

FRANCIS BRICK HOUSE

AL-VI-B-099
Church Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1872

The Francis House is a large brick dwelling that is a variation of one of the most popular Italianate designs in America. It was probably constructed in 1872 for John Helber and is one of the most elegant houses in Lonaconing dating from the latter half of the 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Francis Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Church 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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

Joe V. Francis

Telephone #: 264-3808

STREET & NUMBER

Barrelville Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 453

Folio #: 828

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 Francis Brick House is located on the east side of Church Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Francis House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular building constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. The western half of the structure rests on a high stone foundation. Because of the fact that the building was constructed on a hill, the basement is at ground level. On the eastern side, the foundation is at ground level and constructed of brick. The roof is hipped and has been covered with replaced asphalt shingles. It has a wide soffit supported by pairs of brackets and a frieze. On the ridge of the roof there are two small gabled dormers facing east/west. Windows in the structure are double hung pegged wooden sash frames with two over two lights and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the west facade and features two horizontally paneled doors with transom lights placed side by side. Both doors are covered by a three bay, hipped-roof entrance porch that is supported by chamfered columns and a balustrade. A second three bay end porch is located at the rear of the building. Two, original, corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

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

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Francis Brick House was probably constructed in approximately 1872 by John Helber.¹ The house is a variation of one of the most popular Italianate designs in America.² "The house is shaped like a cube; the roof projects several feet and rests on large, decorative brackets. Atop the center of the roof sits a lookout, now usually called a cupola."³ Because of its double doors, it is possible that the building was constructed to house two superintendent's families rather than to be a single family dwelling.

1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
 2 John Maass, The Victorian Home in America (New York: Hawthorn Books, 1972)
 3 ibid

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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

Allegheny 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

Francis Brick House

Allegany County Deed; Liber 453, Folio 828
grantee: Joseph V. Francis & Eleanor Joan Francis
grantor: Ross J. & David G. Gowens
May 30, 1972
Consideration: \$11,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 295, Folio 351
grantee: Ross J. Gowens & David G. Gowens
grantor: Rose R. Warshaw
January 29, 1957
Consideration: \$4,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 157, Folio 492
grantee: Rose Rosenberg
grantor: Isidore Rosenbert
January 6, 1928
Lots No. 9 & 10

Allegany County Deed; Liber 121, Folio 125
grantee: Isidore Rosenberg
grantor: Lena M. Harding & William F. Helber
January 15, 1917
Consideration: \$1,650.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 36, Folio 548
grantee: John Adam Helber
grantor: G.E. Porter
June 7, 1872
Consideration: \$400.00

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-099

453/828

DATE: February 9, 1977

Lot - Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Francis Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Church Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Joe V. Francis 264-3808

ADDRESS: Barrelville, Road

Mt. Savage, Maryland 21545

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 4/1
- () 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(X) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged (X) nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West

HARDWARE: original() replaced(X)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Replaced

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

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

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS # 1

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(X)

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

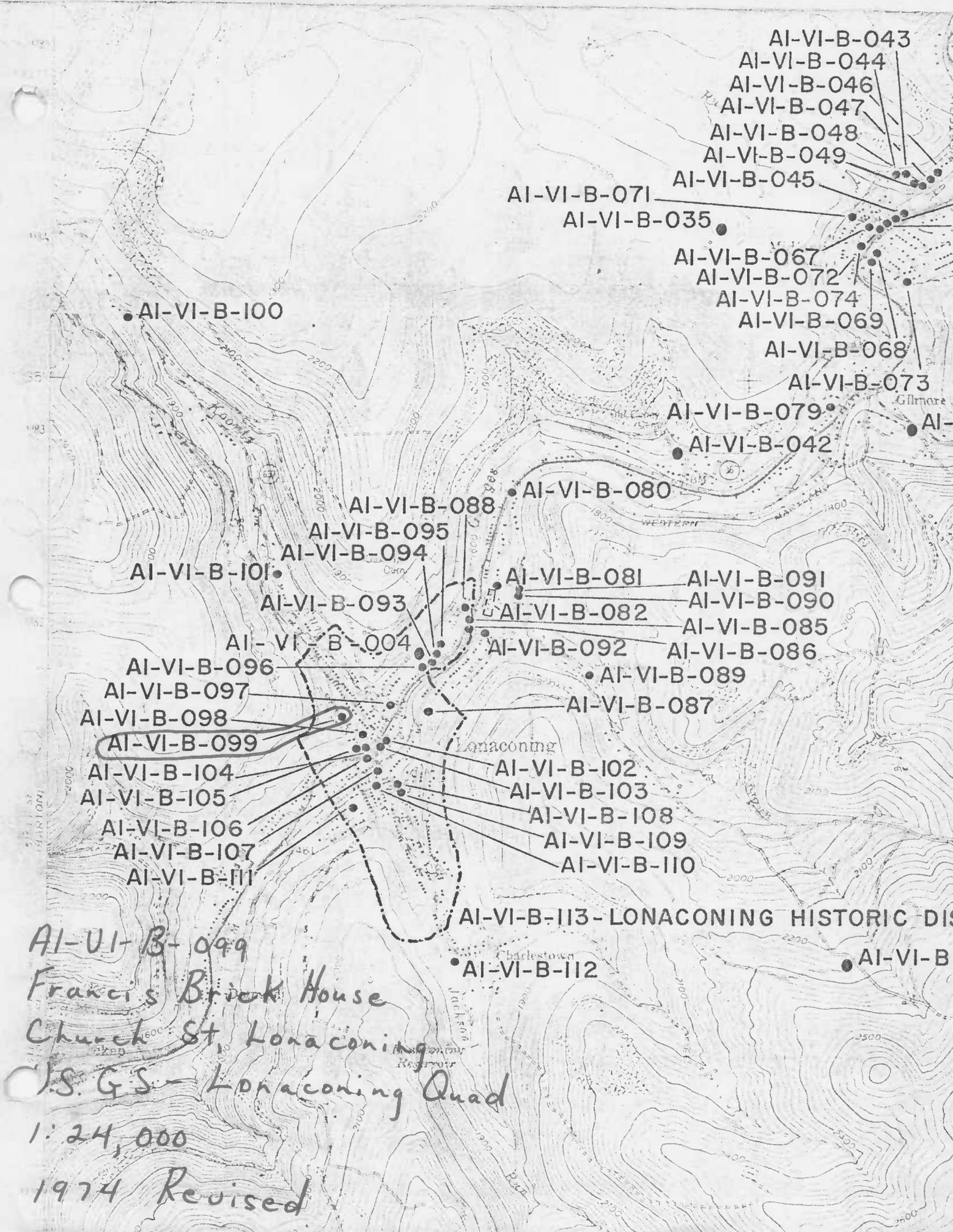
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE() CORBELLED(X) original(X) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior (X)

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

COMMENTS:

Use - Two family dwelling
Significance - Architecture
Date Constructed -
Condition - Fair



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Francis Brick House

Church St, Lonaconing

U.S.G.S - Lonaconing Quad

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1974 Revised



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2/24/1977 - John Nelson & Joan Baldwin



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2/9/77

John Nelson

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Church St.

Wenona, Md

219177

John Nelson

North East