

RAYMOND HIGGINS LOG HOUSE

AL-I-C-008

½ mile east of the Stickpile Tunnel  
early 1800's

The Raymond Higgins Log House was built in the early 1800's as a temporary two story dwelling. It later became the permanent house when the frame additions were incorporated along with the clapboard covering. These log houses were quite functional and very economic to construct, for there is an abundance of timber and sandstone in Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-I-C-008

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Raymond Higgins House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kasecamp Road

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

\_\_DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

\_\_PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

PRESENT USE

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Helen H. Rohman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 479

Folio #: 864

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Raymond Higgins Log House was constructed in the early 1800's and is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of the Stickpile Tunnel and 150 yards south of the C & O Canal.

The southeast half of the Higgins House consists of a two story log cabin which has been since covered with clapboarding. A two story frame addition now abuts the log section. A one story shed roofed addition abuts the rear of the newer frame section. The whole structure rests on a low stone foundation and is covered by a gabled roof of tar and tin materials. Two over two and six over six lights characterize the double hung wooden sash frames of the structure. The main entrance faces northeast and has replaced hardware. Boxed cornice and returns are featured on the newer frame section. There is a one bay shed roofed rear porch and a four bay front end porch with a shed roof. Also featured is one original corbeled brick chimney located at the division of the frame and log sections.

The Higgins Log House has changed greatly in appearance from the original log cabin; is in fair condition and stands structurally sound.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES    EARLY 19th century                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Raymond Higgins Log House is another example of the basic two story, log mansion built in Allegany County during the early 19th century. These houses were fairly easy to construct, were not too costly due to the availability of natural building materials and provided good shelter from the cold winters of the area. Frame additions have since been added to the original log block and the entire structure is now covered with clapboarding. This modification process was common on many log structures built within the county; the log section was the original necessity, and as the owner's family and financial stability increased, so did the relative size and permanence of the home.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 274 acres**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

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/3/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-I-C-008

DATE: 10/14/76

479/864

274 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Raymond Higgins House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Little Orleans

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTHEAST

NAME OF OWNER: Helen H. Rohman

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4() 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: SHED ROOF 1 STORY ADDITION IN REAR OF LOG PART  
2 STORY FRAME ON NE CORNER

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northeast  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced()  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK HIP, SHED, HANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( ) Tarred over

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip( ) gable( ) 4 BAY FRONT

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:  
Use - Residence  
Significance -  
Date Constructed -  
Condition -

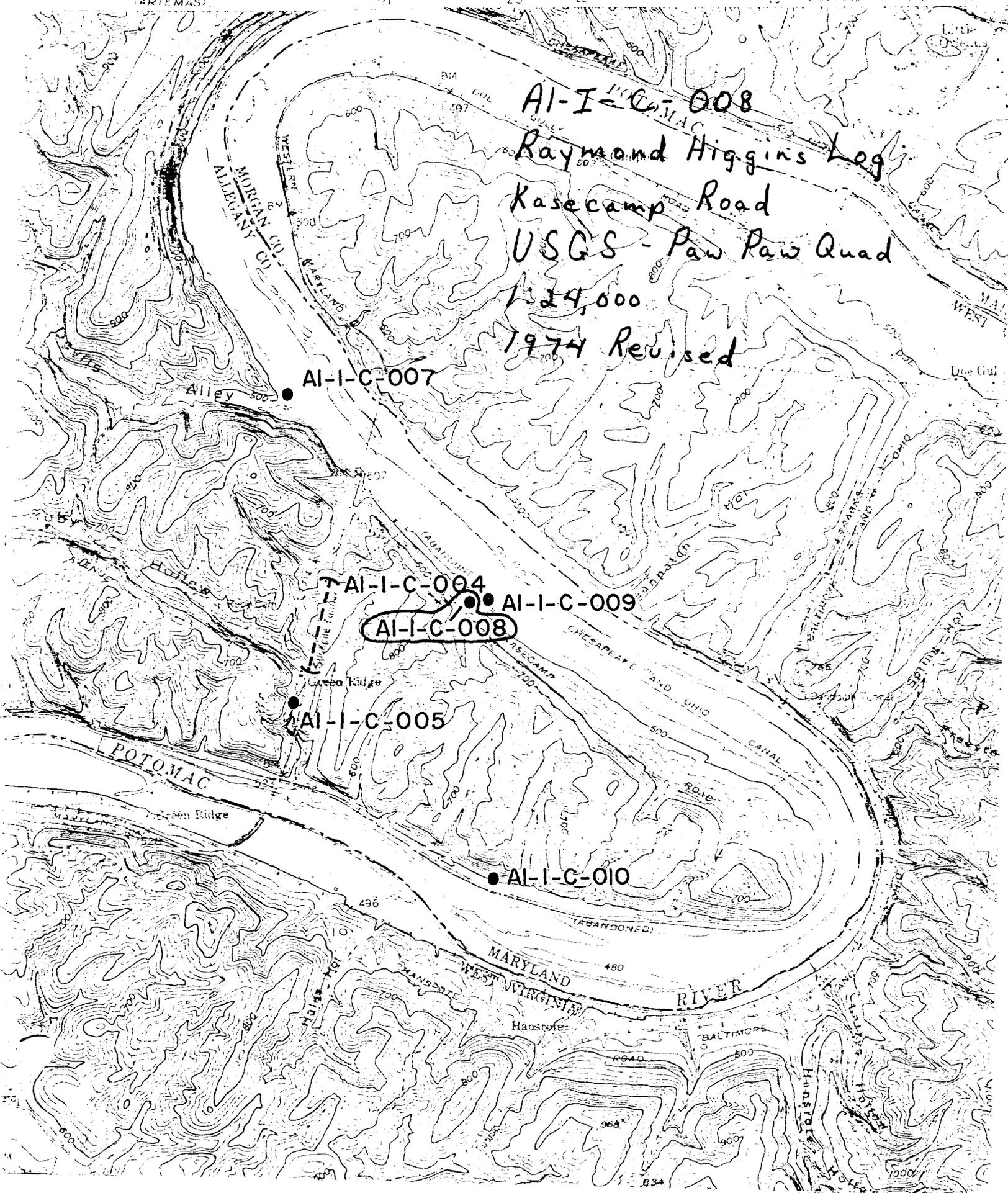
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GARTEMAS

721

25'

122

173



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Raymond Higgins Log

Kasecamp Road

USGS - Paw Paw Quad

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1974 Revised

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AI-I-C-004

AI-I-C-009

AI-I-C-008

AI-I-C-005

AI-I-C-010

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WEST VIRGINIA

RIVER

BALTIMORE

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HANSTONE

HANSTONE

068

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Near C + O Canal + Little Orleans

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SOUTH



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NORTH