

McLAUGHLIN LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-033

Town Creek, south of Pumpkin Center  
ca. 1815

The McLaughlin House is one of the finest examples of a two story log mansion in Allegany County. The building is constructed of logs with "V" notching and has a massive stone outside end chimney. It was constructed by William McLaughlin in the first quarter of the 19th century on land belonging to his father-in-law, George French. McLaughlin was later to become a Captain during the War of 1812 and a prominent citizen of Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-II-B-033

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McLaughlin Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

On Town Creek, south of Pumpkin Center

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Nellie Isaac

Telephone #: 777-3386

STREET & NUMBER

Plymouth Drive

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 269

Folio #: 337

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McLaughlin Log House is located on Town Creek south of Pumpkin Center, Allegany County.

The McLaughlin House is a two story, two bay wide, rectangular dwelling with a smaller gable-roof addition on the northeast side. The house is constructed of logs with "V" notching. The original chinking has been covered with cement. At present the building has no foundation and is resting on cement blocks. Doors and windows in the house have been removed, but it is evident that the original windows were six over six lights. Of special interest are the second story joists which are visible above the main entrance and the first floor windows. The roof is gabled and is covered with tin. A single stone chimney is located at one end of the house.

The McLaughlin Log House is somewhat deteriorated, but nevertheless, remains one of the finest examples of a two story log mansion in Allegany County.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William McLaughlin

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McLaughlin Log House is a very fine example of the log mansion style found in Allegany County. It has a very aesthetic location, being at the crest of a hill on the east side of a fresh running mountain stream named Town Creek.

George French settled the area described above in the late 1790's. William McLaughlin came to marry one of French's daughters, Lucy French, on May 23, 1799. The new McLaughlin family then built the log house on the property of George French. McLaughlin later bought the property from French in 1818.<sup>1</sup>

William McLaughlin was promoted to Captain in the Army during the War of 1812. He commanded one of the two companies of infantry from Allegany County, and had 78 men under his direct control. They served around the Baltimore area from August 11, 1814 until October 13, 1814. When the war "mustered out," the infantry returned to Allegany County and disbanded.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin together raised 13 children, 8 boys and 5 girls, at their log home on Town Creek. William McLaughlin became a large landowner in Allegany County and one of the leading citizens of Maryland.<sup>3</sup>

1 Interview with Nellie G. Isaacs, October 5, 1976

2 Will H. Loudermilk, History of Cumberland, (Washington, D.C.: James Anglim, 1878) pp. 296-297.

3 James W. Thomas, History of Allegany County, Maryland (L. R. Titworth and Co., 1923) Vol. II, p. 1265

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Will H. Loudermilk, History of Cumberland, (Washington, D.C.: James Auglim, 1878)  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 457.98 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

10/14/76

STREET & 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-II-B-033

DATE: 9/22/76

269/337

457.98 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: McLaughlin Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: On Town Creek South of Pumpkin Center

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTHWEST

NAME OF OWNER: Nellie Isaac 777-3386

ADDRESS: Plymouth Dr.  
Cumberland M.D.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: REAR - Slab roofed porch with covered Gable roof  
Vertical Addition  
Boards

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 PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH LOW, BRICK, STONE None, now supported by cement blocks

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELLED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Gone 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, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS #  
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 and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - None

Significance - arch:

Date Constructed - 1790 circa

Condition - Deteriorated, but very sturdy

From English King  
George  
William French  
Loade, milk

TITLE SEARCH

McLaughlin Log House  
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Allegany County Deed; Liber 269, Folio 337

grantee: John E. Haugh  
grantor: Nellie G. Isaacs  
June 11, 1955

400 acres

(Nellie G. Isaacs was the daughter of Dora Bessie Thomas (She was Nellie G. Thomas; married Leo Isaacs) who died intestate in 1954. She began an heir at Law to the property and sold it to John Haugh. Haugh's wife Ruth V., was also a Thomas daughter.)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 234, Folio 328

grantee: Dora Bessie Thomas  
grantor: Nellie G. Isaacs, et. vir.  
June 18, 1951            400 acres

(Floyd V. Thomas died intestate in 1942; his two daughters, Ruth and Nellie, sold the property to their mother with this transaction.)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 109, Folio 655

grantee: Floyd V. Thomas  
grantor: William A. McLaughlin, et. ux.  
April 13, 1912  
400 acres

Allegany County Deed; Liber 95, Folio 650

grantee: William A. McLaughlin  
grantor: Daniel B. McLaughlin  
November 28, 1904

Allegany County Deed; Liber 78, Folio 207

grantee: Daniel B. McLaughlin  
grantor: Clarence M. King  
December 21, 1895

(Clarence M. King was acting under a writ of execution for that which belonged to Emanuel McLaughlin.)

Allegany County Deed; Liber        , Folio

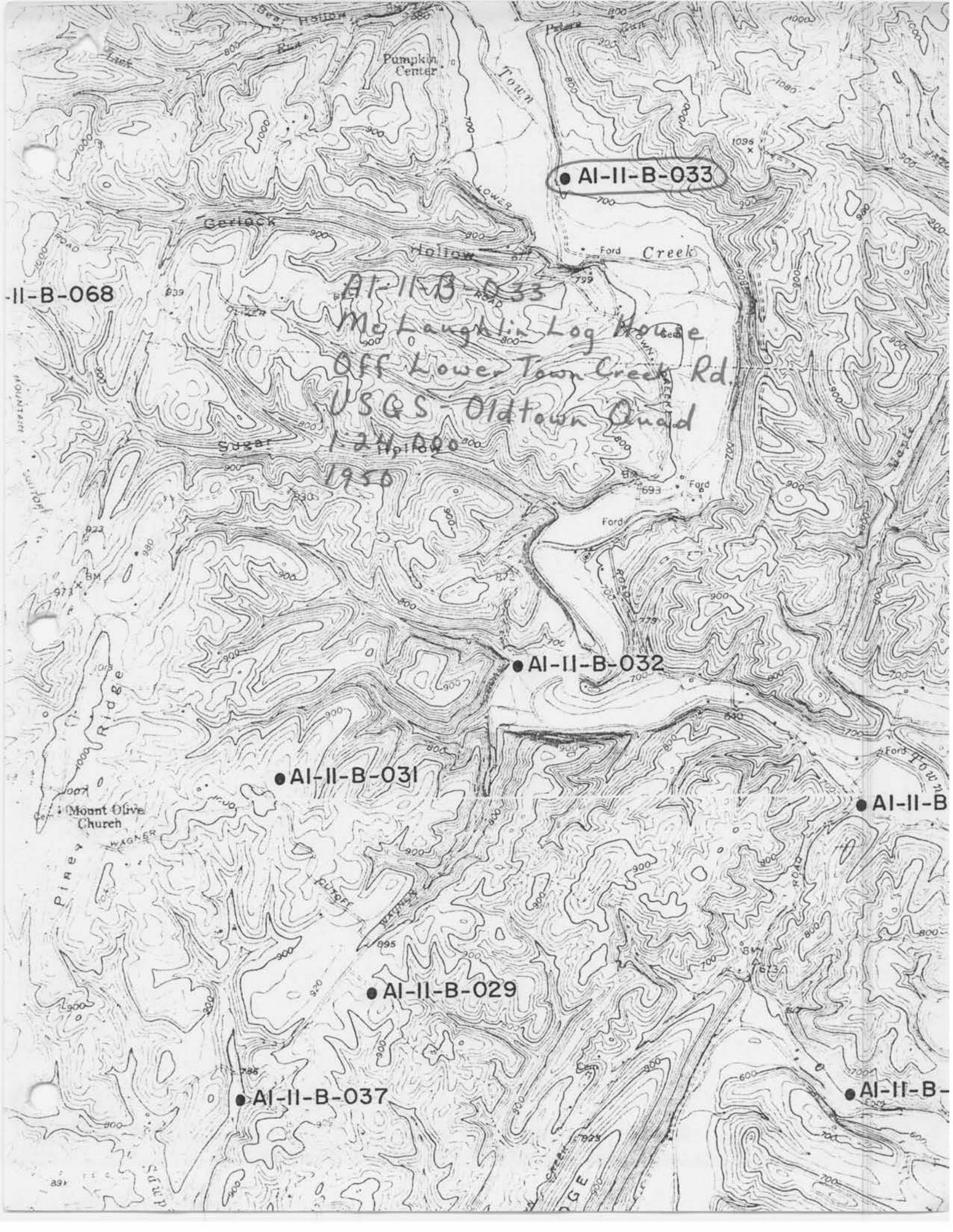
grantee: Emanuel McLaughlin  
grantor: William McLaughlin

(The land simply stayed in the McLaughlin family)

Allegany County Deed; Liber IJ, Folio 480

grantee: William McLaughlin  
grantor: George French  
1818

(Mention was made of the "McLaughlin dwelling House" on a survey record of Timber Ridge on October 25, 1813.)



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McLaughlin Log Home

Off Lower Town Creek Rd.

USGS - Oldtown Quad

1:250,000

1950

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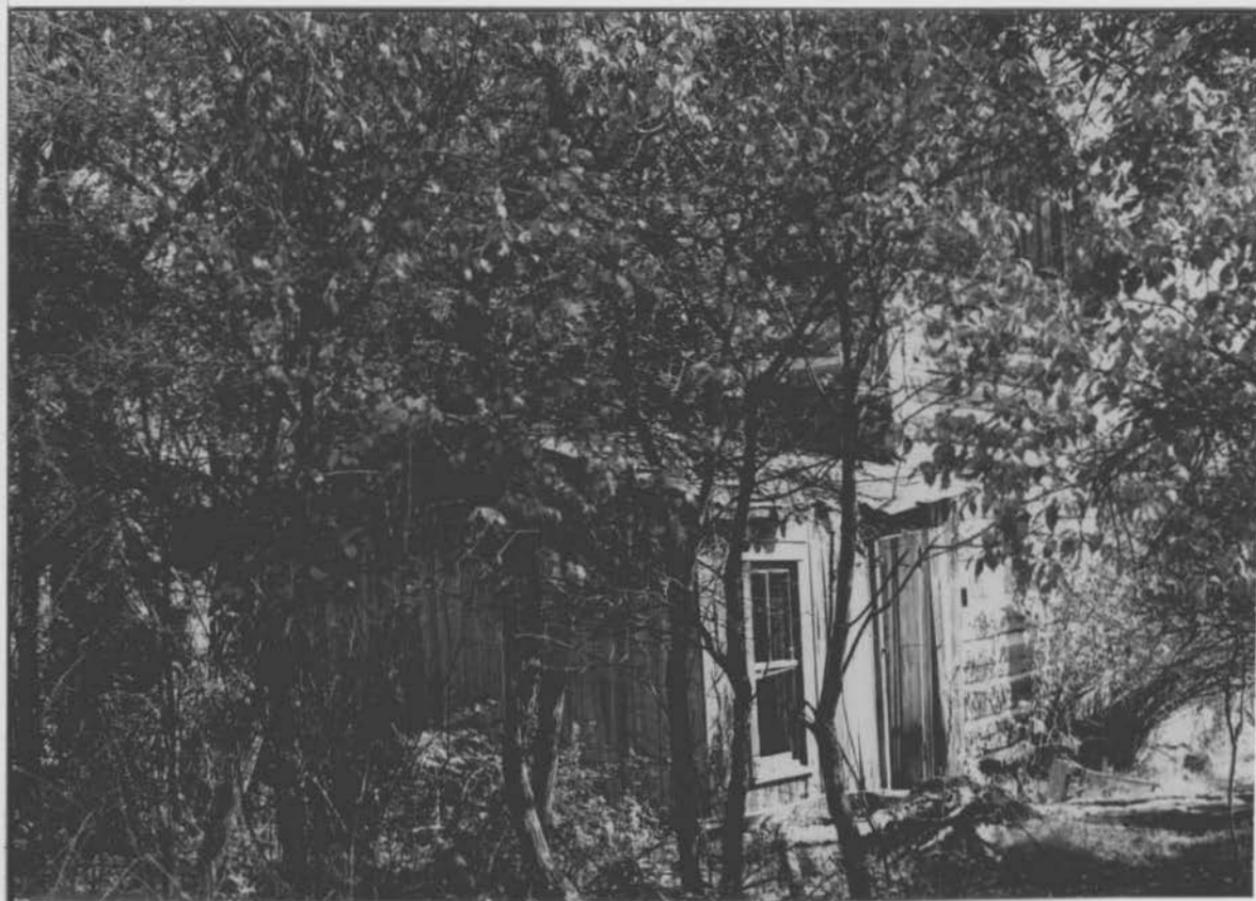
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Town Creek Rd.

John Nelson

9/22/76

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McLaughlin Log House

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Town Creek Rd.

John Nelson

9/22/76

South East



McLaughlin log house

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Town Creek Rd.

John Nelson

9/22/76

northwest



McLaughlin Log House

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Town Creek Road

John E. Nelson

9/22/76

West