

AL-111-B-147
Stafford Log House
Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain
Latter quarter of 19th century

The log house was a very popular form of housing in Allegany County throughout the 19th century. Stafford Log House is approximately 100 years old, and it has been in the Stafford family since 1883, when it was a two-room structure. The house was originally a one and a half story, two bays wide structure, and it is similar to many others found in this eastern section of Allegany County. Stafford Log House serves as a reminder of a long-time farming family of the county.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Stafford Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain Sixth

CITY, TOWN Cumberland X VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland Allegany COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	X STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Myrtha Stafford Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Route 4 Moores Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN Cumberland VICINITY OF Maryland 21502 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 171 Folio #: 474

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 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

Stafford Log House stands on the western side of Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain.

This building originally consisted of a one and one half story, two bays wide rectangular log structure covered with german siding. It rests on stones laid at the corners. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bed mould. Two cinderblock chimneys are located outside end.

The main entrance, offset on the southeast, has a replaced door. Windows on the original building are one light casements and one two over two light nailed window, all with wooden lugsills.

A frame addition with german siding located on the northeast is perpendicular to the original. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble. One over one light nailed windows are pedimented.

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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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The log house was a popular form of housing in rural Allegany County, throughout the 19th century. Logs were very functional building material in an area filled with abundant forests.

Stafford Log House is at least one hundred years old. According to present owner, Myrtha Stafford, the house has been in her family since 1883 when it was a two room structure. (1) Miss Stafford has lived in the house for 77 years. (2)

This log house is similar to many others that can be found in this eastern section of the county. It has had some additions which were usually built to accomodate a growing family's needs. The house stands as a reminder of a long-time farming family of eastern Allegany County.

(1) Interview with Myrtha Stafford, September 8, 1978

(2) Ibid

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	DATE April 25, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE 777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland 21502

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: # 43

DATE: _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: STAFFORD ^{LOG} HOUSE AL- III B-147 ^{9/8}

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: East side of Moore's Hollow Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 120° SE.

NAME OF OWNER: Myrtha Stafford 492/49

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: ^{orig.} 1 2 () 3 () 4 () 5 () 6 () BAYS: ^{orig.} 1 () 2 3 () 4 () 5 () 6 () 7 () ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, ^{orig.} rectangular) L

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 *germansiding*

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone ~~concrete~~ on corners

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: ^{originally 1} 1/1 () ^{Light casements plain frames} 2/2 () 6/6 () 9/6 () 9/9 () other ()
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SE offset
HARDWARE: original () replaced ()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
3 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards
1 light door is replaced but old

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 () ^{T. BOB} *out posts - cut*

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 ^{cinder concrete & brick} Brick () Stone () Corbeled () original () replaced ()
Location: Flush end () Inside end () Outside end () Central () Interior ()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: LADY'S BEEN HERE 77 yrs. in family since 1893 - 2 rooms then

CONDITION: _____

526 1/1 NE
(CUMBERLAND)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

78°45'
39°37'30"

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CUMBERLAND (JUNC. U.S. 40) 2.6 MI.

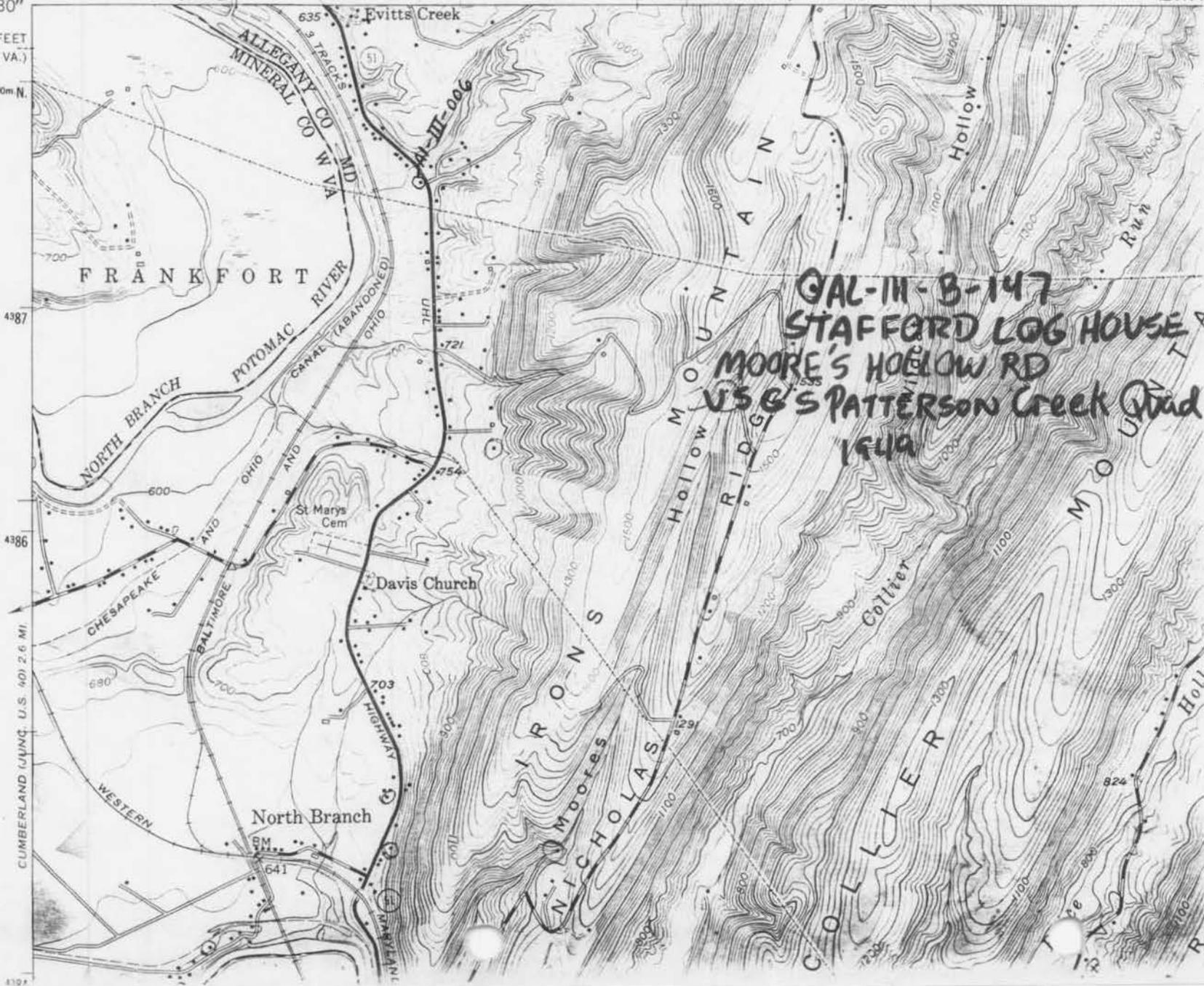
2 220 000 FEET (W. VA.)

TWIGGTOWN 3.7 MI.
42°30"

526
(EVITT)

410 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

4388000m N.



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STAFFORD LOG HOUSE
MOORE'S HOLLOW RD
USGS PATTERSON CREEK Quad
1949



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Stafford Log House
Moore's Hollow Rd. Cumberland

David A. Dorsey

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South



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North