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Klondike Survey District

Klondike

Private

late 19th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY SD

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Klondike Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Klondike Road, Approximately 1 mile west of MD Rt. 936

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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Allegheny County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED |

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Klondike Survey District is located on Klondike Road approximately one mile west of Maryland Route 936. Klondike Road and Woodland Creek run parallel east to west through the survey district. The terrain of the town is hilly.

The architecture of the survey district is characterized by vernacular-styled frame dwellings. Most buildings within the district are 2 story, 3 bay by 1 bay buildings based on the ell plan. They rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. An example is #17 on the attached map.

Several buildings in Klondike are 1½ story, 3 bay by 1 bay structures with shed roofed additions added to the rear elevations which give these buildings the saltbox shape common to the area. They rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. An example is #24 on the attached map.

Two buildings in Klondike are roughly square, 1½ story, 3 bay by 2 bay structures. These buildings rest on a stone foundations and have crossed gable roofs. An example, #8 on the attached map, has a decoratively bracketed shed-roofed porch sheltering its facade.

The Allen Stone House is a 2 story, 2 bay stone farmhouse with a frame addition abutting the eastern elevation. For a more detailed description see MHT, AL-VI-B-034.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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

Klondike is a typical late 19th century company town in the central part of the Georges Creek coal region of Western Maryland. The town was established in 1897 to provide housing and building lots to miners employed at the company's Mine #7, opened in that year.¹ Although the town was originally named Lord for the company's president, Charles K. Lord, the popular name, Klondike became the accepted name of the town.² The name Klondike may refer to the town's setting in the coal-bearing mountains of Western Maryland or, more likely to the fact that in 1898 Georges Creek coal was being used by blacksmiths in the Klondike gold fields of Alaska.³

In 1897 Consolidation erected six houses in Klondike, presumably to accomodate six sub-foremen employed at the new mine.⁴ The "Coal Trade Journal" reported in the same year that houses built in the town cost the company five hundred dollars each to erect. The dwellings were provided "as a convenience to the miners" and were rented at a note of four dollars a month.⁵ Twenty other dwellings built in Klondike during 1897 were erected by workers on building lots leased by the company.⁶

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.

Harvey, Katherine, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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STATE Maryland 21401

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.

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Footnotes

¹Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.

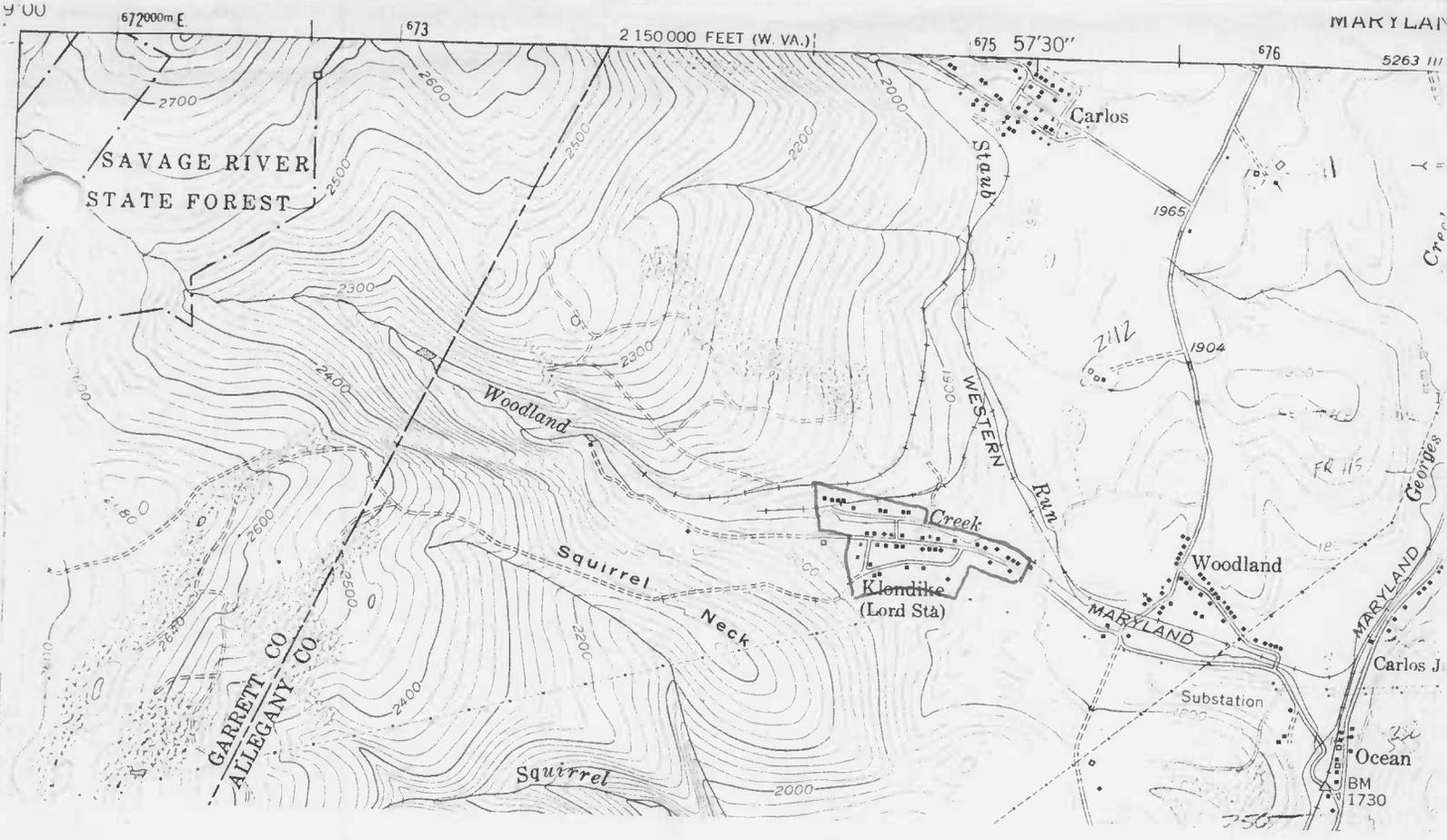
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³Ibid. p. 14.

⁴Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.

⁵As quoted in Katherine Harvey, p. 91.

⁶Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.



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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1950; photorevised 1974

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 Klondike Road, approximately 1 mile
 west of MD Rt. 936



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Klondike Survey District
Allegany Co. MD, 7/81
Dave Dorsey
Photo #1 Looking NW



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Klondike Survey District

Allegany Co., MD, 7/81

Dave Dorsey

Photo #2 Looking E



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Klondike Survey District

Allegany Co., MD 7/81

Dave Dorsey

photo #3 looking NW



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Klondike Survey District

Allegheny Co., MD 7/81

Dave Dorsey

photo #4 looking W



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Klondike Survey District

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 7/81

photo #5 looking NW



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Klondike Survey District
Allegany Co., MD
Dave Dorsey 7/81 (looking S)
photo #6 View of AL-VI-B-034



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Klondike Survey District

Allegany Co., MD

Dave Dorsey 7/81 (looking W)

photo #7 View of AL-VI-B-034



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Klondike Survey District

Allegany County, MD

Dave Dorsey 7/81 (looking N)

photo #8 View of AL-VI-B-034