

AL-V-A-064
Bittner Log and Timber House
Bald Knob Road, Bald Knob
Ca. 1850

The Bittner House was built during the latter half of the 19th century and used as a farmhouse. The building is distinctive in that it is constructed of a variety of materials. The foundation is very high and half brick and half stone while the house itself is constructed of machine cut beams which in turn have been covered with clapboards. The building is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bittner Log and Frame House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bald Knob Road not for publication

city, town Mt. Savage vicinity of Sixth congressional district

state Maryland county Allegheny

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Robert L. Bittner

street & number Rt. 1 Box 104 telephone no.: 264-4117

city, town Mt. Savage Md. state and zip code 21545

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegheny County Courthouse liber #: 376

street & number 30 Washington Street folio #: 484

city, town Cumberland state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AL-V-A-064

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <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 of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

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

This log and frame farmhouse stands about 100 yards east of Bald Knob Road in the Arnold's Settlement area north of Mt. Savage. The five-bay two-story structure faces south. A three-bay one-story kitchen section adjoins the east end of the house.

Either section is covered by a gable roof. A two-story porch covers the main facade, and a one-story porch covers the kitchen facade. Either porch is covered by a roof which is a continuous extension of the respective sections main roof. German siding covers both sections of the house.

White glazed brick stove-flue chimneys are located at either end of the main section, and a third similar chimney rises from the center of the kitchen. The east chimney has been demolished above the roofline.

In the main section, the lower half of the first floor is constructed of random rubble stone. The eastern three bays are constructed of log, while the remaining two bays are believed to be of timber frame construction. A central entrance opens onto either floor on the facade. 6/6 windows light the house. Two four-pane windows light either end of the attic. The window architraves consist of a flat board broken into two fields.

A stair at the west end of the main porch leads to the second floor porch, which is enclosed by a plain balustrade.

The eastern door on the front facade of the kitchen section has recently been blocked and the western window has been replaced by sliding glass doors. The remaining windows are fitted with 2/2 sash.

8. Significance

Survey No. AL-V-A-064

| 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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

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

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

This house is located several hundred yards west of the 18th century Turkeyfoot Road. It appears to be a three bay log dwelling which was extended to the west and possibly remodeled.

Further research is needed to document the history of this structure.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bittner Log/Timber House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Bald Knob Road

CITY, TOWN Mt. Savage VICINITY OF Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegheny

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <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 checked="" 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 Robert L, Bittner Telephone #: 264-4117

STREET & NUMBER
Rt. 1 Box 104

CITY, TOWN Mt. Savage VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland, 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 376
Folio #: 484

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

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <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

The Bittner Log and Timber House is located on the north side of Bald Knob Road near the crest of Bald Knob in Allegany County.

The Bittner House is a two story, five bay wide rectangular building that is constructed of a combination of logs and clapboards. A small one story, three bay wide addition abuts the main block on the east side. The building rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a wide soffit and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with a combination of six-over-six, four-over-one and four-over-four lights. The main entrance is located on the south facade and features a vertically paneled door with original hardware. The main facade is dominated by a two story, five bay, shed roofed end porch which is supported by chamfered columns and a plain ballustrade on the second floor and chamfered columns alone on the first floor. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the inside gable ends of the main block. In addition, a third brick chimney is located in the interior of the addition.

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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. 1850 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bittner House was probably built during the latter half of the 19th century and used as a farmhouse. The building is distinctive in that it is constructed of such a variety of materials. The foundation is very high and half brick and half stone while the building itself is constructed of machine cut beams which in turn have been covered with clapboards. A futher example of this haphazard style of construction can be found in the windows. All are double hung sashes, however, they range from six-over-six to four-over-four to four-over--one lights.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5

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-064

DATE: 5/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

376/484
.5 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Bittner Log/Timber House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Bald Knob Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Robert L. Bittner 264-4117

ADDRESS: Rt. # 1 Box 104

Mt. Savage, Maryland 21545

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 3 bay addition on east side

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) 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
- (X) LOG Stone and mud chinking
- () 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(X) 9/6() 9/9() other(X) 4/1 4/4
pegged(X) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
4 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 #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip() gable() 2 Story

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

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Vacant
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1850
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

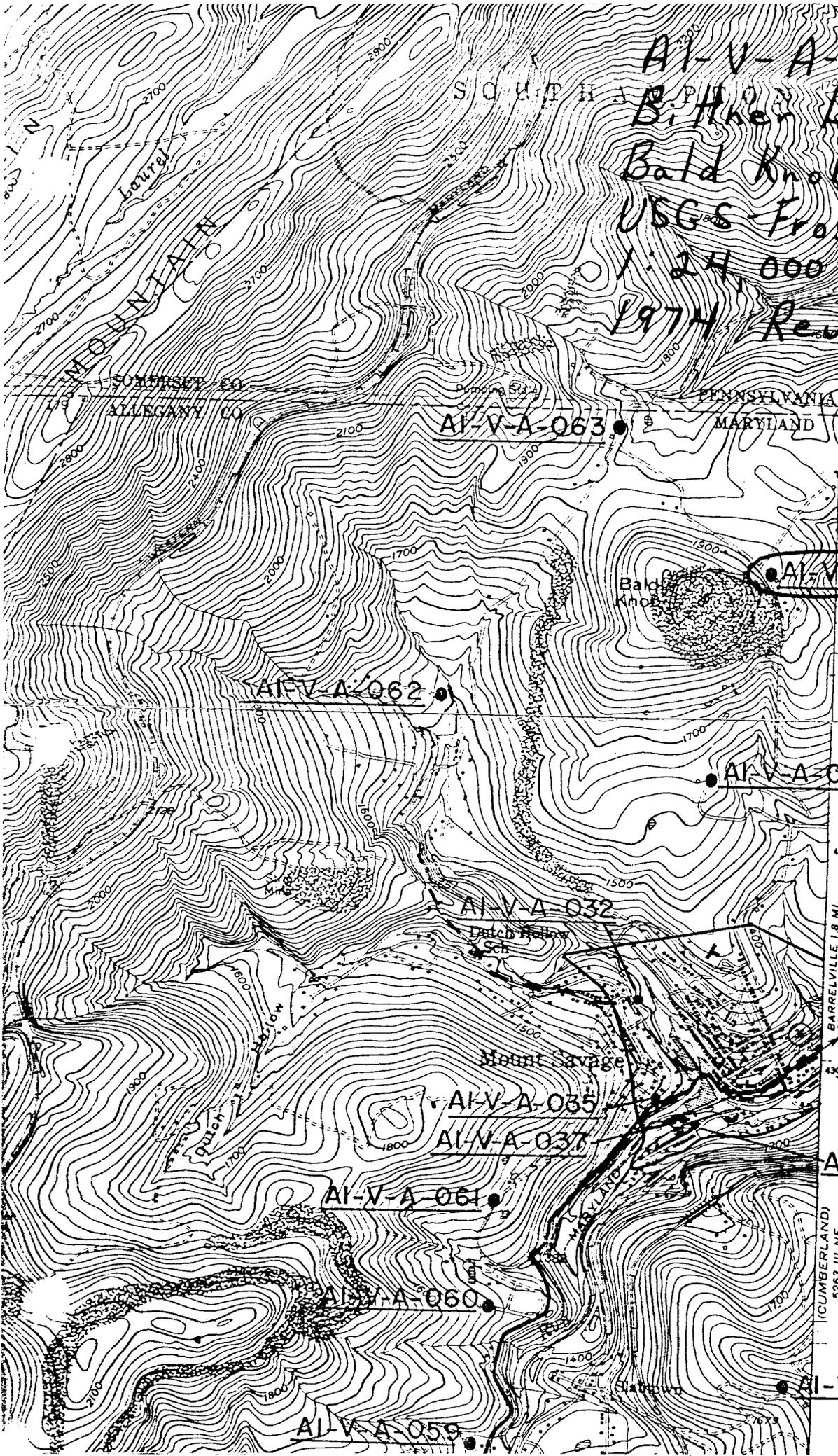
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

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

NOTES:

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Bitter Log / Timber
Bald Knob Rd, Mt. Savage
USGS Frostburg Quad
1:24,000
1974, Revised



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BARRELVILLE 1.8 MI.
CUMBERLAND 9.5 MI.

(CUMBERLAND)
5263 III NE



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Bitter LOG + TIMBER HOUSE

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northeast



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Bittner Log + Timber House

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Northwest



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SouthEast



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