

LANDIS BRICK HOUSE

AL-VI-E-137
Route 135, McCoolle
ca. 1865

The Landis Brick House consists of a two and one half story, two bay wide rectangular shaped facade. The building is constructed of stone on the first story while the upper story and a half is built of brick laid in American Common Bond. During the post Civil War period through the turn of the century, agriculture played an important role in the county economy. Wheat, oats, potatoes and corn were the main crops and most farming was done in the valleys and low adjacent hills.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Landis Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 135

CITY, TOWN

McCoole

___ 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Landis Motors Calvin A. Landis

Telephone #: 786-4466

STREET & NUMBER

McCoole

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21562

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 381

Folio #: 499

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

The Landis Brick House is located on Rt. 135 in McCoole, Allegany County.

The Landis House is a two and a half story (including the basement), three bay wide, rectangular building which is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond with four to one variation. The building rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure were originally double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with pediments and one over one lights. Two main entrances are located on the south facade and feature replaced doors and hardware. A two bay, hipped roof entrance porch is also located on the south facade. It is supported by scrolled brackets and turned columns. A second, partially enclosed shed roof porch is located at the rear of the building. A single, original corbeled brick chimney is 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Landis Brick House is believed to have been built circa 1865 as a residence for a simple farm stead. During the post Civil War period through the turn of the century, agriculture played an important role in the county economy.¹ "Wheat, oats, potatoes, and corn were the main crops and most farming was done in the valleys and low adjacent hills."² Even during the national depression of the mid 1870's farmers fared well in a subsistence nature, and after the depression prospered even more. Through 1920 the number of agricultural units increased, however the amount of acreage under production started to decline slightly.³

Of particular interest in the construction of this house is that the entire first story is made of stone while the upper story and a half is laid in American Common bond brick. To date on the survey this is the only example in Allegany County, of such peculiar wall construction.

-
1. Harry Stegamier Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons West Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1976) p. 213
 2. Ibid
 3. Ibid

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Steenmaier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons West Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1976

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

4/19/77

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-E-137

DATE: 4/19/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

381/499
7.4 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Landis Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 135, McCoole

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Landis Motors Calvin A. Landis 786-4466

ADDRESS: McCoole Road
Westernport, Maryland 21562

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear/shed roof-insul brick 24'x22'

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 4/1
- () 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() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South/Two
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards Replace

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed Cornice
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()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Vacant
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1860
CONDITION: Poor

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

79°00'
39°30'

673000m E 240 000 FEET (MD.) 674

675

57'30"

676

610 000 FEET
(MD.)

4372000m N.

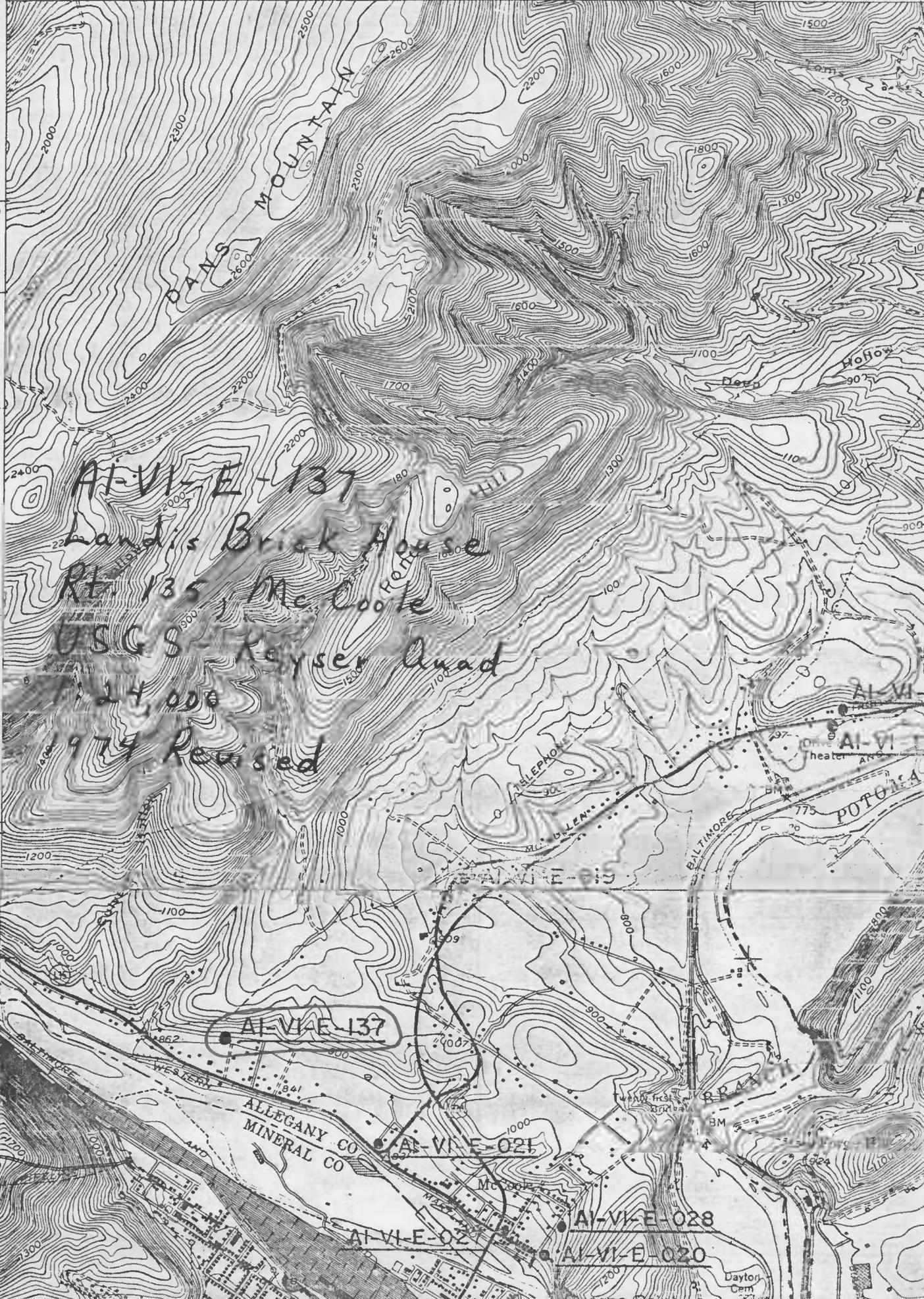
4371

FROTBURG 30 MI.
WEST ANPORT 3.5 MI.

27'30"

FROTBURG, MD. 2 MI.
PILDMONT 3.5 MI.

4368



AI-VI-E-137

Handis Brick House

Rt. 135, Mc Coole

USGS - Keyser Quad

24,000

1979 Revised

AI-VI-E-137

AI-VI-E-021

AI-VI-E-022

AI-VI-E-023

AI-VI-E-020

ALLEGANY CO
MINERAL CO

Dayton
Cem



A1-VI-E-137

Landis Brick House

Rt. 135, McCool's

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

North East



A1-VI-E-137

Landis Brick House

Rt. 135, McCools

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

northwest



AI-VI-E-137

Landis Brick House

Rt. 135, McCasale

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

Southwest