

AL-V-A-058
Kerch Miner's House
Old Rt. 40, Eckhart
ca. 1845

The Kerch House is a well preserved example of a typical miner's dwelling constructed by the Maryland Mining Company. Because of its substantial size (the house contains ten rooms and three fireplaces), it is probable that the building was constructed for a company foreman or a superintendent. As is typical "company housing", the Kerch House is a frame dwelling that has been covered with clapboards and rests on a high stone foundation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kerch Miner's House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Rt. 40

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Alleghany

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John Kerch

Telephone #: 689-9618

STREET & NUMBER

Box 119

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21528

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Alleghany County Courthouse

Liber #: 491

Folio #: 175

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Kerch Miner's House is located on old Rt. 40 in Eckhart, Allegany County.

The Kerch house is a two story, five bay wide, rectangular frame dwelling that has been covered with clapboards. A one story shed roof addition abuts the main block on the south side. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled and is covered with tin. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with a combination of two-over-two and six-over-six lights. Two dormer windows are located on the north facade. The main entrance is located on the north side and features a vertically paneled door with original hardware and a transom light. A shed roofed porch is also located on the north facade. It is supported by chamfered columns and a ballustrade. Three original, corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

The interior of the house has been altered somewhat, however it originally contained ten rooms. The six rooms located on the first floor were divided by a central hall and staircase. Three fireplaces were also located on the first floor while the second story contained four rooms.

The Kerch House is in fair condition and retains much of its fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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 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. 1860	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Maryland Mining Company
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kerch House, located in Eckhart is a well preserved example of a 19th century dwelling constructed by the Maryland Mining Company. Because of its substantial size (the house contains ten rooms and three fireplaces), it is probable that the building was constructed for a company foreman or super intendent.

The Maryland Mining Company developed the village of Eckhart Mines in the middle of the 19th century. By 1852 the town had a population of 800 people.¹

1. Katherine A. Harvey. The Best Dressed Miner (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 76

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____,63

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 and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/16/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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-V-A-058

DATE: 5/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

491/175
.63 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Kerch Miner's House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Rt. 40, Eckhart

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: John Kerch 689-9618

ADDRESS: Box 119

Eckhart, Maryland 21528

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Shed roof-rear Front room= 10' 10 rooms- 4 upstairs
2nd. room= 12' 3 original fireplaces
DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) 3rd. room= 8' first floor

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, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
2 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, Dormers # 2
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Mining
DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1845
CONDITION: Fair

I N T E R I O R

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

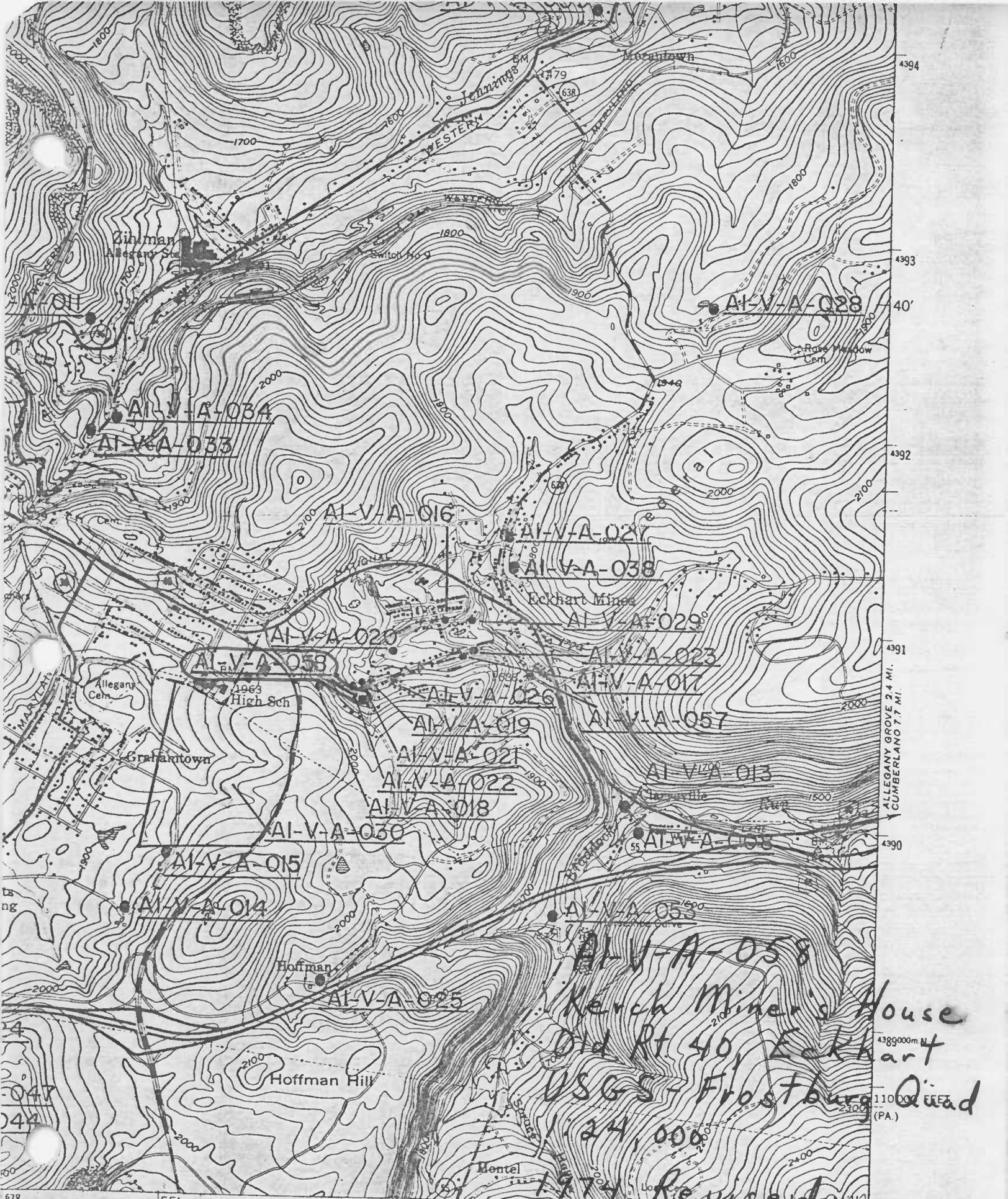
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

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

NOTES:



1 MILE
 7000 FEET
 ● = SITE LOCATION
 ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 4 LANE 6 LANE
 1 683 000 FEET (PA.)
 INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1976
 681
 682000m E
 39°37'30"
 78°52'30"
 1974, Revised
 USGS - Frostburg Quad
 110 000
 (PA.)
 ALLEGANY GROVE 2.4 MI.
 CUMBERLAND 7.7 MI.
 4394
 4393
 40'
 4392
 4391
 4390
 4389000m N
 110 000
 (PA.)
 110 000
 (PA.)



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Karen Meyer's House

Old Rt. 40, Eckhart

5/16/77

John E. Nelson

Southwest



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Ks,ren Mingsi's House

Old Rt. 40, Eckhart

5/16/77

John E. Nelson

Northwest



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