

LOAR STUCCO HOUSE

AL-VI-B-053

West of Loartown Road, Loartown
ca. 1850

The Loar Stucco House is typical of the type of housing constructed by the Consolidation Coal Company for its miners. It is one and a half stories high and three bays wide and was originally covered with weatherboard. Windows in the building are pegged, double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Rent for such a building cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month which amounted to approximately 12% of a miner's income.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Loar Stucco House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Loartown Road

CITY, TOWN

Loartown

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Alvin Loar

Telephone #: None

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 617

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 246

Folio #: 251

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 Loar Stucco House is located just west of Loartown Road in Loartown, Allegany County.

The Loar House is a rectangular two story frame building that has been covered with stucco. A single story shed-roof addition which extends to one side is located on the north side of the house. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation, with a plain water table. Windows in the building are pegged, double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. All the windows are topped with pediments. The roof of the main block is gabled with a soffit and covered with asphalt roofing material, as is the shed roof on the rear addition. The main entrance, located on the south facade, consists of a vertically paneled door topped by a pediment. A second entrance is located on the south side of the addition. Both are topped by two bay shed-roof end porches supported by pillars and scrolled brackets. Two replaced brick chimneys are located in the inside gable ends.

The Loar House is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although Loartown was first settled as an agricultural community by a Hessian soldier named Jacob Loar in the late 18th century, the coal boom of the mid 19th century changed the face of the town somewhat. The largest coal company in the George's Creek area was Consolidation Coal which was incorporated in 1864.¹ By the year 1871, Consolidation owned 8,000 of the 15,000 acres of coal land in the George's Creek region.² Because of its size, Consolidation Coal Company built a large number of houses for its workers. The Loar Stucco house was probably built by the Consolidation Coal Company in the latter half of the 19th century to house a miner and his family. The stucco facing was added to the exterior sometime in the early 20th century. Underneath, however, the house is similar to many others which were built by the company. These houses were usually one and a half stories high with a roofed porch across the front of the house. There were no cellars and the houses were set on a low stone foundations. The frame was constructed of timbers mortised and tenoned together with horizontal weatherboarding on the outside. Rent for such a building cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month and amounted to a little over 12% of a miner's income.³

1 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 9

2 Stegmaier, Jr., Harry, Allegheny County-A History (Parsons, West, Va. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 208

3 *ibid* p. 209

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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

TITLE SEARCH

Loar Stucco House
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Allegany County Deed; Liber 246, Folio 251
grantee: Jean Loar & Alvin Loar (son)
grantor: Lawson Duckworth
January 7, 1952
Consideration: \$2,000

Allegany County Deed; Liber 197, Folio 49
grantee: Lawson Duckworth
grantor: Harrison Duckworth
August 13, 1949
Consideration: \$1,000

Allegany County Deed; Liber 157, Folio 143
grantee: Harrison Duckworth
grantor: Consolidation Coal Company
April 6, 1927
Consideration \$98.47
9.847 of an acre

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-053

246/251

DATE: 12/15/76

less than one

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Loar Stucco House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Loartown Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Alvin Loar

ADDRESS: Rt 1, Box 617

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 1 story Shed Add extends to side

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 Stucco

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Pediment
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

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

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() 2 Bay

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

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

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed -
Condition - Fair

LONACONING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

5163 111 NE
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Loar Stucco House

Loartown Rd., Loartown

USGS - Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

Dans Rock

1836

TELEPHONE

54

52°30'
39°37'30"

270,000 FEET (M.D.)

487

486

650,000 FEET
M.D.

485

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LEAR STUCCO HOUSE

LEAR TOWN RD.

LEARTOWN

12/18/76

JEAN BALDWIN

NORTHWEST



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LEAR STUCCO HOUSE

heart town

12/13/76

Quan Baldwin

Southeast