

POST OFFICE & OLD INN

AL-VI-B-070  
Route 36, Midland  
ca. 1875

The Post office and Old Inn consists of a two and a half story, four bay wide frame structure which was built circa 1875. The building originally served as an inn and was owned and operated by Mr. Daniel Stakem. Later the ground floor was converted into a meat shop while the second story remained a boarding place. The structure has been remodeled to serve as the town post office; however, the second story is used for apartments.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-070

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Post Office & Old Inn

AND/OR COMMON

Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Devlin

Telephone #: 463-2934

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. General Delivery

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21542

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 317

Folio #: 494

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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Post Office is located on the west side of Route 36, Main street in Midland, Allegany County, near the intersection of the new Route 36.

The building basically consists of a two and half story four bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure, covered with beveled siding. A one story addition with shed roof and facial parapet adjoins the main block on the northern side and presently serves as the Midland Post Office. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the building is gabled and covered with replaced asphalt shingles, while the eaves exhibit a plain soffit and frieze. Windows in the structure feature double hung wooden sash frames with one over one and six over six lights with plain trim. A window with six over six lights is also located in the front gable end. Two main entrances are located on the front eastern face and both feature a horizontally paneled door with plain trim. The main entrances are covered by a two tiered three bay end porch with hipped roof. The porch is supported by four circular metal columns on the ground floor while the second story supports the roof with banistered chamfered columns exhibiting ornamental brackets with pendants. One corbeled brick chimney, which appears to be original is located centrally to the main block.

The building is structurally sound but has been somewhat altered when renovated to serve as a post office.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| REHISTORIC                                    | <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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building, which is presently being used as the Midland Post Office, was originally built to serve as an inn. The inn is believed to have been built circa 1875 by Daniel Stakem, and was the first boarding place in Midland.<sup>1</sup> The inn was later converted into a butcher shop by Mr. Stakem and was known as "Daniel and Sons Meat Shop."<sup>2</sup> Throughout the years in which the meat shop operated the second story continued to be used as a boarding house. In many cases, the miners from the local veins used these rooms instead of private or company housing. The inn continues to be used as apartments on the second story while the ground floor has been remodeled to serve as the Town Post Office.

The structure retains much of its original appearance and remains as an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in Allegany County.

1 Interview with Mr. John Devlin, February 7, 1977

2 ibid

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

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

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

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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

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-076

DATE: 12/29/76

317/494

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Less than One

NAME OF PROPERTY: Post Office

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Main St. Midland

Was Inn Daniel

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

Parson skew Butcher Shop 1840

NAME OF OWNER: John Dewlin 463-2934

Hotel Water Bowen

ADDRESS: PO. General Delivery  
Midland, MD 21542

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Side 1 Story

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 Plan

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOG, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 Front

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, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORNERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central() Interior( )

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

COMMENTS:  
Use - Post office  
Significance - arch.  
Date Constructed -  
Condition - fair to good

# SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





UNITED STATES  
POST OFFICE  
MIDLAND, MD. 21542

41-VI-B-070

Post Office

Rt. 36, Midland

12/29/76

West

John E. Nelson