

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Spealman Log Farmhouse Inventory Number: AL-V-B-115

Address: N/A City: LaVale Zip Code: 21502

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Cumberland Quadrangle

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: LaVale Cellular Tower Site Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: N/A Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  no  yes Determined eligible?  no  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Property Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A MIHP survey form was prepared for this property in 1979. An attempt was made to locate the property in 2001 as part of a cellular tower DOE project. There was no access to the property and it presumed to be gone.

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Date Prepared Feb., 2001

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

AL-V-B-115  
Spealman Log Farmhouse  
Grabenstein Road, LaVale  
1810's

The Spealman Log Farmhouse was built during the second decade of the nineteenth century by David Laurence Spealman. By the 1840's his farm had grown from a standard fifty acre military lot into a two hundred and three acre farm. The farm lifestyle, as experienced in this mountain environment, was the standard for more than eighty-five percent of the county's residents early in the nineteenth century. The house is the standard two stories tall by three bays wide log house with "V" notched logs.



**7 DESCRIPTION**

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	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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

This house consists of a two story three bays wide log structure with "V" notching covered with germansiding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tin. An original roof of wooden shingles is intact beneath the tin roof. Eaves consist of cornice and fascia. One central brick chimney is original, an outside end cinderblock chimney has been added.

The main entrance, in the center of the eastern facade includes a four panel door. Windows are pegged six over six lights. A shed roofed porch, partially enclosed is on the south.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 **second decade 19th century** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spealman Log Farmhouse was built during the second decade of the 19th century by David Laurence Spealman. Part of the land on which it stands was one of the standard fifty acre military lots west of Fort Cumberland which were reserved for veterans of the American Revolution. (1) Spealman bought the lot, number 3565, from Joseph Cresap in 1812 for forty dollars. (2) By 1840 the farm had grown to two hundred and three acres. (3) A deed made in 1845 refers to a court case of 1840 that identifies the property as the " farm and residence of David Laurence Spealman, deceased." (4)

The farm lifestyle, as experienced in this mountain environment, was the standard for more than eight-five percent of the county's residents early in the 19th century. The abundance and richness of farm products provided the areas only reliable source of economic wealth for more than a century. (5)

The farmhouse is typical of log buildings built throughout the 19th century in this area. It is two stories tall and three bays wide with square logs joined by "V" notching.

The Spealman Log Farmhouse is one of very few log houses of its age remaining in Allegany County. Although in poor condition it is a reminder of a way of life experienced in this area during the early 19th century.

- (1) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.), P.83
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber F Folio 520
- (3) Ibid, Liber 1, Folio 324
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Stegmaier, p.97

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry et al. Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W Va. : McClain Printing Co.) pp-83 and 97

Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**  
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.00 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 Sites	DATE June 6, 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

Spealman Log Farmhouse  
AL-V-B-115

Allegany County Land Records; Liber 502, Folio 589  
Grantee: Barbara Jean Shroyer Date: May 24, 1978  
Grantor: Charles Roger Day, trustee  
Notes: Trustee for estate of Hazel E. Stoop "Old Home/Place of  
Julius Grabenstein

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 283, Folio 120  
Grantee: Hazel E. Stoop and George Swadley Date: November 10, 1956  
Grantor: Bernard Smith

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 272, Folio 281  
Grantee: Bernard Smith Date: January 7, 1954  
Grantor: Earl E. Waybright and Madelyn Waybright

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 235, Folio 164  
Grantee: Earl E. Waybright, et ux Date: September 5, 1951  
Grantor: Homer C. Smith, et ux

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 219, Folio 629  
Grantee: Homer C. Smith Date: April 6, 1948  
Grantor: Garrett L. Smith  
Notes: Grantor Husband of Ella B. Smith, deceased

Allegany County Land Records. Liber 175, Folio 573  
Grantee: Ella B. Smith Date: May 29, 1936  
Grantor: Eugene and Anna Reinhart

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 169, Folio 213  
Grantee: Eugene Reinhart Date: April 20, 1933  
Grantor: Opie Virginia Ralston

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 169, Folio 212  
Grantee: Odie Virginia Ralston Date: January 20, 1931  
Grantor: Mary and Wressel C. Winters

Allegany County Will Records: Liber P. Folio 231  
Grantee: Mary and Wressell O. Winters Date: September 9, 1932  
Grantor: Julius Grabenstein  
Notes: Grantee daughter of grantor. This deed concerns two acres  
of farm including log farmhouse

Spealman Log Farmhouse (cont'd.)

Allegany County Land Records. Liber 71, Folio 193  
Grantee: Julius Grabenstein  
Grantor: John Vocke and Antoinette Vocke  
Notes: 31 3/8 acres of the Spealman Farm

Date: July 9, 1891  
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 24, Folio 114  
Grantee: John Vocke  
Grantor: Samuel P. Smith  
Notes: 203 1/8 acres - The Spealman Farm

Date: December 15, 1865  
Consideration: \$2,500.00

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 1, Folio 324  
Grantee: Samuel P. Smith  
Grantor: James Smith, trustee  
Notes: This deed concerns an 1840 court case in which  
Smith won from David L. Spealman's heirs the  
203 acres farm " Being the farm and residence of  
David Laurence Spealman."

Date: September 16, 1845  
Consideration: \$1,400.00

Allegany County Land Records, Liber F, Folio 520  
Grantee: David Laurence Spealman  
Grantor: Joseph Cresap  
Notes: 50 acres Military Lot #3565

Date: October 15, 1812  
Consideration: \$40.00

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-115

DATE: 10/2/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: SPELMAN LOG FARMHOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: GRABENSTEIN RD CAVALLE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST

NAME OF OWNER: Barbara G. Shroyer

ADDRESS: 222 S. 1st St. Cavale

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed on S

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 notches
- OTHER: Coverings german siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RANDOM 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: center E of panels  
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( )  
ORIG. WOOD SHINGLES UNDER TIN

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip( ) gable( )  
ON S.

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled( ) one outside end gable roof  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central() Interior( )

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

COMMENTS:

USE: residence  
SIGNIFICANCE: arch. lecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: POOR

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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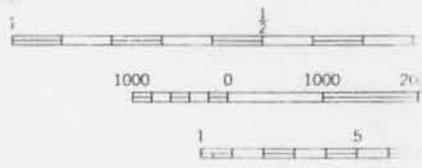


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 10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,  
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 West Virginia coordinate system, north zone  
 Red tint indicates area in which only  
 landmark buildings are shown  
 Contours in strip mine areas compiled from 1947 photography  
 Broken contours indicate strip mining  
 subsequent to photography  
 100 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 17, shown in blue



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