

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Loar Stucco House Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-053

Address: Opposite 16808 Old Loartown Road SW City: Frostburg Zip Code: 21532

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing

Owner: Robert Scott Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: 178 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: 17-002759

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: <u>AL-VI-B-261</u>
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: <u>Loartown Survey District</u>
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description

The Loar Stucco House, constructed between ca. 1860 and ca. 1900, is a two-story, stuccoed, wood-frame dwelling. The house appears much the same as in the MIHP form completed in 1977; the house currently is vacant and exhibits signs of deterioration. The main block has a three-bay front with a one bay on the side elevation. The gable roof, originally sheathed with wood shingles, currently is sheathed in metal panels. A one-story, shed roof addition spans the north (rear) elevation and a one-story addition with a steep shed roof extends from the east end of the main block. A three-bay porch spans the south (front) elevation of the main block. The porch has a shed roof sheathed with metal panels supported on wood posts ornamented with jigsawn brackets. The porch railing depicted in the 1976 photographs has been removed. The wood-frame windows are six-over-six-light, double-hung sash. The wide wood window surrounds have shallow gable peaks. The front entry contains a wood-panel door.

Mr. Robert Scott, grandson of Price Loar and current owner of the property, described the interior as containing three rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the second floor. The east addition was constructed for the kitchen. Mr. Scott remembered

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>1/5/2009</u> Date
<u>MA</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>20080395Z</u> Date

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that stucco was applied to the wood siding of the house during a renovation in the 1950s. Mr. Scott recalled that, as a child, he assisted his uncle, who was a plasterer, with the exterior stucco job (Scott 2008).

The wood-frame well pump house depicted in the 1976 photograph has been replaced by a modern particle-board structure. A chicken coop once stood north of the house, but is not longer extant.

Outbuildings associated with the house included a wood shed and coal house (no longer extant), a two-stall cow barn, a garage, a blacksmith shop (no longer extant), and a hog pen (no longer extant). These outbuildings were organized in a line along Old Loartown Road. The house, barn and garage were sited on the north side of the road, while the blacksmith shop and the hogpen were located on the south side of the road. The outbuildings were constructed on property that Price Loar acquired in 1932 from the Consolidation Coal Company.

The one-story, two-stall cow barn is a wood-frame building clad in board-and-batten vertical wood siding. The framing rests on masonry footers. The gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. A one-story hay mow once spanned the north elevation, but has been removed (Scott 2008).

The one-story, three-bay garage is wood-frame with vertical wood siding. The building rests on concrete footers. The front-facing gable roof extends to include the side bays. Each bay has a hinged wood door; the center bay has paired hinged doors. Mr. Scott reminisced that his grandfather kept his Model-T Ford in the garage; which Mr. Scott's father taught him to drive the model T (Scott 2008).

History

Mr. Robert Scott identified the house as the "Price Loar House" built by his ancestors (Scott 2008). The Price Loar house is located on the southwest corner of military lot 3682, though a modern survey indicates that the northwest corner of the house is outside the military lot's western boundary. Military lot 3682 comprised 50 acres and was surveyed during the 1780s as part of a Maryland land grant program to reward officers and soldiers for service during the Revolutionary War. When the lots were surveyed, 323 families already occupied 636 of the 4,165 lots surveyed (Western Maryland Historical Library 2008). It is presumed that the Jacob Loar family was already settled on that lot by 1787 (Gaddis 1949:3). In 1789, Jacob Loar paid 5 shillings for taxes on three horses, seven cattle, and a military lot (Gaddis 1949:3). In 1800, Jacob Loar (spelled in the patent records as "Lower") was issued a patent certificate for military lot 3682; in 1808, military lot 3682 comprising 56.85 acres was resurveyed as "Jacob's Abode" (Maryland State Archives, patent index online).

Jacob Loar was a German immigrant. Jacob, along with his future father-in-law George Eckhart, arrived in the colonies in 1774 on the ship *Union* from Rotterdam, Holland. Both Loar and Eckhart took the oath of allegiance when they arrived in Philadelphia on 30 September 1774. No documentation has been located that Jacob Loar served in the Revolutionary War. He married Sarah Eckhart, daughter of George Eckhart, in Allegany County. Between 1788 and 1811, eleven children, four boys and seven girls, were born. When Jacob Loar died in 1827, he had amassed a large amount of property, which was distributed among his heirs. According to the will of Jacob Loar, Senior, the home place was to be maintained throughout the lifetime of the widow Sarah Loar, then sold and the proceeds divided among his heirs (Gaddis 1949:3-6). It is presumed that military lot 3682 was Jacob Loar's home place and that the heirs retained the land. Jacob Loar, Jr., purchased the home place during the 1830s from the remaining heirs (Gaddis 1949:17).

Jacob Loar, Jr. (b. 1809-d. 1891) was married in 1829 to Mary Winter and they had twelve children born between 1830 and 1854. Jacob Loar, Jr., was a farmer and a Methodist minister. In 1838, Jacob and his brother Henry sold the rights to all stone, coal, and other minerals under their land to Charles Thruston for \$3,000 (Gaddis 1949:17-18; Allegany County land records W:188). In 1858, Jacob Loar, Jr., began to sell acreage from lot 3682 to his children. In 1858, son Elijah (b. 1836-d. 1899) received 1 acre and 32 perches of land that began at the southwest corner of military lot 3682 (Allegany County land records 17:322-323). The sale of land to Elijah corresponded with his ca. 1859 marriage, from which eight children were born between 1860 and 1879. Elijah worked as a carpenter, although he was recorded in the 1880 census as a laborer (Gaddis 1949:51; U.S. Census 1880).

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In 1887, Elijah Loar deeded one-quarter acre (56 by 198 feet) of the lot to his son William McKee Loar (Allegany County land records 64:369). In 1880, William McKee Loar lived in the household of his father Elijah (U.S. Census 1880). He was 18 years of age and worked as a laborer. By 1900, William McKee worked as a stationary engineer, presumably with a mining company; he was married with five children (U.S. Census 1900). In 1900, William McKee sold his lot to Price Loar; the deed was registered in the Allegany County courthouse in 1900 though the typed entry in the deed book gives the deed date as 1890 (Allegany County land records 87:94). William McKee Loar and his family then moved to Michigan (Gaddis 1949:296).

Price Loar, born in 1877, was the second oldest son of Jacob (III, (b. 1852-d. 1931) and Harriet Loar, the younger brother of Elijah Loar; Jacob and Harriet were married in 1874 and resided in the old home place (Gaddis 1949:52-53). Price Loar was recorded as a child in his father's house in the 1880 census (U.S. Census 1880). By 1900, he was 22 years of age, lived in his father's house, and was employed as a blacksmith (U.S. Census 1900).

The archival evidence suggests that the Loar Stucco House could have been built anytime between ca. 1860 under the ownership of Elijah Loar, ca. 1890 under the ownership of William McKee Loar, or ca. 1900 under the ownership of Price Loar. The two-story house is a typical house form found throughout the area. The ornamentation around the windows and applied to the porch were popular stock elements from the late nineteenth century through the early twentieth century and would have been locally available or perhaps home made by relatives who were carpenters.

Mr. Robert Scott, whose mother was Eleanor Loar Scott, the daughter of Price Loar, recounted that three generations of his family members were associated with the house: his grandfather, his father, and himself. Price Loar (b. 1877-d. 1948) worked as a blacksmith for a coal mining company operating near Hoffman, two miles from his home. He would walk to work and back. He operated a small blacksmith shop at his home, but never owned a horse. He also had a garden plot and two cows on the property. Price Loar expanded his real property holdings with a ten-acre purchase from the Consolidated Coal Company in 1932. This acreage was located south and west of military lot 3682. Upon this acreage Price Loar built the small cow barn, the garage for the Model T car, and his blacksmith shop.

Significance

The Price Loar House appears to be the oldest house in the community of Loartown (AL-VI-B-261). The 1977 MIHP documentation identified the house as a typical worker's house provided by the Consolidation Coal Company; however, the house was constructed on military lot 3682 by members of the Loar family, who have occupied the military lot since before 1800. The two-story house is difficult to date based on its appearance. Archival evidence suggests that one of three Loars could have built the house between ca. 1860 and ca. 1900. The house remains in the possession of descendants of Price Loar.

As a modest example of domestic vernacular architecture located in Allegany County, the house does not appear to possess significance for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its design, type, period, or method of construction applying National Register Criterion C. The visible ornamentation on the plain residence is limited to applied jigsaw elements on the porch and shallow peaked wood window surrounds. These elements were stock elements widely available during the late nineteenth century. Additional porch elements have been removed since the house was documented in 1976-1977. The integrity of the design and materials of the exterior of the wood house has been compromised through the application of stucco during the 1950s, the presence of additions on the east and north elevations, and modifications to the porch. Price Loar, the possible builder of the house, does not appear to be a person significant in history of Allegany County or Maryland (National Register Criterion B), nor has the house been associated with significant past events (National Register Criterion A).

Deeds for parcel 178

25 August 1977
495/677

Robert Alvin Scott, Barbara Drew, and Harold L. Scott TO Robert Alvin Scott
--Conveys 0.255 acres, except tract conveyed TO Jacob Loar by the State of Maryland by patent 20 October 1800 as mentioned in Parcel 3 in 434/142 on 16 September 1969 from Lloyd Loar et ux and Virgil W. Loar, widower TO John H. Loar et ux

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--Same property conveyed to the parties of the first part by Robert Alvin Scott, personal representative of the estate of Alvin Loar, in deed to be recorded immediately prior to this one
--Deed of 4 February 1932 in 167/449 to exceptions as to rights of way for coal, gas, oil, and other mineral rights

25 August 1977
495/673

Robert Alvin Scott, personal representative of the estate of Alvin Loar, TO Robert Alvin Scott, Barbara Drew, and Harold L. Scott

--Contains 0.255 acres, except tract conveyed TO Jacob Loar by the State of Maryland by patent 20 October 1800 as mentioned in Parcel 3 in 434/142 on 16 September 1969 from Lloyd Loar et ux and Virgil W. Loar, widower TO John H. Loar et ux, containing 0.064 acres
--Part of the same property conveyed to Alvin Loar from Alvin Loar et al. in 457/128 on 21 August 1972. Alvin Loar died survived by next of kin Robert Alvin Scott, Barbara Drew, and Harold L. Scott
--Deed of 4 February 1932 in 167/449 to exceptions as to rights of way for coal, gas, oil, and other mineral rights

21 August 1972
457/128

Alvin Loar, Harold Scott, Robert Scott and Barbara J. Drew. TO Alvin Loar

--TRACT A, Loar House Property: Parcel 1 – 1.006 acres, part of tract described in deed of 4 February 1932 by The Consolidation Coal Company TO Price A. Loar et ux in 167/559; Parcel 2 – 0.064 acres
--Part of the same property conveyed to parties of the first part by Alvin Loar, personal representative of the estate of the Loar estate and recorded immediately prior to this deed
--Deed of 4 February 1932 in 167/449 to exceptions as to rights of way for coal, gas, oil, and other mineral rights

21 August 1972
457/119

Alvin Loar, personal representative of the estate of his parents, Price and Jean Loar, TO Alvin Loar, Harold Scott, Robert Scott, and Barbara J. Drew

--Property is owned by Price A. and Jean Loar and acquired 4 February 1932 in 167/559, and also property acquired by Price Loar 14 April 1890 87/94
--Price Loar died intestate 22 July 1948, survived by Jean Loar and children Alvin Loar and Eleanor Loar Scott; Eleanor Loar Scott died intestate 4 November 1951, survived by children Harold Scott, Robert Scott, and Barbara J. Drew; Jean Loar died testate and devised life interest in will dated 21 February 1962 to son Alvin Loar with no mention of her remainder interest. Therefore, remainder interest falls to her child Alvin Loar and the children of her deceased child Eleanor Loar Scott – Harold Scott, Robert Scott, and Barbara J. Drew
--Grantees intend to convey part of property to Alvin Loar and part to Robert Scott as noted in plats attached to next two deeds
--TRACT A, Loar House Property: Parcel 1 – Containing 1.005 acres, part of a tract conveyed 4 February 1932 from The Consolidation Coal Company TO Price A. Loar et ux in 167/559; Parcel 2 – Containing 0.064 acres, conveyed to Price Loar 14 April 1890 in 87/94 and including an exception deeded to Jacob Loar by the State of Maryland 20 October 1800 and described in 76/142 as Parcel 3
--TRACT B, Scott Unimproved Property: South side of Old Loartown Road containing 9.919 acres
--All of the above-described parcel (TRACT A and TRACT B?) being part of the whole tract as described in deed 4 February 1932 from The Consolidation Coal Company TO Price A. Loar et ux in 167/559

4 February 1932
167/559

The Consolidation Coal Company TO Price A. Loar et ux

--Conveys 10.925 acres
--Except right of Consolidation Coal Company to use existing roads and rights granted in agreements between Consolidation and Chesapeake and Potomac phone company
--And except right of Consolidation Coal Company to underlying coal, oil, gas, and other minerals
--No further deed references

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14 April 1900 (though typed 1890 in liber)

87/94

William McKee Loar and Laura J. Loar TO Price Loar

--On west side of Dan's Mountain, part of lot 3682

--Part of a lot conveyed to Elijah Loar by Jacob and Mary A. Loar on 13 October 1858 in HR 17/323

--Parcel 56 feet by 198 feet by straight line to beginning

1887

64/369

Elijah and Emily Loar TO William McKee Loar

--Land on west side of Dan's Mountain, part of lot 3682

--Part of lot conveyed to Elijah Loar by Jacob and Mary A. Loar on 13 October 1858 in HR 17/323

--A 56-foot by 198-foot square at beginning of Lot 3682

13 October 1858

HR 17/323

Jacob and Mary A. Loar TO Elijah Loar

--west side of Dan's Mountain, part of lot 3682 awarded to Jacob Loar 20 October 1800

--1 acre, 32 perches

--Southwest corner of military lot 3682

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U.S. Bureau of Census

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Ware, Donna, with contributions by Orlando Ridout V, Geoffrey B. Henry, and Mark R. Edwards

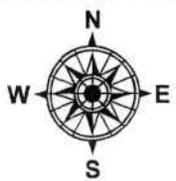
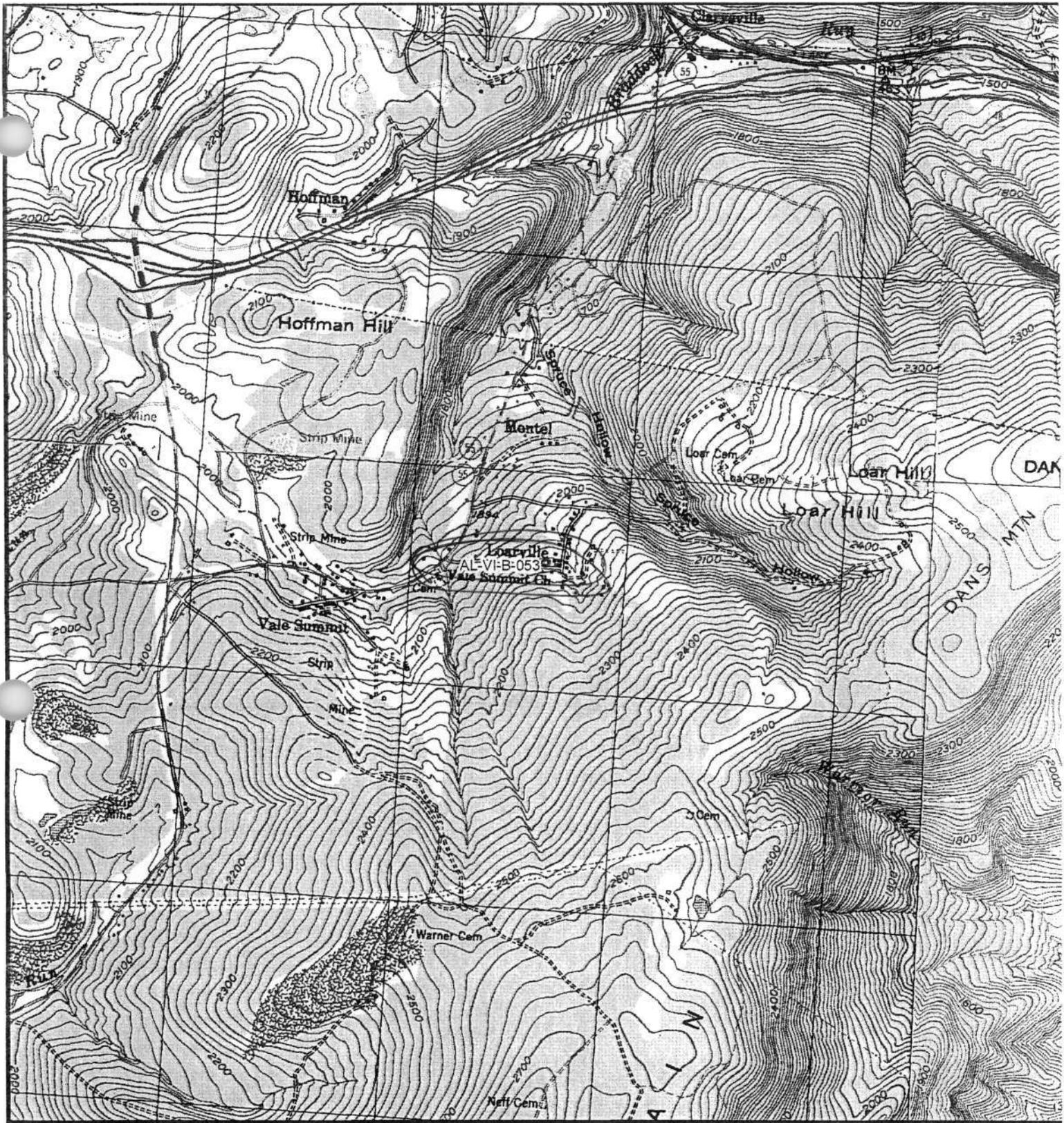
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Western Maryland Historical Library

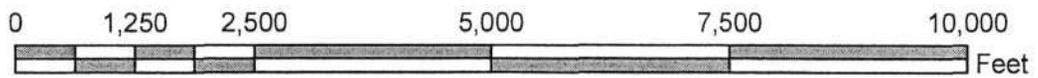
2008 Map of Military Lots, Garrett County, Maryland 1787. Viewed online at <http://www.whilbr.org> October 2008.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Senior
Historian, RCGA, Inc.

Date Prepared: September 2008



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 Loar Stucco House
 Loartown
 USGS 7.5 minute Lonaconing Quadrangle map
 1:24:000 scale

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

1. MIHP # AL-VI-B-053
2. Loar Stucco House
3. Allegany County, Maryland
4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. September 2008
6. MD SHPO
7. Photo paper and ink: HP Vivera ink 97 Tri-Color cartridge, 101 Blue Photo cartridge, and 102 Gray Photo cartridge on HP Premium Photo Paper (high gloss)
8. Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

Photo #

AL-VI-B-053_2008-09-17_01.tif – House, view looking north.

AL-VI-B-053_2008-09-17_02.tif – Outbuilding, view looking northwest

AL-VI-B-053_2008-09-17_03.tif – Outbuilding, view



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Loar Stucco House

Allegany County, MD

Benjamin M. Riggle

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House, view looking north

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SPEED
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Allegany County, MD

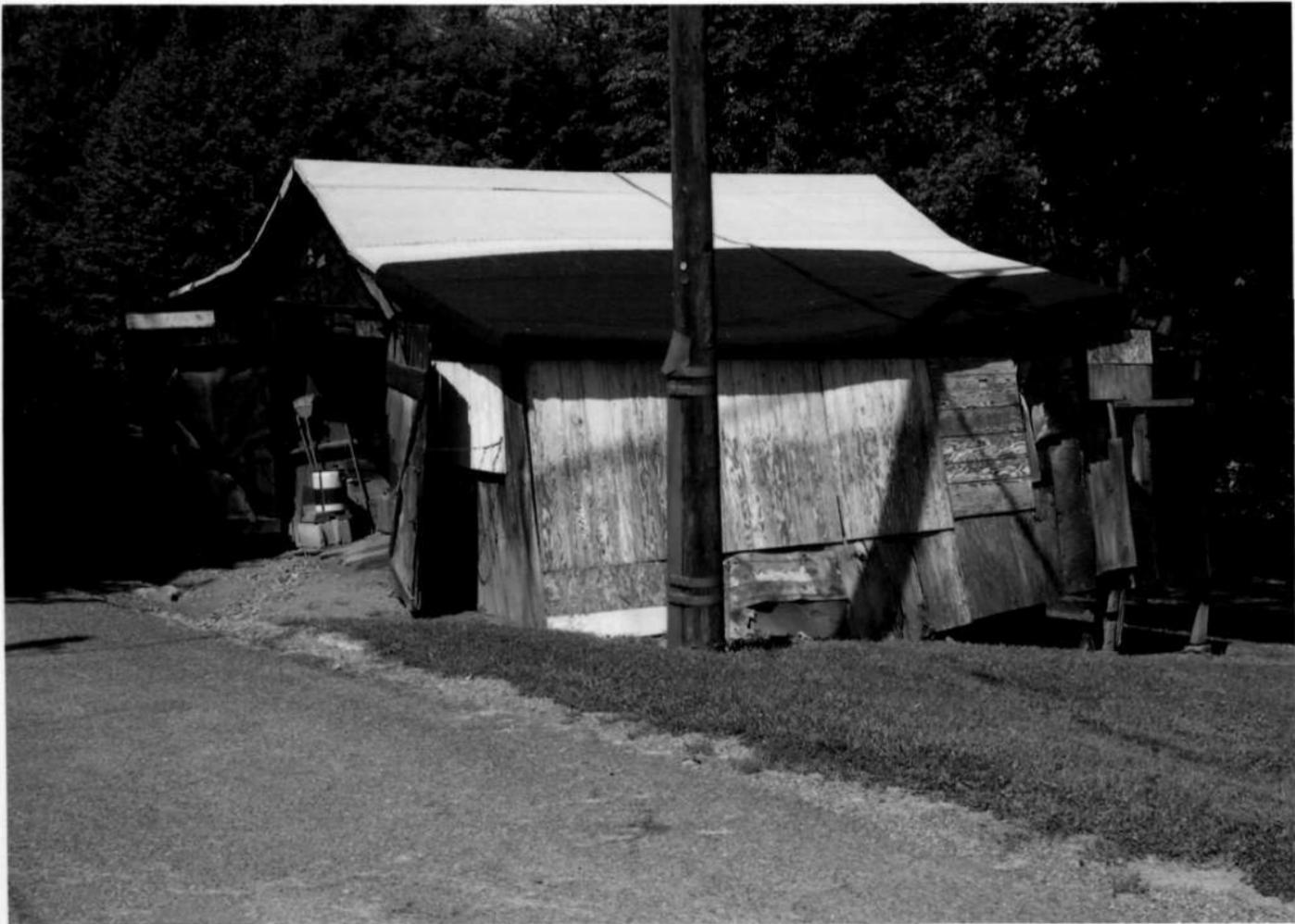
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MD SHPO AL-VI-B-053_2008-09-05-02

Outbuilding, looking northwest

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Loar Stucco House

Allegheny County, MD

Katherine Grandine

09-05-2008

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Outbuilding, looking northwest

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LOAR STUCCO HOUSE

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West of Loartown Road, Loartown
ca. 1850

The Loar Stucco House is typical of the type of housing constructed by the Consolidation Coal Company for its miners. It is one and a half stories high and three bays wide and was originally covered with weatherboard. Windows in the building are pegged, double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Rent for such a building cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month which amounted to approximately 12% of a miner's income.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Loar Stucco House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Loartown Road

CITY, TOWN

Loartown

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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
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			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Alvin Loar

Telephone #: None

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 617

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 246

Folio #: 251

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
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<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 Loar Stucco House is located just west of Loartown Road in Loartown, Allegany County.

The Loar House is a rectangular two story frame building that has been covered with stucco. A single story shed-roof addition which extends to one side is located on the north side of the house. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation, with a plain water table. Windows in the building are pegged, double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. All the windows are topped with pediments. The roof of the main block is gabled with a soffit and covered with asphalt roofing material, as is the shed roof on the rear addition. The main entrance, located on the south facade, consists of a vertically paneled door topped by a pediment. A second entrance is located on the south side of the addition. Both are topped by two bay shed-roof end porches supported by pillars and scrolled brackets. Two replaced brick chimneys are located in the inside gable ends.

The Loar House is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although Loartown was first settled as an agricultural community by a Hessian soldier named Jacob Loar in the late 18th century, the coal boom of the mid 19th century changed the face of the town somewhat. The largest coal company in the George's Creek area was Consolidation Coal which was incorporated in 1864.¹ By the year 1871, Consolidation owned 8,000 of the 15,000 acres of coal land in the George's Creek region.² Because of its size, Consolidation Coal Company built a large number of houses for its workers. The Loar Stucco house was probably built by the Consolidation Coal Company in the latter half of the 19th century to house a miner and his family. The stucco facing was added to the exterior sometime in the early 20th century. Underneath; however, the house is similar to many others which were built by the company. These houses were usually one and a half stories high with a roofed porch across the front of the house. There were no cellars and the houses were set on a low stone foundations. The frame was constructed of timbers mortised and tenoned together with horizontal weatherboarding on the outside. Rent for such a building cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month and amounted to a little over 12% of a miner's income.³

1 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 9

2 Stegmaier, Jr., Harry, Allegheny County-A History (Parsons, West, Va. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 208

3 *ibid* p. 209

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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 & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/3/77

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.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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TITLE SEARCH

Loar Stucco House
AL-VI-B-053

Allegany County Deed; Liber 246, Folio 251
grantee: Jean Loar & Alvin Loar (son)
grantor: Lawson Duckworth
January 7, 1952
Consideration: \$2,000

Allegany County Deed; Liber 197, Folio 49
grantee: Lawson Duckworth
grantor: Harrison Duckworth
August 13, 1949
Consideration: \$1,000

Allegany County Deed; Liber 157, Folio 143
grantee: Harrison Duckworth
grantor: Consolidation Coal Company
April 6, 1927
Consideration \$98.47
9.847 of an acre

INVENTORY NO. ATVI-B-053

DATE: 12/15/76

246/251

less than one

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Loar Stucco House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Loartown Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Alvin Loar

ADDRESS: Rt 1, Box 617

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 1 story Shed Add extends to side

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 Stucco

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

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() wood
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Pediment
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (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() 2 Bay

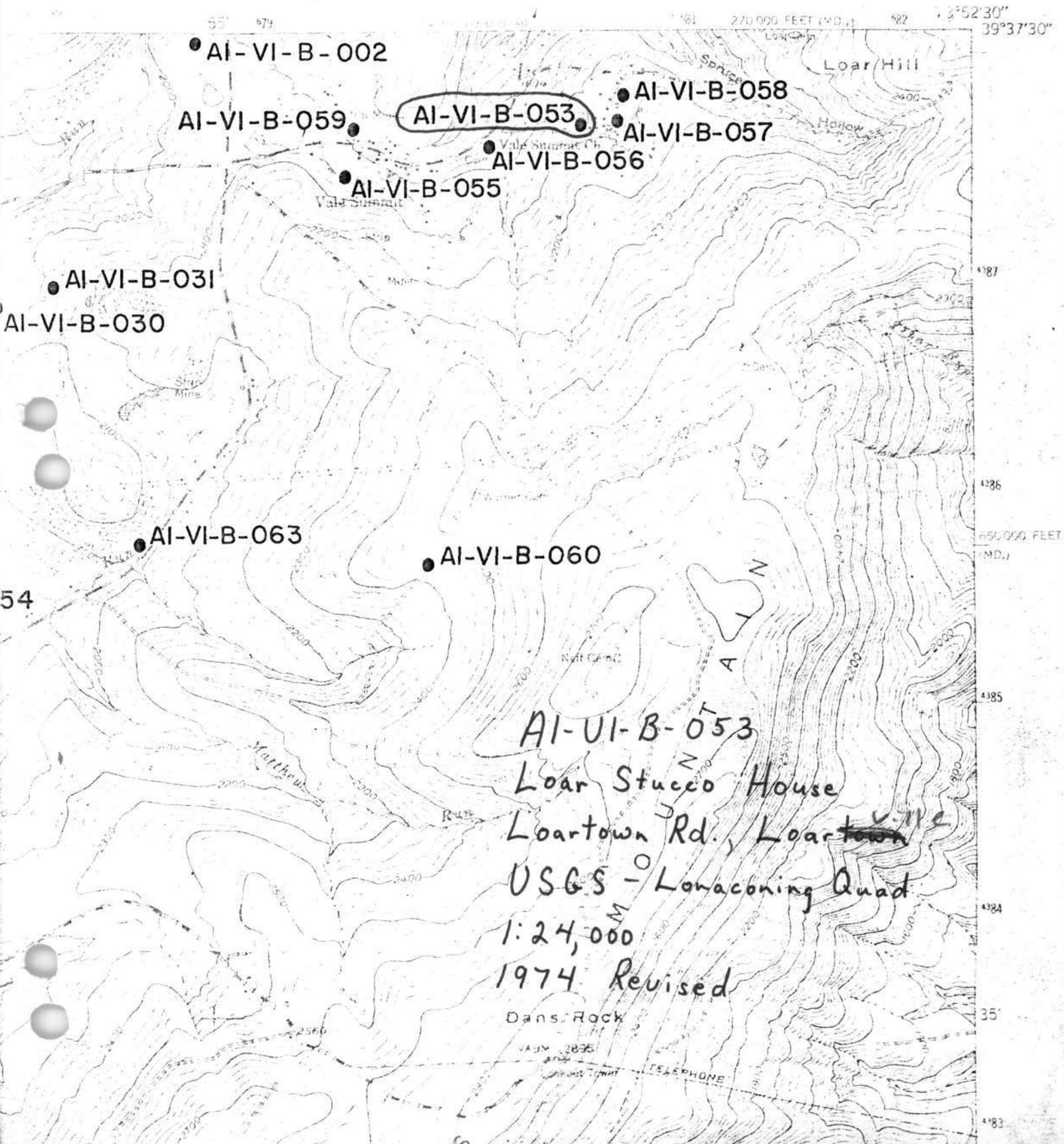
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed -
Condition - Fair

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MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

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LEAR STUCCO HOUSE

LEAR TOWN RD.

LEARTOWN

12/18/76

JOAN BALDWIN

NORTHWEST



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Lean Stucco House

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Southeast