

AL-IV-A-124  
Zihlman House  
208 Piedmont Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland  
Built 1896

Anthony Zihlman bought this property in 1896 and had his large house built shortly thereafter. Anthony and his brother, Joseph, were two of the founders of the adjacent Maryland Glass Works. The glass works was sold in 1899, but Anthony and his family occupied the house until the mid-1910's. The most interesting architectural features of the Zihlman house are the bowed bays on the eastern facade, the small portico balcony on the second story between the bays, the various dormers, and the "widow's walk."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Zihlman House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

208 Piedmont Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Stanley Kline

Telephone #: 777-3397

STREET & NUMBER

208 Piedmont Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 486

Folio #: 815

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 type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Zihlman House is located at 208 Piedmont Avenue in Cumberland.

The original building is square with additions on the west and north. The building is two and one-half stories tall by five bays wide. Wall construction is of yellow brick laid in american common bond with a variation of seven to one. Faces and sides of the dormers and the windows walk are covered with wooden shingles. Wall features include two, two story bowed bays on the eastern facade. The building rest on a stone foundation of rock faced random ashlar stone, two and one-half feet thick, with raised joint mortar. The water table is plain.

The original windows are one-over-one light, pegged. More deatil concerning windows is below. The entrance is located in the center of the eastern facade. The door has one light, four recessed panels, vertical boards, two light sidelights, and beneath the sidelights are recessed architrave trim panels.

Eaves consist of a three part entablature with bed moulding and an architrave. The roof is a medium pitched hip roof of slate shingles. The gutter system is hidden. Atop the roof is a rectangular "window's walk" with an overhanging hipped gable slate roof. There are seven dormers of various designs. On the northern and western facades are larger gabled dormers with shallow triangular pediments. Two dormers on the south and two on the east are tall, narrow dormers with shallow triangular pediments. The other dormer on the east is tall and narrow with a semicircular hood.

The verand is supported by brick posts. The balustrade on the veranda is plain. Seven Roman Doric columns support a flat roof covered with asphalt shingles. Atop this porch roof, located between the bowed bays on the eastern facade, is a projecting portico with two Roman Doric columns on pedistles and a plain balustrade. The window at this portico has two light sidelights.

The chimney is flush end on the west. It is tall and made of yellow brick with projecting vertical courses on each side.

**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"/> 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

Anthony Zihlman bought this property in 1896 and built a large house shortly thereafter. <sup>1</sup> Anthony and his brother Joseph were two of the founders of the Maryland Glass Works which is adjacent to the house. Joseph was President and Anthony, Vice-President of the corporation. <sup>2</sup> A stone foot bridge between the house and the glass plant over the B & O Railroad has been removed.

In 1887 Anthony and Lawrence Fletcher, two of the company's Board of Directors, ousted Joseph, the other Director, from his position which Anthony assumed. Following this, in the early 1890's, Joseph initiated three separate legal actions against Anthony and the company. The last of these concerned a patent for glass finishing machinery that was shared by Anthony and Joseph. <sup>3</sup>

The glassplant was sold in 1899 but Anthony and his family still occupied the house. <sup>4</sup> In 1912 he died and the house was sold five years later. <sup>5</sup>

The house has been divided into apartments and what once was a wrap-around veranda has been enclosed on the west and removed on the north. The most interesting architectural features of the Zihlman house are the bowed bays on the eastern facade, the small portico balcony on the second story between the bays, the various dormers, and the "widow's walk." The current owner of the building believes that the yellow bricks of this house were brought from the Midwest by Mr. Zihlman.

The house retains much of its original appearance despite changes to the veranda and additions. It stands as a monument to the prosperity of local industrialists during the late nineteenth century.

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1. Allegany County Deed: Liber 79, Folio 429, and 1897 photograph
  2. James W. Bishop, The Glass Industry of Allegany County (Cumberland: Commercial Press Co., 1968), p.24
  3. Ibid., pp. 24-25

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 113.7 by 101.2 by 120.5 by 101.4

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

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/13/78

STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

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

Zihlman House  
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208 Piedmont Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Allegany County Deed: Liber 486, Folio 815  
Grantee: Stanley Kline Date: June 24, 1976  
Grantor: Johanna Rapp

Allegany County Deed: Liber 249, Folio 45  
Grantee: Johanna Rapp Date: August 4, 1953  
Grantor: Bertha R. Goldfine and Robert Goldfine

Allegany County Deed: Liber 210, Folio 688  
Grantee: Bertha A. Goldfine Date: August 23, 1946  
Grantor: Milton Gerson

Allegany County Deed: Liber 209, Folio 698  
Grantee: Milton Gerson Date: July 2, 1946  
Grantor: F. Brooke Whiting - Trustee Consideration: \$13,000.00  
Notes: auctioned for the estate of Benjamin Waingold

Allegany County Deed: Liber 191, Folio 314  
Grantee: Benjamin Waingold Date: September 17, 1941  
Grantor: Edward E. Barham

Allegany County Deed: Liber 145, Folio 69  
Grantee: Edward E. Barham and Mertle V. Barham Date: September 25, 1923  
Grantor: John Virgil Brockey - Trustee  
Notes: for estate of George H. Brockey

Allegany County Deed: Liber 120, Folio 535  
Grantee: George H. Brockey Date: January 12, 1917  
Grantor: William K. Cowden  
Notes: part of a tract known as "Addition to Mill Seat"

Allegany County Deed: Equity 7005  
Grantee: William K. Cowden Date: October 19, 1912  
Grantor: Second National Bank of Cumberland Consideration: \$15,500.00  
Notes: bought at public auction

Allegany County Deed: Equity 6987  
Grantee: Second National Bank of Cumberland Date: March, 1912  
Grantor: Anthony Zihlman  
Notes: foreclosed on mortgages of \$13,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 79, Folio 429  
Grantee: Anthony Zihlman Date: August 3, 1896  
Grantor: Cumberland Improvement and Investment Company Consideration: \$700.00

Title Search continued for Zihlman House AL-IV-A-124

Allegany County Deed: Liber 69, Folio 367

Grantee: Cumberland Improvement and Investment Company Date: December 24, 1890

Grantor: David Sloan Consideration: \$8,000.00

Notes: Three tracts - "Lynn's Mill Seat", "Addition to Lynn's Mill Seat",  
"Hoffman's Delight"

Physical Description continued for Zihlman House AL-IV-A-124

All original windows are pegged and have cyma recta moulding, except where noted.

WINDOWS

Northern Facade -

First Floor - Two double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, large stone lugsills.

Second Floor - Three double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash large stone lugsills.

Dormer - Three narrow double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, plain frame, wooden slipsills.

Eastern Facade -

Basement - One iron coal chute with a segmental header brick arch.

First Floor - Four double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, large stone lugsills.

Second Floor - Four double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, large stone lugsills. One double hung, 1/1 light surrounded by fluted pilasters, and two, two light sidelights.

Dormers - Three double hung, 1/1 light, plain windows, wooden slipsills.

Southern Facade -

Basement - One unobservable entrance, two windows bricked up.

First Floor - Three double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, large stone lugsills.

Second Floor - Three double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, large stone lugsills.

Dormers - Two double hung, 1/1 light, plain windows, wooden slipsills.

WINDOW'S WALK

Northern Facade - One wide double hung, 3/3 light, two wooden sash, two, two light sidelights.

Eastern Facade - Two wide double hung, 3/3 light, two, two wooden sash, mullion, two light sidelights.

Western Facade - Two wide, double hung, 3/3 light, two wooden sash, mullion, two, two light sidelights.

Southern Facade - One wide double hung, 3/3 light, two wooden sash, two, two light sidelights.

ADDITION ON SOUTHWEST (INSUL BRICK)

Western Facade -

First Floor - One double hung, 8/8 light, two wooden sash, plain frame, wooden slipsill.

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Southern Facade -

First Floor - Two double hung, 8/8 light, two wooden sash, plain frame, mullion, wooden slipsill.

ADDITION ON WEST (ALUMINUM SIDING)

First Floor - Two one light hopper windows, plain aluminum frame. One, two light casement, plain aluminum frame.

4. Ibid., p. 26, and Allegany County Deed: Equity # 6987
5. Ibid.

INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-A-124

DATE: 6/13/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Zihlman House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 208 Piedmont Avenue

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Stanley Kline

ADDRESS: 208 Piedmont Avenue

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1( ) 2( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5(X) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

Enclosed porch (frame and insul brick) on southwest corner. Cement block

WINGS, ADDITIONS: garage abuts northern facade. Shed roof frame addition with aluminum siding on western facade.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) Two elliptical "bowed" bays on eastern facade.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 7/1 yellow brick
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- (X) OTHER: Coverings Wooden shingles on dormers and copula.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others two elliptical "bowed" bays on eastern facade.

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Rockfaced random ashlar 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet thick, raised joints.

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged(X) nailed( ) wide(X) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center of eastern facade 1 light four recessed panels, vertical  
HARDWARE: original(X) replaced( ) boards, sidelights are two lights each  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN side, over a recessed architrave trim  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards panel.

Box (wide)

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

Copula or widow's walk has hipped gable roof with projecting overhang. Hidden gutter system.

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 8 (SEE BELOW)

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original(X) replaced( )

Wraparound open veranda supported by brick posts, seven Roman Doric columns, plain balustrade, flat

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) roof with asphalt shingles.  
Projecting vertical brick courses on each side.

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(X) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: Dormers - all with slate roofs, shingles facaes and sides. Eastern Facade - 3 tall narrow, two gabled with shallo triangular pediments, one with semicircular hood. Northern Facade - 1 wide, gabled with shallow triangular pediment. Southern Facade - 2 tall, narrow gabled with shallow triangular pediment. Western Facade - 1 wide, gabled with shallow triangular pediment.

USE: Apartments  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1896-7  
CONDITION: Good

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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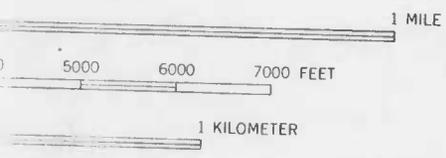
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- Medium-duty - - - - -
- Light-duty ————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -

- U. S. Route (shield symbol)
- State Route (circle symbol)



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ZIHLMAN HOUSE 208 PIEDMONT AVE. Cumberland

CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.VA.

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1949

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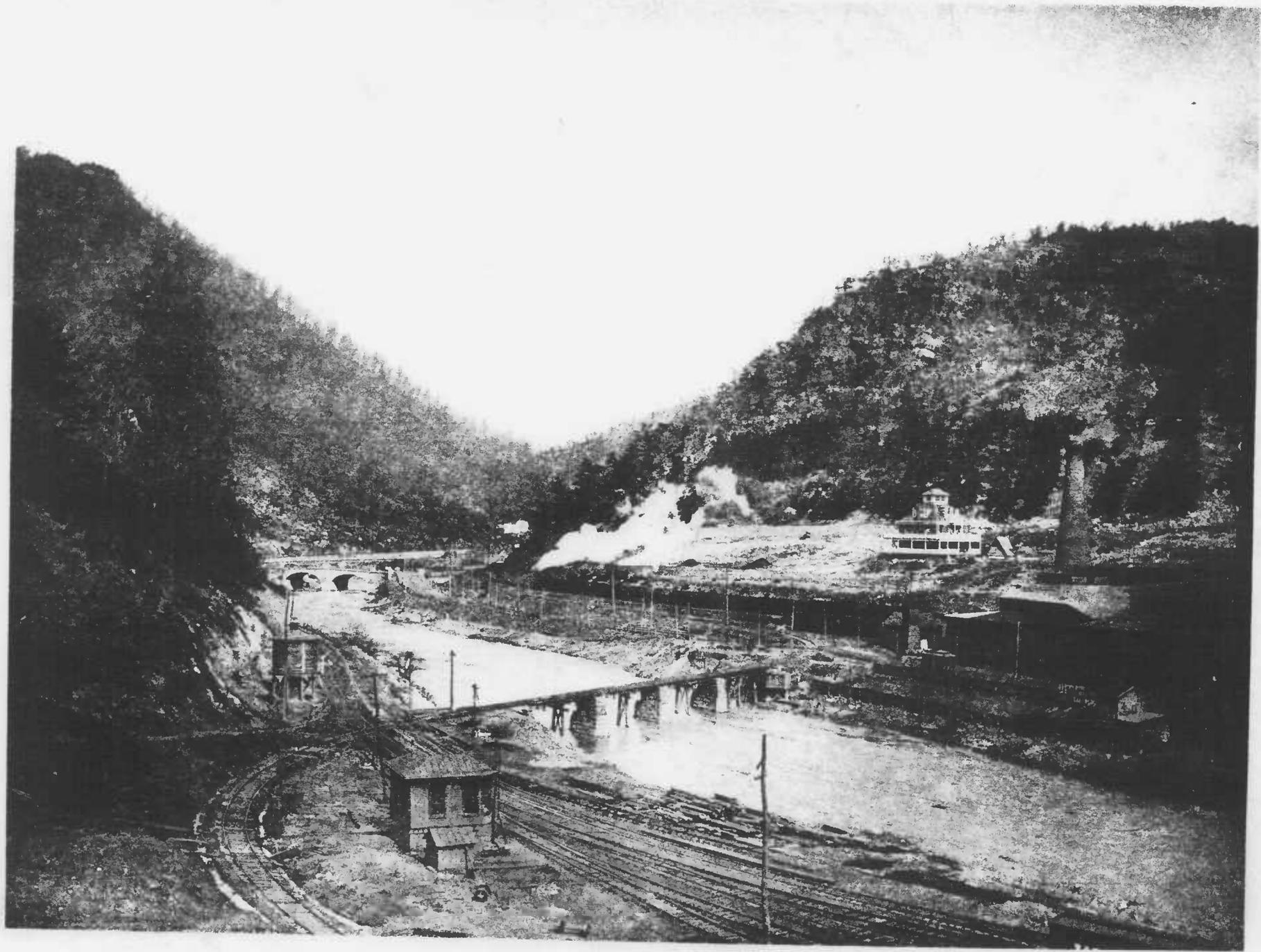
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CUMBERLAND, MD

DAVE DORSEY

6/13/78

SOUTHWEST



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WEST



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DAVE DORSEY

6/13/78

NORTHEAST