

SHAW LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-068

Warrior Mt. Cutoff Road, 5 miles north of  
Oldtown  
ca. 1830

The Shaw Log House is an example of a two story, log mansion erected in Alleghany County circa 1830. Log cabins were the most functional structures of that particular time period. They were not too costly to construct, for there was plenty of timber to build walls and abundant sandstone for constructing chimneys. The dovetail corner notching found in the house is unique to the more common "V" notching technique employed in other areas around the county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Shaw Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5 miles north of Oldtown, east side of Warrior Mt. Cut off Road

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert F. Shaw

Telephone #: 395-5239

STREET & NUMBER

Warrior Mt Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21555

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 199

Folio #: 252

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

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

The Shaw Log House is located 5 miles north of Oldtown on the east side of Warrior Mountain cutoff road.

This log house is another example of the typical log mansion found in Allegany County. It is rectangular in shape, two stories tall, and is three bays wide. The width measures 14' with a length of 20'. Corner notching in this structure consists of the dovetail type. Chinking is of the clay mortar type. The whole exterior has been whitewashed many times. The house is underlain by a low stone foundation. The windows have plain trim and are double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. The second story on the west side has two single sash windows. There is replaced hardware on the front entrance which faces west. A one story gabled roof addition abuts the northeast corner of the house; it is constructed of vertical boards and plain battens. The roof over the main structure is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt materials. There is a shed roof wrap-around porch covering the west and north sides. Also included within the house is a replaced brick interior chimney. Vertical boards and plain battens cover the gables on each end of the house.

The Shaw Log House retains most of its original fabric and is currently in fair condition.

**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      ca. 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaw Log House is an example of a two story, log mansion erected in Allegany County circa 1830. Log cabins were the most functional structures of that particular time period. They were not too costly to construct, for there was plenty of timber to build walls and abundant sandstone for construction of chimneys. The dovetail notching employed in the corners of the house is also found in the Ruby Log House, located less than one mile southwest of the Shaw Log. Simple "V" notching was the predominant technique used in Allegany County; it would appear that the Ruby Log and Shaw Log stand out as exceptions to the rule, that they were built generally at the same time, and that their builders were probably of the same cultural background.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 161 & 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 &amp; 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. AI-II-B-068

199/252

DATE: Shaw Log 10/14/76

161 + 98 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Shaw Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 5 miles north of oldtown, east side of Warrior Mt. Cutoff Road.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WEST

NAME OF OWNER: Robert F. Shaw 395-5239

ADDRESS: Same - Oldtown, Md.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 story vertical board & batten on northeast side -  
Gable wooden pillar foundation

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 Dovetail Notching 14' x 20'
- () Other: Coverings with white wash

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WEST  
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( ) WRAP AROUND

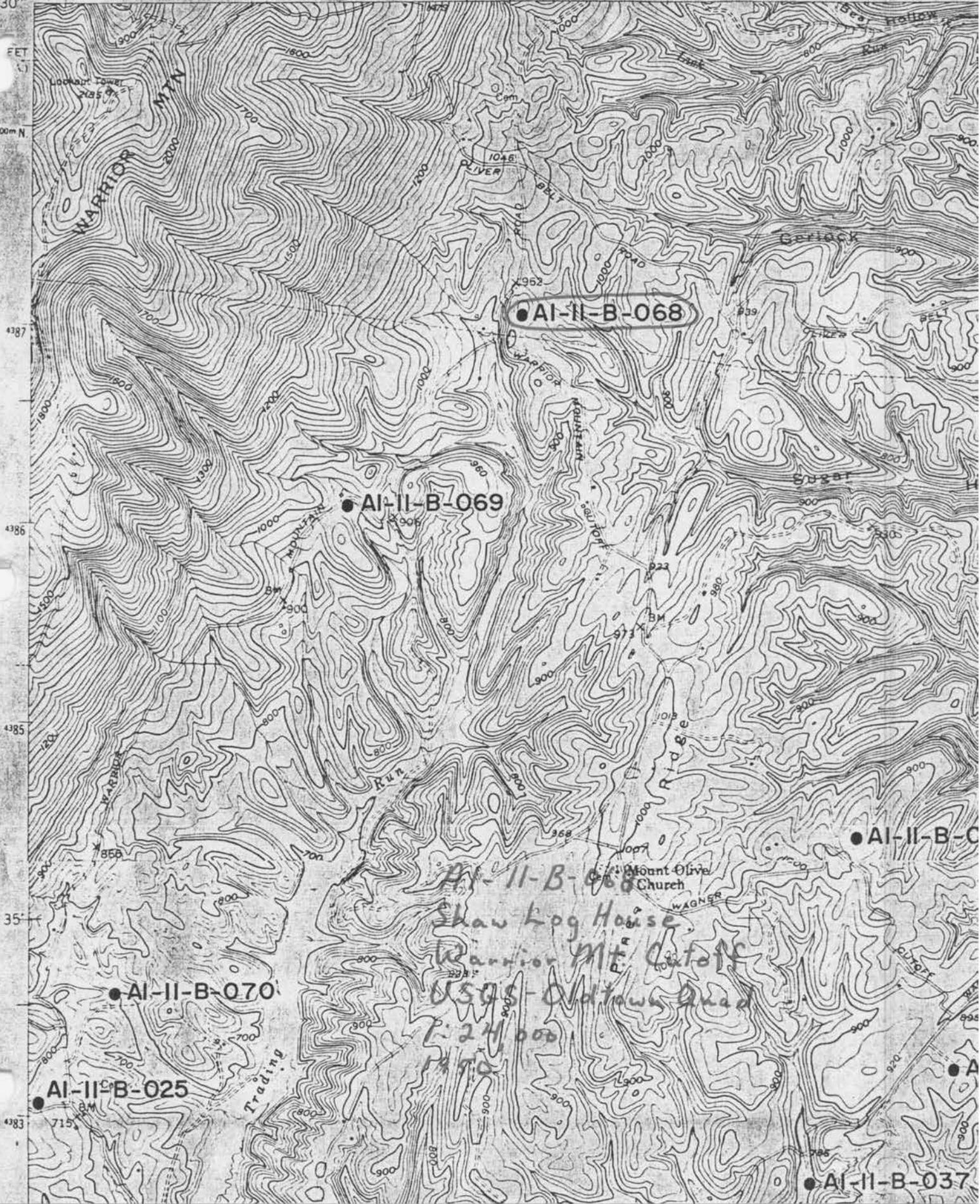
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced()  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

- Use - Residence
- Significance - Arch
- Date Constructed - CA 1620
- Condition - Fair

78°37'30" 104000m E 2 250 000 FEET (W. VA.) 1706 1707 35 FLINT STONE (JUNG. U.S. 40)



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Warrior Mt. Cutoff  
USGS - Oldtown Quad  
1:24,000  
1970

Mount Olive Church

WAGNER

Lookout Tower  
285

1046

952

908

801

821

800

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800

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4387

4386

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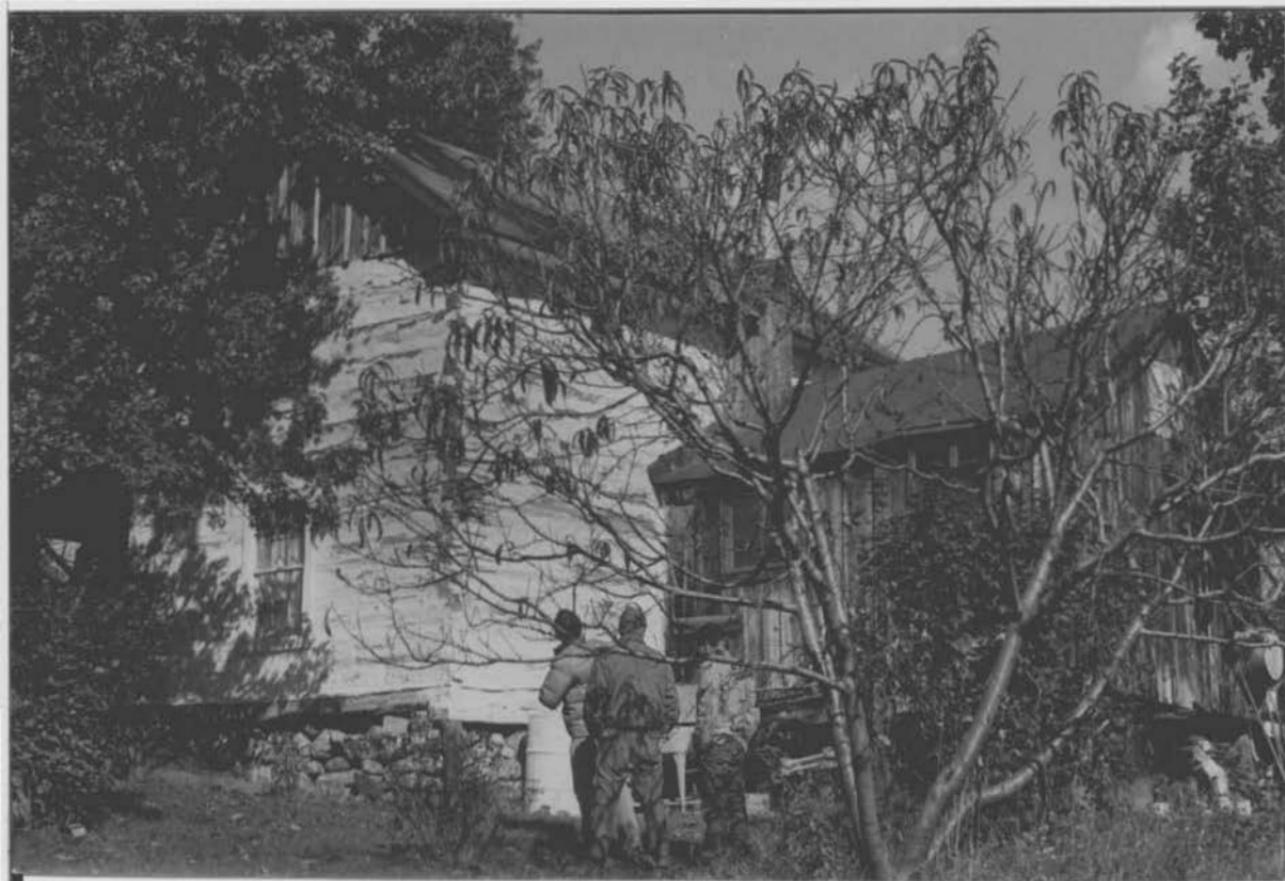
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Southeast



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Northwest