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1828-1839

Bear Creek Iron Works

(Youghiogeny Iron Company, Allegheny Iron Company)

Accident Friendsville Road

Friendsville

The ruins of this iron furnace are located on the east side of Accident Friendsville Road, just north of Paul Fike Road, just within the southeastern corner of the town boundaries of Friendsville, near Bear Creek.

This furnace was a small charcoal- or coal-fueled blast furnace erected in 1828 by a Baltimore and Allegheny County syndicate to produce pig iron. High transportation costs forced the furnace to close in 1839. This was the first organized industry and incorporated company to operate in what is now Garrett County. This activity marked the beginning of Friendsville as a village. Only traces of the furnace remain.

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THE ALLEGANY IRON CO.
THE YOUGHOGANY IRON CO.
BEAR CREEK IRON WORKS

LOCATION:

Bear Creek, about one mile above the Town of
Friendsville, Md.

DATE BUILT:

1828.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH BUILT:

Manufacture of pig iron.

USE THROUGH THE YEARS:

Produced pig iron from 1828 until 1839.

COMMENTS:

HISTORICAL VALUE:

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company to operate in what is now Garrett County.
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as a village.

PRESENT CONDITION:

Very poor.
Only traces of the furnace are existent.