

SPIKER BRICK HOUSE

AL-VI-B-067
Railroad Street, Midland
ca. 1865

The Spiker Brick House, although it has been altered somewhat, was originally a "block" or a two family dwelling constructed by the coal companies in the latter half of the 19th century. The house is of special interest in that it was originally constructed of brick rather than the usual frame construction.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spiker Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Railroad Street

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Henry Spiker

Telephone #: 463-5123

STREET & NUMBER

General Delivery P.O.

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21542

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 199

Folio #: 692

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

RL-11-8-067

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spiker Brick House is located on Railroad Street near the Route 36 intersection in Midland, Allegany County.

The Spiker House is a rectangular, two story, four bay wide brick structure that has been covered with aluminum siding. The house sits on a low stone foundation with a beveled water table. The roof is gabled with a soffit and has been covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the house have been replaced and now consist of double hung, wooden sash frames with one over one lights. The main entrance is located in a single story gable roofed addition which abuts the main block on its southeastern side. Both the entrance and the hardware have been replaced. A single, original corbeled, brick chimney is located in the interior of the building.

The Spiker House is in good condition but has been altered greatly from its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spiker Brick House is typical of the type of housing constructed by the coal companies in the latter half of the 19th century. Unfortunately, the building has been greatly altered since its original construction, and it is difficult to determine exactly what the original home might have looked like. In all probability the Spiker Brick House was what is known as a "block" or a two family dwelling which was constructed by the coal companies in the mid to late 19th century. The Spiker house differs from the majority of blocks in the area in that it is constructed of brick. However, it does have the standard central chimney providing each family with two fireplaces and probably originally had two front entrances which have since been removed to make room for a new addition. A "block" provided each family with three rooms on the first floor and one on the second. Double houses built by the Midland Coal and Iron Company in 1856 cost about \$400.00.¹

¹ Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 83 & 84

A-1-6-087

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y.:
Cornell University Press, 1969)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .246 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

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

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.

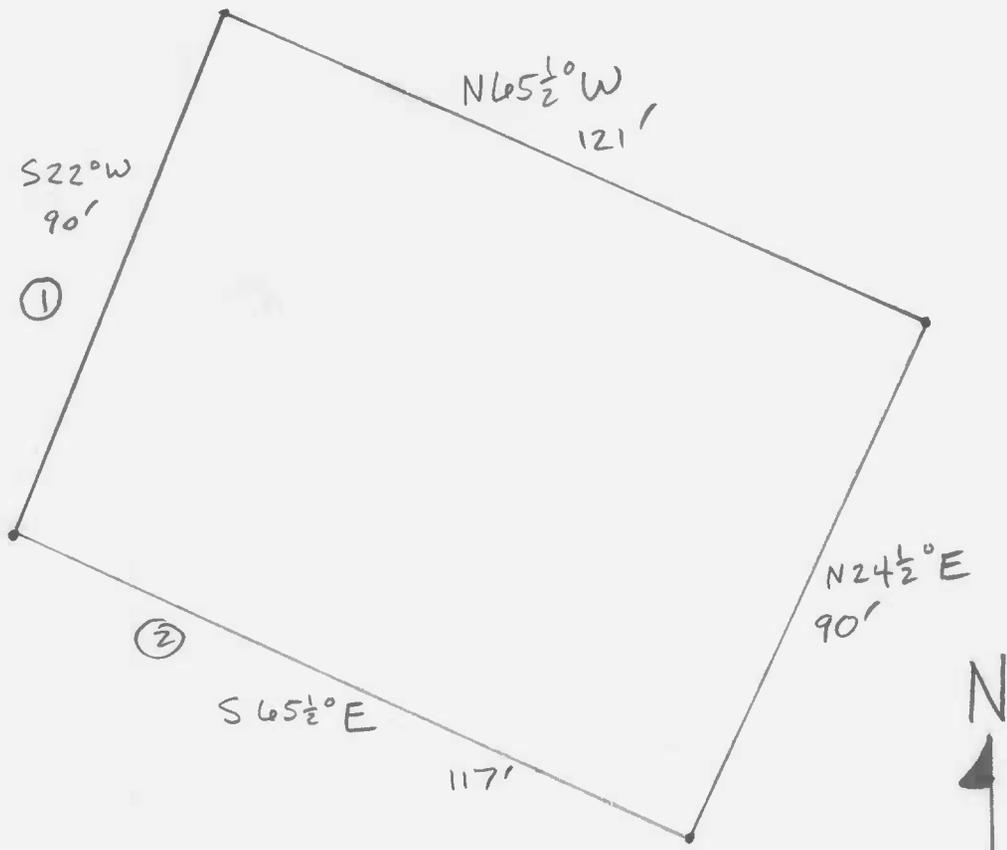
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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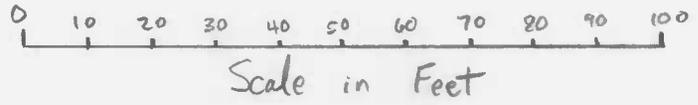
SPIKER BRICK HOUSE LOT

Midland, Maryland

43,560 feet/acre



.246 acres



INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-667

DATE: 12/29/76

199/692

.246 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Spiker Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Railroad St., Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Harry Spiker 463-5123

ADDRESS: Midland P.O.

21542

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 1 Story Gabled

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
- Now has green Alum. Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

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: in rear addition

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, Architrave

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF -- shed() hip() gable() 4 Bay Rear

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORNELLED() 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

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Spiker Brick House
Railroad, St. Midland
USGS - Lonaconing Quad
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1974 Revised

- AI-VI-B-002
- AI-VI-B-059
- AI-VI-B-031
- AI-VI-B-030
- AI-VI-B-037
- AI-VI-B-034
- AI-VI-B-033
- AI-VI-B-032
- AI-VI-B-052
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- AI-VI-B-069
- AI-VI-B-068
- AI-VI-B-073
- AI-VI-B-077
- AI-VI-B-042
- AI-VI-B-075



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Spiker Brick House

Railroad St., Midland

12/29/76

West

John E. Nelson



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Spiker Brick House

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East

John E. Nelson