

Braheny Frame House  
AL-VI-B-178

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Braheny Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Pekin

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard J. Brode, Jr.

Telephone #: 463-6625

STREET &amp; NUMBER

13 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Nikep

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 413

Folio #: 44

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland STATE 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-01-8-177

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Braheny Frame House is located in the town of Pekin.

The building, in near original condition, consists of a square two story, four bays wide double house. Wall construction is frame with board and batten covered with weatherboard and german siding. It rests on a low foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The pyramidal hipped roof is covered with ribbed tin. A gable roofed copula covered with serrated and imbricated shingles has a simple overhand and semicircular arched openings. Eaves of the building consist of a boxed cornice, with a soffit, bed mould, and frieze with paired decorative wooden brackets. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps are on the interior. Wall features include capped cornerboards.

Two entrances, located on the ends of the southern facade have two light transoms. One original door is of four panels with original hardware. All windows are pegged six over six light sashes with wooden slipsills. A hip roofed porch on the south has capped square wooden posts. A shed roofed addition on the north may be an enclosed shed roofed porch.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Italianate double house is located on Main Street, Nikep, formerly Pekin.

The village of Pekin was "laid out" around 1867 by A.B. Shaw. (1) It is one of many small communities of the George's Creek mining region established near the mines for which they were named. (2) In most other American coal mining regions company ownership of all housing was prevalent. Some towns and villages of the George's Creek area, where many miners owned their homes, proved to be the exception to the rule. Double houses were common in mining regions because the owner would live on one side and rent out the other side. (3) This may or may not have been the case in this house.

In 1870 John Braheny bought Lot #2 of Pekin, from Andrew B. Shaw. (4) According to the April, 1873 assessment of his property he had a "new house" upon the lot which was assessed to value \$625.00. (5)

Italianate architecture is rarely found in the villages of the George's Creek mining region. Although this building lacks the characteristic wide eaves, it contains other features common to the Italianate style. These include the basically square shape, the medium pitched pyramidal roof, the copula with semicircular arched openings, and the paired decorative wooden brackets. The house is a reflection of the cultural awareness of 19th century residents of the mining region.

- (1) John T. Scharf, Vol. II History of Western Maryland ( Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. ) p.1467
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegheny County, A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.140
- (3) John T. Scharf, Vol. II p. 1503
- (4) Allegheny County Deeds, Liber 33, Folio 106
- (5) Allegheny County Assessments, District #16, 1867-1875

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al, Allegany County, A History, Parsons, W. Va. : McClain Printing Co, 1976  
Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882  
Allegany County Land Records  
Allegany County Assessment Department  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' x 105'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator Julie Baker, Historic Sites Surveyor	DATE	March 10, 1980
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland		

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

TITLE SEARCH

Braheny Frame House  
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 413, Folio 44  
Grantee: Howard Brode and Mary Katharine Brode  
Grantor: Effa Mae Kight

Date: October 7, 1967

Allegany County Deed: Liber 189, Folio 359  
Grantee: John E. Kight and Effa Mae Kight  
Grantor: Robert Kiddy and Elsie Kiddy

Date: March 20, 1941

Allegany County Deed: Liber 174, Folio 583  
Grantee: Robert Kiddy and Elsie Kiddy  
Grantor: Jennetta Breheny, et al

Date: March 9, 1931

Allegany County Deed: Liber 73, Folio 449  
Grantee: James Breheny, Jr.  
Grantor: A. Hunter Boyd and David W. Sloan, trustees

Date: January 25, 1889  
Consideration: \$250.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 38, Folio 212  
Grantee: Patrick Mullen  
Grantor: John Braheny and Ann Braheny

Date: March 24, 1873  
Consideration: \$1,300.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 33, Folio 106  
Grantee: John Braheny  
Grantor: Andrew B. Shaw and Mary M. Shaw

Date: October 4, 1870  
Consideration: \$175.00

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

89

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

10/17

AL-VI-B-178

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

double house Rekin / Halimante

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NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

Nikep

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

South

VI-B

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

MAP 57 P. 90? Howard Brode Jr 4/3/44 EO 10

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Block 10 Parcel 274~~

13 W Main St, Nikep 50' x 105'

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

shed on N

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 germansiding & weatherboard.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

concealboard

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 ( ) Wood slips  
pegged (✓) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: double on ends of s facade one replaced 1 of panel

HARDWARE: original ( ) replaced ( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

2 light

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

decorative brackets in pairs

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: 2 Brick (✓) Stone ( ) Corbeled (✓) original (✓) replaced ( )

Location: Flush end ( ) Inside end ( ) Outside end ( ) Central ( ) Interior (✓)

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

COMMENTS:

sq. gabled copula w/ overhang  
2 light semicircular arched window  
shingle facing.

USE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_

35'

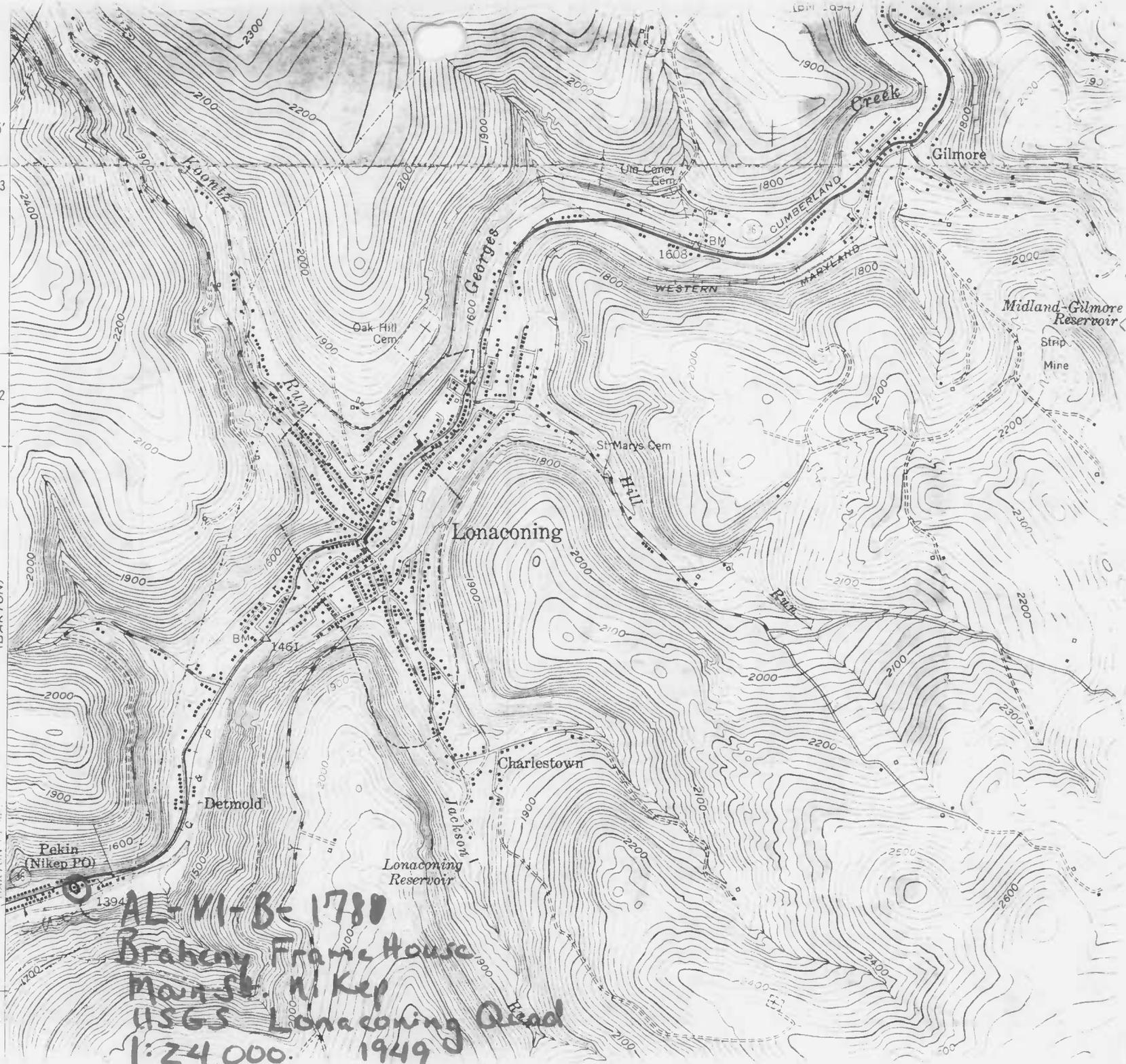
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MARTON, 1 MI

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 Braheny Frame House  
 Main St. N. Kep  
 USGS Lonaconing Quad  
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BRAHENY FRAME HOUSE  
MAIN ST. PEKIN/NIKEP  
DAVID A. DORSEY

10/17/78

Northwest