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Byrnes Grocery Store  
Eckhart

1883

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Byrnes Grocery Store

AND/OR COMMON

Byrnes Grocery Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Rt. 40, Box# 55

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Byrnes Brothers Greg Byrnes

Telephone #: 689-5151

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. # 2 Box 55

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 158

Folio #: 287

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

AL-V-A-026

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input 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**

Byrnes Grocery Store is located along old Route 40 in Eckhart, Allegany County on the South side of the road at the intersection of Washington Hill Road.

The store consists of a one story, three bay wide rectangular shaped facade. The building is a frame structure that is now covered with insul brick siding, and is supported by a cement surfaced stone foundation. The shed roof of the store is covered with replaced asphalt materials and features a stepped parapet. The only windows in the structure include the commercial display lights, located on the front northern face. The main entrance is located on the northern face between the display windows and exhibits the original, verticle light, recessed door and is covered by a replaced entrance hood. A cement and stepped porch leads to the entrance of the store and is banistered by iron rod railing. One metal chimney, which appears to be original, is located on the flush southern end of the building.

The store is structurally sound, but the original appearance has been somewhat altered by the addition of the siding.

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**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
<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 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Byrnes Grocery Store was built in 1883 by the Byrnes family for the purpose of supplying the Eckhart community with a general store. The store has been in operation since 1883 and has stayed in the ownership of the Byrnes family for the duration. The Byrnes brothers boast of the store being the oldest in the county, and certainly one of the most prosperous general stores in the area. The store not only services the Eckhart community but its delivery service also caters to customers in the Frostburg area.

The Byrnes' store is in good condition and is a present cultural reminder of the type of "general store" found before the super markets in Allegany County.

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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 Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Corner of Old Rt. 40 & Washington Hill ; Eckhart

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/25/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

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. A1-V-A-026

Liber - 158

DATE: 5/21/76

Folio - 287

180' x 80' x 175' x 180'

RECORDING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Byrnes Grocery Store

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Corner of Old Rt 40 + Washington Hill

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northwest

NAME OF OWNER: ~~Byrnes~~ Byrnes Family - Greg Byrnes

ADDRESS: Rt # 2 Box 55 689-5151

Frostburg, Maryland 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: - Abutted to house

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, 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
- ( ) ICG
- (✓) Other: Coverings Insel Brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTRES, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE Cement Surfaced

WATER TABLE: MCNE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Stepped Parapet  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, TORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) Entrance Hood on Brackets

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

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

COMMENTS:  
Use - Grocery Store  
Significance - Arch.  
Date Constructed - 1883  
Condition - Good

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

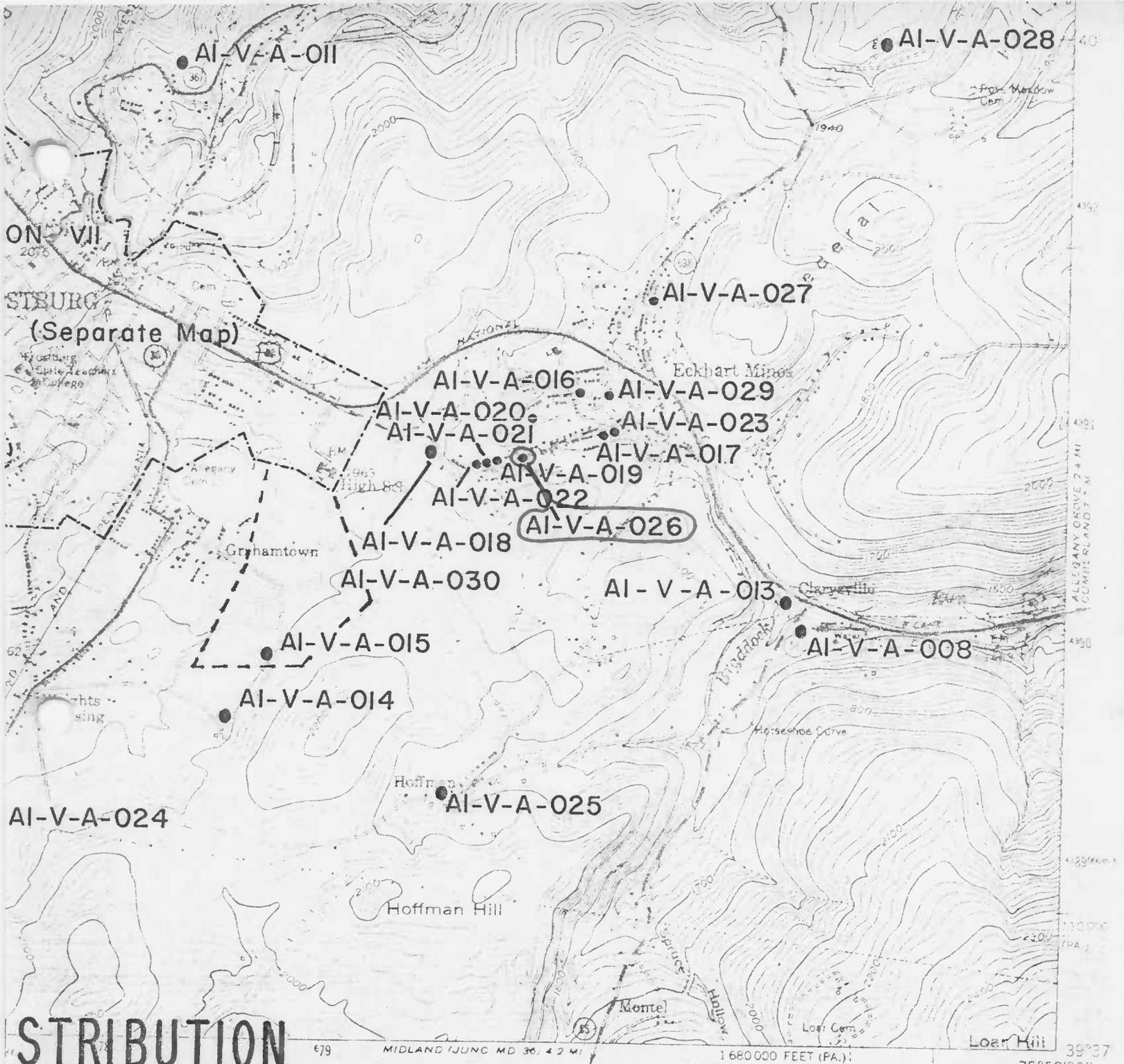
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. NEW PERFORMER OR BRAND (IF ANY) OR ANY WOODEN MEMBER DESCRIBED.



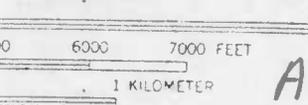
# DISTRIBUTION

● = SITE LOCATION

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*Byrnes Grocery*  
*Old Rt. 40 - Eckhart*

### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Light duty ———  
 Medium-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt ———  
 U. S. Route      State Route



*USGS - Frostburg Quad*  
*1:24,000*  
*1949*

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.  
 NW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE  
 N3937.5-W7852.5/7.5

STANDARDS  
 STON. D. C. 20242  
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1949  
 AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V835



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BYRNES STORE

FIGURE 54

5/20/1976 - John Nelson



Byrnes' Grocery Store

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Old Rt. 40

Eckhart

John E. Nelson

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Southeast



Byrnes' Grocery Store

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Old Rt. 40

Eckhart

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Northeast