

AL-VI-B-041

Ocean Mine #1 Powerhouse
Midland
Private

c. 1920

The Ocean Mine No. #1 Powerhouse is situated adjacent to Route 36 on the west side and is one of the last remaining prominent structures of the Consolidation Coal Company's Ocean Mine No. 1 complex.

The powerhouse is a 1-story brick, pier and spandrel constructed building which measures approximately 40 x 150 feet.

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OCEAN MINE BUILDING

West side of Route 36, Ocean, Md.
ca. 1880

The Ocean Mine Building is an irregularly shaped rectangular brick building that is two stories high and seven bays wide. The building served as a powerhouse for the mine as well as housing the electric engines which were used to transport coal out of the mine.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ocean Mine #1 Powerhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36, west side, approx. 1/2 mile north of Midland

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Coal & Realty Company

Telephone #: 301-689-8895

STREET & NUMBER

Hope Road/Depot Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 128

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Ocean Mine No. 1 Powerhouse is situated adjacent to Route 36 on the west side and is one of the last remaining prominent structures of the Consolidation Coal Company's Ocean Mine No. 1 complex. The slope entrance of this mine has been closed and paved over since it was last surveyed by MHT in 1976. (See AL-VI-B-040). The ventilation fan (AL-VI-B-040) and the powerhouse have survived from the 1920s. An earlier (c.1902) photograph of the Mine No. 1 complex and a photocopy of the site plan show the complex as it appeared when it was steam powered. The 1934 copy of the Insurance Map shows the complex after its conversion to electrical power.

The powerhouse is a 1-story brick, pier and spandrel constructed building which measures approximately 40 x 150 feet. It runs north to south and curves at a 150° angle. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal and is surmounted by three monitors. A stepped firewall covers the south gable end. Arched windows and entrances pierce all walls of the building.

It is presently used for storage; the original machinery has been removed. The area immediately surrounding the powerhouse is used as tipple, coal storage and shipping area.

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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 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 c.1920 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ocean No. 1 powerhouse is significant as one of the few extant early 20th century deep mine related buildings in Maryland's coal region.

According to the 1934 insurance map prepared by Consolidation's Engineering Department, this building functioned as the sub-station, haulage house, and storage for Consol's Mine No. 1 after the conversion from steam to electrical power. Prior to this, the site of the building, or perhaps a section of it, was occupied by a large boiler house.

Mine No. 1 was once part of the holdings of the Ocean Steam Coal Company, organized in the 1850s by William Aspinwall, a prominent steamship line magnate.¹ Most ocean going vessels, including the U.S. Navy used Georges Creek coal because it was an excellent steam coal.

In 1860, the Ocean Steam Coal Company became part of the Consolidation Coal Company, a company formed through the initiative of William Aspinwall. Consol Coal operated Ocean No. 1 until the 1940s when they sold it, as well as their other Maryland coal lands to the Maryland Coal & Realty Company.

¹

Maryland Geological Survey, Report on the Coals of Maryland, (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1905), p. 519.

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Insurance Maps of the Consolidation Coal Company, "Ocean No. 1" Frostburg;
Engineering Department, 1934.
Maryland Geological Survey, Report on the Coals of Maryland, Baltimore;
The Johns Hopkins Press, 1905.

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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

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

October 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

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.

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. A1-VI-B-041

273/128

DATE: 11/23/76

66.04 Acres

#4

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ocean mine Building

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: West Side Rt 36 Near Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West Map 47
P 213

NAME OF OWNER: Maryland Coal + Realty Company + Consolidation Co.

ADDRESS: Hope Road - Depot St 689-8895

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:



Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () 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
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE cut

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, 4 dormers cupolas Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, PORTICO 3
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()
stepped parapets

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE() CORNELED() hooded original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use -
Significance -
Date Constructed -
Condition -

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ocean Mine Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

and Consolidation Company
Hope Road - Depot Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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STREET & NUMBER

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Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ocean Mine Building is located on the west side of Route 36 near Midland in Ocean, Allegany County.

The Ocean Mine Building is an irregularly shaped rectangular brick building that is two stories high and seven bays wide. The building is constructed of brick which is laid in American Common Bond. It rests on a low cut stone foundation. The roof is gabled, covered with tin and has stepped parapets at the gable ends. In addition, the roofline is interrupted by four dormers and three cupolas which are located on the east side of the roof. Windows in the structure have six over six lights with recessed semi-circular arches above them. Each bay is separated from the next by a brick pilaster which runs from the foundation to the roofline. Entrances are located on the south and west sides. All are topped by semi-circular arches. The majority of doors have either been removed or boarded up. Two original hooded brick chimneys are located at the outside end of the building.

The building is deteriorated by nevertheless retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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Harvey, Katherine A. The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969)
Stegmaier, Harry I. Allegany County - A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 66.04 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minue Series
Scale 1:24,000
1949; photorevised 1974

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Ocean Mine #1 Powerhouse
Route #36, west side, approx.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Midland

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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AI-VI-B-041

AI-VI-B-035

AI-VI-B-042

OCEAN MINE BLDG.
AI-VI-B-041
Rt. 36, South of OCEAN
LONACONING, MD. - W.VA.
1:24,000
1974 REVISED

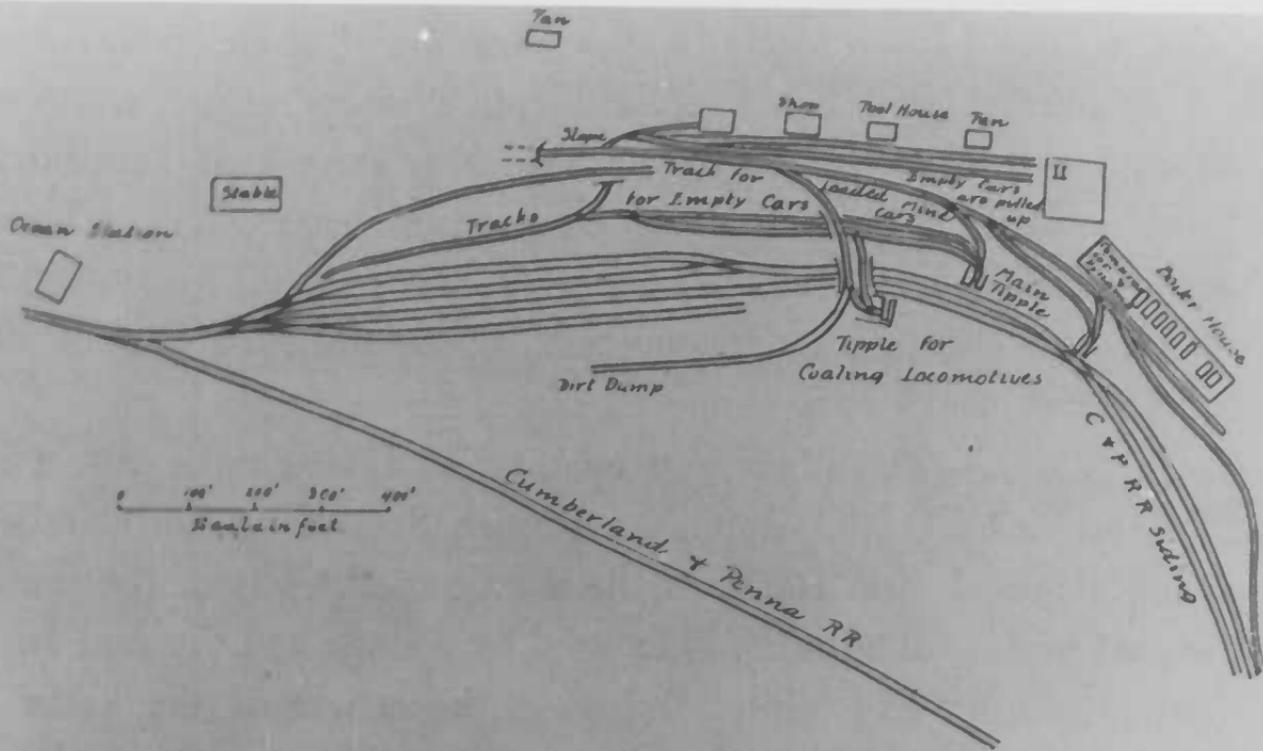


FIG. 36.—Sketch of Track Arrangement at Ocean No. 1, Consolidation Coal Company.

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Ocean Mine No. 1 Powerhouse
Allegany Co., MD 10/81

Donna Ware: Photocopy : c.1902

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Ocean Mining Building

Rt. 36, West side

Ocean, near Midland

John Nelson

11/23/76

Southwest



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Ocean Mining Building

Rt. 36, West side

Ocean, near Midland

John Nelson

11/23/76

Northeast