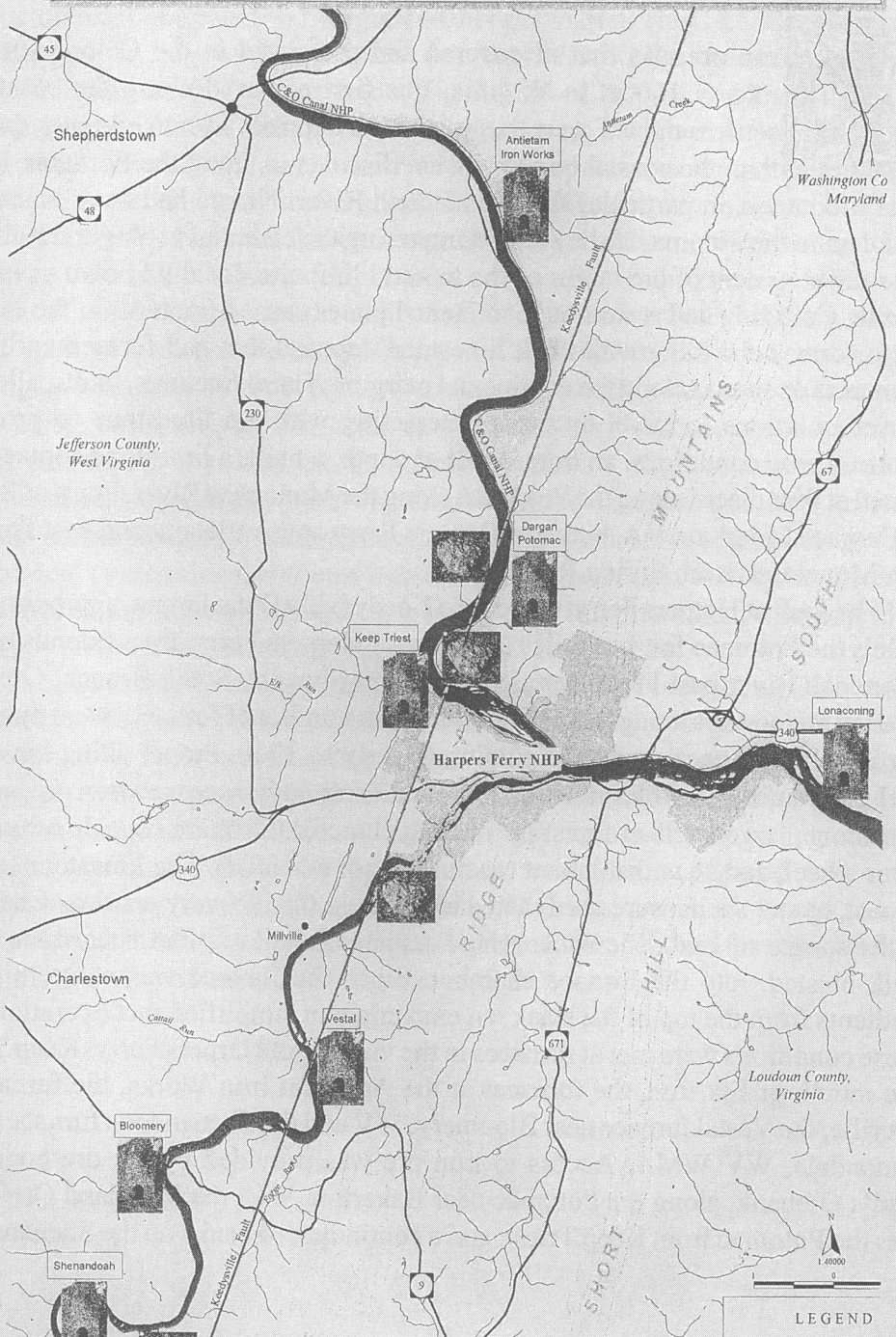


Harpers Ferry: Iron Crossroads 1740 - 1861



Lonaconing (Long-a-coming) Furnace a.k.a. Knoxville Furnace

Singewald wrote (1911):

Lonaconing Furnace.—This furnace was built by Barker and Company, of Baltimore, at Knoxville, in 1848, but was operated for only a short while. In 1868, it was rebuilt by Christian Geiger; and, after being run by him for nearly a year, was sold to a Pittsburg company which operated it about ten years.

Kiefer Thomas Ore Bank [30].—On Col. Kiefer Thomas' place, about three-quarters of a mile south of Frederick Junction, ore was worked both before and after the Civil War and shipped to the "Long a Coming" furnace at Knoxville. The opening is about forty feet in diameter and is now filled with water. At the north end weathered shales are exposed striking N. 30° E. and dipping 60° E. A hundred yards west of the opening there is a small quarry in which a limestone conglomerate is exposed.

Dave Thomas Ore Bank [31].—Ore was also obtained at the same time from Dave Thomas' place, now owned by Col. Charles E. Trail. These openings are on the west side of the valley three and a half miles south of Frederick Junction. Several openings were made of which the largest is 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep. These also occur in shales similar to those at the Kiefer Thomas bank.