

Robinette Log Farmhouse
AL-111-B-148
western side of Iron's Mountain
vicinity of Cumberland
east quarter 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robinette Log Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

western side of Iron's Mountain

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 MUSEUM
 COMMERCIAL PARK
 EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
 GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
 INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
 MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Millard A. Robinette

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

 VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21502**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 187
Folio #: 711

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY 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

Robinette Log Farmhouse is located on the western side of Iron's Mountain near Cumberland.

This building consists of a two story, three bays wide rectangular log structure with "V" notching. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with no apparent water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and fascia. An original brick chimney is located inside end and a replaced brick chimney is located outside end.

The main entrance in the center of the northeastern facade has been boarded up. An entrance in the center of the southwestern facade has a one panel and one light door. Six over six light windows are pegged with wooden slipsills; some on the first floor have simple hoods. A shed roofed porch is on the southwest. A frame addition covered with insulbrick abuts the southwestern facade of the original. Other log buildings, including a smaller house, a barn, and a granary are located on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

This log farmhouse has been in the Robinette family for a hundred years.⁽¹⁾ "Robinette is a historic name in Allegany County, and is honorably linked with the pioneer families in the early settlement of the county."⁽²⁾

The property is known as the "Gilles Robinette Farm."⁽³⁾ Gilles Robinette bought the three tracts comprising the farm at separate times, two of them in 1879 and the third in 1889.⁽⁴⁾ In his will probated February 4, 1896, Gilles Robinette left all his "real estate" to his two sons, Charles and Oliver. "The household goods I devise to my son, Oliver Robinette,... all my farming implements and my two horses and cow...."⁽⁵⁾ The Robinettes kept the farm in the family; the present owner Millard Robinette, has owned it since 1939.⁽⁶⁾

The Robinette Log Farmhouse is a typical log dwelling for Allegany County with its three bays wide structure and "V" notching of the logs. It stands as a reminder of a well-known farming family of this county.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 49, Folio 112
- (2) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co.) P-1075
- (3) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 184, Folio 711
- (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 49, Folio 112, Liber 54, Folio 123
Liber 66, Folio 327
- (5) Allegany County Wills, Liber G Folio 156
- (6) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 184, Folio 711

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thomas, James W. and Williams. T.J.C. History of Allegany County.
Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50.25 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Site Survey DATE April 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 3 Pershing Street TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 777-5944 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.

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

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 184, Folio 711
Grantee: Millard A. Robinette Date: October 14, 1939
Grantor: Ira H. and Theodocia Robinette, Theodora
Robinette, Anderson G. and Ollie Robinette,
C. Emory Robinette, Mae I. and Bruce Garlitz,
Blanche M. Robinette
Notes: Grantors are children of Charles Robinette; deed states that property
is known as the "Gillless Robinette Farm."

Allegany County Deed: Liber 99, Folio 257
Grantee: Charles Robinette Date: February 24, 1906
Grantor: Oliver and Alice Robinette
Notes: Oliver and Alice Robinette gave Charles $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the property.

Allegany County Wills: Liber 6, Folio 156 Probated
Grantee: Charles and Oliver Robinette Date: February 4, 1896
Grantor: Gillless Robinette
Notes: Left all "real estate" to two sons, Charles and Oliver.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 66, Folio 327
Grantee: Gillless Robinette Date: March 30, 1889
Grantor: Henry Dicken, et. ux. Consideration: \$150

Allegany County Deed: Liber 54, Folio 123
Grantee: Gillless Robinette Date: August 9, 1879
Grantor: John W. Irons, et. ux. Consideration: \$150

Allegany County Deed: Liber 49, Folio 112
Grantee: Gillless Robinette Date: May 4, 1879
Grantor: George C. Robinette et. ux. Consideration: \$250

INVENTORY NO: A44

DATE: 7/8

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Robinette log house ^{FARM} AL-111-B-148

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: W. of Moon's Yellow Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~North~~ NE

NAME OF OWNER: check mailbox - ~~map 39~~ MAP 39

ADDRESS: Millard Robinette 187/211 50.25 Acres p 59
ph. #

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on E of log. frame w/ insul siding

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 
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() plain frame wood lug slip
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center
HARDWARE: original() replaced() 1 p. 1 light
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

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: tar paper original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() ^{orig} Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() ^{orig} Outside end() ^{Repl.} Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

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

Log Barn
Log Granary
one other log house fallen in



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