

AL-II-B-112
Leatherman Log House
Gorman Road
North of Route 51
Keifers, Maryland
Mid 1800's

The Leatherman Log House is an example of the many log houses in the Keifers area which were built resting on stone pillars rather than foundations. This building is a reminder of the area farmers who were able to retain much of their folk culture, including building methods, because they were so isolated from the rest of the County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Leatherman House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gorman Road, .1 mile north of Rt. 51

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Elbert W. Leatherman

Telephone #: 722-7832

STREET & NUMBER

705 Louisiana Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 400

Folio #: 423

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

The Leatherman House is located on Gorman Road north of Rt. 51, near Keifers, Maryland.

The original log house is a rectangular two story, three bays wide structure. Subsequent additions are a gabled frame addition on the north-east, and a flat roofed frame addition on the northern corner of the building. Wall construction of the original is of logs. The entire building is covered with insul brick siding.

The building rests on stone pillars on the corners. The roof is gable flank covered with tin. The roof of the gabled addition is also covered with tin. The eaves consist of a box cornice, soffit, and frieze. A large outside end chimney is made of stone.

Windows of this house are pegged, double hung, 1/1 light, with plain wooden frames and wooden slipsills. The main entrance is a replaced door. with three rectangular lights positioned diagonally.

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"/> 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 checked="" 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

The nineteenth century residents of the Keifers area were farmers who X
 "led a relatively contained existence. 1 Isolation and less contact with
 the outside world enabled these people to retain their native folk culture,
 including building methods, longer than others.

The Leatherman Log House is one of several log houses in the area built
 resting on stone pillars at the corners. Much of this area was converted into
 orchards near the turn of the century. Near this house is the site of a
 packing and brewing establishment. Produce from local orchards was brewed into
 Apple Jack at the Picardy Brewing Company.

Although its original appearance is obscured by insul siding and additions
 this building stands as a reminder of a way of life during the nineteenth
 century.

1. Harry Stegmaier Jr., Allegany County-A History, (Parsons, W. Va.:
 McClain Printing Company, 1976) pp. 258-259.
2. Interview with Mrs. Florence Sarver, 7/7/78.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
 Stegmaier, Harry Jr., Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W. Va: McClain
 Printing Company, 1976.
 Sarver, Florence, Mrs., Interview 7/7/78

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20.69 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

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

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-112

DATE: 7/6/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Leatherman House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gorman Road North of Rt. 51

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southwest

NAME OF OWNER: Elbert W. Leatherman

ADDRESS: 705 Louisiana Avenue

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()
One on northern corner, flat roof.

WINGS, ADDITIONS: One on northeastern corner gabled tin roof.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) Irregular

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 Insul brick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone None - rest on stone pillars on corners

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center of southwestern facade
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Box

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() Cement block platform porch

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Agriculture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: Fair

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

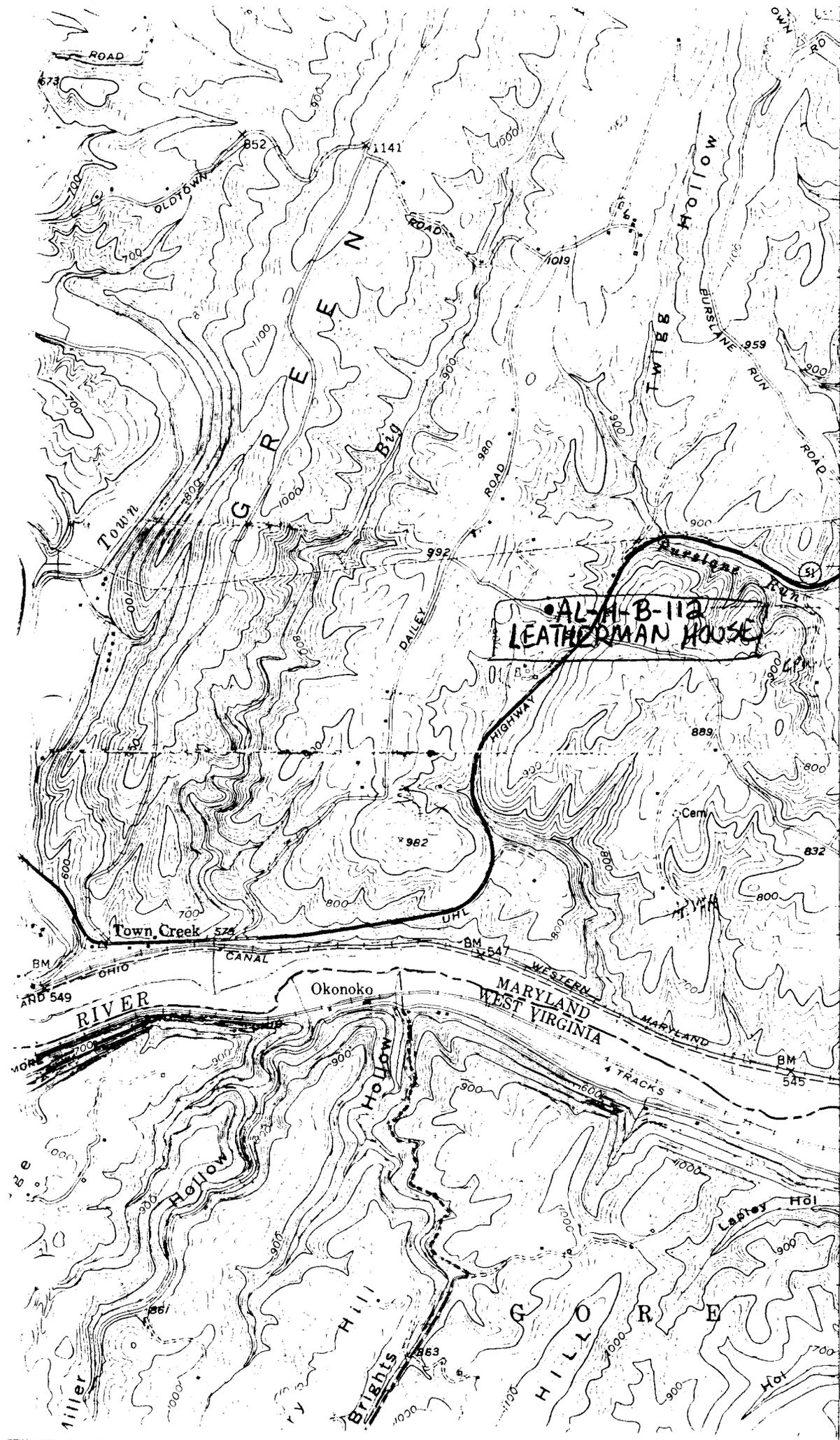
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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LEATHERMAN HOUSE

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LEATHERMAN HOUSE
GORMAN ROAD
NORTH OF RT. 51
KEIFERS, MD
USGS OLDTOWN QUAD
1950

(PAW PAW)
5263 III SW
4381
PAW PAW W 7A (JUNC W VA 913) MI
RESERVATION SW 1 A 27 MI
32'30"
4377
37000 FEET
(W. VA.)
4376000m N



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LEATHERMAN LOG HOUSE

GORMAN RD. Keifers, MD

DAVID A. Dorsey

7/6/78

North



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Leatherman Log House
Garman Rd. Keifers, Md
DAVID A. Dorsey
7/6/78

South