

THOMAS WRIGHT FARM
(SADDLEBAG LOG HOUSE AND BARN)

AL-VI-B-036
Old Legislative Road, Woodland
ca. 1828

The Saddlebag Log House and Barn were built in the early 19th century and represents a relatively large farm complex for Allegany County during this time period. The log house itself is an uncommon form of rural architecture in this county in that it is in the "saddlebag" style. The "saddlebag" is a variant of the two-unit log dwelling in which two cabins were built close together so as to utilize a common chimney. In all probability, the farm was prosperous and was a fine farm house in its day. The house is no longer in use and in in need of repair.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THOMAS WRIGHT FARM
 (Saddlebag Log & Barn)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN Woodland VICINITY OF Sixth
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maryland Coal & Realty Company Telephone #: 689-8895
 STREET & NUMBER Depot Road
 CITY, TOWN Frostburg VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 215
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. FOLIO #: 705
 STREET & NUMBER Allegany County Courthouse
 CITY, TOWN 30 Washington Street STATE Maryland
 Cumberland, Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Saddlebag Farm House is located on the east side of the Old Legislative Road in Woodland, Allegany County.

The Saddlebag Farm House is a two story, four bay wide "L" shaped log structure that has been covered with asbestos shingles. A rear wing abuts the main block on the east side and was probably used as a summer kitchen. The entire structure rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is gabled and covered with tin roofing material. The majority of windows were double hung pegged, wooden sashes with six over six lights. Two doors are located on the main facade and feature doors with horizontal paneling. Both doors are covered by a shed roofed porch in poor condition. The house has two stone chimneys, one located in the interior of the house and one at the outside end of the rear wing.

The Saddlebag Log House is in deteriorated condition; however, it nevertheless retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

In addition to the house, a large barn is also located on the property. It is constructed of logs which rest on a high stone foundation.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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	
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

Architecturally, the Saddlebag Farm is a good example of what is known as a "Saddlebag" log house. The "saddlebag" is a variant of the two-unit log dwelling in which two cabins were built close together so as to utilize a common chimney. This eliminated a need to build two fireplaces and two chimneys. Typically the Saddlebag Farm has two front doors and is one room deep and two stories high.

It has been suggested that one reason it was necessary to build a saddlebag log house is that the maximum length of a single log was rarely more than 24 to 30 feet; after that the logs began to taper. Thus, by constructing two log buildings side by side the builder obtained the length desired without having to splice logs together.¹

The Saddlebag Farm is unique in that it has a rear wing or summer kitchen on its western side. The wing is a single story high and rests on a high stone foundation with a massive stone chimney at the flush end.

In all probability the farm was a prosperous one, judging from the size of the barn which is located close to the main house. In addition, the property is located along the Old Legislative Road and is among a large group of late 18th and early 19th century buildings still extant in the area.

¹ C. A. Weslager. The Log Cabin in America, (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1969) p. 72 & 74

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
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 Rutgers University Press, 1969) p. 72 & 74

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100 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

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

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

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INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-036

215/705
100. ACRES

DATE: 11/23

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Saddlesbag Log + barn

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Legolahn Rd woodland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: west

NAME OF OWNER: Maryland Coal + Realty Company 689-8895

ADDRESS: Depot Rd.
Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

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 asbestos

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

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: _____
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, 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, GIMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Stock Refuge
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - Early 19th
Condition - Deter.

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LONACONING - MD. - W.VA.
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Saddlebag Log House

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Northeast



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~~North~~ Southeast



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South



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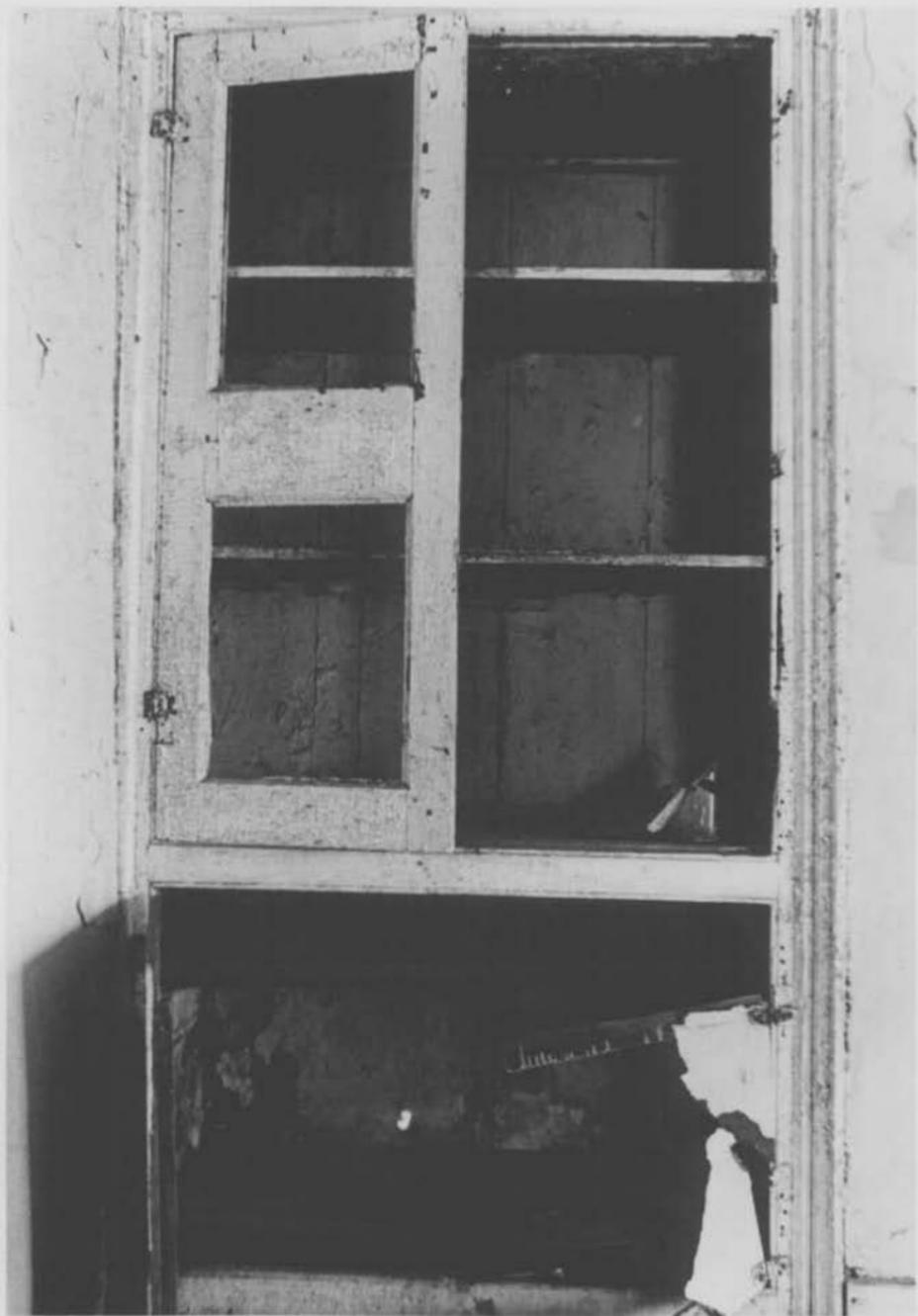
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THOMAS WRIGHT FARM - BARN

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Saddlebag Log House - Barn

Old Legislative Rd.

Woodland

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North east

Thos. Wright Fm
log barn



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