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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Slabtown Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Slabtown Road

CITY, TOWN
Mount Savage ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	___ PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	___ AGRICULTURE	___ MUSEUM
___ BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	___ UNOCCUPIED	___ COMMERCIAL	___ PARK
___ STRUCTURE	___ BOTH	___ WORK IN PROGRESS	___ EDUCATIONAL	___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	___ ENTERTAINMENT	___ RELIGIOUS
___ OBJECT	___ IN PROCESS	___ YES: RESTRICTED	___ GOVERNMENT	___ SCIENTIFIC
	___ BEING CONSIDERED	___ YES: UNRESTRICTED	___ INDUSTRIAL	___ TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	___ MILITARY	___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

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
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Slabtown Survey District is a group of six buildings located approximately one mile south of Mount Savage on Slabtown Road. Three of the buildings are situated on the western edge of Slabtown Road. The remaining three buildings are clustered at the end of a lane which leads west from the road. The topography of the neighborhood is level. to the west of the district, the ground drops in a steep slope which is broken by an embankment of the C & P Railroad.

The district includes five frame dwellings and a brick store building. The frame dwellings, with the exception of the Bishields House, are best exemplified by the Slabtown Frame House which retains more of its original configuration and appearance.

The Slabtown Frame House is a rectangular two story dwelling, three bays wide on the facade, (north elevation), and one bay deep. Wall construction is frame covered with weatherboard siding. It rests on a low rubble stone foundation. The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingels. A porch in the center of the facade has a gabled roof supported by two capped and tapered square wooden posts. Windows are 3/1 and 1/1 sash which appear to have been altered. An entrance in the center of the facade has a door of three panels and one light with original hardware. A central chimney is probably made of bricks which were sheathed with cement. Similar buildings within the district have central chimneys of white glazed bricks. A small one story frame addition with a gabled roof abuts the southern elevation.

The Campbell, Twigg, and Martin houses follow the plan of the Slabtown Frame House but have been subjected to various alterations. The Campbell and Martin houses have had two story wings added to give these houses an "L" shape. The facade ground floor of the Martin House is covered with moulded-bevel novelty siding.

The Bishields House is a square, two story structure, three bays wide on the facade (east elevation). Wall construction is frame covered with asbestos shingles. It rests on a low rubble stone foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A shed roofed porch on the facade has turned posts. Windows are 1/1 sash, some of which are paired.

The Bishield Store is a rectangular, one and one-half story structure, two bays wide on the facade, (east elevation), and two bays deep. Wall construction is of glazed brown bricks laid in American common bond in a variation of five to one. The building has a sloping shed roof. Windows are 1/1 sash with brick sills. The main entrance is located on the southern end of the facade. This entrance and another located on the western end of the southern elevation have doors of two panels surmounted by four lights. Entrances and windows have segmental brick arches and wooden tympanum with scrolled jigsawn decorations.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Early 20th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Slabtown is a small mining village constructed by the New York Mining Company early in the twentieth century. Four of the six buildings within this survey district are company houses built between 1902 and 1917. (Campbell interview) All are now privately owned. The typical company house in Slabtown is a two story rectangular structure three bays wide and one bay deep.

The remaining two buildings within the district were constructed early in the twentieth century by Michael Bishields on property he acquired from the New York Mining Company. (Keene and Trimble interview) One of these buildings is a brick storehouse. Each small town in the Maryland mining region had "at least one store." (Harvey p. 84).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the MD Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithica: Cornell Unicersity Press, 1969.

Interview with Mrs. Clara Campbell, Slabtown, 10/27/80.

Interviews with Mrs. Marianna Keene and Mrs. Virginia Trimble, Slabtown, 3/4/80 and 4/2/81.

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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

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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.

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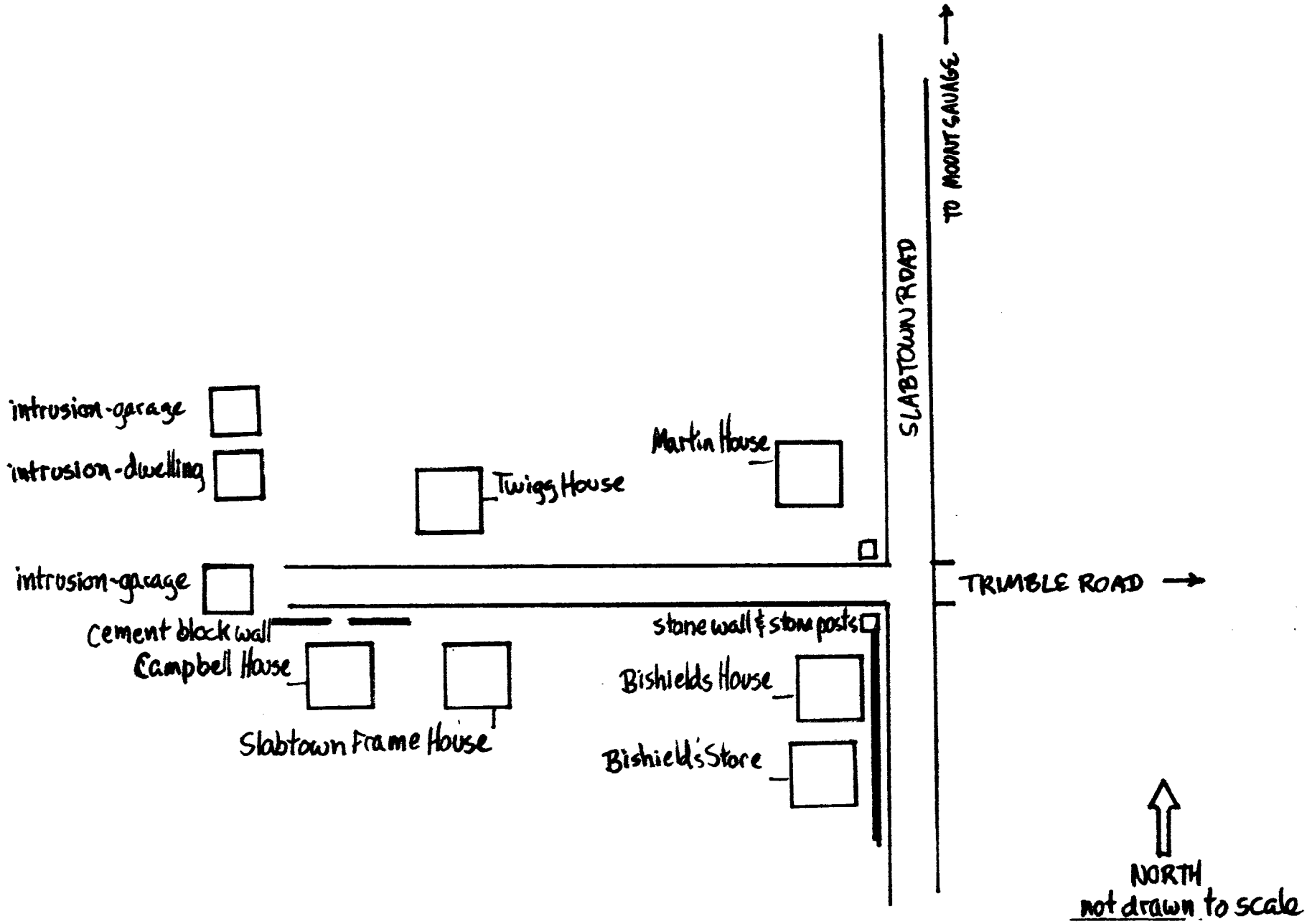

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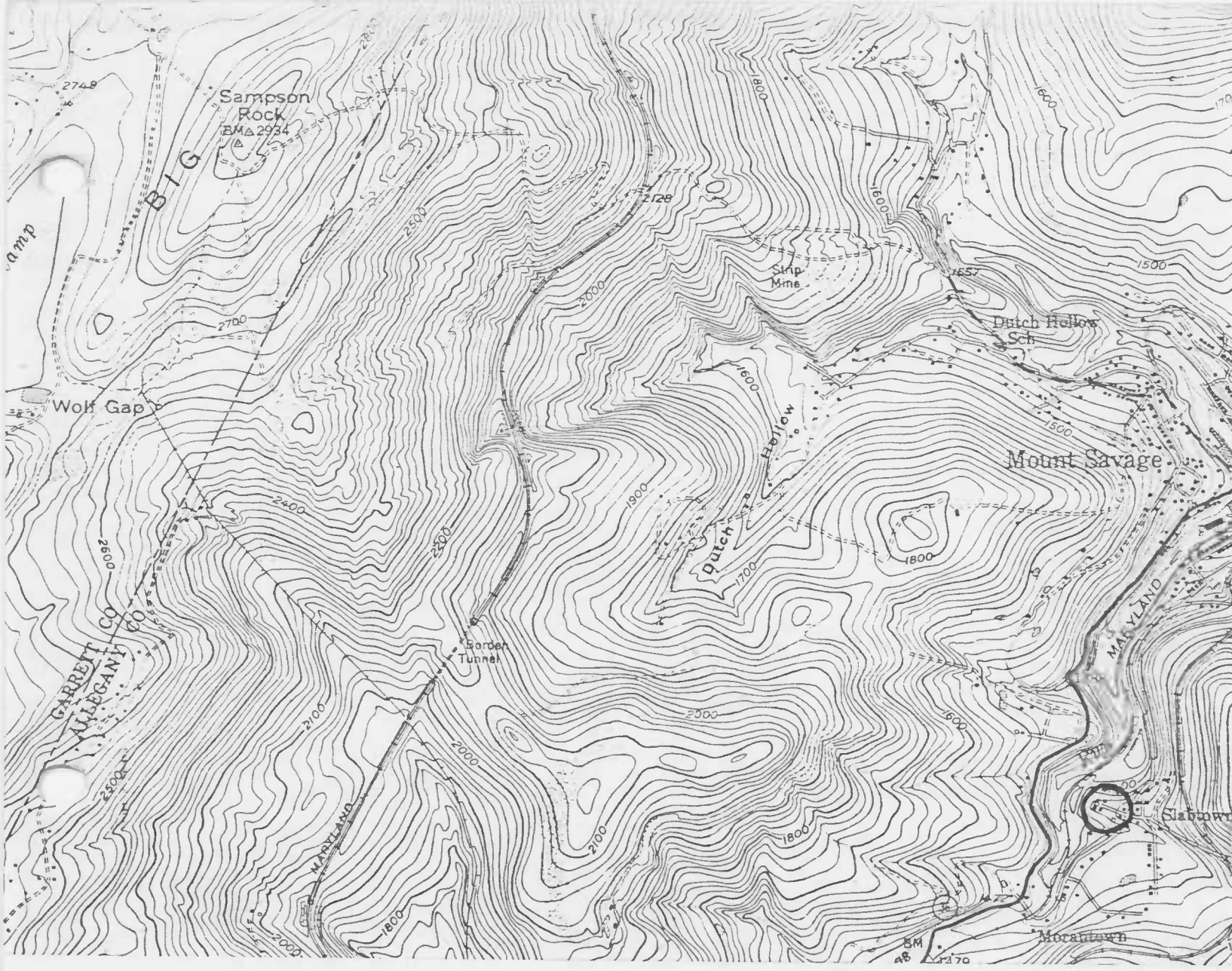

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Slabtown Survey District
Slabtown Road
Mount Savage

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Campbell House
Allegany County, MD
Dave Dorsey 10-27-80
NE elevation

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George Bishields House
Allegany County, MD
Dave Dorsey 10-23-80
NE elevation

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Martin Frame House
Allegany County, MD
Dave Dorsey 10-23-80
SW elevation

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Martin Frame House
Allegany County, MD
Dave Dorsey 10-23-80
NE elevation

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Slabtown Frame House
Allegany County, MD
David A. Dorsey 10-27-80
NE elevation

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Earl Twigg Frame House
Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 10/27/80
SE elev.