

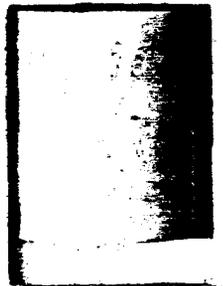
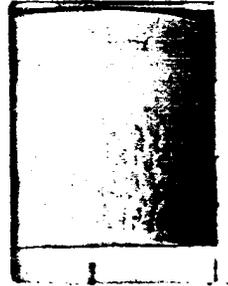
ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

meeting with Ross 1/23/84

Ruby Log House, Warrior Mtn.

no longer standing



RUBY LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-069

Warrier Mt. Road, 4.2 miles north of Oldtown  
ca. 1830

The Ruby Log House is an example of a two story log mansion erected in Allegany County circa 1830. During that particular time period, log cabins were the most functional and economic structures to erect. There was an abundant wealth of forest land and sandstone outcroppings which were tapped as resources in construction of the log buildings. The dovetail corner notching found in this house is unique to the more common "V" notching technique employed in other areas around the county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Allegany Co. #AL-II-B-069  
Warrior Mountain Wildlife  
Management Area

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

DNR #. ?

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Ruby Log House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Warrior Mountain Road 6  
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
North of Oldtown X VICINITY OF  
STATE COUNTY  
Maryland Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: none

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
Taylor Avenue  
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code  
Annapolis VICINITY OF Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 412  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 257  
STREET & NUMBER  
Allegany County Court House  
Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Cumberland Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Allegany County Historic Sites Survey  
DATE  
11/8/76  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Maryland Historical Trust  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Annapolis Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AL-II-B-069

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

See form prepared by John Nelson, Joan Baldwin and Steve Beale, 11/8/76 (attached)

This two-and-one-half story, three-bay log house rests on stone foundations which are exposed to a half story in height at the front or north elevation. There is evidence that the exterior surface of the house was at one time covered with white wash. The type of corner notching is half dovetail.

At the interior of the house, the floor has been replaced. The fireplace has been closed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 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
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<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**
**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**


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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See form prepared by John Nelson, Joan Baldwin and Steve Beale, 11/8/76 (attached).

The half dovetailed notching and the exterior coursed chimney are the two most architecturally significant features of this house. It appears, being three bays in length, an average sized structure for western Maryland, dating from the first half of the 19th century. The Ruby log house stands on land which is part of two tracts, "Hanging Rock Surveyed" and "Rubric" surveyed for John Ruby in 1847.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

2/79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Preservation Associates

1978-79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P. O. Box 702

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Sharpsburg

Maryland 21782

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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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-II-B-069

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ruby Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Ruby 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 NONE

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

MD. State Game Commission

Telephone #: 724-8530

STREET & NUMBER

Naves Crossroads

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 412

Folio #: 257

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

The Ruby Log House is located on the south side of Warrior Mountain Road approximately 4.2 miles north of Oldtown.

The Ruby House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped log mansion built upon a low stone foundation. The house is 15 foot wide and 24 foot long and features dovetail corner notching. V notching can be found as far as two logs up from the sill which rests on the foundation. Replaced concrete material serves as the chinking between the logs. Tin sheeting has been nailed over the second story on the north and west exposures. A one story shed roofed addition has been added to the south side. Windows in the structure have all been replaced and are now double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights. The main entrance faces north and has replaced wooden hardware. The roof is gabled and is covered with worn asphalt materials. A soffit now surrounds the eaves. There is a wrap around shed roof porch covering the north and west sides. A very sturdy original outside end stone chimney is included on the east side of the structure.

The Ruby Log House is currently unoccupied and is in deteriorated condition. However, the logs in the walls are structurally sound.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ruby Log House is an example of the large, two story log mansion built 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 constructing chimneys. The outside end stone chimney featured on this house is probably among the most structurally sound found in the county. Dovetail notching, which is also used on the nearby Shaw Log, is unique to the normal "V" notching technique employed on most Allegany County Log Homes. The Ruby Log and Shaw Log were probably built at generally the same time by people of a similar cultural background.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 176 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

11/8/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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INVENTORY NO. AT-11-B-069

DATE: 10/14/76

REPAIRING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ruby Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Ruby Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: M.D. State Game Commission 724-8536

ADDRESS: Regional Headquarters Nave's Crossroads  
Cumberland MD

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 Stor. Shed Roof S Side 6/6

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
- ( ) Other: Coverings

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

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOG, 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: North

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced()  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

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

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, PANGARD, GONDOL, FLAT, LOWERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

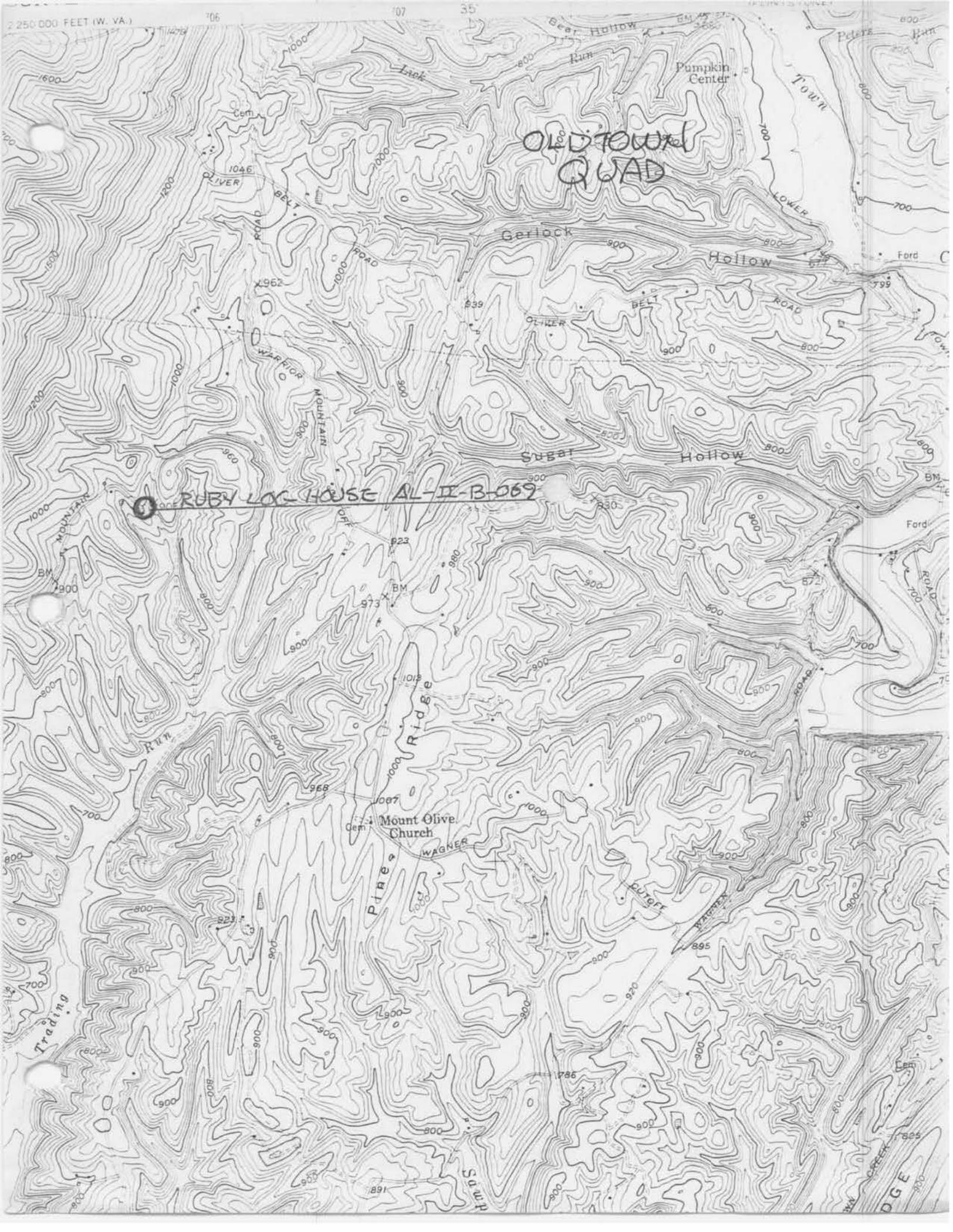
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip() gable( ) Wrap Around

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 - None  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - CA 1830  
Condition - Deter



OLD TOWN  
QUAD

RUBY LOG HOUSE AL-II-B-069

Mount Olive  
Church

Pine Ridge

Gerlock

Hollow

Sugar

Hollow

WAGNER

LUTERT

South

DGE

2 250 000 FEET (W. VA.)

706

707

35

800

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

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100

200

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900

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1100





Ruby Log House

AL-II-B-069

Ruby Road

John Nelson

10/14/76

Southwest



Ruby Log House

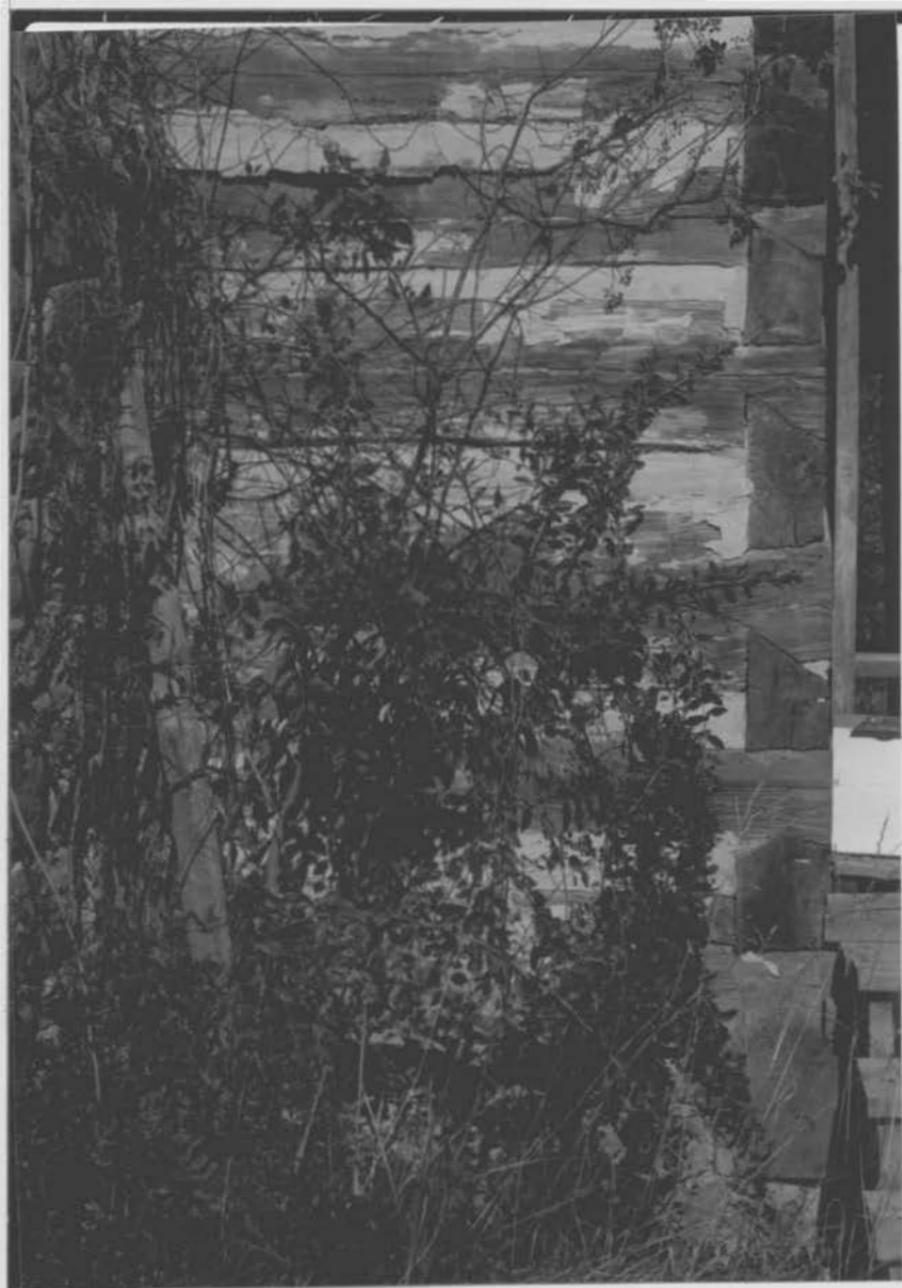
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Ruby Road

John Nelson

10/14/76

Southeast



Ruby Log House

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Ruby Road

John Nelson

10/14/76

WEST



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Warrior Mtn Landlife Management Area

Log house, corner notching detail w. View

Sept. 1978

Paula Stoner  
Preservation Association



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Warrior Mtn. Wildlife Management Area

Log house

W. View

Sept. 1978

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