

C & O Canal Boat Cabin
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Brice Hollow Road, Spring Gap

After flood damage permanently closed the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in 1924, most of the boats were uselessly stranded in the remains of the canal. The boats gradually disappeared, due to natural deterioration or were dismantled to be used in other ways. This particular canal boat cabin was salvaged from the canal and moved two miles north to its present location near Spring Gap. It stands on stilts and is used as a toolshed. It has been covered with insulbrick siding, but retains most of its original appearance.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC C & O Canal Boat Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Brice Hollow Road Sixth

CITY, TOWN Spring Gap X VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Bartlett J. Cattrill Telephone #: 722-2984

STREET & NUMBER Box 322

CITY, TOWN Spring Gap VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21560

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 357

Folio #: 368

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Boat Cabin is located on the southeastern side of Brick Hollow Road near Spring Gap.

The cabin consists of a rectangular structure of vertical planks covered with insulbrick. It rests on wooden posts. The bowed roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of cornice and fascia. The entrance is offset on the northeast and includes a four panel door. Four four light windows are pegged and fixed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" 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

There were many boats operating on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. "Five hundred and fifty-four boats moved on the waterway during the peak year of 1873". (1) The boats were large wooden structures typically "14½" feet wide, 92 feet long, drew 4½ feet of water, and could carry upwards to 120 tons of cargo ." (2) After flood damage permanently closed the canal in 1924 the boats were useless and stranded in the remains of the canal. "As the years rolled on the boats rotted or were torn apart to be used in other structures when it became evident the canal would never run again ." (3)

This canal boat cabin is located about two miles north of the canal near Spring Gap. It stands on stilts and is used as a tool shed. Although in fair condition the cabin retains its **original** appearance and serves as a reminder of a transportation system and way of life unique in Maryland.

- (1) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p. 212
- (2) Lee D. Barron, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal "As it is and As it Was." published by author: 1973 no page numbers
- (3) Ibid

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 9.25 Acres
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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

DATE

July 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

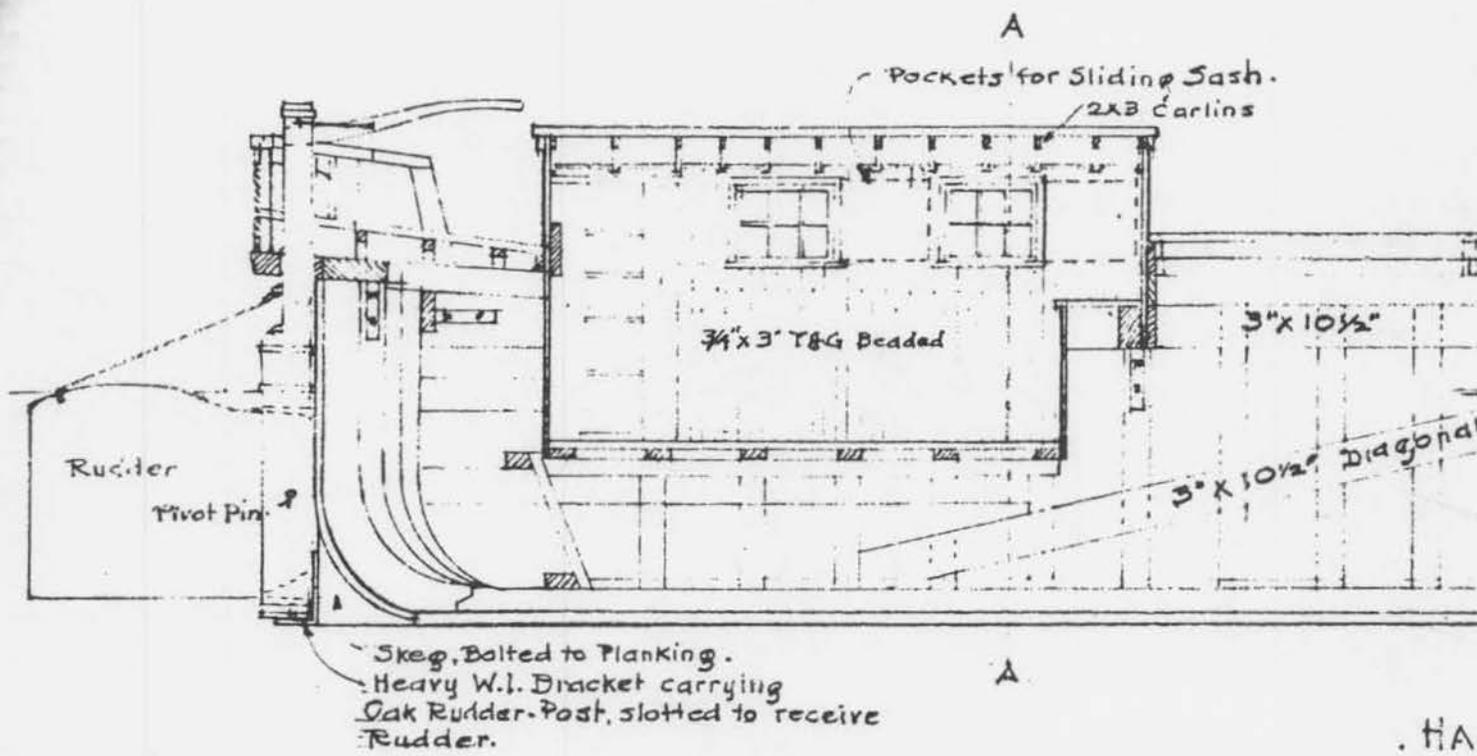
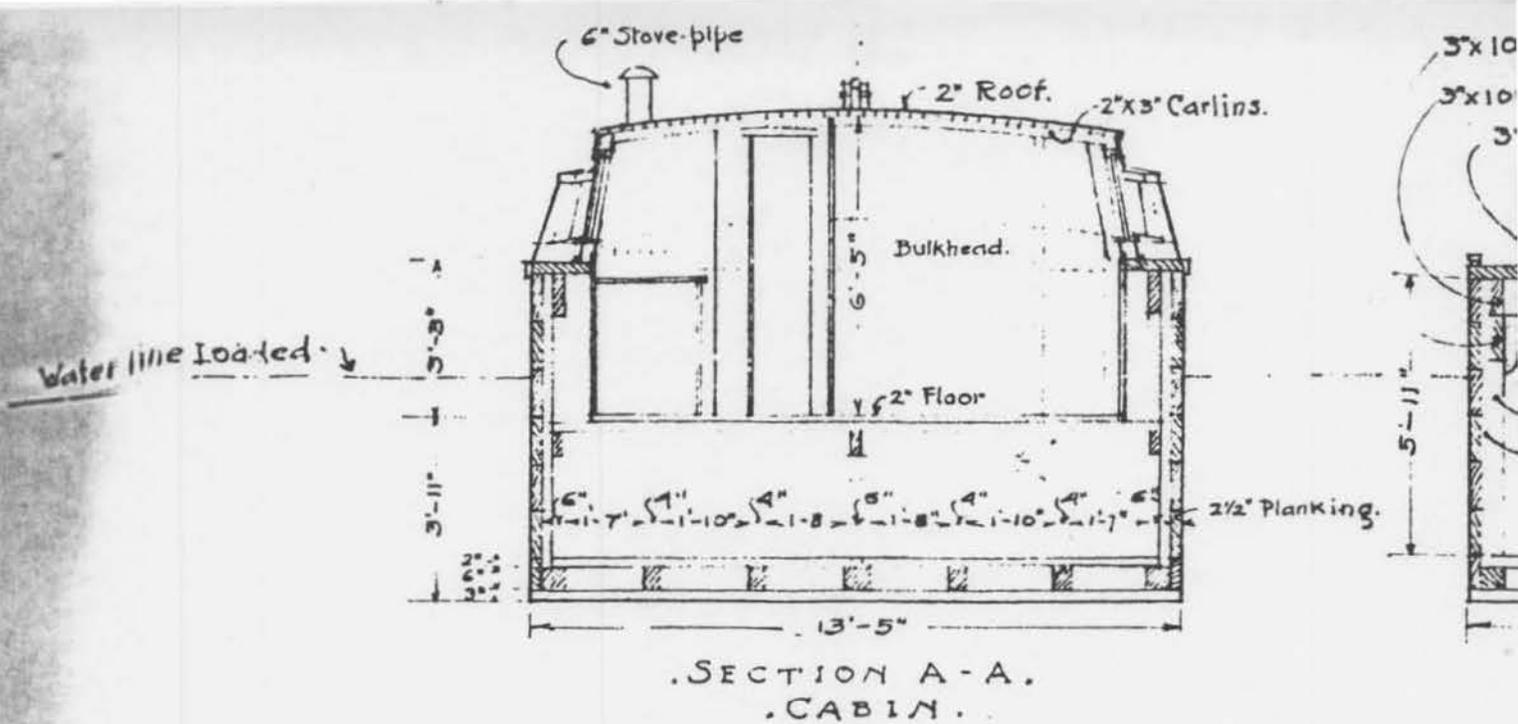
STATE

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



SCALE $\frac{1}{4}" = 1'$
 N.H. Park Service Diagram
 TYPICAL CANAL Freight Barge
 (#57) Hancock, Md, 1939

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Hinged Shutters.

INVENTORY NO:

~~WRITE - LEE STRUBLE~~ DATE: 9/5
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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: CANAL BOAT CABIN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: South East side of Briarcliff Rd, Behind house

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~W~~ 310° NW

NAME OF OWNER: BARTLETT COTTELL + Box 322 +

ADDRESS: *Lady who sold house to owners (Mrs Bishop) told owners it was a canal boat.* ph. #722-2984

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: *call Mrs Cottrill & ask about Mrs Bishop*

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

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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 board*

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone *on wooden posts*

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: *4 - 4 light casement windows*
1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: *cut off set NE*
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

overhang

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) *arched*
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; tarpaper* original() replaced()

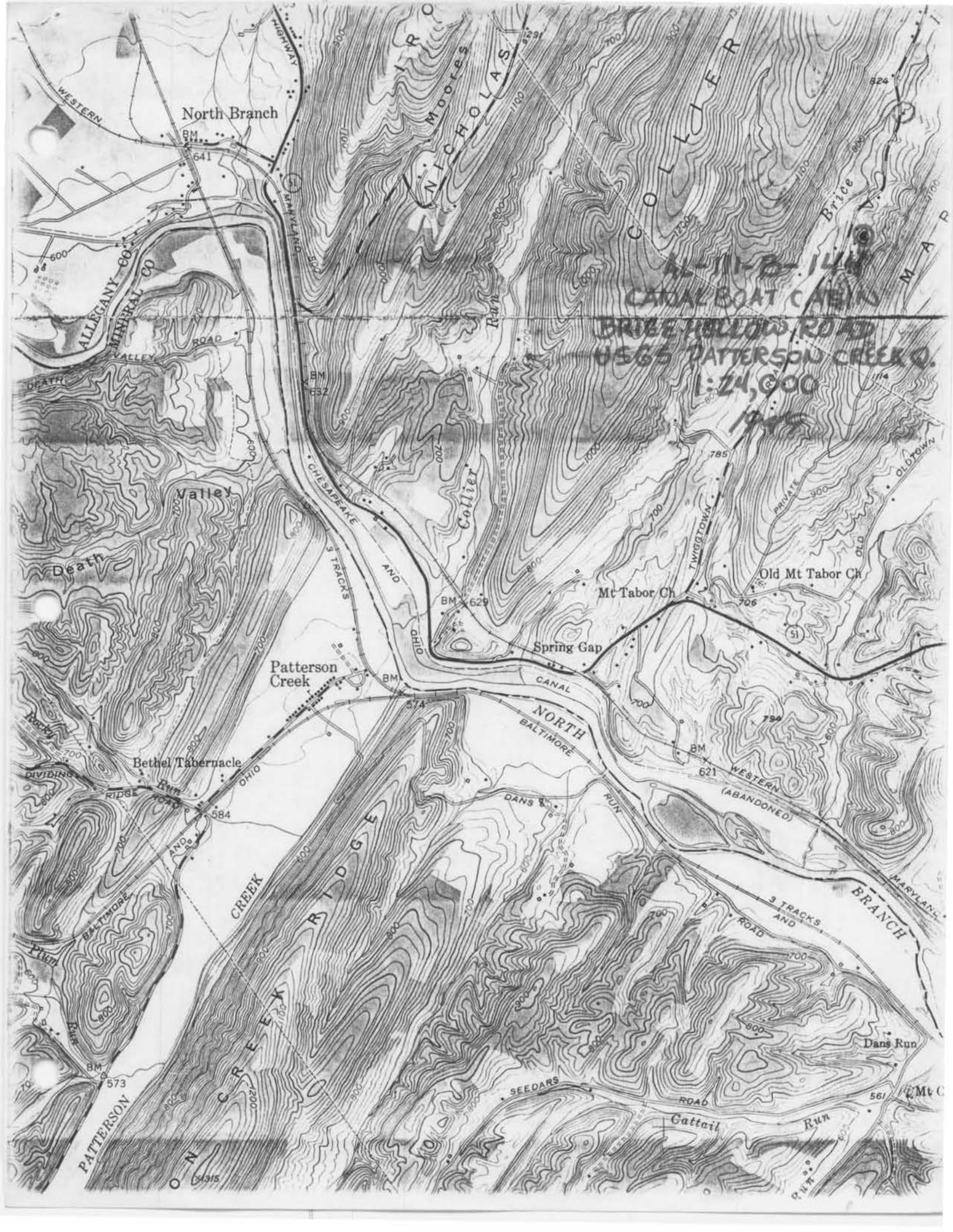
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

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

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

COMMENTS: *Tax Map # 51 Bartlett J. Cottrill 357/F368 9.25 Acres*

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____





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BRICE HOLLOW RD SPRING GAP
DAVID A. DORSEY

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NORTH



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BRICE HOLLOW RD
SPRING GAP

DAVID A. DORSEY

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South