

GEORGE'S CREEK IRON & COAL COMPANY OFFICES

AL-VI-B-094  
Park Street, Lonaconing  
ca. 1840

The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Building was built by the company in the early years of its operation; ca. 1840. The building is a large "L" shaped structure constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. One of its most interesting features is the three outside end chimneys which feature built-in fire places in case the building was ever expanded.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Park Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

William Marshall, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Park Street, R.R., Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21539

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 188

Folio #: 535

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 George's Creek Iron and Coal Company Office Building is located on the West side of Park Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County near the intersection of Route 36.

The building basically consists of a two story front eastern side rising to a three story rear western side, five bay wide, "L" shaped facade. The building is constructed of brick and is laid in American Common Bond. The wall treatments found on the building include a brick belt course between the first and second stories and pilastered and arcaded treatments on the front eastern and northern sides. The entire structure is supported by a high stone foundation with semi-circular arched window wells and plain water table. The roof of the facade features a steeply pitched shed roof which accounts for the building being two stories in front and three in the rear. The roof is covered with replaced materials and exhibits the original rafter ends on the front east and north sides. Windows in the facade feature pegged double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights and plain trim. The windows are placed within the arcades on the east and north sides, while the rear section does not include these treatments. Two main entrances are located on the front eastern side and feature replaced verticle doors and plain trim. The entrances are covered with one bay shed roof hoods supported by square columns. Three original corbeled brick chimneys are placed on the facade. One chimney is located to the interior of the north side, while the remaining two are located on the outside ends of the "L" wings. These outside end chimneys also feature built-in fire places in case of expansion of the office building.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been altered when renovated to use as apartments.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 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 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

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Office Building was built by the company in the early years of operation; circa 1840. The building originally was used for office spaces and boarding quarters for miners during the development period of the George's Creek Company.<sup>1</sup> In these early days of the company, the boarding house keepers on the company's lands were limited to charging three dollars a week for their housing.<sup>2</sup> The building was purchased by the Maryland Coal Company in 1866 and continued the same use. Near the turn of the 20th century, the building continued to be used as a boarding house and a space was leased for use as a private store on the ground floor.

The structure is now used as apartments and continues to be an architectural reminder of the Maryland Coal Region.

- 1 Interview with Alvin Ternents, March 14, 1977
- 2 Harvey, Katherine A; The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 92
- 3 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

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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TITLE SEARCH

George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

Allegany County Deed; Liber 188, Folio 535  
grantee: William Marshall, Jr.  
grantor: Peter Marshall, et. ux.  
December 11, 1940  
Consideration: \$1,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 166, Folio 404  
grantee: Peter Marshall & Mary Marshall  
grantor: Hannah Evans  
October 3, 1931

Allegany County Deed; Liber 133, Folio 258  
grantee: ARch M. Evans & Hannah Evans  
grantor: J. Glenn Beall  
May 22, 1920

Allegany County Deed; Liber 133, Folio 212  
grantee: J. Glenn Beall  
grantor: Joseph G. Story  
April 26, 1920  
Consideration: \$1,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 101, Folio 552  
grantee: Joseph G. Story  
grantor: Maryland Coal Company  
July 9, 1907

Allegany County Deed; Liber 24, Folio 265  
grantee: American Coal Company  
grantor: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company  
March 17, 1866

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-094

188/535

DATE: February 8, 1977

Lot - Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company Offices

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Park Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: William Marshall, Jr.

ADDRESS: Park Street, R.R., Main Street

Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

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. 5/1
- ( ) 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

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, WAVES: (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(  )

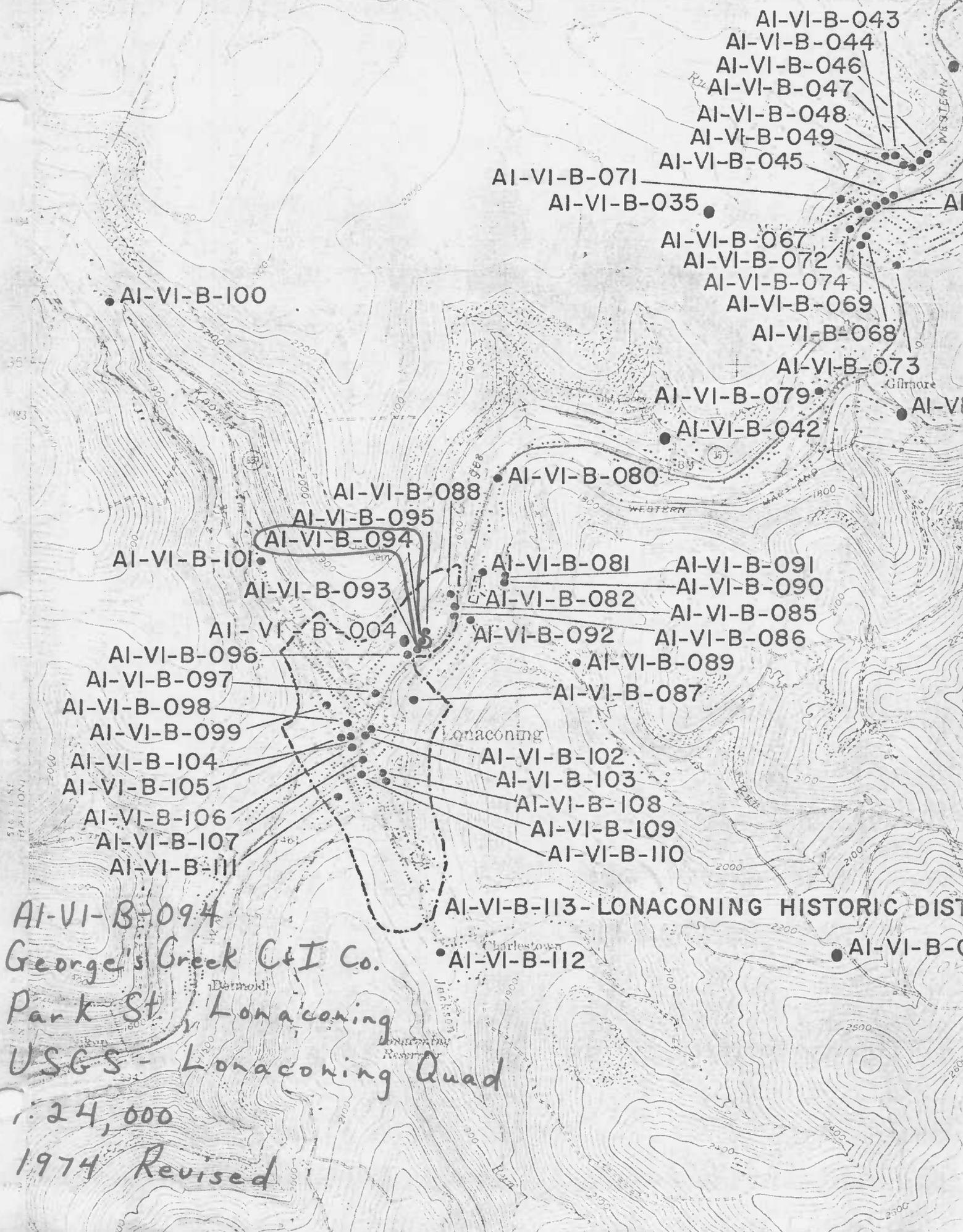
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(  ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK(  ) STONE( ) CORBELED(  ) original(  ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(  ) Central( ) Interior (  )

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

COMMENTS:

- Use - Apartments
- Significance - Architecture/Industry
- Date Constructed - 1836 - 1837
- Condition - Fair



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 AI-VI-B-046  
 AI-VI-B-047  
 AI-VI-B-048  
 AI-VI-B-049  
 AI-VI-B-045

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 AI-VI-B-035

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Northwest



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