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Pratt Farm
Federal Hill, Mount Savage
1820's

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The original cabin, a larger log addition, a smokehouse, and a barn are all constructed of logs with locally popular "V" notching. All buildings on the farm have original roofs of wooden shakes.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pratt Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Federal Hill

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

William R. Pratt

Telephone #:

264-3264

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 18

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21545 STATE ZIP code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 443

Folio #: 4

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland 21502 STATE

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pratt Farm is located on Federal Hill, southeast of Mount Savage.

The building originally consisted of a one and one-half story, two bays wide log structure with "V" notching and mud chinking covered with german-siding. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with wooden shingles. Original eaves consist of rafter ends. A large outside end stone chimney is original. The door and windows have been removed. A shed roofed porch with wooden shingles has collapsed.

A two and one half story, two bays wide addition abuts the original on the east. Wall construction is of logs with "V" notching and mud chinking covered with german siding. It rests on a low foundation of random rubble stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with wooden shingles. Eaves consist of a box cornice with soffit and returns. The addition has an interior brick chimney.

An addition abuts the log addition on the north. Wall construction is frame with german siding. It rests on a high foundation of random ashlar stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with wooden shingles. Eaves consist of a box cornice with soffit and returns. A brick chimney is in the center of the frame addition. Windows are pedimented pegged, two over two lights with fluted jambs and wooden lugsills.

What is probably a log smoke house with "V" notching and mud chinking is west of the Farmhouse. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone and has an excellent wooden shingle roof. Poles are hung across the interior of this smoke house. Hooks hanging on the poles consist of a piece of vine with a sharpened piece of wood wrapped around the pole.

A large log barn southeast of the farmhouse is open in the middle. It rests on a random rubble stone foundation and has a wooden shingle roof, now collapsed.

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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 checked="" 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 1820's BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Barncord

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One tract of land that is part of the Pratt Farm is "Military Lot 3386," which was patented to George Sapp in 1801. (1) Sapp's name appears in a 1788 list of settlers living west of Fort Cumberland. (2) He had settled elsewhere before receiving this tract, one of several thousand fifty acre tracts set aside for veterans of the American Revolution. (3) Sapp sold the tract and another six years later to Jacob Fare who sold them to John Barncord in 1822. (4)

Barncord settled the land and built the original log portion of the Farmhouse shortly after 1823. (5) James Pratt purchased the farm in 1875 after Barncord had added two other tracts in the 1840's. (6) It has been farmed by Pratt's descendants for more than one hundred years. The current owner recalls that his uncle, a former owner, stated that John Barncord's log house was standing in 1875 when James Pratt purchased the farm. (7)

The original cabin, a larger addition, a smokehouse, and a barn are all constructed of logs joined with the locally prevalent "V" notching. All of these buildings and a later frame addition have roofs of wooden shakes which are rare for the area. The Pratt Farm stands as a physical reminder of the resourcefulness of the early settlers of the mountains of western Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records Liber 93, Folio 145
2. Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company) p.265
3. Allegany County Land Records, Liber P, Folio 214 and Harry I. Stegmaier, et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons, W. Va. :McClain Printing Co.) P.83
4. Allegany County Land Records, Liber E. Folio 233 and Liber L, Folio 471
5. Allegany County Assessments Liber 1813-1824, Folio 237 and Liber 1825-1832, Folio 193
6. Allegany County Land Records, Liber 93, Folio 145
7. Interview with William R. Pratt, May 15, 1979

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
 Allegany County Assessment Department Records
 Lowdermilk, Will H. History of Cumberland. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1971
 Reprint of 1878 edition

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 213 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
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites
DATE	May 15, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street
TELEPHONE	777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland
STATE	Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Pratt Farm
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 443, Folio 4
Grantee: William R. Pratt and Evelyn F. Pratt Date: December 27, 1973
Grantor: Anna M. Pratt et al
Notes: "Pratt Farm"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 435, Folio 814
Grantee: Anna M. Pratt et al Date: March 4, 1946
Grantor: John A. Pratt
Notes: This deed filed in 1969

Allegany County Deed: Liber 156, Folio 439
Grantee: Richard A. Pratt and Jane A. Pratt Date: June 24, 1926
Grantor: Hazel F. Pratt
Notes: Widow of Joseph A. Pratt

Allegany County Deed: Liber 149, Folio 316
Grantee: Joseph A. Pratt, et ux Date: January 1, 1925
Grantor: Richard A. Pratt, et ux Consideration: \$1,500

Allegany County Deed: Liber 93, Folio 145
Grantee: Richard A. Pratt Date: June 26, 1903
Grantor: James A. Pratt
Notes: This deed lists all previous deeds and patents

Allegany County Deed: Liber 44, Folio 328
Grantee: James Pratt Date: April 9, 1875
Grantor: John Barncord and Sarah Barncord Consideration: \$9,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber L, Folio 471
Grantee: John Barncord Date: April 30, 1822
Grantor: Jacob Fare Consideration: \$900
Notes: Lots mentioned in this deed and Liber 93, Folio 145
are "Military Lot 3386" and "Climb the Hill"

Allegany County Assessments: Liber 1813-1824 Folio 237
"Climb the Hill" and Military Lot 3386 "Both Date Assessed 1823
assessed at 47 cents per acre.

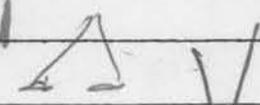
Allegany County Assessments Liber 1825-1832 Folio 193 Date Assessed 1825
"Climb the Hill" and "military Lot 3386 "Both
assessed at one dollar per acre .

REMODELING: MAP 13 - p. 23
Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: PRATT FARMHOUSE LOG

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Federal Hill

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: south  B 112

NAME OF OWNER: WILLIAM R. PRATT RT 1 Box 18 Mt. Savage

ADDRESS: 443/4 213.A orig 2 Bays 1 story Log

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: #1 ONE ABUTS ORIG. LOGS w/ notch mud. - 2 story 2 Bays

DWELLING SHAPE: Low RR FOUNDATION Box cornice soffit - interior brick chimney

WALL CONSTRUCTION: On N #2 Red windows w/ PLUTED ~~boards~~ cogsills 4 Bays 2 story, RASHLAR

- () 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: ✓ notched mud chinking
- (✓) OTHER: Coverings german siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain Cornice Soffit Bed

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubble close to rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: offset removed
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
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; original(✓) replaced()
shingled porch roof missing

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

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: Log smoke house w/ RR foundation. might be slaughterhouse. hooks made of vine & wood to hang meat. Beautiful cedar roof.

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

CONDITION: _____

Log Beam open window
shingle roof
Rubble

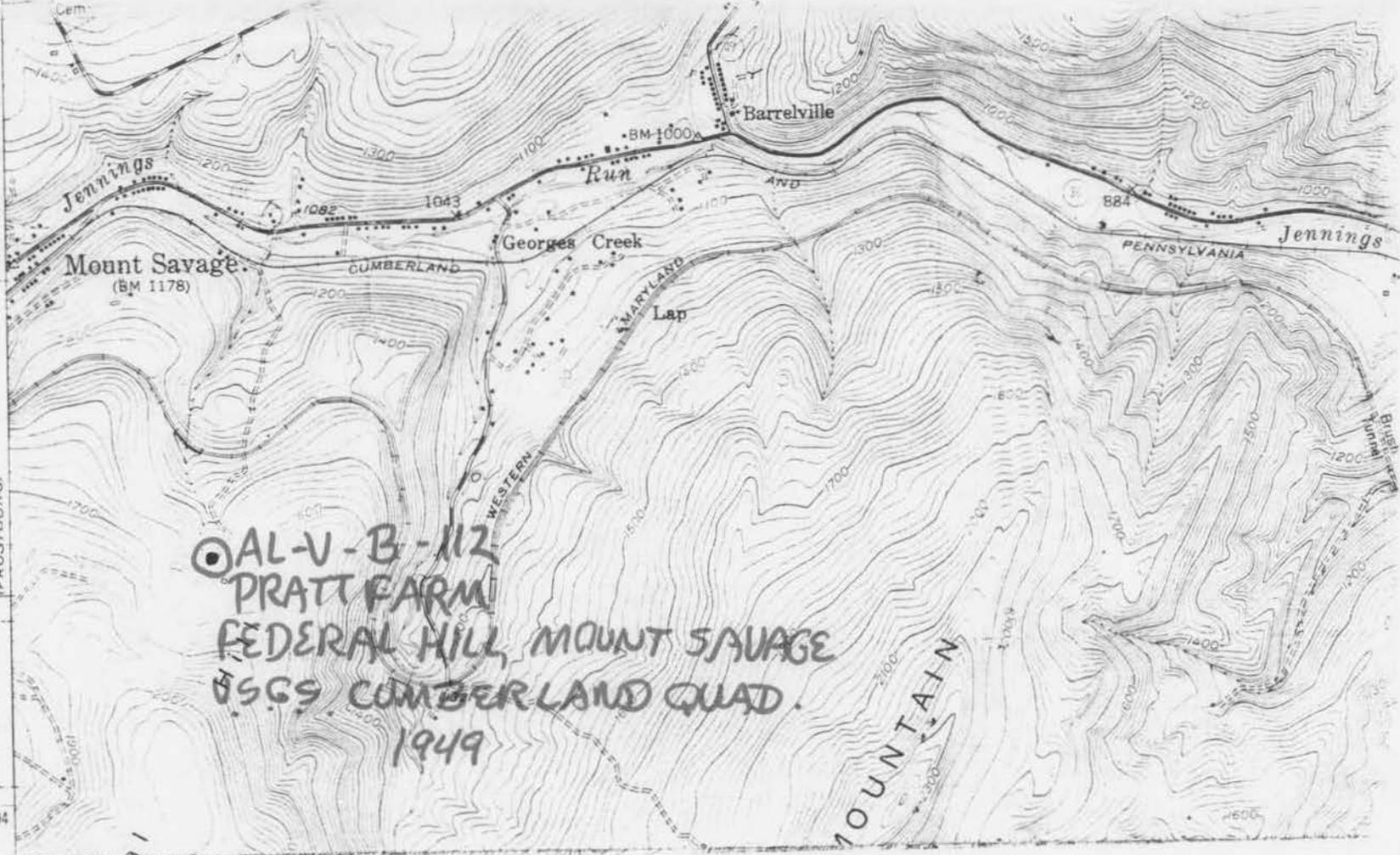
RETURNS

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5263 III NW
(FROSTBURG)

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4394



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 PRATT FARM
 FEDERAL HILL, MOUNT SAVAGE
 USGS CUMBERLAND QUAD.
 1949



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PRATT FARM

FEDERAL HILL S.E. of Mt Savage

David A. Dorsey

12/8/78

Southwest



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PRATT FARM Smokehouse

Federal Hill S. E. of Mount Savage

David A. Dorsey

12/8/78

Northeast



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PRATT FARM BARN

Federal Hill S.E. of Mount Savage

David A. Dorsey

12/8/78

Northwest



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PRATT FARM

FEDERAL HILL S.E. OF MOUNTSAVAGE

David A. Dorsey

12/8/78

North