

VanBuskirk Frame House  
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The Van Buskirk Frame House is located on Main Street, in Woodland. The village was laid out by the Consolidation Coal Company in 1897 to provide housing for miners working the nearby mine of Ocean No. 7. This house was built on lot five of the original six lots. The house became privately owned in 1929 when Consolidation sold it to Alice May VanBuskirk. The house is "T" shaped, two stories tall and three bays wide. Wall construction is frame with shiplap siding. The roof is gable flank with a central gable on the northeastern flank.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Van Buskirk Frame House**  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **Main Street Sixth**  
CITY, TOWN **Woodland** VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Allegany**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	X STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Vincent A. Diggs** Telephone #: **463-2132**  
STREET & NUMBER **Route 1 Box 318**  
CITY, TOWN **Frostburg** VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ **Maryland** ZIP code **21532**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Allegany County Courthouse** Liber #: **453**  
Folio #: **648**  
STREET & NUMBER **30 Washington Street**  
CITY, TOWN **Cumberland** STATE **Maryland** ZIP code **21502**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_\_STATE \_\_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_\_LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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	<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Van Buskirk Frame house is located on the southern side of Main Street in the village of Woodland.

The "T" shaped house is two stories tall and three bays wide. Wall construction is frame with shiplap siding. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, frieze, and returns. A central gable with returns is on the northeastern flank of the building. Two brick chimneys located on the interior are original. A shed roofed frame addition with german siding rests on cinder blocks and is located in the southern corner of the building.

All doors and windows are pedimented. The main entrance in the center of the northeastern facade has a three panel, one light door. A second story entrance directly above the main entrance has a six panel door with one frosted glass light. Windows are two over two light sashes with fluted jambs and wooden lugsills. A porch on the northeastern facade has been removed. A shed roofed porch is on the southwestern facade.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969  
Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**  
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 75' x 120'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	DATE March 24, 1980
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland

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

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 453, Folio 648  
Grantee: Vincent A. Diggs and Mella M. Diggs  
Grantor: Leona Gladys Grove (formerly Buskirk  
Notes: Lot #5 .321 a at Woodland E.D. 18

Date: May 19, 1972

Allegany County Wills #8259  
Grantee: Leona Grove (Daughter  
Grantor: Alice May Van Buskirk, deceased

Date: 1965

Allegany County Deed: Liber 162, Folio 530  
Grantee: Alice May Van Buskirk  
Grantor: Consolidation Coal Co.  
Notes: on road commonly known as Main Street

Date: October 2, 1929  
Consideration: \$225

Allegany County Deed: Liber 94, Folio 413  
Grantee: David Smith  
Grantor: Consolidation Coal Co.  
Notes: Lot #5 in Town of Woodland in which dwelling now  
stands a lease for 5 years.

Date: February 5, 1904

Allegany County Deed: Liber 82, Folio 472  
Plat: 6 lots on plat, 1 to 6 September 10, 1897

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Diggs House AL-VI-B-162

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Woodland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 40° NE

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NAME OF OWNER: Map 35 p. 228 block 5

ADDRESS: Vincent A Diggs 453/648 RD 18 Rt 1 Box 318 Postburg 21532  
75' x 120' 463 2132

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: #3 corner of L german siding #1 dent's main

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) A block - smaller rubble  
ship lap siding

WALL CONSTRUCTION: ship lap  
() 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 \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High Low Brick Stone Rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center NE 3 panels / light. 2nd floor 3 sq 3 v rest  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN panels - frosted glass  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards light w/ deer.

Box

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) returns  
original() replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

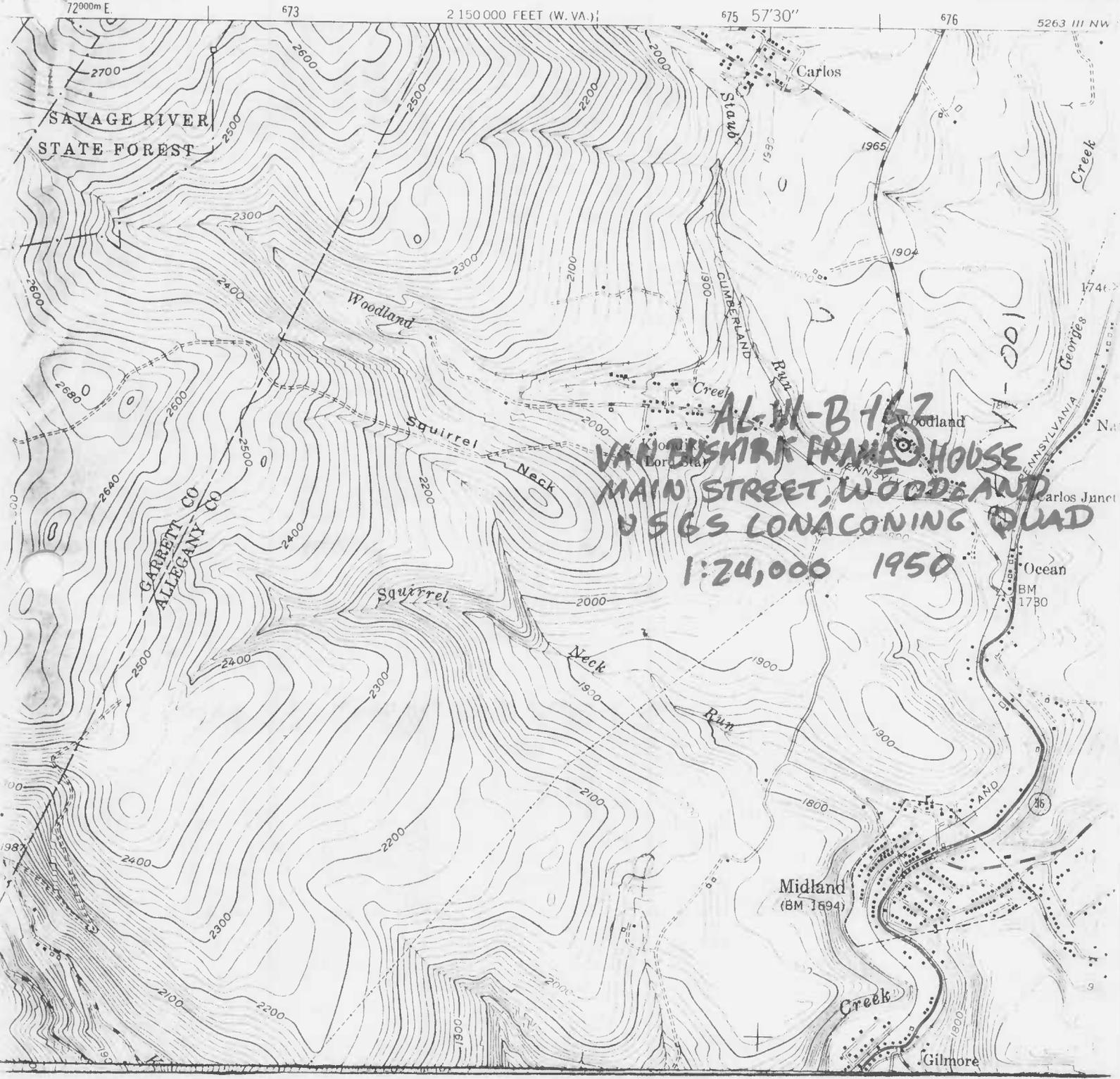
ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; TAR PAPER original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip( ) gable( ) did have 2 tiered porch.

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original() replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:  
USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_





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MAIN STREET, WOODLAND

DAVID A. DORSET

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MAIN STREET, WOODLAND

DAVID A. DURSEY

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