AL-V-A-283 Clarysville Survey District
Rt. 40
Clarysville, Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

Clarysville is a small town on the National Road named for Gerald Clary who built an inn here in the early 19th century. Several buildings date from this early period but most date from the late 19th century when coal traffic increased on the road. Modern materials and additions have altered most of these vernacular frame buildings and the setting has been compromised by the enlargement of Route 40 and the building of Interstate Route 68. Therefore, this survey district is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Criteria: X A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____

Reviewer, NR Program: RKurtz Date: 6/13/00

View of Clarysville Survey District (Al-V-283).

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Clarysville Survey District
Clarysville
Private late 19th-early 20th centuries

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Clarysville Survey District

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Maryland Route 40, approximately 1 mile east of Frostburg

CITY, TOWN
Clarysville

__ 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 | X COMMERCIAL | __PARK |
| __STRUCTURE | __BOTH | __WORK IN PROGRESS | __EDUCATIONAL | X PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| __SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | __ENTERTAINMENT | __RELIGIOUS |
| __OBJECT | __IN PROCESS | __YES: RESTRICTED | __GOVERNMENT | __SCIENTIFIC |
| | __BEING CONSIDERED | X 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
MHT Inventory AL-V-A-008 and 013. The Clarysville Inn, (AL-V-A-008) is listed on the National Register of National Places

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

AL-V-A-013

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | X UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| __GOOD | __RUINS | X ALTERED | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| X FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clarysville Survey District is located approximately one mile east of Frostburg in the Georges Creek coal region of western Allegany County. A portion of the Old National Road travels east to west through the center of Clarysville. Maryland Route 55 runs south to north through the town to an intersection with Maryland Route 40 on the northern edge of the survey district. Maryland Route 48 travels east to west on a mounainside south of Clarysville. Braddock Run flows south to north through the western end of the town. The terrain slopes from the west to the relatively flat eastern half of the survey district.

The earliest buildings of Clarysville are the Clarysville Inn and the Williams Log House. The Clarysville Inn (AL-V-A-008, Map #100) is a 2½ story Greek Revival-styled brick building. A large modern addition abuts the eastern elevation of the inn. The Williams Log House (Map #20) is a 1½ story, 3 bay by 1 bay building with walls of 5 inch-thick, dovetail-notched logs. The house rest on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. Much of the original log house has been obscured by additons. Another early structure in Clarysville is the Clarysville Bridge (AL-V-A-013, Map #21) which carries the National Road over Braddock Run. The single span, arched stone bridge was restored in 1976.

Most buildings within the survey district are late 19th-early 20th century vernacular-styled dwellings. Several are typical vernacular-styled single family dwellings. The 2 story 3 bay by 1 bay frame buildings are based on the ell plan. They rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Hip roofed porches shelter their facades. An example is #8 on the attached map. Two buildings in Clarysville are frame duplex dwellings. The 2 story buildings are 2 stories tall and 4 bays wide. They rest on stone foundations and have hipped roofs. Hip roofed porches shelter their facades. One of these duplex building retains its original white glazed brick chimneys. An example is #14 on the attached map.

The Engle House (Map #22) is the single example of Victorian architecture in Clarysville. The 2½ story frame building consists of a hip-roofed main block surrounded by gable roofed wings. A wide hip-roofed veranda on the facade and northern elevation is supported by wooden doric columns. Corbeled chimneys of white glazed bricks are original. The single Bungalow-styled dwelling in Clarysville is a typical example of the style(Map #12). The 1½ story frame building rests on a foundation of rusticated cast cement blocks and has a gently pitched gabled roof with a gabled dormer. A quonset-styled garage in Clarysville (Map #11) is a 1 story, 4 bay by 3 bay frame structure. Large folding doors are located on the facade and northern elevation of the building.

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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 | X ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | _CONSERVATION | _LAW | _SCIENCE |
| _1500-1599 | _AGRICULTURE | _ECONOMICS | _LITERATURE | _SCULPTURE |
| _1600-1699 | _ARCHITECTURE | _EDUCATION | X MILITARY | _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| _1700-1799 | _ART | _ENGINEERING | _MUSIC | _THEATER |
| X 1800-1899 | X COMMERCE | _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | _PHILOSOPHY | X TRANSPORTATION |
| X 1900- | _COMMUNICATIONS | _INDUSTRY | _POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | _OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | _INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Clarysville is a small town on the National Road east of Frostburg. The town is named for Gerald Clary who operated an inn and tavern housed in a large brick building built early in the 19th century. The Clarysville Inn and several similar inns which catered to travellers on the National Road are listed collectively on the National Register of Historic Places. After the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Wheeling, early in the 1850's, travel and business on the National Road was greatly diminished.

During the Civil War the Clarysville Inn was the center of a United States hospital which cared for wounded Union troops. None of the many barracks and infirmaries built at the time have survived. The Williams Log House was reportedly used as a surgeon's headquarters or barracks.

The development of Clarysville occurred in the late nineteenth and early 20th century. In 1882 Thomas Scharf described Clarysville as a village "... recently sprung into existence owing to the unprecedented increase in the coal traffic." Miners living in Clarysville during the late 19th century were probably employed at local mines at Eckhart, Hoffman, or Vale Summit. During the early 20th century the Braddock Coal Company and the Sullivan Brothers operated mines east of the town. Many of the building lots comprising Clarysville today were built early in the 20th century on the building lots of Engle's Additon to Clarysville.

The narrow valley between Dan's Mountain and Piney Mountain at Clarysville was an important transportation route during the 19th and early 20th century. The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad's Eckhart Branch and the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad traversed the side of Dan's Mountain on the southern edge of the town. The Cumberland and Westernport Electric Railway, established in 1905 ran through the center of Clarysville and maintained its car barn and electric power station at Clarysville.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Footnotes

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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

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Footnotes

[1]See AL-V-A-008, and Harry Stegmaier et al, Allegany County-A History, Parsons: McClain Printing Co., 1976, p. 187.

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[4]Interview with Mr. C. James Williams, Clarysville, 2/82.

[5]Thomas Scharf, p. 1495.

[6]"Map of the Georges Creek Coal Basin Showing the Location of the Mining Companies and the Areal Extent of the Pittsburg ("Big Vein") and Lower Coals", Maryland Geological Survey, 1905, and See AL-V-A-248.

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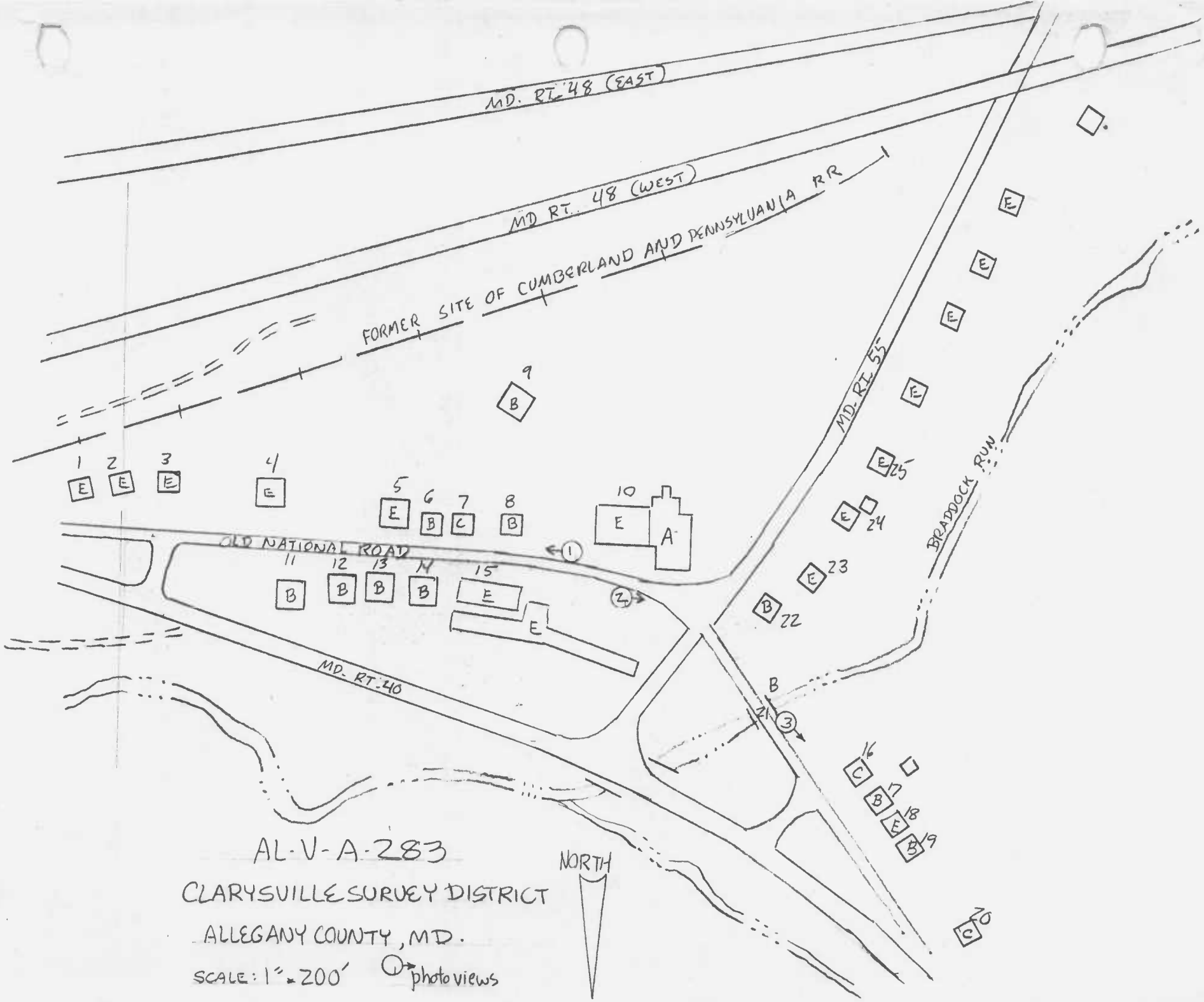


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CLARYSVILLE SURVEY DISTRICT

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD.

SCALE: 1" = 200'

(1) → photo views

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

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Clarysville Survey District
Maryland Route 40, approximately 1 mile east of Frostburg.

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LIMIT
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Clarysville Survey District
Allegany County, MD
David A. Dorsey 2/82
photo #1 looking east

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Clarysville Survey District
Allegany County, MD
David A. Dorsey, 2/82
photo #2, looking west

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Clarysville Survey District
Allegany County, MD
David A. Dorsey 2/82
photo #3, looking northwest