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Woodland Survey District

Architectural Survey File

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Woodland
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY ^{SD}

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Woodland Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Oakland Legislative Road near its Intersection with Klondike Road.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
☒ DISTRICT	☐ PUBLIC	☒ OCCUPIED	☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ BUILDING(S)	☒ PRIVATE	☐ UNOCCUPIED	☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ STRUCTURE	☐ BOTH	☐ WORK IN PROGRESS	☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ OBJECT	☐ IN PROCESS	☒ YES: RESTRICTED	☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
	☐ BEING CONSIDERED	☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED	☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
		☐ NO	☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

AL-VI-B-032, 162, and 163

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-VI-B-253

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodland Survey District is located on the Old Legislative Road north of its intersection with Klondike Road in the center of the Georges Creek Coal region of Western Maryland. Most buildings within the survey district are located on both sides of Old Legislative Road and Main Street, which intersect at the northern end of the district.

The architecture of the town is characterized by vernacular styled frame dwellings. Most are 2 story, 3 bay by 1 bay dwellings based on the ell or tee plan. These buildings rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Examples are #20 and #27 on the attached map. Building #27, a rectangular building with a gable front roof, has a decoratively bracketed shed roofed porch sheltering its facade.

One building within the survey district is a 1½ story, 3 bay by 2 bay square structure. It rests on a stone foundation and has a crossed gable roof. The building is #28 on the attached map.

A row of duplex "block" houses at the eastern end of Main Street are 2½ story, 4 bay by 4 bay, rectangular frame structures. These buildings rest on low stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Hip roofed porches shelter their facades. An example is #26 on the attached map. (AL-VI-B-032)

The Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church (AL-VI-B-163) is a 1 story, 1 bay by 3 bay frame building based on a rectangular meeting house plan. It rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. The church is #9 on the attached map.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodland is a typical company town located in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The town was established by the Consolidation Coal Company in 1897.¹ At that time the company was expanding its operations in the Georges Creek region by opening the new #7 mine near the #17 mine, approximately one mile southwest of Woodland.²

The earliest portion of the town, a row of 6 building lots on Main Street, was laid out in 1897.³ In 1898 an addition to the town was laid out by the company.⁴ The "Coal Trade Journal" reported in 1897 that 42 houses were standing in the company's new town.⁵

The houses built in Woodland were rented to miners employed by the company for four dollars a month.⁶ It was also possible for a miner to lease his home from his employers for a 5 year term.⁷ Although most of the buildings erected in Woodland were single family units a row of 5 duplex "block" houses was put up at the eastern end of Main Street.⁸

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.
Harvey, Katherine, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal
Region, 1835-1910, Ithica=Cornell University Press, 1969.

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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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw House

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Footnotes

¹Katherine Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835 - 1910. Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969, p. 79.

²Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897.

³Allegany County Land Records, Liber 82, Folio 472.

⁴Ibid., Liber 89, Folio 660.

⁵As quoted in Katherine Harvey, p. 79.

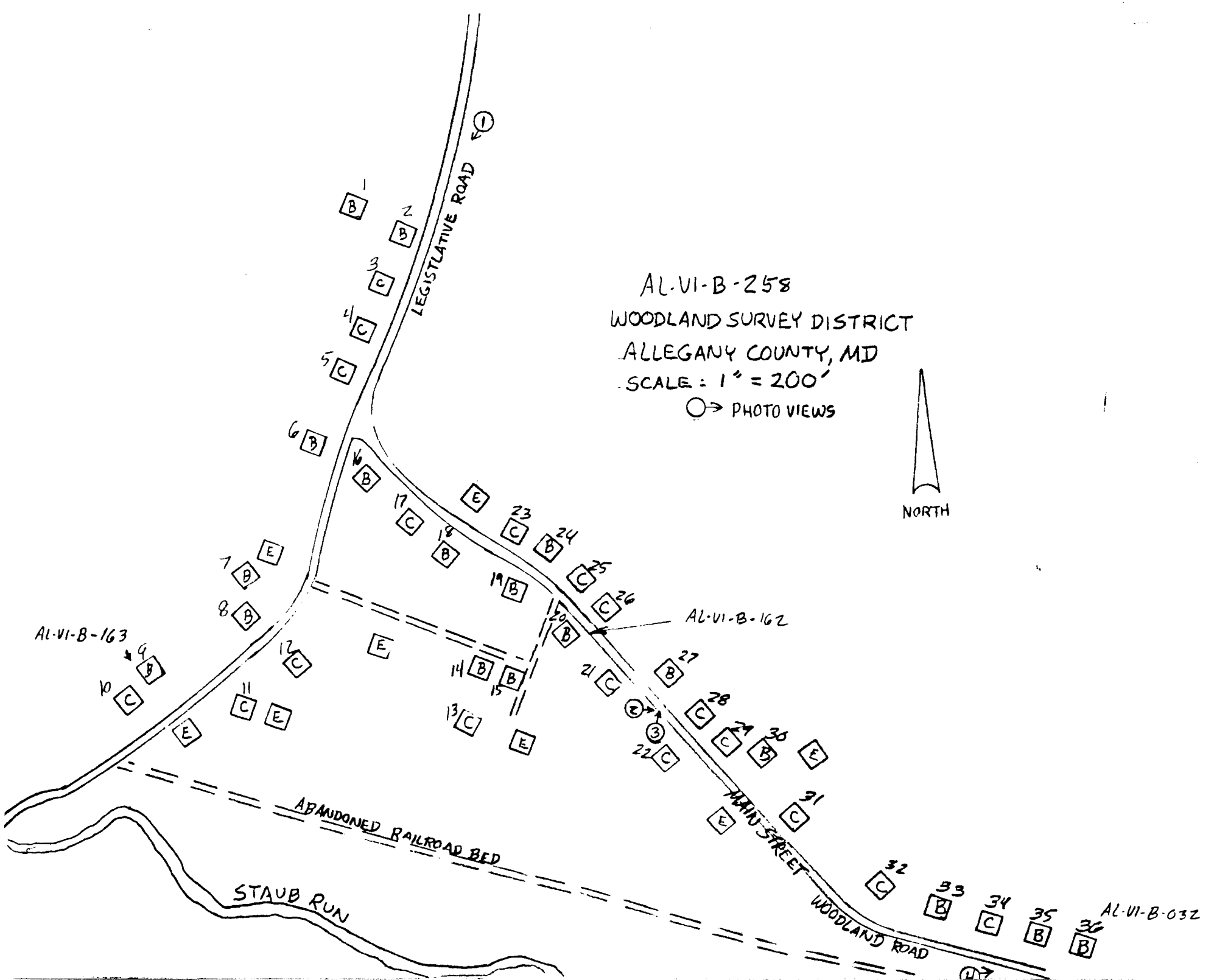
⁶Katherine Harvey, p. 91.

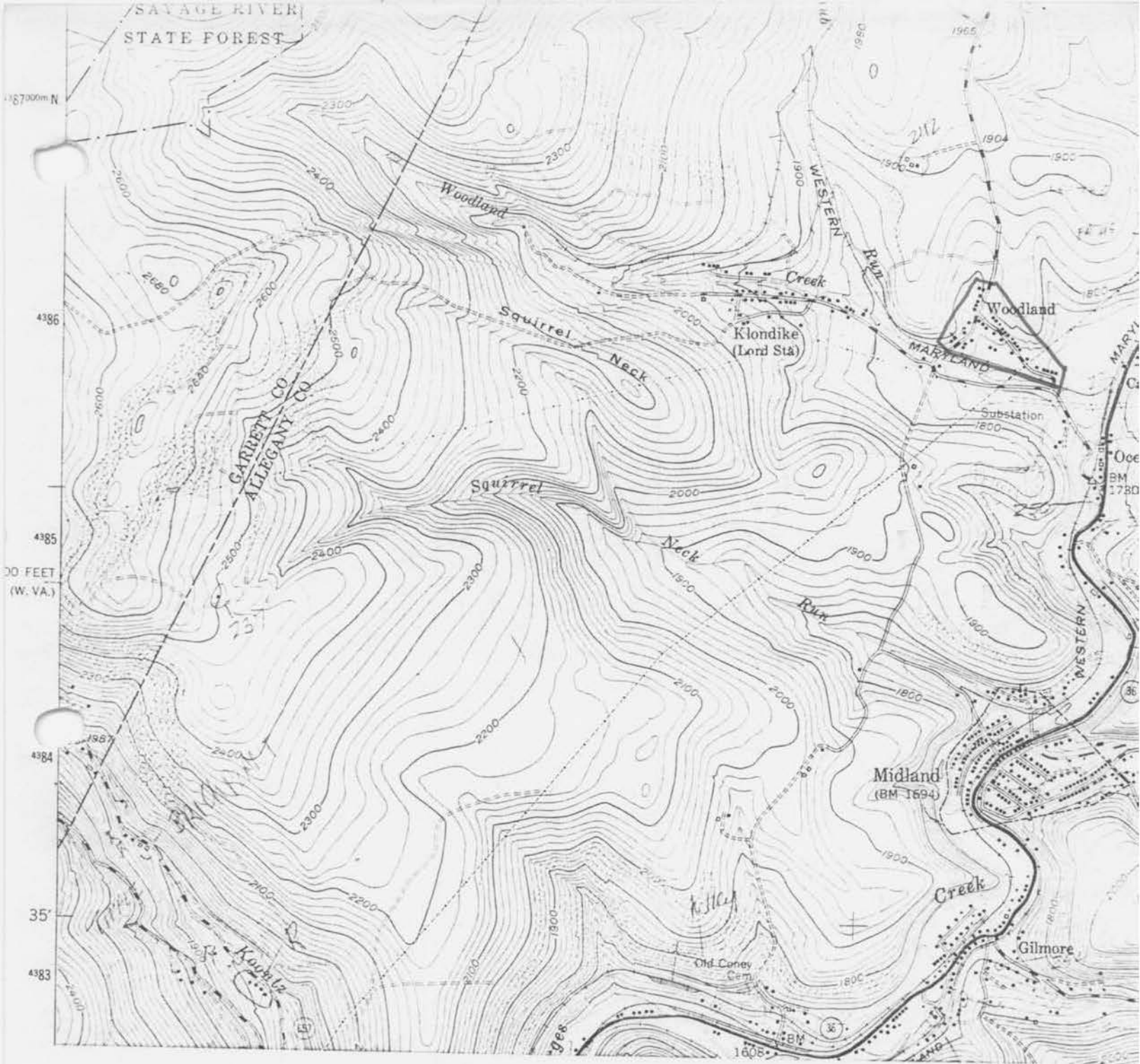
⁷Ibid., p. 92, and see AL-VI-B-162, specifically Title Search, Liber 94. Folio 413.

⁸See AL-VI-B-032

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WOODLAND SURVEY DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD
SCALE: 1" = 200'

○ → PHOTO VIEWS







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Allegany Co. David A. Dorsey

Looking SE (photo #1) 7/81



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David A. Dorsey

Looking E (photo #2)



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David A. Dorsey

Looking NW (photo #3)



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Looking NE (photo #4)