

AL-V-A-224
Brailler Mining Company House
Bald Knob
Private

early 20th century

This frame house is two stories tall, three bays wide, and one bay deep. It is typical of houses built in Allegany County early in the 20th century. The house was built by the Brailler Mining Company which operated the nearby Bald Knob Mine. A small board and batten barn and the site of a schoolhouse are also located on the property

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brailer Mining Company House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Bald Knob Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles V. Bittner

Telephone #:(301) 264-4843

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 104

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 513

Folio #: 733

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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 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 Brailer Mining Company House is located to the east of Bald Knob Road near Mount Savage. The rectangular dwelling is two stories tall and three bays wide on the northeastern facade. A one-story frame addition with a gabled roof abuts the southwestern elevation of the house. Wall construction is frame with german siding covered with insul brick siding. The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice and soffit. Wooden posts which originally supported the dwelling were replaced with a high foundation of rusticated cement blocks in the 1920's.

Shed roofed porches on the facade and the southwestern elevation are not original. Original 2/2 sashes have been replaced with modern 1/1 sashes. The main entrance is offset on the facade and includes a nine light door. An added brick chimney is located on the exterior of the southeastern elevation.

A small board and batten barn northeast of the dwelling has a gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. The barn rests on wooden posts. To the east of the dwelling is the site of a schoolhouse which has been removed.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brailer Mining Company House was built early in the 20th century by the Brailer Mining Company. (Bittner interview) In 1903-1904 the company, which was then known as the George's Creek and Bald Knob Coal Company, opened the Bald Knob Mine on property of the Brailer family north of Mount Savage. In 1918 "an average of 45 miners and 9 laborers were employed..." at the mine. (Carney interview and Coals of Maryland, pp. 162-163) The small frame house is typical of houses built in Allegany County around the turn of the century. A small board and batten barn and the site of a schoolhouse are also located on the property. (Bittner Interview)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Charles V. Bittner, owner, 10/20/80.
Interview with Mrs. Alice Carney 4/2/81.

Second Report on the Coals of Maryland, Maryland Geological Survey, 1920.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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SE elev.



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Outbuilding NW elev.