

AL-I-C-021
Hansrote Log House
South of Route 51
Keifers, Maryland
Ca. Mid 1850's

The Hansrote Log House, built in the mid-1850's by Jacob Smith, is one of several log houses in the Keifers area which was built resting on stone pillars. The residents of the house were farmers, and one family of them, the Hansrotes, owned the farm for nearly seventy years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hansrote Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of Rt. 51

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eugene K. Edwards

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8 Furnace Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 278

Folio #: 261

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

AL-I-C-024

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Hansrote Log House is located on the southern side of Rt. 51 on the Edwards Farm near Keifers, Maryland.

The building is a rectangular, two story, three bays wide structure. Wall construction is of logs covered with clapboard. The building has cornerboards.

The building rests on stone pillars at the corners. The roof is gable flank covered with tin. The eaves consist of an overhanging cornice, soffit, and bed moulding. One brick chimney has a corbeled cap and is located on the interior of the building.

Windows of the building are pegged, double hung, 2/2 light, pedimented, with wooden lugsills. The main entrance is centrally located on the northern facade. It is a three paneled door with vertical boards.

On the rear of the building is a full length shed roof porch. A large vertical board barn is located on the property.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The nineteenth century residents of the isolated southeastern portion of Allegany County were farmers who "led a relatively contained existence."

The Hansrote Log House, built along what was known as Uhl Highway, was built by Jacob Smith during the mid 1850's. Smith sold the farm, known as "Casper's Discovery", to the German Werner family. They sold the property two years later to John Hartley who at the time owned several other properties in the area. ² (See AL-II-B-111). The Hansrote family, which owned the farm from 1894-1963, was originally from West Virginia. ³

This is one of several log houses in the Keifers area built resting on stone pillars. The logs of the Hansrote house are extremely large. Although in need of some repair the building is structurally sound and serves as a reminder of the cultural awareness and resourcefulness of local farmers of the nineteenth century.

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1976) pp. 258-259.
2. Allegany County Land Records, Liber 11, Folio 138; Liber 20, Folio 278; Liber 23, Folio 265.
3. Telephone interview with Hazel Groves Hansrote, local historian, Cumberland, Maryland, 7/21/78.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
Stegmaier, Harry, Jr. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain
Printing Company, 1976.
Hansrote, Groves, Hazel, local historian, Cumberland, Maryland, Interview: 7/21/78

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73.13

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

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/11/78

STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

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

TITLE SEARCH

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Hansrote Log House
South of Rt. 51
Keifers, Maryland

Allegany County Deed: Liber 364, Folio 502 Date: August 1, 1963
Grantee: Eugene K. Edwards
Grantor: Nellie A. Ginevan Administratrix Consideration: \$3600.00
Notes: For Martin W. Hansrote Estate - died 1932, Will gave lifetime interest
to Walter Hansrote who died in 1962. Parcel #1 65 1/8 acres.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 76, Folio 115
Grantee: Martin W. Hansrote, Date: August 27, 1894
Grantor: DeWarren H. Reynolds, Assignee of Mortgage Consideration: \$885.00
Notes: Bought at public sale.
Samuel M. Schuler failed to pay mortgage

Allegany County Deed: Liber 26, Folio 391
Grantee: Samuel M. Schuler Date: August 5, 1867
Grantor: John Hartly and Rosannah Hartley (wife) Consideration: \$450.000
Notes: Casper's Discovery 65 1/8 acres.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 23, Folio 265
Grantee: John Hartley Date: April 9, 1865
Grantor: John Werner et ux Consideration: \$450.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 20, Folio 278
Grantee: John Werner et ux Date: June 18, 1862
Grantor: Jacob Smith et ux Consideration: \$450.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 11, Folio 138
Grantee: Jacob Smith Date: June 15, 1853
Grantor: Samuel Bonham Executor Consideration: \$172.00

INVENTORY NO: AL-I-C-021

DATE: 7/11/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Hansrote Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: South of Rt. 51 Keifers, Maryland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Eugene K. Edwards

ADDRESS: 8 Furnace Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Shed roof addition on South - board and batten

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 Clapboard

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone On stone pillars

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: Center of northern facade three panels vertical boards
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Farm storage
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Agriculture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: Fair

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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Hamsrote Log House

Rt 51 Keifers Md

David A. Dorsey

7/11/78

Southeast