

AMICK LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-034

Maniford Road, Oldtown  
ca. 1825

The Amick House is a good example of what is known as a "saddle bag" log house. As such, it is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular log structure that is divided in half by a massive stone chimney. In effect, the Amick House consists of two log cabins built side by side so as to utilize this common chimney. Typically, the house has two front doors, both of which are covered by a three bay end porch. The Amick House is in fair condition and is typical of a more sophisticated type of log dwelling found in Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Amick Log

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Maniford Road, 1.5 miles north of Route 51

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
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**ACCESSIBLE**

**PRESENT USE**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chester Amick

Telephone #: 777-1653

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Box 190

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 431

Folio #: 359

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**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Amick Log House is located on the Manifold Road, 1.5 miles north of Route 51 in Allegany County.

The Amick House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular log structure. It is divided in half by a massive stone chimney which provides fireplaces for both sections of the building. The roof of the house is gabled and is covered with tin. The windows are a combination of six over six and six over three lights with plain pegged trim. Main entrances are located on the northern side and feature paneled doors with original hardware. A three bay end porch covers both entrances.

The Amick Log House is in fair condition and retains almost all of its original fabric and appearance.

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	
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 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
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the land on which the Amick House stands was granted to William Deakins on April 14, 1784,<sup>1</sup> the exact date on which the house was constructed is not known. Architecturally, the house is a good example of what is known as a "saddlebag" log house. The "saddlebag" is a variant of the two-unit log dwelling in which two cabins were built close together so as to utilize a common chimney. This eliminated a need to build two fireplaces and two chimneys. Typically, the Amick House has two front doors and is one room deep and two stories high.

that one reason

It has been suggested, it was necessary to build a saddlebag log house is that the maximum length of single logs was rarely more than 24 to 30 feet; after that the logs began to taper. Thus, by constructing two log buildings side by side the builder obtained the length desired with out having to splice logs together.<sup>2</sup>

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1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland  
 2 C. A. Weslager, The Log Cabin in America. (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1969) p. 72 & 74.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

C. A. Weslager, The Log Cabin in America. (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1969)  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 19.27 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

TITLE SEARCH

Amick Log

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 431, Folio 359  
grantee: Chester Amick  
grantor: Chester Amick  
June 16, 1969

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 168, Folio 254  
grantee: Chester Amick  
grantor: Willie M. Hartley, et. ux.  
September 2, 1932  
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 149, Folio 289  
grantee: Willie M. Hartley  
grantor: Riley Hartley  
November 5, 1924  
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 18, Folio 8  
grantee: Riley Hartley  
grantor: John Hartley  
August 12, 1858  
Consideration: \$200.00  
"Horse Pasture Resurveyed"

Land 175 acres originally granted to William Deakins on April 14, 1784.

INVENTORY NO. A1-II-B-034

722-8133

431/359  
19.274

DATE: 9/23

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, (minor)

Town Creek  
Hemphill  
Club

NAME OF PROPERTY: Amick Log

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Manford Rd. 1.5 Miles N. of Rt. 51

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: north

NAME OF OWNER: Chester Amick 777-1653

ADDRESS: Rt 4 Box 190  
Cumberland, Md. 21502

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: - built in two sections

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 → mortar + spikes + rocks
- () Other: Coverings board + batten at gable ends

LOG  
11/16/76/11  
LOG

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() 6/3 2nd floor  
pegged () nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: north - 2 doors  
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, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

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

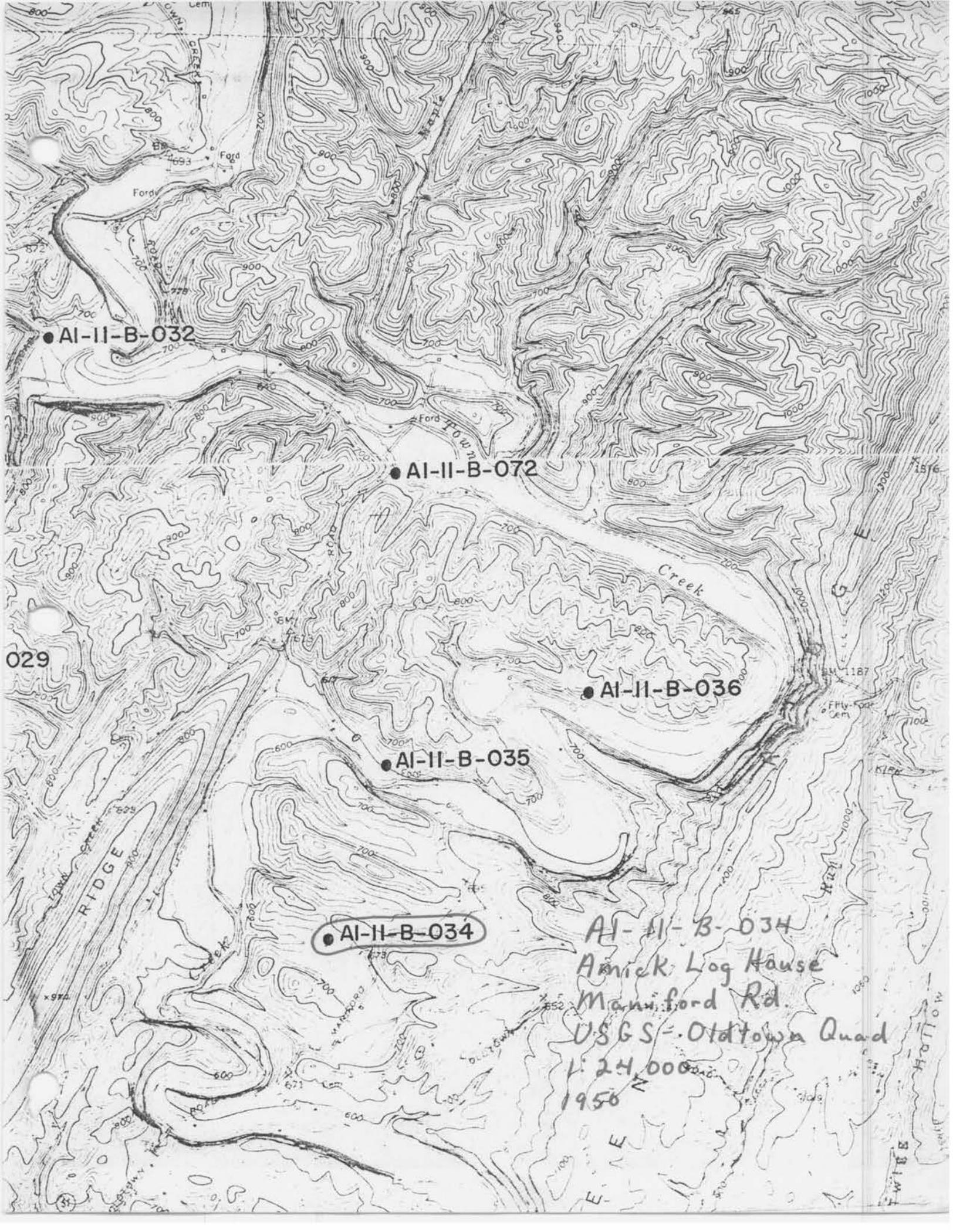
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

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

COMMENTS:

Use - Club House  
Significance - Architecture  
Date Constructed - 1800? 1820  
Condition - fair

John Ratty Hartley



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● AI-II-B-072

● AI-II-B-036

● AI-II-B-035

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Amick Log House  
Manford Rd.  
USGS - Oldtown Quad  
1:24,000  
1956

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RIDGE

Creek

MANFORD RD

OLDTOWN QUAD

1:24,000  
1956



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Maniferd Rd. 1.5 miles N. of Rt. 51

John E. Nelson

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South East



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northwest