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## South Westernport Historic District

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South Westernport Historic District  
Westernport  
Private

early 20th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY NRD

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

South Westernport Historic District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The South Westernport Historic District is located in Westernport, Maryland, a town of about 2725 people in the mountainous southwestern end of Allegany County. The district, located approximately 22 miles southwest of Cumberland, is located on flat land adjacent to the Potomac River. It consists of three blocks of rowhouses on both side of Maryland Avenue which runs NW and SE through the center of the district. Second and Third Streets, which intersect Maryland Avenue, divide the district into 3 blocks in a grid plan.

The 300 block of the district between First and Second Streets, contains two rows of 15 dwellings each. The rowhouses are 2 stories tall, 3 bays wide and 4 bays deep on the ends. They rest on cement foundations and have walls of brown bricks laid in stretcher bond. The shed roofs of the rowhouses have stepped parapets. A projecting two story bay window is located on the facade of each dwelling. A continuous shed roofed porch supported by brick posts shelters the facade of each row. Windows are 6/1 sash with flat brick arches

The 400 block of South Westernport consists of two rows of 12 houses each designed in a mock Tudor period style. The rowhouses are symmetrically arranged in an alternating pattern of single or paired, gabled and shed-roofed dwellings. The rowhouses are 2½ stories tall, 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep on the ends. They rest on cement foundations and have walls, probably of building tiles, sheathed in cement. The shed roofed dwellings and gable roofed dwellings on the end of each row have hipped dormers. Shed roofed and gabled porticos have paired square wooden posts. Windows are 4/1 and 6/1 sash in groups of three on the 2nd floor facade and paired 6 light casement windows on the attic level of the gable roofed houses.

The 500 block of South Westernport consists of two rows of 9 apartments each. Stylistically the 500 block is much the same as the 300 block, the main difference being the two tiered brick porches of the 500 block. Entrances to 2nd story apartments are located between the porches of the ground floor apartments, the tops of which are balconies for 2nd story apartments.

### Boundary Description

The boundaries of the South Westernport Historic District are indicated by the dotted solid line on the attached map. The borders of the district consist of the property lines of the unnamed alleys indicated.

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**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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

South Westernport, an early 20th century housing complex in Westernport, Maryland, is architecturally significant as the only rowhouse development of its size in Allegany County. It is also, for western Maryland, an unusual architectural approach to company-supplied housing.

**History and Support**

South Westernport is located in Westernport, Md. The town of Westernport is located at the confluence of Georges Creek and the Potomac River. The town traces its late-18th century beginnings to George Washington's idea of deepening and connecting the Potomac and Ohio rivers for water transportation. The plan, although never realized, created interest in the area and attracted settlers. 1 In 1802, the town known to its residents as "Hardscrabble" was named Westernport and made a post town. As early as 1810 Georges Creek Coal was shipped down the Potomac River from Westernport. The town's importance as a transportation center was established in the 1850's when it became the site of the junction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. 2

The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, which built south Westernport in 1920-1922, was originally known as the Piedmont Pulp and Paper Company. In 1888 this company purchased a saw-mill at the fledgeling village of West Piedmont and enlarged the operation into a pulp and papermill which employed 1000 laborers by 1909. 3 Throughout its existence the company provided housing for its workers in the factory town which was renamed Luke. 4 In 1918 the company owned 67 houses, mostly frame duplex buildings, which were located on terraced streets on a steep hillside. 5 It is likely that by 1918 the usable building lots in Luke were occupied and the company was compelled to seek building space elsewhere.

During the 20th century Westernport was also experiencing growing pains. The number of building sites in Westernport was limited by the hilly topography of the intersecting Georges Creek and Potomac River valleys. Additional pressure for building

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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 &amp; NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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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space was created by the rapid growth of the town's population which increased from 1468 people in 1880 to nearly 4000 in 1920.<sup>6</sup>

In 1918, the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company purchased several acres of Potomac River flood plain land in Westernport from the Westernport Real Estate and Improvement Company.<sup>7</sup> The paper company's decision makers, realizing the restrictions on building space near the Luke Mill, used the rowhouse plan as a means of using the available space most effectively. Between 1920 and 1922 the company constructed 72 rowhouse dwellings on Maryland Avenue of South Westernport.<sup>8</sup>

The rowhouses, resembling those of Baltimore and other metropolitan areas, are unique in Allegany County, where the few existing rowhouses are single rows found in neighborhoods characterized by detached dwellings. South Westernport's three blocks of rowhouses present a streetscape which is quite uncommon for its non-metropolitan setting.

The brick rowhouses are an unusual form of company housing in western Maryland. Company housing supplied by coal operators in the George's Creek coal region during the latter half of the 19th century is characterized by detached, frame, single or duplex buildings.

During the 1950's the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company sold its houses to the occupants.

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2

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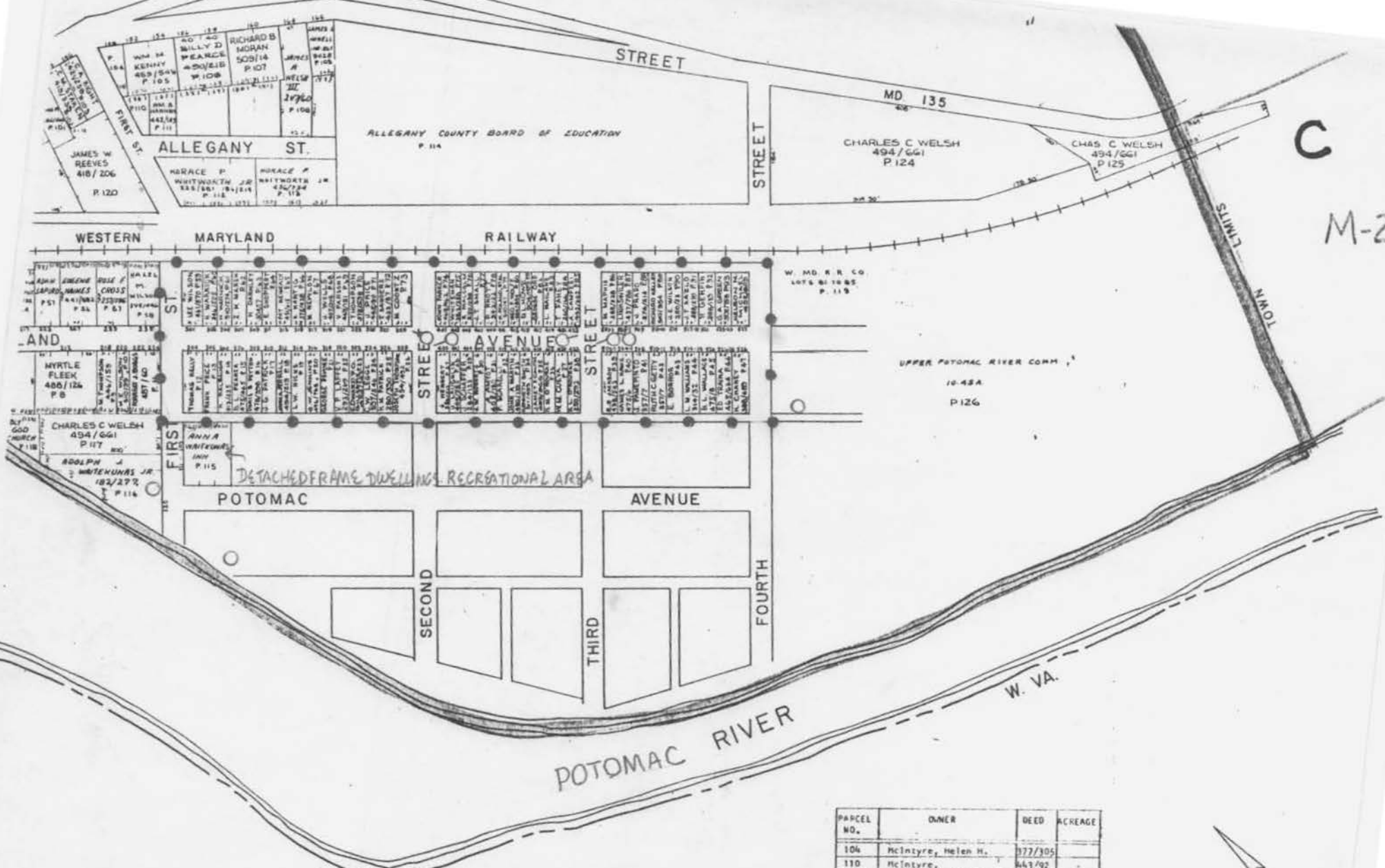
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SOUTH WESTERNPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 APPROXIMATE SCALE 1"=2000'  
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PARCEL NO.	OWNER	DEED	ACREAGE
104	McIntyre, Helen H.	377/305	
110	McIntyre,	443/92	
122	Will, Marshall	501/817	



WEST  
 ALLEGANY  
 SCALE

DEPT. OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION  
 TAX MAP DIVISION





PARCEL NO.	OWNER	DEED	ACREAGE
220	Davis, Julian	383/126	
221	Keller, Russell W.	506/689	
224	Kitzmiller, R.	254/413	
226	Bateson, Cecil	286/540	
228	Hazzone	368/7	

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PIEDMONT WEST VIRGINIA

MD. 135

WESTERN MARYLAND

POTOMAC RIVER

WALNUT STREET

VINE STREET

SPRING ALLEY

STREET

STREET

FAIRVIEW

LYNN

GAY

JOHNSON

STREET

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MD

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WESTERN MARYLA

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GEORGES  
SAC

LIMITS

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KRON  
26/182  
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45 E  
SON  
9/130  
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RECEL NO. OWNER DEED RECAP

WESTERNPORT QUADRANGLE  
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE/4 ELK GARDEN 15' QUADRANGLE

YLAND  
AL SURVEY

ROSTBURG (JUNC. U.S. 40)-15 MI. 2'30" 668 669 670 2 140 000 FEET (W. VA.) 79°



Westernport, MD:WV  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1950; photorevised 1974

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South Westernport Historic District  
22 miles southwest of Cumberland



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Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 1/82

photo #1, looking southwest



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S. Westernport Historic District

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photo #2, looking northwest



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photo #5, looking northeast



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photo #6, looking northwest



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photo #7, looking northeast



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