

ODD FELLOWS HALL #94

AL-VI-C-123
Legislative Road, Barton
1857

The Odd Fellows Hall consists of a large two story, three bay wide, rectangular frame structure. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows built the facade shortly after 1857 which was the purchase date of the land. The Odd Fellows fraternal orders flourished in in the George's Creek Valley, as the miners joined to be involved in something when either accidents of poor health incurred.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Odd Fellow's Hall #94

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Legislative Road

CITY, TOWN

Barton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

I.O.O.F.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21521

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 15

Folio #: 649

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

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Odd Fellows Hall #94 is located on the Legislative Road in Barton, Allegany County.

Odd Fellows Hall is a large rectangular frame building measuring approximately 46 x24 feet. The building has been covered with weather boarding and rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and wide soffit supported by rows of brackets. It is covered with replaced asphalt roofing material. Windows in the building are double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the southwest facade and features a replaced door and hardware and a replaced hood. A small frame addition abuts the main block on the northwest side. A second entrance is located in the addition. Three brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows purchased land in Barton in 1857.¹ In all probability the building known as Odd Fellows Hall was constructed shortly thereafter. The building is typical of the Italianate style with its wide soffit, scrolled brackets and long six over six lights.

Fraternal orders such as the Odd Fellows flourished in the mining communities of the George's Creek Valley. According to the "Maryland Directory and State Gazeteer", miners joined societies such as the Odd Fellows in great numbers in order to have something to be involved in when either accidents or poor health incurred in the mines forced them to retired.²

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1. Allegany County Land Records
 2. Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners. (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 118

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/12/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-C-123

15/649
72'x120' less than 1 acre

DATE: 3/21/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Odd Fellows Hall # 94

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Legislative Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southwest

NAME OF OWNER: I.O.O.F.

ADDRESS: Barton, Maryland 21521

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Small frame rear 46'x24'

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) 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 Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West Replaced

HARDWARE: original() replaced(X)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
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, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(X)

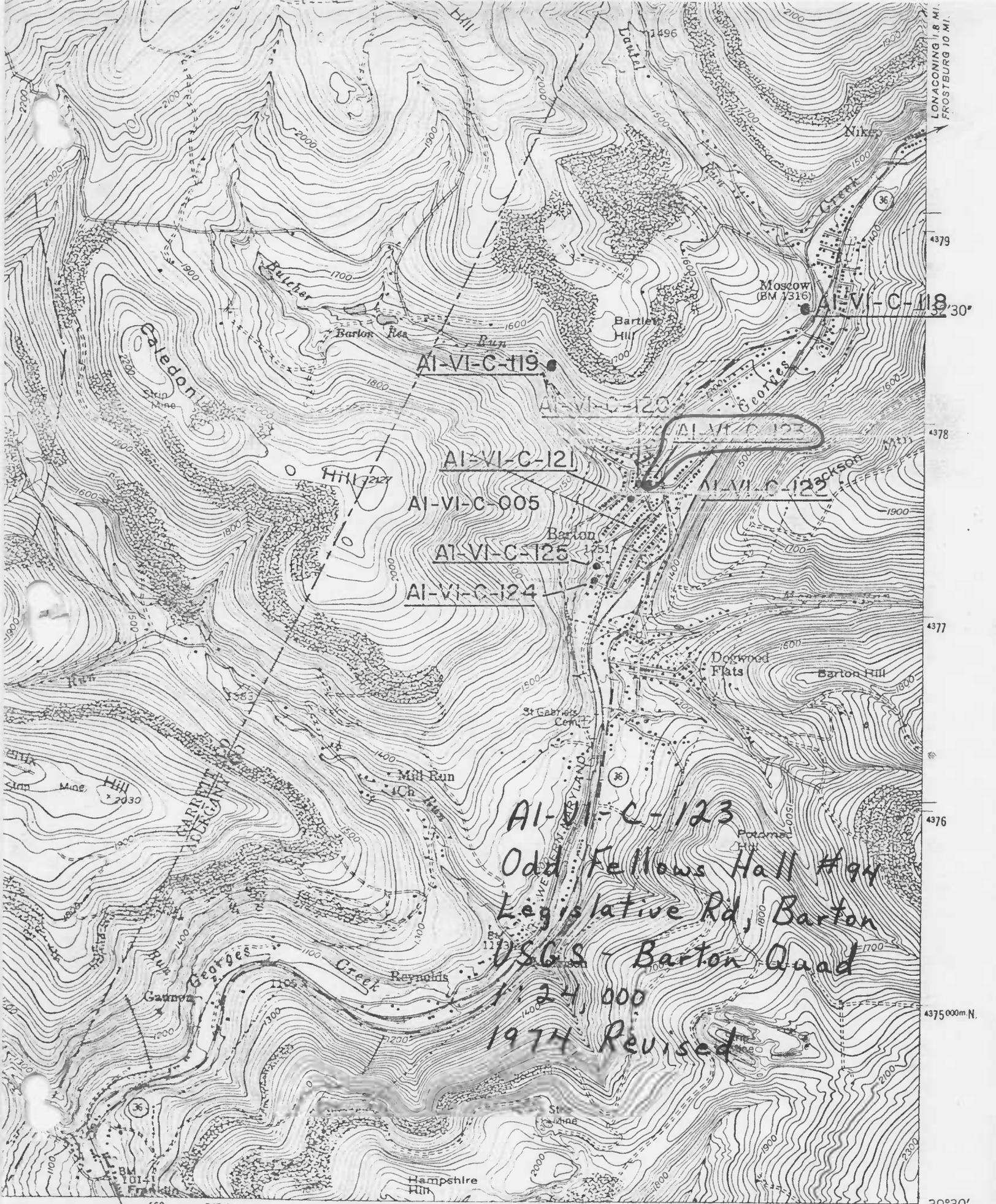
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(X) gable() East

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

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

COMMENTS:

Use - I.O.O.F.
Significance - Architecture
Date Constructed - 1857
Condition - Fair



LONACONING 1.8 MI.
FROSTBURG 10 MI.

668 2'30"
WESTERNPORT 1.2 MI.
PIEDMONT, W. VA. 1.6 MI.

669 INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1976 670 671 000m E

39°30'
79°00'

1 MILE

● = SITE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
1964

(KEYS)
5202



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3/21/77

North



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Odd Fellows Hall # 94

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East