

MELLOS LOG CABIN

AL-VI-B-086
84 E. Main Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1840

The original portion of the Mellos House is a two room, log cabin that was probably constructed during the first half of the 19th century to serve as housing for an employee of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company. The house was remodeled extensively during the late 19th century and it is now a two story frame building with a wrap-around porch.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mellos Log Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

84 E. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

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 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. O. Mellos

Telephone #: 463-2282

STREET & NUMBER

84 E. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 152

Folio #: 255

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-1-3-176

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Mellos Log Cabin is located at 84 East Main Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County, on the east side of the road near the St. Peter's Place intersection.

The Mellos' House was constructed in two parts; the southern portion being a log structure while the northern wing is frame. The entire facade basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped structure. A one story, shed roof wing abuts the main block on the rear eastern side. The entire structure, both the log and frame portion, is covered with weatherboarding and is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The eaves of the structure include a soffit and frieze, and return ends in the gables. Windows are all double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights and wooden cornices. The main entrance is located on the front western side and exhibits a replaced paneled door and storm door with a pediment. The main entrance is covered by a wrap-around porch, with hipped roof supported by circular columns with Roman Doric Capitals. Three original corbeled brick chimneys are found within the facade. One is located on the inside southern end, one on the outside east end and one to the interior of the main block.

The house is structurally very sound; however, it has been drastically altered from its original appearance.

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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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mello's Log Cabin is a good example of an early house that was built by the coal companies to serve as a residence for miners. The log portion of the house is believed to have been built in the late 1830's to supplement housing.

"In these growing communities, at least until the Civil War period, the Coal Companies supplied the bulk of housing for mine employees".¹ The log houses were the logical means of shelter for early housing shortages in the mining communities because of the abundance of trees for logs. "The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company provided these small log shelters for its men in the late 1830's, at a cost of \$40 to \$50 per cabin without chimneys, which were supplied for an extra \$18.00".²

The house, although totally renovated, remains an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in the Maryland Coal Regions.

¹ Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners; Cornell University Press, 1969, p. 77
² Ibid

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, New York:
Cornell University Press, 1969)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

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

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

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.

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

Mellos Log Cabin

Allegany County Deed; Liber 152, Folio 255
grantee: J. O. Mellos
grantee: Elkins Read & Lida M. Read
January 20, 1926
Consideration: \$5,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 140, Folio 477
grantee: Elkins Read
grantor: Richard T. Spears
May 18, 1922
Consideration: \$4,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 104, Folio 722
grantee: Richard T. Spears
grantor: John Ferguson Sommerville
July 31, 1909
Consideration: \$2,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 101, Folio 679
grantee: John Ferguson Sommerville
grantor: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company
August 22, 1907

DATE: February 9, 1977

Lot - Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Mellos Log CabinLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 84 E. Main Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WestNAME OF OWNER: J. O. MellosADDRESS: 84 E. Main StreetLonaconing, Maryland 21539STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 shed roof - rearDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

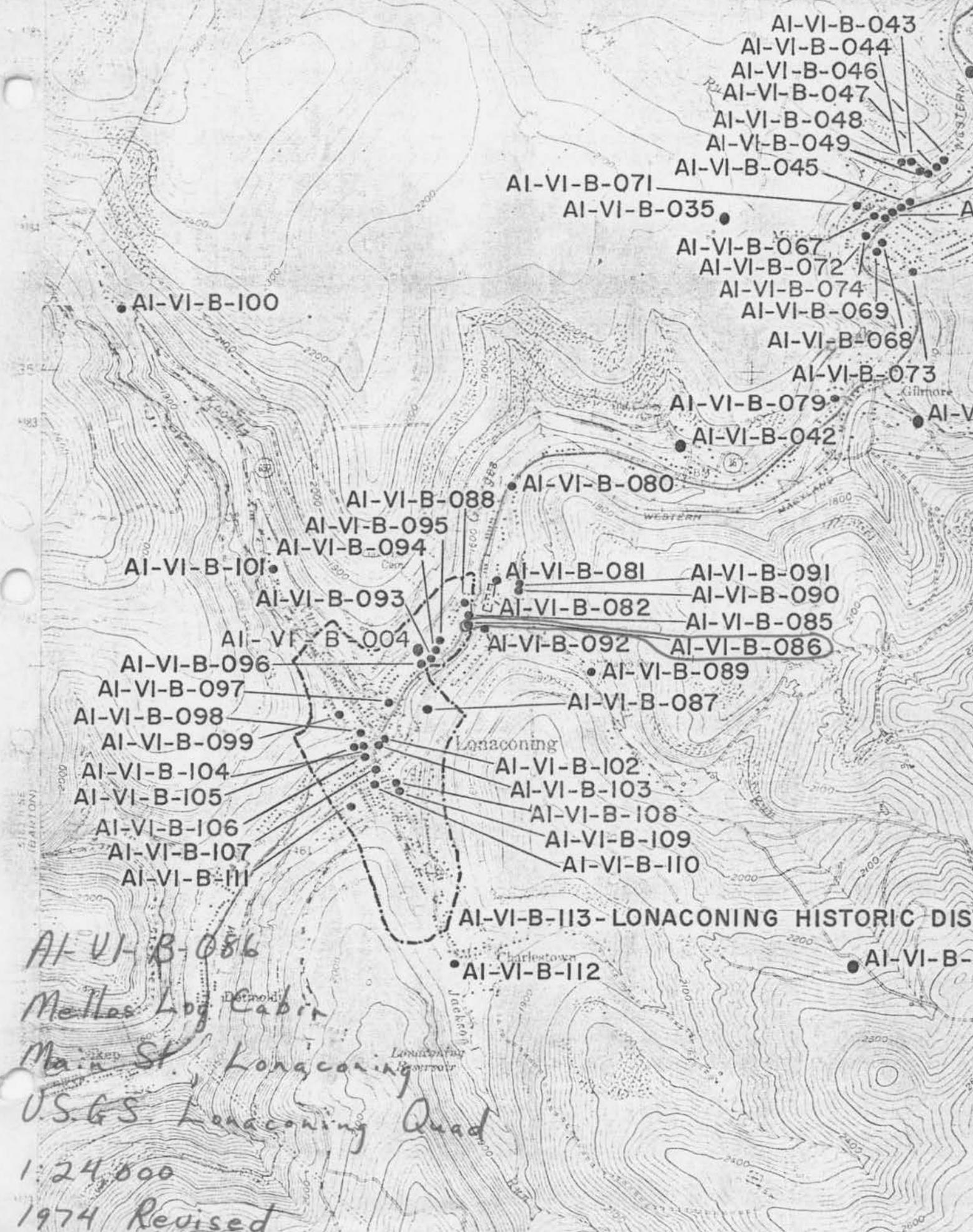
WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () 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 Stone & mud chinking - 1 room
 () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Cornices
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WestHARDWARE: original() replaced()FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Replaced
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Cornice & returns
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK() STONE() CORBELED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Private residence
 Significance - Architecture
 Date Constructed - C.A. 1830's
 Condition - Good



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Meltes Log Cabin

Main St. Lonaconing

U.S.G.S. Lonaconing Quad

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1974 Revised

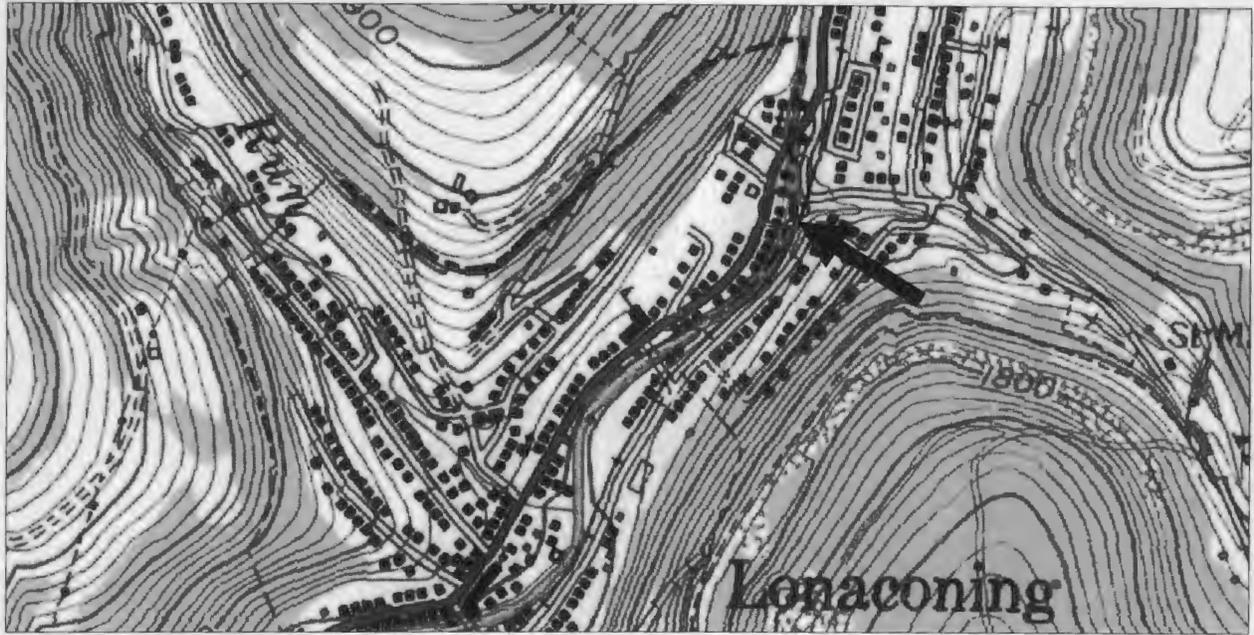
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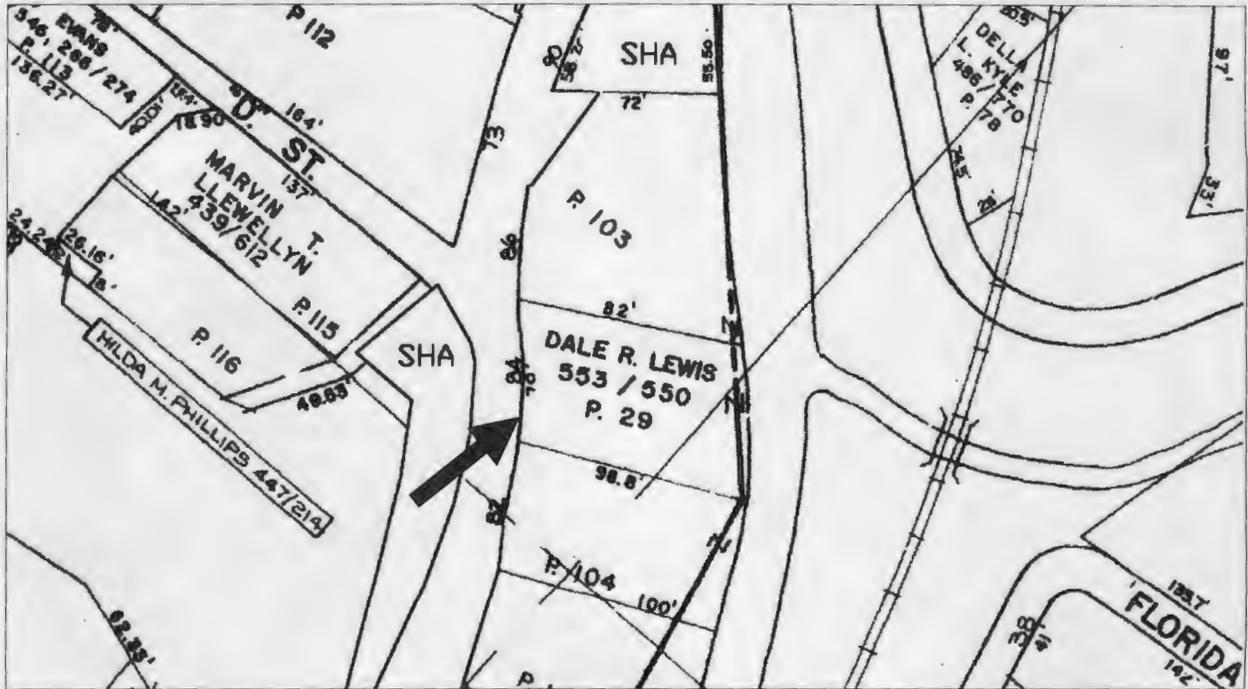
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84 E. Main Street, Lonaconing
Lonaconing quad 1950, Photorevised 1981



Allegheny County Tax Map 11, Parcel 29



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John Nelson

Northwest



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MILLER LOG CABIN

84 E. Main St.

Waconia

2/9/77

John Nelson

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