

John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin
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The pre-Civil War cabin in original condition stands in Moore's Hollow, east of Cumberland. By far the cheapest and most functional buildings erected in this area during the early 1800's were log cabins. John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin is typical of the local traditional style of cabin with its "V" notched logs and stones laid at the corners for a foundation. A deed made in 1909 identifies the cabin as John Wesley Twigg's house. It is a reminder of a way of life experienced in rural areas of this county during the early 1800's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Moore's Hollow Rd. Sixth
CITY, TOWN Cumberland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland Allegany COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
X BUILDING(S) PUBLIC OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE MUSEUM
PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE PRIVATE RESTRICTED PRIVATE RESIDENCE
IN PROCESS UNRESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
BEING CONSIDERED NO MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William F. Zimmerly Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Spring Gap VICINITY OF Maryland 21560, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 429
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse FOLIO #: 52
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

John Wesley Twigg is located in Moore's Hollow on the western side of Iron's Mountain near Cumberland.

The building is a one and one half story, two bays wide log structure with "V" notching. It rests on stones laid at the corners. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of rafter ends. The offset entrance on the southern facade includes a vertical board door with original hardware. Windows are two over two lights pegged with one six over six lights pegged window in the gables. A shed roofed board and batten addition is on the east of the original.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

By far the cheapest and most functional buildings erected in this area during the early 1800's were log cabins. Abundant forests of the region supplied easily accessible timber for small and serviceable log cabins.

This cabin was standing when John Wesley Twigg bought it. A deed made in 1909 identifies the building as "John Wesley Twigg's house"⁽¹⁾ His granddaughter, the current resident, recalls that during the 1930's an octogenarian visitor to the cabin stated that his father built the building before the Civil War.⁽²⁾

The cabin was built with the "V" notching widely used in log construction in this area. The main entrance is a vertical board door with original hardware. A stone fruit cellar is located behind the cabin.

John Wesley Log Cabin is a physical reminder of the way of life experienced in rural areas of Allegany County during the earlier half of the nineteenth century.

(1) Interview with Gladys Burton, Iron's Mountain, September 8, 1978 and Allegany County Land Records, Liber 107, Folio 238

(2) Interview

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 66.1 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, Historic Sites Coordinator Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor
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ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Site Survey	DATE	April 23, 1979
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STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE	777-5944
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE	Maryland 21502
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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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: 445

DATE: _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: John Wesley Twigg Log House Cabin

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: off Moores Hollow Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: ~~Charles B. Crawford~~ William F. Zimmerman Dist. 16

ADDRESS: ~~27A P. 96~~ TAX MAPS 1 429/52 66.10A

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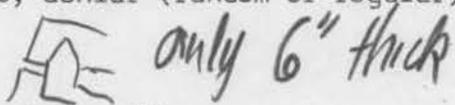
STORIES: 1(1/2) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2(2) 3(3) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on east bound & batten shed

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: stone fruit cellar

- () 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 stone pillars on corners

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick _____

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(1) 6/6(1) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(1) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: off at v. board door by
HARDWARE: original(1) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(1) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; asph/pt 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: in 30's 80 yr. old man said his daddy built it.
Amazing old pump organ
Log out building

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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

526 III NE
(CUMBERLAND)

78°45'
39°37'30"

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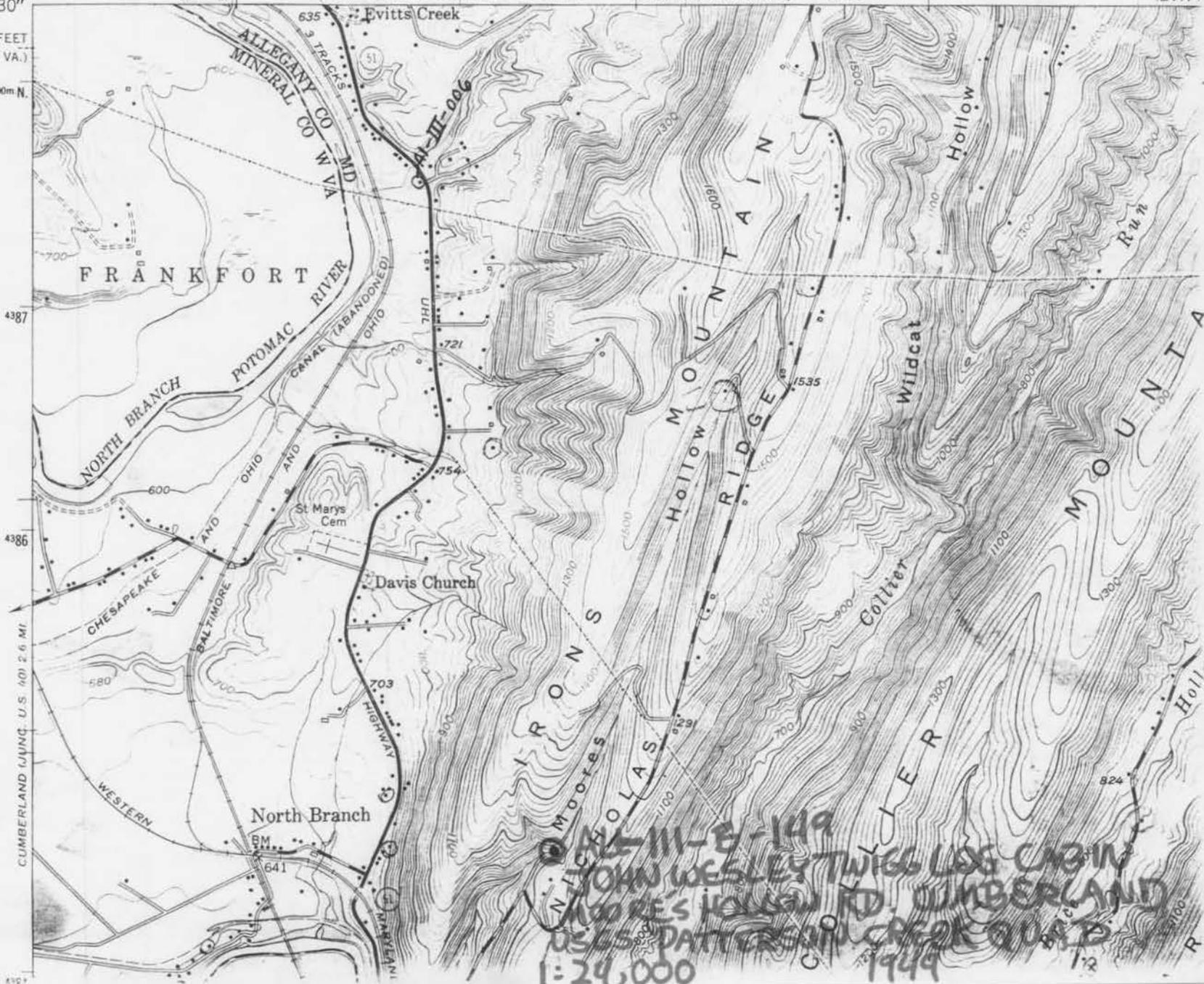
CUMBERLAND (UNCL. U.S. 40) 2.6 MI

2 220 000 FEET (W. VA.)

TWIGG TOWN 3.7 MI.
42°30"

526
(EVITT)

410 000 FEET
(W. VA.)
4388000m N



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MOORE'S HOLLOW RD. CUMBERLAND
USGS PATTERSON CREEK QUAD
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CUMBERLAND

David A Dorsey

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