

Survey # WA-II-1034

Approximate date Ca. 1860s

Street Address 4 North Main Street

Town, State Keedysville, Maryland

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Description

This brick building, located on Keedysville's "square" is a two story, five bay combined commercial and residential structure. Bricks are laid in flemish bond at the three south bays. The two north bays, an addition, are laid in common bond. Windows have six over six sash beneath wide wooden lintels, a feature typical of brick houses of the mid 19th century in the region. A bracketed cornice of Italianate design extends across the front. Entrances are located in the south and second from the north bays. Each has a three-light transom above the door. The central bays at the front story contain a large display window divided into three parts and topped with a wide lintel like the other windows. This commercial window appears to be contemporary with the addition, cornice and other modifications.

A hip-roofed porch, a later addition, supported by turned posts with brackets extends across the front. The roof is of standing seam sheet metal and chimneys are located inside the end walls.

This building was the home and shop of David Bell who made and sold boots and shoes in the last quarter of the 19th century. Later it was a jewelry store. According to Moats' history of Keedysville, Thomas Scharf's history of Washington County says this building is the oldest brick structure in Keedysville, having been built in 1833, by Andrew Sigler. Modifications seem to date from the 1860s or '70s.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Agricultural-Industrial Transition
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community
Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- IV. Resource Type
Category: Building
Historic Environment: Village
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
Single Dwelling
Store
Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # 35, 36

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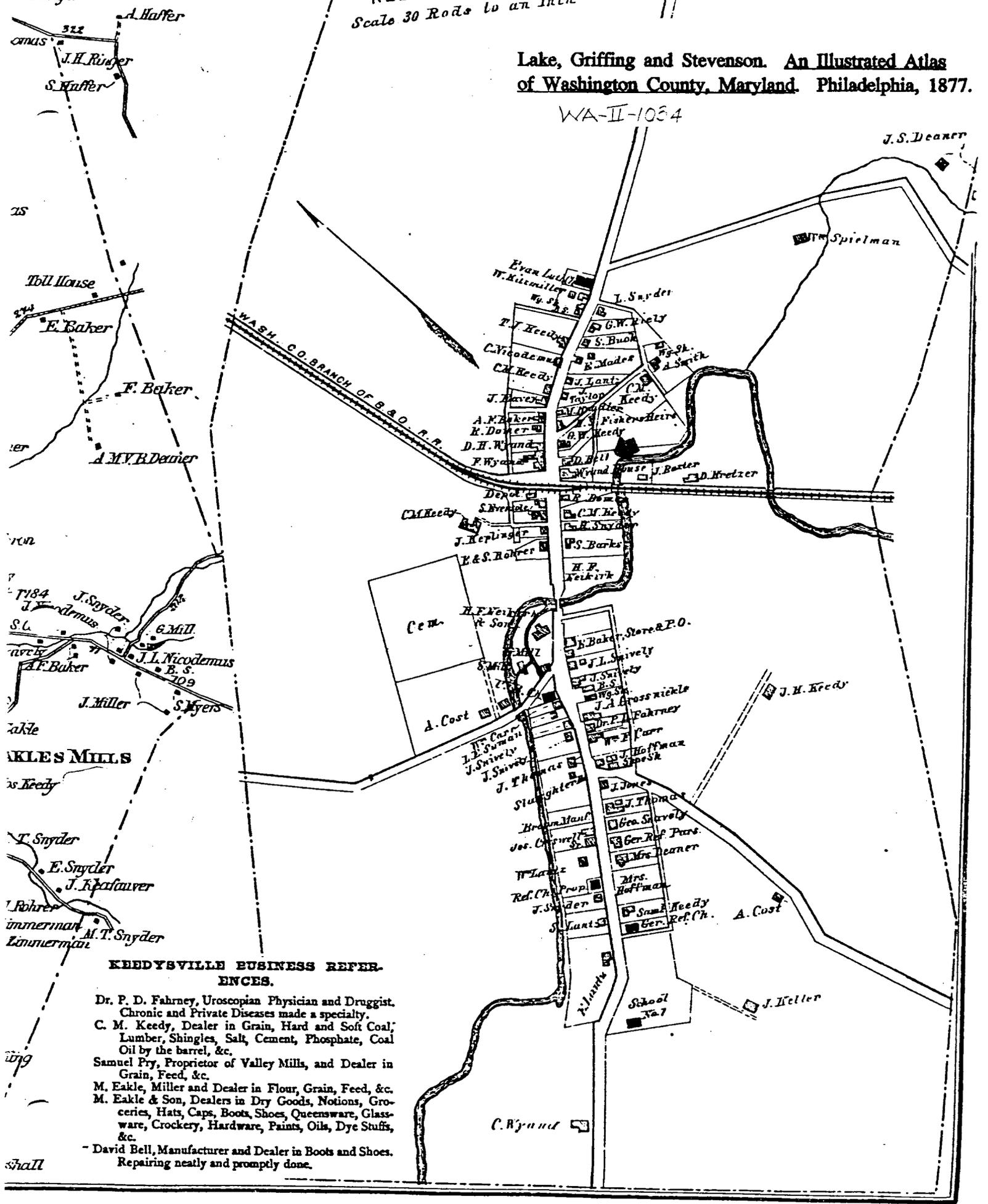
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KEEDYSVILLE
Scale 30 Rods to an Inch

Lake, Griffing and Stevenson. An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland. Philadelphia, 1877.

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KEEDYSVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- Dr. P. D. Fahrney, Uroscopian Physician and Druggist. Chronic and Private Diseases made a specialty.
- C. M. Keedy, Dealer in Grain, Hard and Soft Coal, Lumber, Shingles, Salt, Cement, Phosphate, Coal Oil by the barrel, &c.
- Samuel Fry, Proprietor of Valley Mills, and Dealer in Grain, Feed, &c.
- M. Eakle, Miller and Dealer in Flour, Grain, Feed, &c.
- M. Eakle & Son, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Queensware, Glassware, Crockery, Hardware, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, &c.
- David Bell, Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes. Repairing neatly and promptly done.

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Keedysville Quadrangle

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4, 6, 8 N. Main St

NE View, St W Elevations

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