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Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic District
Zihlman
Private 1846

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Zihlman-Allegany Mines Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36, one mile north of Frostburg, Md.

CITY, TOWN

Zihlman

___ 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	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	___ ENTERTAINMENT	___ RELIGIOUS
___ OBJECT	___ IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	___ GOVERNMENT	___ SCIENTIFIC
	___ BEING CONSIDERED	___ YES: UNRESTRICTED	___ INDUSTRIAL	___ TRANSPORTATION
		___ 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

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DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-V-A-075

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Zihlman-Allegany Mines Survey District is located on Maryland Route 36 approximately one mile north of Frostburg, Md. in north western Allegany County. The topography of the town is generally flat. Maryland Route 36 runs SE to NW through the survey district paralleling the Western Md. Railway tracts (originally the C&P RR) which form the southeastern boundary of the district. The Broken Heart Mine tram road runs through the center of Zihlman.

Most buildings within the survey district, with a few exceptions, are of one three types found in Zihlman: the saltbox house, the duplex "block-house" and the vernacular-styled house. Saltbox houses are typically 1½ story frame buildings with a stone foundation and a gabled roof extended on the rear elevation by a shed-roofed addition. Some saltbox houses within the survey district are duplexes. An example, the Jenkins House is #8 on the enclosed map. The duplex "block" houses, all on Green Row in Zihlman, are 2 story frame buildings with stone foundations and gabled roofs with central chimneys. An example, the Borden Company House, (MHT AL-V-A-128) is #22 on the enclosed map. Vernacular-styled buildings in Zihlman are typical 2 story frame structures with stone foundations and gabled roofs. Some of these are based on the ell plan and others are rectangular. Examples are #29 and #4 on the enclosed map. One vernacular-styled house in Zihlman, #2 on the enclosed map, is constructed with hollow building tiles.

One house in Zihlman, #38 on the enclosed map, is a typical example of Neo-Rationalistic architecture. The frame house is two stories tall and has a stone foundation and a pyramidal roof. Pumpkin Hall, #36 on the enclosed map, is an early 19th century.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	X ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1846 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Allegany Mines is a typical company town located in the northern section of the George's Creek coal region of western Maryland. Early in the 20th century the town was renamed Zihlman.

The town, like many others of the George's Creek region, developed around or near the mine for which it was named.[1] The Allegany Mining Company opened the Allegany Mine circa 1846 and established the town shortly thereafter. [2]In 1849 the company was expanding its production and announced that it was building houses to accommodate the growing work force.[3] The houses built by the Allegany Mining Company are most likely the saltbox houses on Dutch Row, Front Row and a part of Green Row known as Scotch Row.

In 1911 The Allegany Mining Company went out of business and its property, including the town of Allegany Mines, was purchased at public sale by the Consolidation Coal Company.[4] It was probably at this time that the Borden Company, which operated the neighboring Borden Mine, erected the row of duplex "block" houses on Green Row. [5]

During the late 19th-early 20th century mines in operation near Allegany Mines included the Broken Heart Mine (MHT-AL-V-A-272), Consolidation Coal Company's Mines # 9 and #14 (AL-V-A-254) and Union Mining Companys #1 and #2 Mines. [6]Addition employment opportunities for the residents of Allegany Mines were created in 1902 when the Big Savage Fire Brick Company erected a firebrick plant on the southwestern edge of the town.[7]

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Footnotes, (attachment)

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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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STATE	Maryland 21401

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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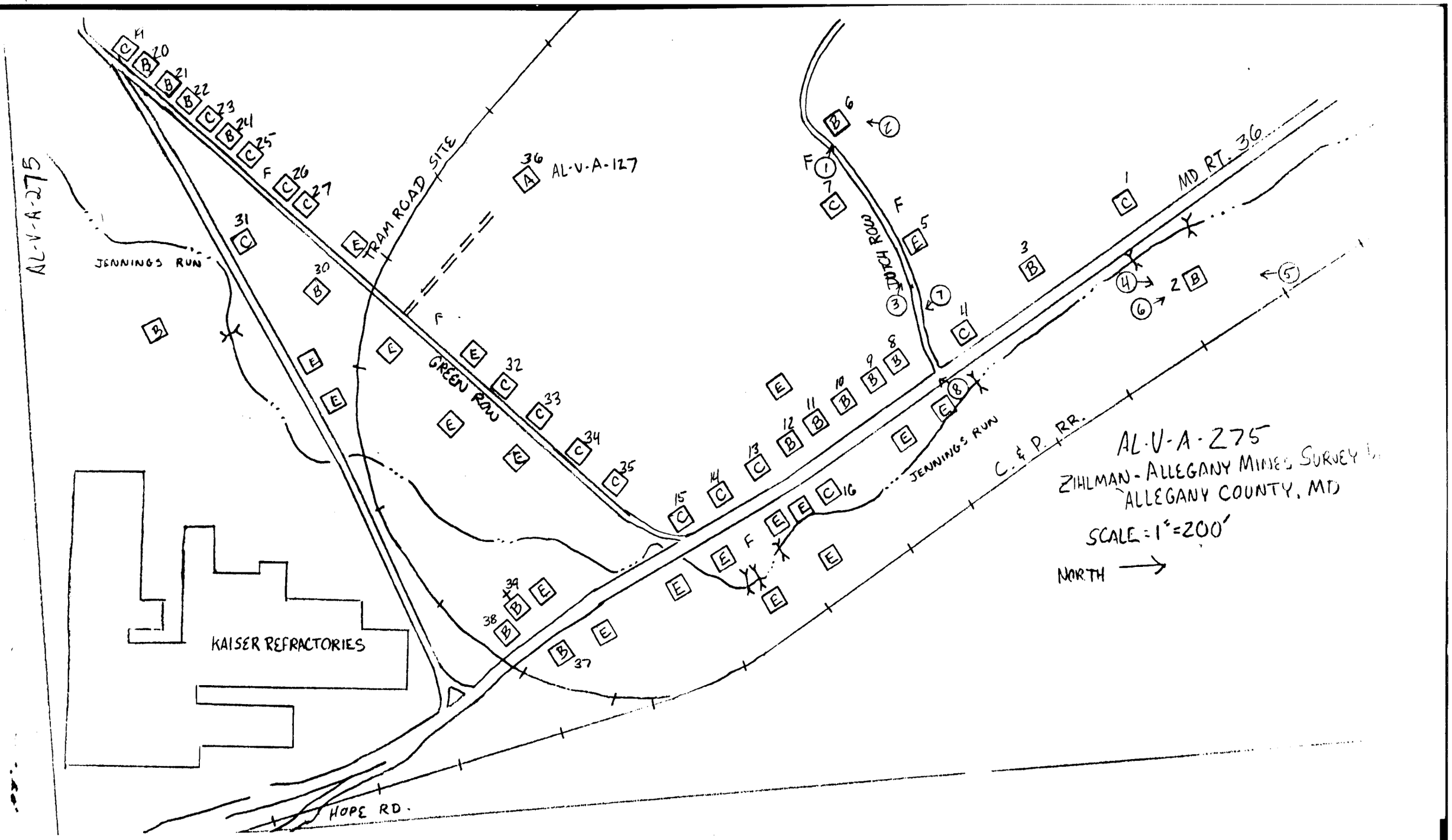
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TRAM ROAD SITE
GREEN ROW
DITCH ROW
JENNINGS RUN
MD RT. 36
C. & P. RR.
KAISER REFRACTORIES
HOPE RD.
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ZIHLMAN-ALLEGANY MINES SURVEY
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD
SCALE = 1" = 200'
NORTH

Frostburg, MD;PA
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1949; photorevised 1974

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Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic District
Route 36, one mile north of
Frostburg

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Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Gary Consol. Coal Co. Hs.
Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey
11/12/80 S elev.

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Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Gary Consol. Coal Co. Hs.
Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey
11/12/80 W elev.

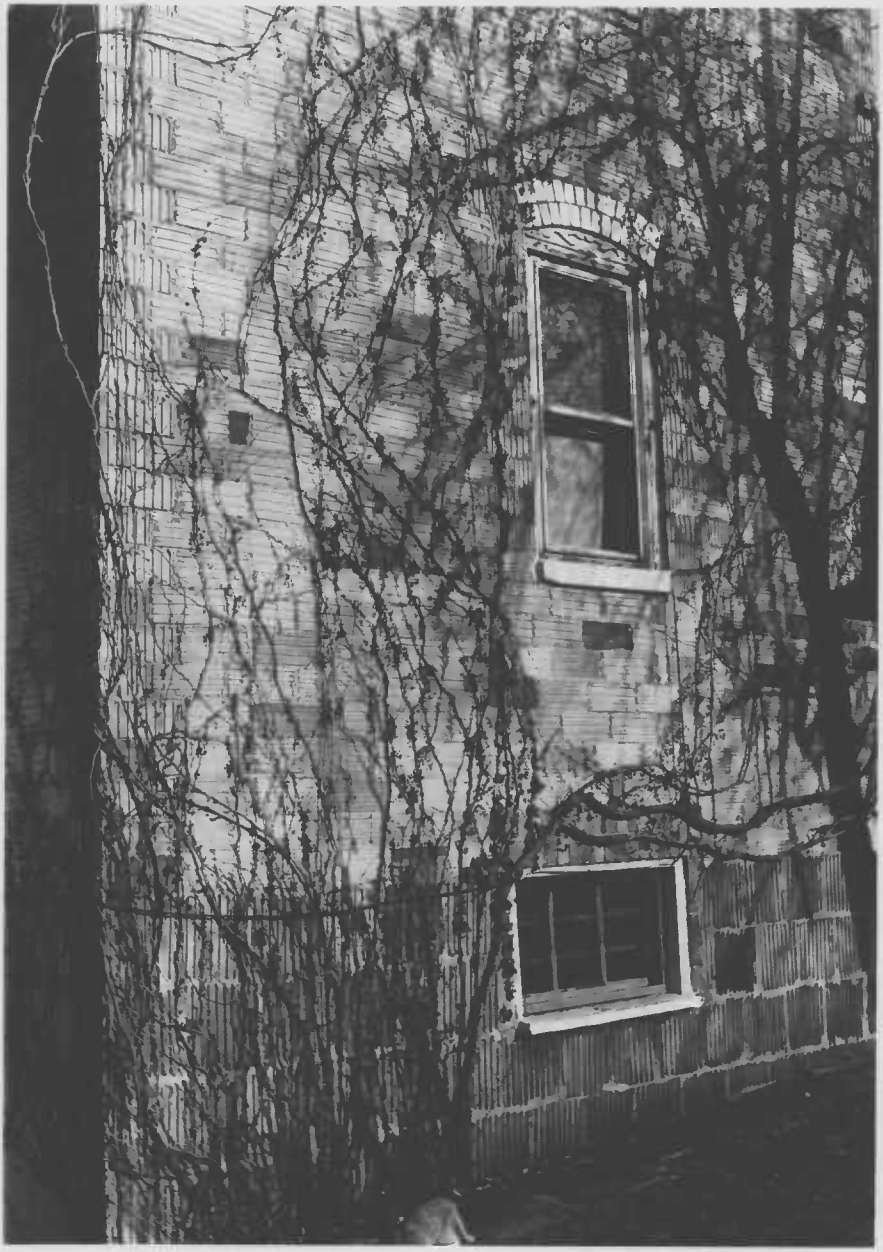
AL-V-A-275 #1
Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Gary/Consol. Coal Co. Hs.
Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey
11/12/80 S elev.

AL-V-A-275 #2
Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Gary/Consol.Coal Co., HS
Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey
11/12/80 E elev.

AL-V-A-275 #3
Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic
Dis. "Dutch Row" Allegany Co.
David A. Dorsey 2/81
Looking NW

AL-V-A-275 #4
Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Beck House Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 11/6/80
NW elev.

AL-V-A-275 #5
Zihlman-AL-Mines Historic Dist.
Beck House Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 11/6/80
SE elev.



AL-V-A-275 #6
Zihlman-AL Mines Historic Dist.
Beck House Allegany Co., MD
Dorsey 11/6/80
Detail: W elev.

#7

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Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic
District Allegany Co., MD
David A. Dorsey 12/80
Streetscape looking SW

AL-V-A-275 #8
Zihlman-Allegany Mines Historic
Dis. "Jenkins Hs." Allegany Co.
David A. Dorsey 2/81
SE Facade