

Uhl Log House
AL-V-B-113

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Uhl Log House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hinkle Lane not for publication

city, town Mt. Savage vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Allegany

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. Stuart Delbrook

street & number Route 1 Box 121 telephone no.: 264-3785

city, town Mt. Savage state and zip code Maryland 21545

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse liber 366

street & number 30 Washington Street folio 555

city, town Cumberland state Maryland 21502

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Uhl Log House is located on a farm lane west of Kinkle Lane in the Arnold's Settlement area north of Mt. Savage. The two-story log house faces south, commanding a sweeping view to the Cumberland Narrows, several miles to the southeast. The farm includes a frame bank barn to the southeast, a frame smokehouse about 100 feet south-east of the house, and a frame maple sugar camp located on the farm lane.

The original log section of the two-story gabled farmhouse measures three bays wide by two bays deep. A two-bay square frame addition dating from 1906 joins the two western bays of the rear. A shed-roofed enclosed porch covers the eastern side of the addition. A facade porch is constructed with heavy square posts resting on rusticated concrete block piers. The south wall of the stone cellar is exposed under the porch.

An exterior stone chimney heats the west end. The facade entrance is located slightly east of center; 2/2 sash windows framed in plain flat boards light the house. Weatherboards cover the main section while German siding sheathes the ell. Standing seam metal covers the roof. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation.

A spring emerges from the hill about 25' northeast of the ell. A small stone shelter flanked by stone walls covers the spring. The spring runs underground and re-emerges in the northeast corner of the cellar. It runs through a concrete trough, then runs outside into a wooden trough. The stream again runs underground, then re-emerges near the barn.

The Uhl House displays a four-room floor plan with a central boxed stair. The ell forms a single room. The interior retains original ogee trim and both two-panel and six-panel doors, featuring deep raised panels.

The second floor plan is identical to the first floor. Beaded board partitions form all interior walls. The ell is divided axially into two bedrooms.

The original cellar underpins the eastern half of the house. A cellar to the west was excavated in the 1930's. The central wall is constructed of stone.

A principal rafter roof covers the house. Purlins are mortised and tenoned into four sets of 5" x 7" principal rafters; common rafters measuring 3½"x5" rest on the purlins. A mortised, tenoned, and pegged angle brace accompanies each principal rafter/purlin juncture. A large collar beam is mortised, tenoned, and pegged into a set of principals at either end. All members are hewn.

8. Significance

riod	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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Uhl Log House, constructed in the late 18th or very early 19th century, may be the oldest log building in the George's Creek Valley. The structure is located about two miles east of the Arnold's Settlement area, which was established in the late 18th century.

The dwelling may have once been heated by a central chimney. If this was the case, the replacement of this chimney and rebuilding of the staircase probably occurred by about 1830. The physical appearance of the new stair and chimney suggest this date, which is confirmed by the date "January 24 1830" which is written on the board wall of the attic stair. A flattened ogee molding which frames the second floor windows also appears to date from this period. Other features, such as the earlier ogee trim and the six-panel and two-panel doors, survive from the original building period.

The floor plan is unusual among local buildings of this period. The principal rafter roof construction is unique in the George's Creek Valley.

The land on which this log house is located was settled by Charles Uhl. His name is on a 1788 list of settlers living west of Fort Cumberland on land that was designated as military lots. Of the 4,165 fifty-acre lots intended to be given to veterans of the Revolution, 636 were inhabited or improved by settlers who were given an opportunity to purchase them.¹

Charles probably built his log house during the late eighteenth or early 19th century. He bought Military Lots # 3360 and 3361 in 1804, although he may have been living on the property prior to purchase.² Although log construction was common during the time, the Uhl house was two stories tall, larger than the average log homes which were one or two room cabins.³

Farming was the prevalent way of making a living in Allegany County before mining began, as the soil was rich for the raising of crops.⁴ The Uhls were relatively prosperous farmers who owned lands in Ohio as well as this property.⁵ Their wealth is suggested by the size of

their house and also in the assessments between 1798 and 1824 which show that they kept a fair sized herd of cattle and horses throughout the period.⁶

Charles left the house and part of his property, to his son Archibald Uhl.⁷ Archibald sold it to George Harden in 1846.⁸ Currently, the house is inhabited by E. Stuart Delbrook. Various members of this family have owned it since 1895.⁹

¹Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company) p. 263-265

²Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Allegany Co. Patent #1474 recorded J.C. #2:406 see also I.C. #Q:406

³Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.59

⁴Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 94

⁵Allegany County Wills, Liber A, Folio 259

⁶Allegany County Assessments 1789-1803 District 3, 1804-1812 District 3
1813-1824, District 4

Allegany County Wills, Liber A, Folio 259

⁸Allegany County Deed, Liber 2, Folio 237

⁹IBID, Liber 76, Folio 391 and Liber 336, Folio 555

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Uh1 Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Hinkle Lane

Sixth

CITY, TOWN Mt. Savage

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland

Allegany COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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	<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 E. Stuart Delbrook

Telephone #: 264-3785

STREET & NUMBER Route 1 Box 121

CITY, TOWN Mt. Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 366
Folio #: 555

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 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

Uh1 Log House is located west of Hinkle Lane near the Mason Dixon Line.

The house originally consisted of a two story, three bays wide log structure covered with weatherboard siding. The log walls are approximately one and one-half feet thick. The house rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin with some tin shingles and snowbirds. Eaves consist of a cornice with fascia and close verges on the gable ends. A large capped stone chimney of ashlar stone is located outside end.

Two entrances on the southern facade include one nine light glass and frame door and one five panel one light door. Windows are pegged two over two lights with wooden slipsills. A hip roofed front porch on the south has four tapered square posts on pedestals. A gabled frame addition with german siding and a ribbed tin roof is on the north. A shed roofed porch on the east of the addition has been enclosed. The house is built over a running fresh water spring.

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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- (4) Allegany County Wills, Liber A, Folio 259
- (5) Allegany County Assessments 1789-1803 District 3, 1804-1812 District 3 1813-1824, District 4
- (6) Allegany County Wills, Liber A, Folio 259
- (7) Allegany County Deed, Liber 2, Folio 237
- (8) IBID, Liber 76, Folio 391 and Liber 336, Folio 555

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 127 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 C oordinator

ORGANIZATION

Julie Baker, Historic Sites Surveyor
 Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

May 16, 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

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 366, Folio 555
Grantee: E. Stuart Delbrook and Wilma C. Delbrook Date: December 18, 1963
Grantor: Harry H. Delbrook and Viola Mae Delbrook
Notes: "Harden Farm"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 162
Grantee: Harry H. Delbrook, et ux Date: August 22, 1949
Grantor: Thomas Lohr Richards, trustee

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 161
Grantee: Thomas Lohr Richards, trustee Date: August 22, 1949
Grantor: Harry H. Delbrook, et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 148, Folio 131
Grantee: Harry H. Delbrook Date: August 20, 1924
Grantor: Finley Hendrickson, trustee Consideration: \$7,000
Notes: Trustee for equity, 9790, Frank Delbrook, et al
vrs. Harry H. Delbrook, et al

Allegany County Deed: Liber 76, Folio 391
Grantee: Henry Delbrook Date: January 12, 1895
Grantor: William Logsdon, et ux Consideration: \$3,600

Allegany County Deed: Liber 62, Folio 259
Grantee: William Logsdon, Jr. Date: August 17, 1885
Grantor: Margaret Thomas Consideration: \$3,250
Notes: "Harden Farm" Grantor inherited property from
James B. Thomas

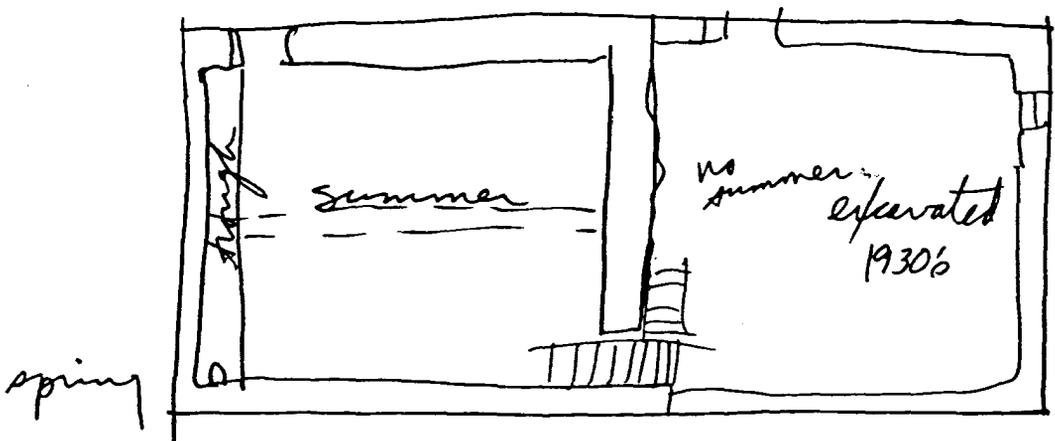
Allegany County Deed: Liber 26, Folio 625
Grantee: James B. Thomas Date: November 23, 1867
Grantor: George Harden

Allegany County Deed: Liber 2, Folio 237
Grantee: George Harden Date: April 14, 1846
Grantor: Archibald Uh1 and Leah Uh1 Consideration: \$2,250

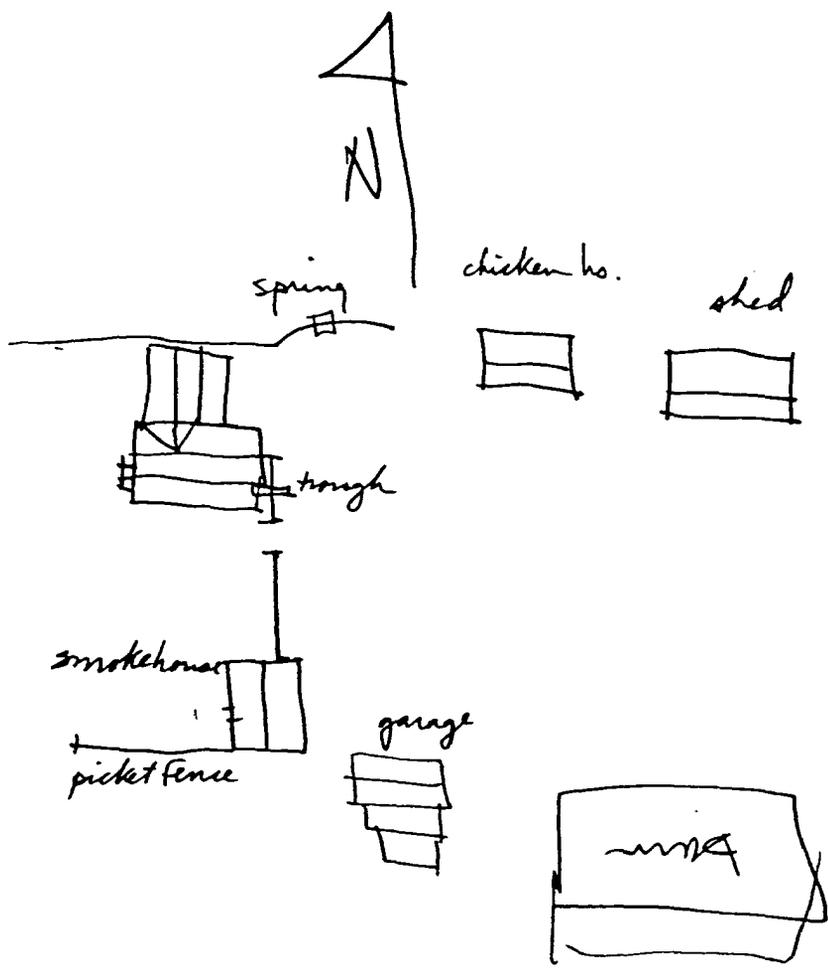
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Grantor: Charles Uh1

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cellar



Delbrook
 Rt. 1 Box 121
 Mt. Savage

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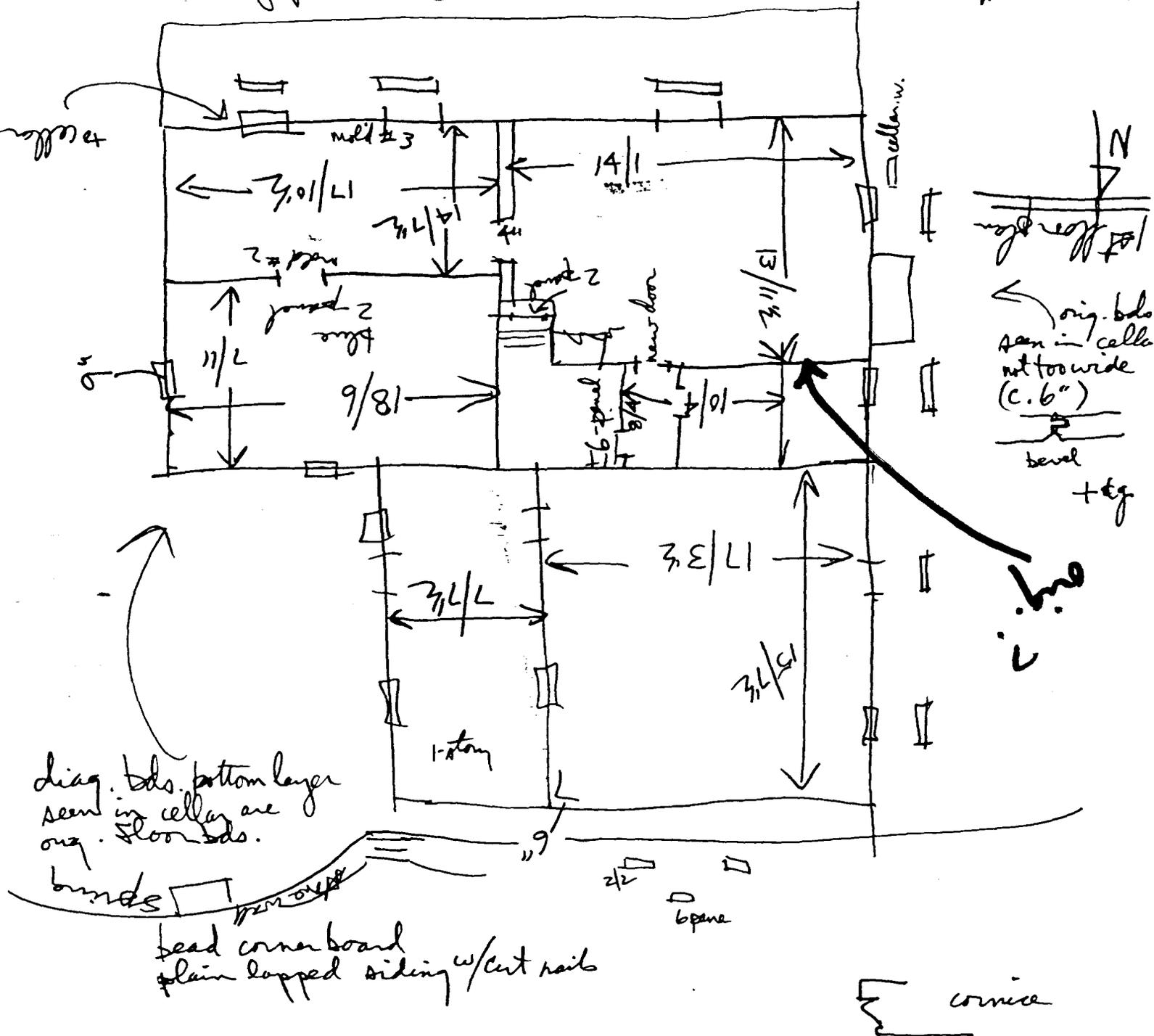
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all 1st fl.
 mold. #2

smoke house: +tg flush horiz. sid cut nails



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"January 24 1830"
1839
1893

on board wall inside attic stair

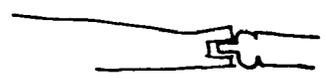
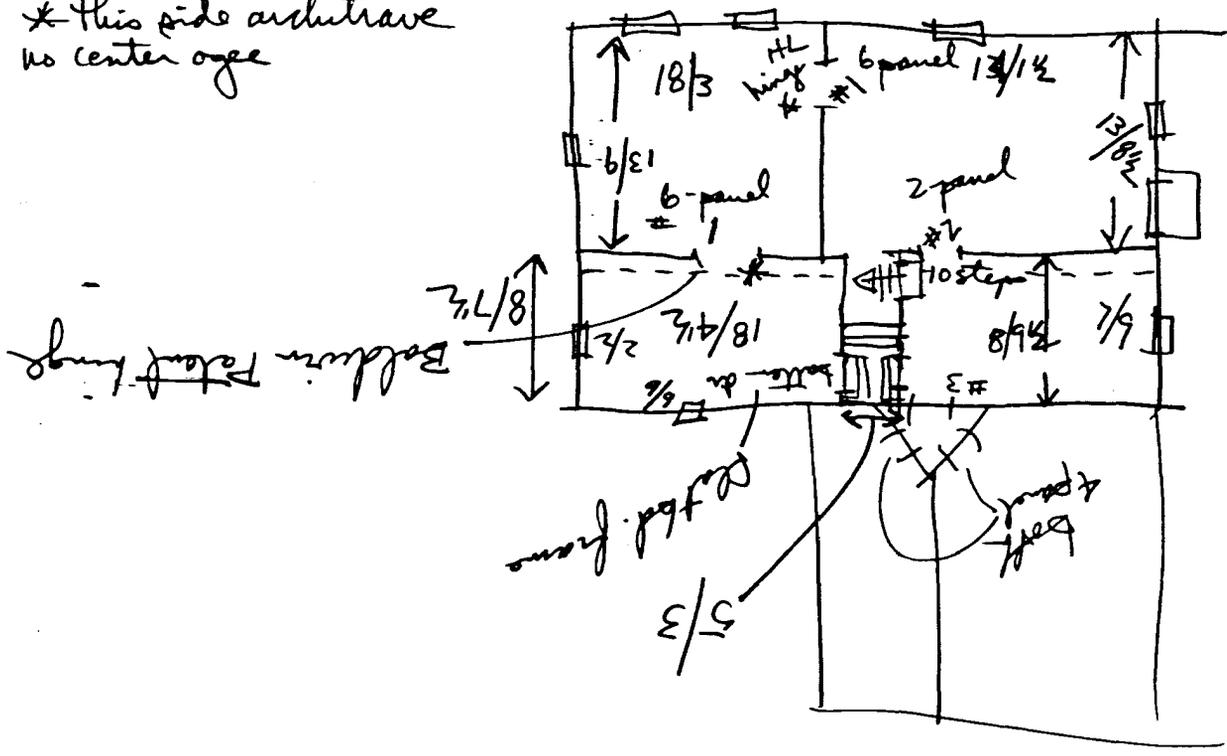
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5x3 1/2" common
up-braces mt p.

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2nd fl. ^{window} arch: mold #2

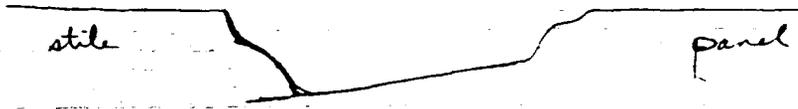
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2nd floor
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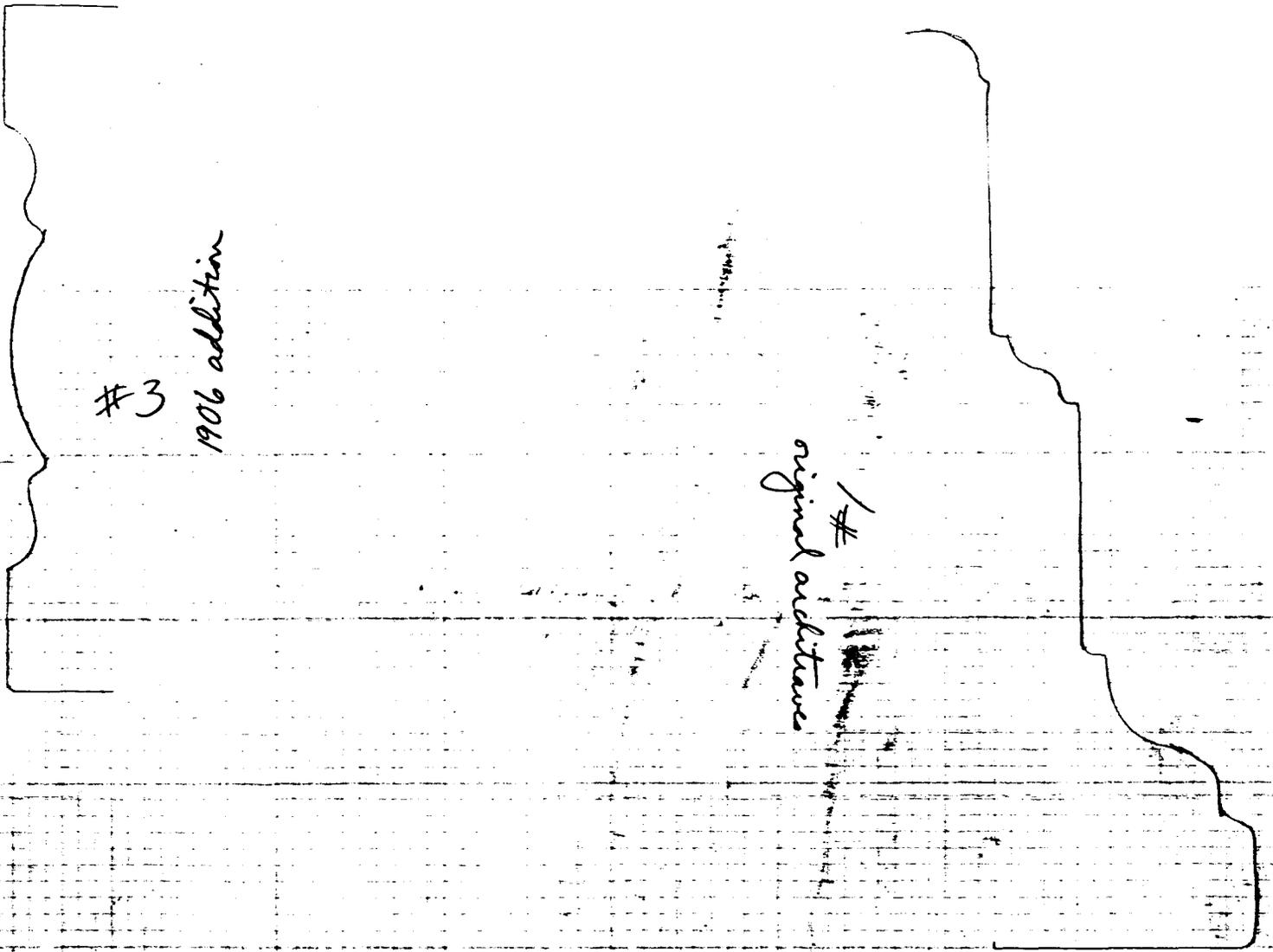


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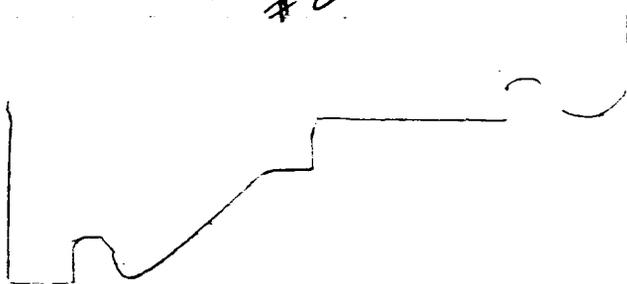


door panel: orig. 6-panel door



c. 1840 renovation

#2



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

78°52'30"
39°45'

2 180 000 FEET (W. VA.)

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PLEASANT UNION 1.9 MI.
685 000m E.

50'

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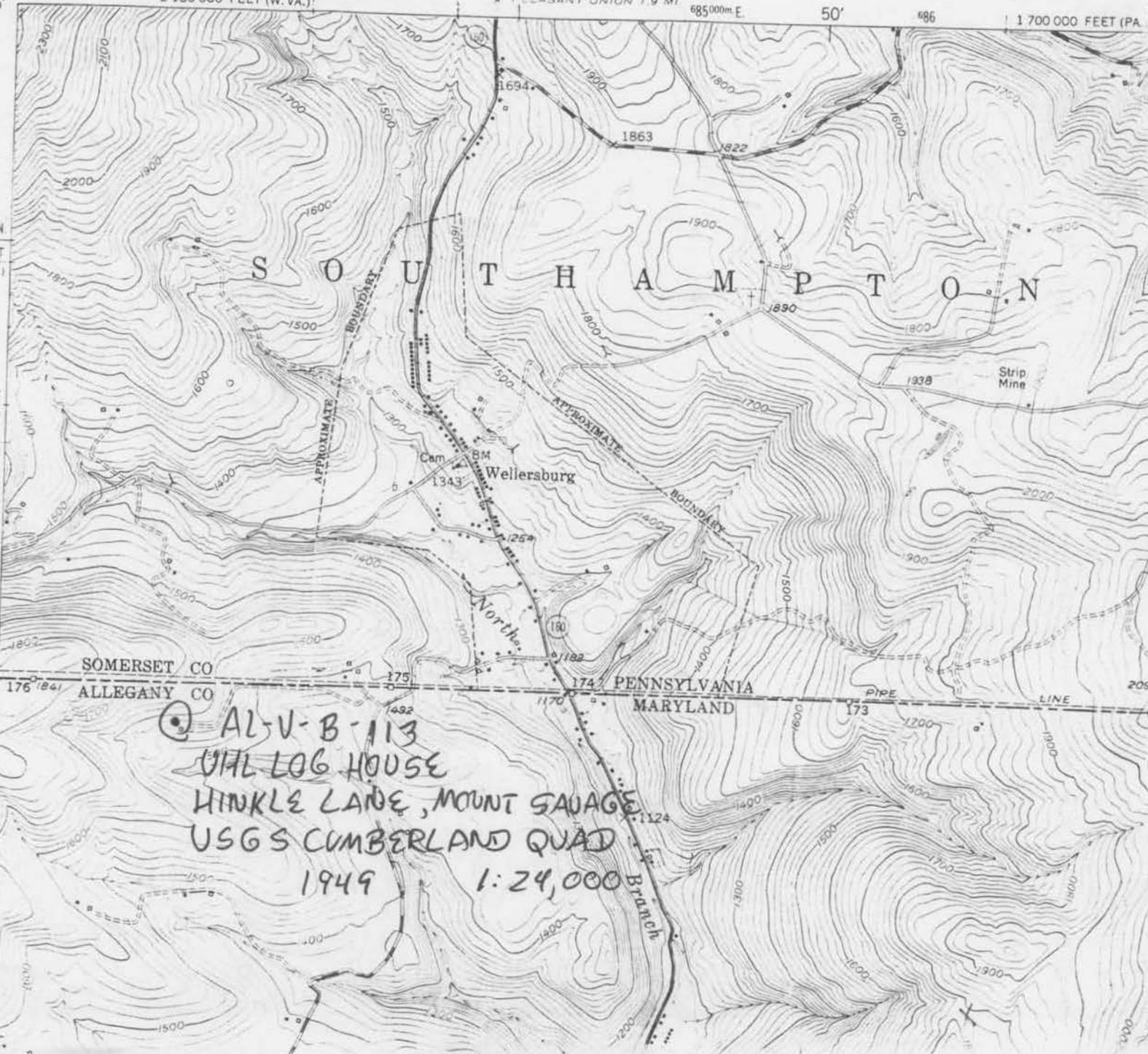
450 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

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4399

4398

42'30"





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UHL LOG HOUSE

HINKLE LANE MOUNT SAUSAGE

David A. Dorsey

11/30/78

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UPIL LOG HOUSE

HINKLE CANE MOUNT SAVAGE

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