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PUMPING STATION HOUSE  
Route 36, Shaft, Maryland  
ca. 1850

The Pumping House is a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. The building was originally constructed by the Borden Mining Company to serve as a pumping station. In the Borden Mine where all operations were conducted underground by means of an elevator shaft, a pumping station was necessary. The building was converted to a private dwelling in the early 20th century when the Borden Mining Company ceased operation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Pumping Station House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

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	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph & Arlene E. Crawford

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 118

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 393

Folio #: 76

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

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**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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Borden Shaft Mine Pumping House is located on the east side of Route 36 in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Pumping House is a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. The building rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and a narrow barge board and covered with asphalt shingles. A small frame gable roofed addition with an oriel window is located at the rear of the building. Windows in the main block are double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights and pediments. The main entrance is located on the west side of the structure and features a replaced door and hardware. The entrance is covered by a three bay, hipped roof, end porch that is supported by chamfered columns and brackets. A second entrance is located on the north side and is covered by a two bay hipped roof end porch also supported with chamfered columns and brackets. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building while third, more modern chimney is located on the outside end of the frame addition.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Borden Mining Company

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The majority of coal veins in the George's Creek area were located in horizontal positions high in the hills. Coal was easily accessible through tunnels driven into the side of the mountains. The mine at Borden Shaft; however, was different in that it was one of the only deep mines in the area. Drainage in the "drift" or "slope" mines was accomplished by allowing water to exit from the shafts by simple gravity. In the Borden mine where all operations were conducted underground by means of an elevator, drainage was accomplished by using a pumping station. The pumping station was located approximately 200 yards north east of the mine shaft and kept the mine free of water.

The building was converted to a private dwelling in the early 20th century when the Borden Mining Company ceased operation.

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

STREET & 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. A1-V-A-044

393/76

DATE: 11/19

Less Than 1 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Pumping Station House Water Shaft

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, Shaft

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: <sup>+ ARLENZ</sup>  
Joseph E. Crawford

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 118

Suburb Frostburg

STORIES: 1(<sup>1/2</sup>) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(<sup>1</sup>) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: frame addition on rear

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
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South  
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, BORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK() STONE( ) CORNELED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end() Central( ) Interior ()

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

COMMENTS:  
Use - Residence  
Significance - Arch Ind.  
Date Constructed - ~~18~~ Mid 19<sup>th</sup>  
Condition - Fair

TITLE SEARCH

Pumping Station House

Allegany County Deed; Liber 393, Folio 76  
grantee: Joseph Elwood Crawford, et. ux.  
grantor: Hugh Kirkwood, Widower  
February 5, 1966  
Consideration: \$8,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 207, Folio 414  
grantee: Hugh Kirkwood, et. ux.  
grantor: William G. McMillan, Widower  
February 18, 1946  
Consideration: \$3,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 91, Folio 395  
grantee: William G. McMillan  
grantor: William Davis  
September 30, 1902

Allegany County Deed; Liber 91, Folio 397  
grantee: William Davis  
grantor: Borden Mining Company  
January 8, 1902

Water Pumping Station House

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Rt. 36, Borden Shaft

Frostburg, MD.-PA.

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1949

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SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

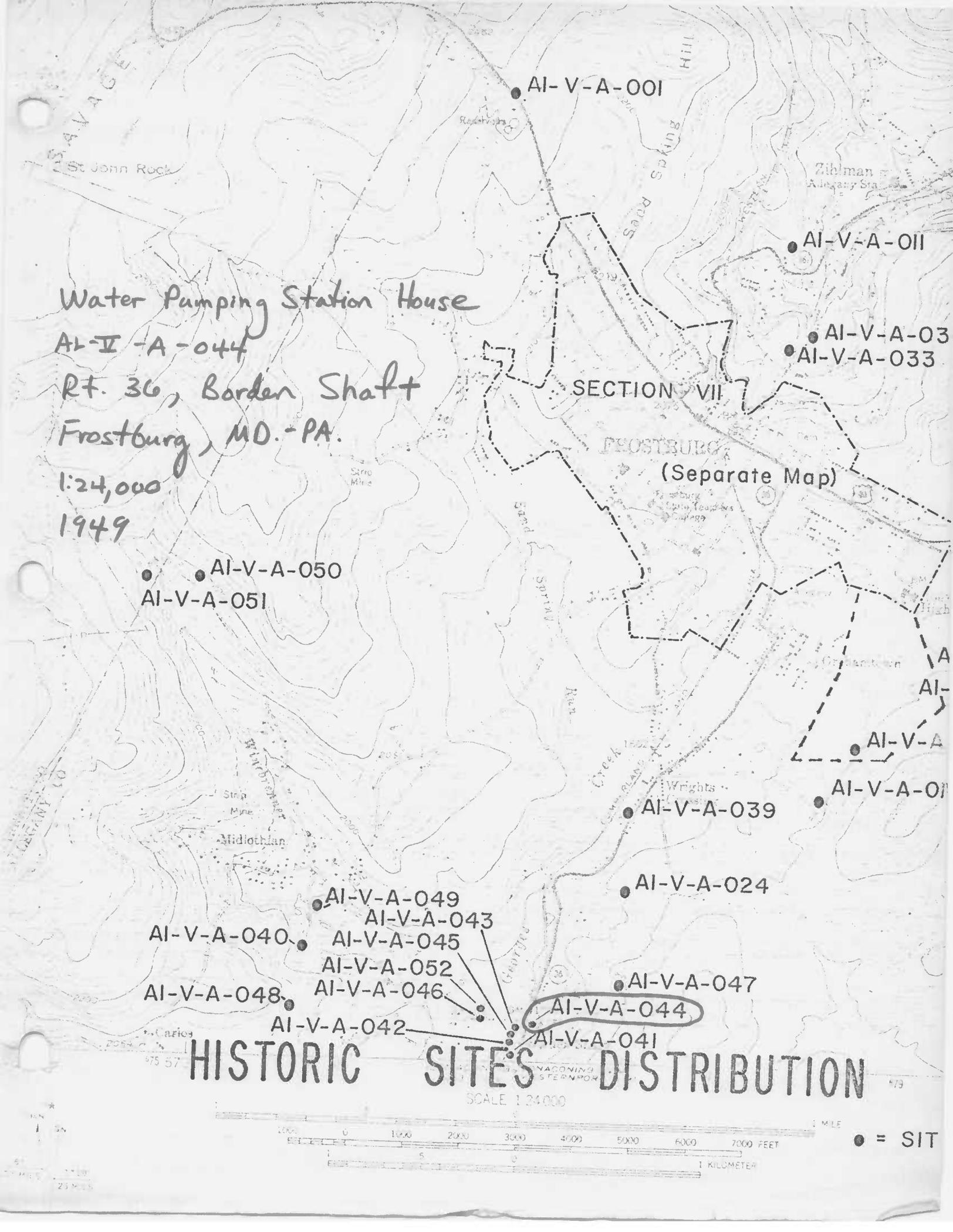
(Separate Map)

# HISTORIC SITES DISTRIBUTION

SCALE 1:24,000



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Pumping Station House

Rt. 36, east side

Shaft

John Nelson

11/19/76

Southeast



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Pumping Station HOUSE

Rt. 36, east side

shaft

John NELSON

11/19/76

Southwest