

DEFFINBAUGH LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-072

Lower Town Creek Road, 5 miles north of
Route 51
mid 19th century

The two story, rectangular shaped
Deffinbaugh Log House was constructed
upon 11 acres of ground around the 1850's.
Elegant styling was incorporated by the
Deffinbaugh family around the 1930's.
Novelty siding, shutters, a 28 light
morning window, screened-in porches,
and columns with scrolled brackets were
all added to the original house which
was then made twice as large with a
frame addition. It is presently used
as a summer vacation house.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John R. Deffinbaugh Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lower Town Creek Road, 5 miles north Route 51

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

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
vacation house

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John R. Deffinbaugh

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 430

Folio #: 112

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deffinbaugh Log House is situated along Town Creek Road approximately 5 miles north of Route 51.

The northern half of what is now a five bay wide frame structure was originally log. The present "L" shaped house stands two stories tall and rests on a low stone foundation. There is a one and a half story gabled roof frame addition on the northeast corner of the house, which abuts the original log section. Most windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights, cornices, architrave trim, and shutters. However, there is a new, large 28 light morning window on the northeast side of the house and one six over three light window on the rear second story of the original log section. Novelty siding now covers the entire structure. The front of the house has two entrances, both of which have replaced verticle paneled doors. A gabled roof covered with replaced asphalt materials shields the structure, and the gables have boxed cornices with returns. A soffit runs the perimeter of the house. There is a three bay end porch on the front of the house supported by square columns with scrolled brackets and covered by a hipped roof. The rear of the house features a four bay screened in porch with a hipped roof which adjoins the south side of the one and a half story rear addition. On the north side of that same addition lies a two bay screened in porch also having a hipped roof. There are two corbeled brick chimneys in the house, one centrally located and the other on the inside end of the south side.

The Deffinbaugh Log House has been favorably remodeled to greatly alter its original appearance of a two story rectangular, log cabin. It stands structurally sound and is in good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<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 Deffinbaugh House was constructed around the middle of the 19th century, as a two story, rectangular, log structure. It was an example of the typical log mansion built in the eastern half of Allegany County during that time period, being very similar to the Ruby Log and the McLaughlin Log. The Deffinbaugh family had control of the house and surrounding 11 acres until 1969. At the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, the house was elegantly refinished and enlarged; novelty siding, shutters and screened in porches were all added. The house is presently used as a summer vacation home.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11 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

11/8/76

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

Deffinbaugh Log House
AL-II-B-072

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 430, Folio 112

grantee: Kermit J. McLaughlin
grantor: Charles Francis Deffenbaugh
April 18, 1969

(John W. Deffenbaugh died intestate leaving Charles Francis Deffinbaugh
his only heir at law)

11 acres

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 119, Folio 596

grantee: John W. Deffenbaugh
grantor: Martha V. Deffenbaugh, et. al.
November 18, 1916

Allegheny County Deed, Liber 115, Folio 364

grantee: Martha V. Deffenbaugh, et. al.
grantor: John W. Deffenbaugh, et. al.
October 17, 1914

(Daniel Deffenbaugh died intestate and left the property by heir at law
to George I. Deffenbaugh, who was the father of the above mentioned grantor
John W. George I, died intestate and John W. became the next heir at law.)

Allegheny County Deed, liber 33, Folio 307

grantee: Daniel Deffenbaugh
grantor: John Deffenbaugh
February 17, 1871
Consideration: \$500.00
12 acres

INVENTORY NO. AL-II-B-072

430/112

DATE: 10/14/76

11 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: John R. Deffinbaugh (Father John Built house)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: LOWER TOWN CREEK ROAD, 5 miles N. 51st

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTHWEST

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 1/2 story frame on Northeast corner (Gabled)

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Now L shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, Novelty 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

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
Cornice, Architrave trim pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()
OLD 4/3 in Log Side window w/ 28 lights on NE corner

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 NORTHWEST

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed Cornice + Returns
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() 3 BAY FRONT END
28 BAY SCREEN IN HIPPED PORCH OFF REAR ADDITION

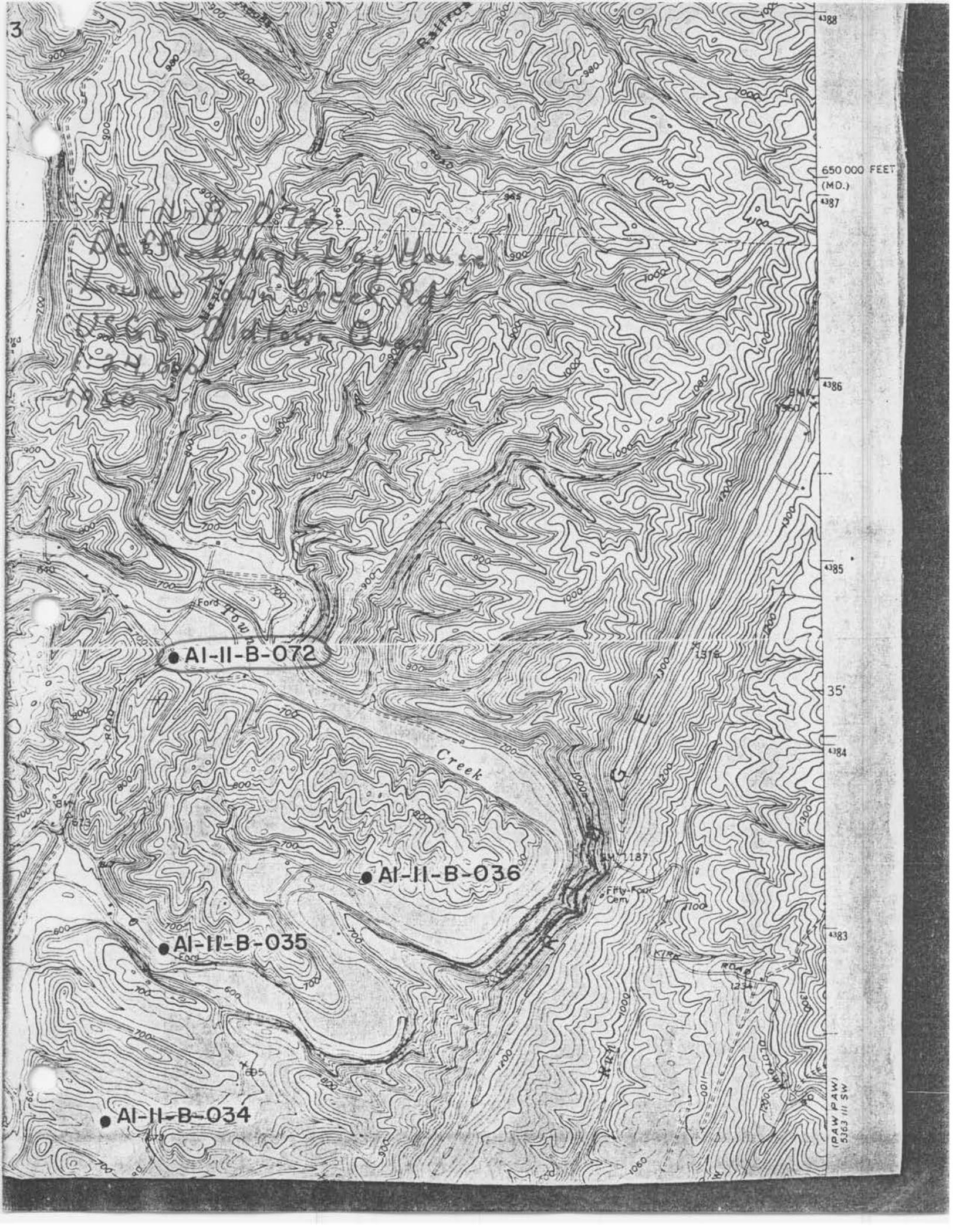
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

Use - Vacation Home
Significance - Arch.
Date Constructed - ca. 1850
Condition - fair

4 BAY REAR SCREEN IN HIPPED PORCH



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AI-II-B-035

AI-II-B-034

650 000 FEET
(MD.)

35'

(PAW PAW)
5363 III SW



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Lower Town Creek Road, ■ 5 miles
north of Rt. 51

John Nelson

10/14/76

NORTH



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Lower Town Creek Rd. , 5 miles North
of Rt. 51

John Nelson

10/14/76

EAST