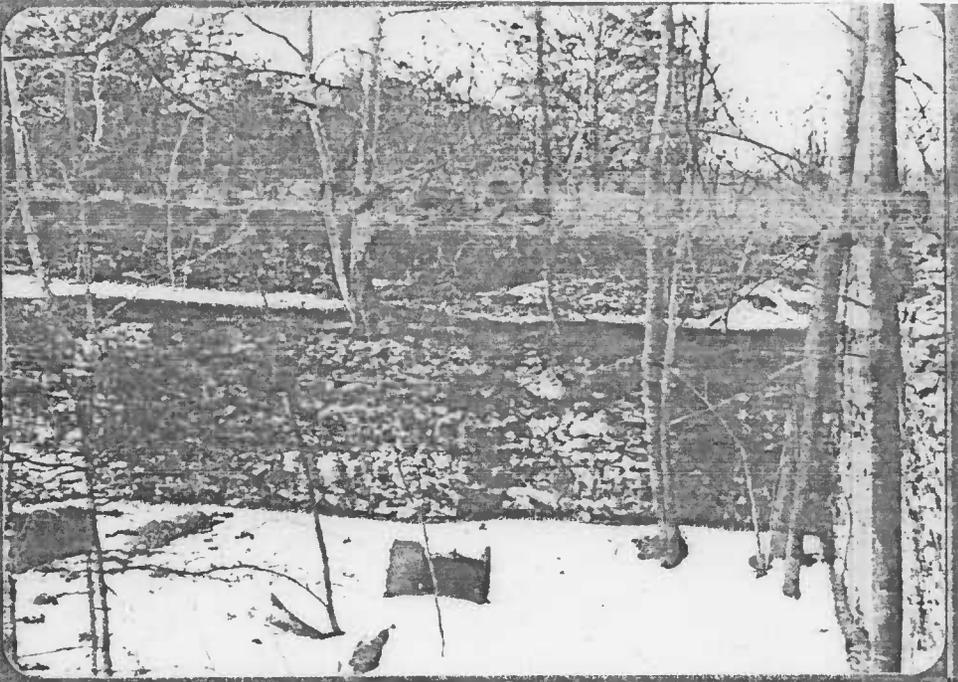
NK-II-B-128 whiskey Bunker  
top - West & South Facade  
center - South Facade  
bottom - Bottle Pediment



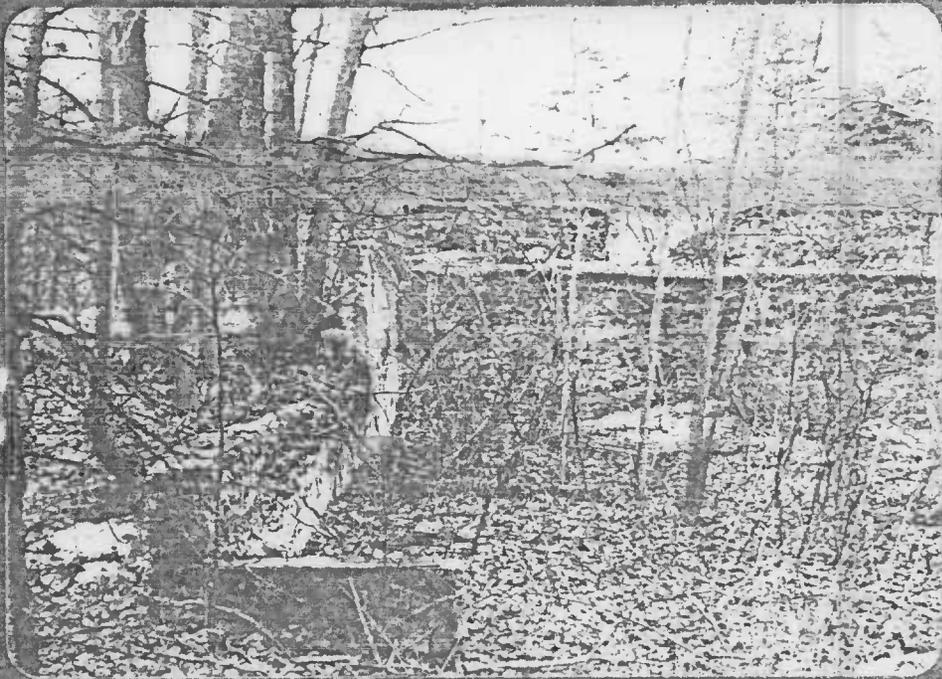
AL- II- B- 128 Whiskey Bunker  
top - Bottle Detail  
bot. left Window Detail  
bot. right Entrance



AL-II-B-128 Whiskey Bunker  
top Bldg Ruins - SE corner  
center " " East wall of terrace  
bottom " " Concrete supports



AL-II-B-126 whiskey bunker  
top - Bldg Rems North Wall  
bottom " " West End Section



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-II-B-128  
 GREENRIDGE STATE FORES  
 U.S.G.S. OLDTOWN QUAD  
 DNR #: NONE

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Whiskey Bunker and old house foundations

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland Route 51, Green Ridge State Forest

CITY, TOWN

6 mi. east of Oldtown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

24

COUNTY

Allegany

001

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER None

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

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**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

All that remains of this whiskey bunker on State Route 51 is a set of stone walls with some concrete work. The top of the one story building is flat and apparently of reinforced concrete. The structure is surrounded and overgrown with brush and vines.

The building has steel doors. Inside, it has a concrete floor and some metal posts and racks.

A short distance north of the bunker are the overgrown foundations of an old log house which had burned some years ago.

Although no other buildings remain, the "oldtown" USGS quad sheet, dated 1950, does indicate that a sizable group of buildings was present. The complex was surrounded by an area of orchard.

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"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone flat roofed building with steel doors is said to have been a whiskey bunker built during the 1920s and used to store quantities of liquor just prior to the period of Prohibition. The log house ruins are not dated and could not be examined more fully at the time of the Survey visit in August because of dense vegetation over the foundations. The historic potential of this property lies in its relationship to the whiskey industry prior to and during Prohibition.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

(301) 432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

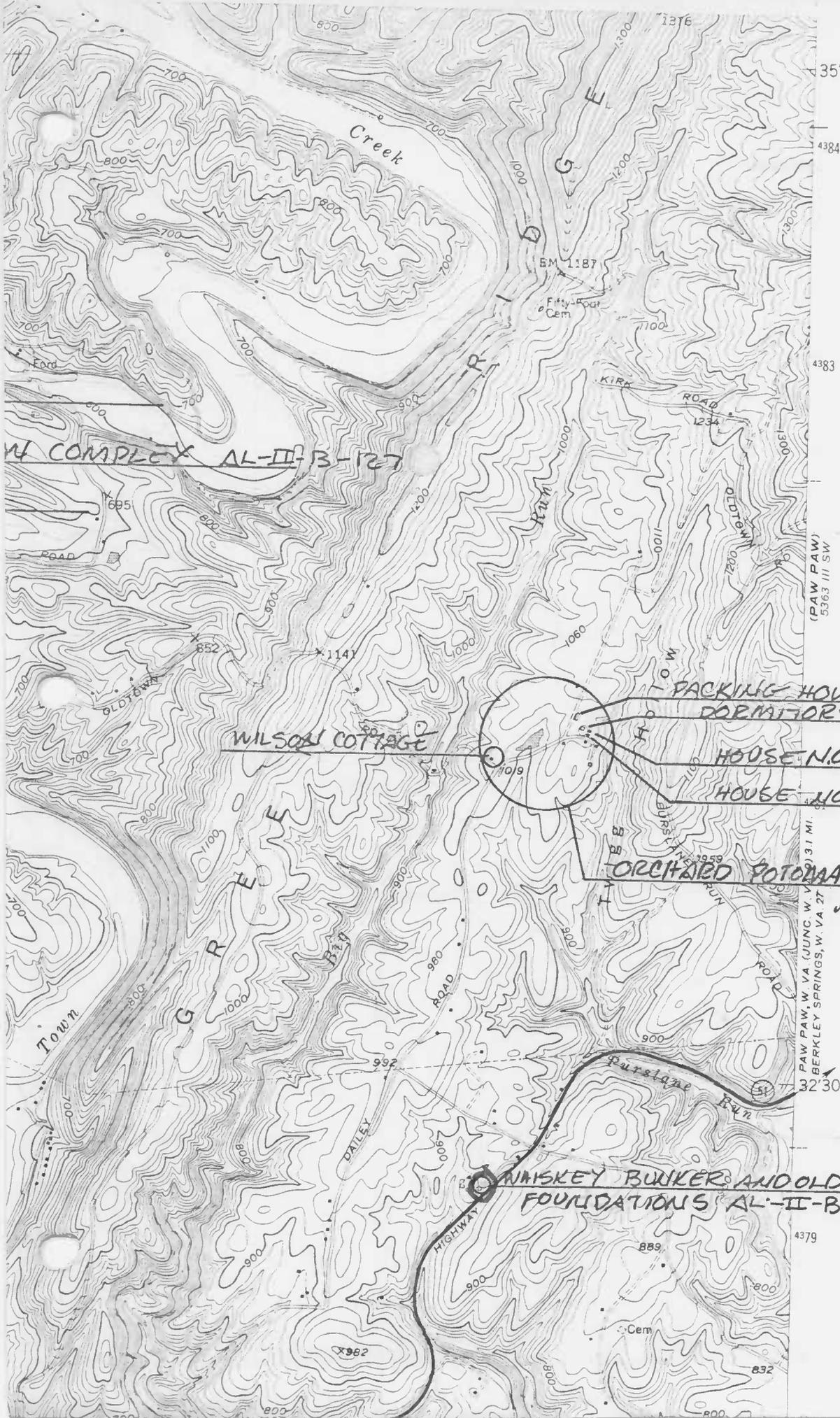
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Maryland 21782

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



OLDTOWN QUAD

WILSON COTTAGE AL-II-B-127

PACKING HOUSE

DORMITORY

HOUSE NO. 5

HOUSE NO. 9

ORCHARD POTOMAC HIGHLANDS

AL-II-B-129

WISKEY BUNKER AND OLD HOUSE FOUNDATIONS AL-II-B-128

(PAW PAW)  
5363 III SW

PAW PAW, W. VA. (JUNC. W. V. 31 MI.)  
BERKLEY SPRINGS, W. VA. 27

30"

4379



AK-IV-B-128

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Green Ridge St. Forest

Whiskey bunker

N.E. View

August, 1978

DNR Survey

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