

BA 994

RANDY SHELLEY HOUSES

Before 1833

— MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This structure was originally two distinct houses on separate lots, the northern half serving as a store down to about 1915. The southern half was built by John Riley. In the 1940s, the parts were reworked into a single unit, now covered with white composition shingles. Style is vernacular; the roof is gabled and there is a low, full-width front porch with a few scroll brackets on the posts supporting the porch roof. Since 1977, it has belonged to Randolph H. Shelley, whose name was assigned to the house.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC *RANDY SHELLEY HOUSES*

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*21,521 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Maryland Line*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*2nd*

STATE

*Maryland*

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*Randolph H. Shelley*

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*21,521 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Maryland Line*

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*County Courts Building*Liber #: *EHA 5729*Folio #: *666*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*401 Bosley Avenue*

CITY, TOWN

*Towson*

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory*

DATE

*On-going since 1965* FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

*Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle*

CITY, TOWN

*Annapolis*

STATE

*Maryland 21401*

**7 DESCRIPTION**

RANDY SHELLEY HOUSES RA-90-1

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The "Randy Shelley Houses" as this single structure was named in the MHT Inventory in 1977 is composed of two log houses that stood close to each other, but were in the 1940s reworked into a single house when under one ownership. The house has been covered with white composition shingles, and the roofing material is unified, showing no bulges between the older segments. The house is now a duplex six bays wide, sharing a single four-bay, shed-roofed, front porch. Each half-house has a central entrance, flanked by a pair of 6-over-6 double-hung sash windows.

At second-story level, there are only four bays, the windows located directly over those at first-floor level. The one chimney, an inside type, is off center, rising through the front roof, flush with the roadside facade of the house; it is positioned just left of (or north) of the inner window of the north duplex.

A very plain wood cornice runs across the main facade. The eaves are only slightly overhung, without returns.

The south end-wall is punctuated by two small, square, 4-pane windows in the gable ends; at the rear of the house at first-story level, there is a single 1-over-1 double-hung sash window.

The front porch is supported by five plain wooden posts. The posts have decorative braces that reach out to join the brace from the opposite post; the braces are linked by small, scroll-sawn bracketing. The porch is concrete, only few inches higher than the pavement. Windows are without shutters.

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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
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input 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 *Before 1833*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Randy Shelley Log Houses" consist of two distinct structures, once on separate lots, but closely spaced and in recent years joined into one fabric by changes executed in the 1940s.

The northern half was \_\_\_\_\_'s store (the name is illegible) on the 1850 map and this small parcel sold for \$800 in 1852 when William Sykes conveyed to John Fife and Elihu Hendrix; it sold for \$1000 in 1856 when Benjamin F. Jordan conveyed to Clement Standiford. (1) In 1859, Clement Standiford tried to escape his creditors by conveying to John Standiford for \$1.00 but the court declared that deed null and void. (2) The \$1 transaction included a bill of sale for a dwelling house, stone stable, sheds, slaughter house, corn crib, and the storeroom containing goods consisting of clothes, cassimeres, satinets, muslins, calico, lawns, worsted goods, dry goods, groceries, cans, boxes, and barrels ... hardware, tinware, glassware ... essences and medicines ... all on a quarter acre. The court ordered the place sold and it passed to John Chrystal, the mortgage-holder, via Owen McGoldrick in 1864. (3) The Chrystal property was sold at auction in 1891 to William T. Hendrix, who was shown with a storehouse and dwelling combined in the 1911 tax ledger. (4) Mrs. A. K. Hendrix was listed as general storekeeper at Maryland Line in the 1915 Polk Directory. (5) Dimensions were 17 by 45 and 20 by 36 in the 1918 tax ledger. (6) Hendrix lost the place for 1932 taxes and it passed to Everett A. Bohlayer via the county treasurer (1937), to Sarah F. Holloway (1940), to John C. Holloway by will, and in 1977 to Randolph H. Shelley, who carried out extensive repairs. (7)

The southern half was on a quarter acre acquired by John Riley in 1833, and the 1833 Assessment valued his house at \$100. (8) On his death in 1852, the house was valued at \$225, but his executors only got \$175 for it at public sale. (9) Riley was a widower and his son, Joseph, had vanished in California. He had only \$7.50 in possessions and \$205 "debts on his books" but no store goods or implements of business. (10) William Sykes bought the place at auction in 1852; two years

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

RANDY SHELLEY HOUSES (BA-99)

Judicial Records, WMI 84:160, plat of village, 1880.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13,032 sq.ft.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Combined lots front 71 feet on eastside of York Road with even depth of 165 feet (Map 3, Parcels 53, 54).

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE *NONE* COUNTY *NONE*

STATE *NONE* COUNTY *NONE*

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

*John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor*

ORGANIZATION

*Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning*

DATE

*April 2, 1980*

STREET & NUMBER

*401 Bosley Avenue*

TELEPHONE

*494-3495*

CITY OR TOWN

*Towson*

STATE

*Maryland 21204*

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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later, Sykes got \$1650 for this property when he sold to William Standiford; the Riley house may have been much expanded or totally replaced. (11) In 1884, when the administrator of Isaac Amos sold to John Standiford, the dwelling was specifically mentioned and Standiford was its occupant. (12) A plat of village tracts in 1880 showed I. Amos here, with Mrs. Crystal (sic) on the lot to the north. (13) In 1896, Lavinia E. Peddicord became owner, then Henry N. and Pearl Blanche Spicer in 1904; Thomas J. Hunter, 1905; Annie E. Gosnell, 1906, and then Howard T. Standiford, who is shown with a quarter acre in the 1918 tax ledger and a house measuring 16 x 28 feet in the two-story portion and 16 by 20 in the one-story part. (14) Wilford Standiford became owner in 1943, and in 1948, Thomas L. and Sarah E. Holloway (who already owned the structure to the north). (15) John Holloway inherited the place and sold both halves to Randolph H. Shelley and wife in 1977.

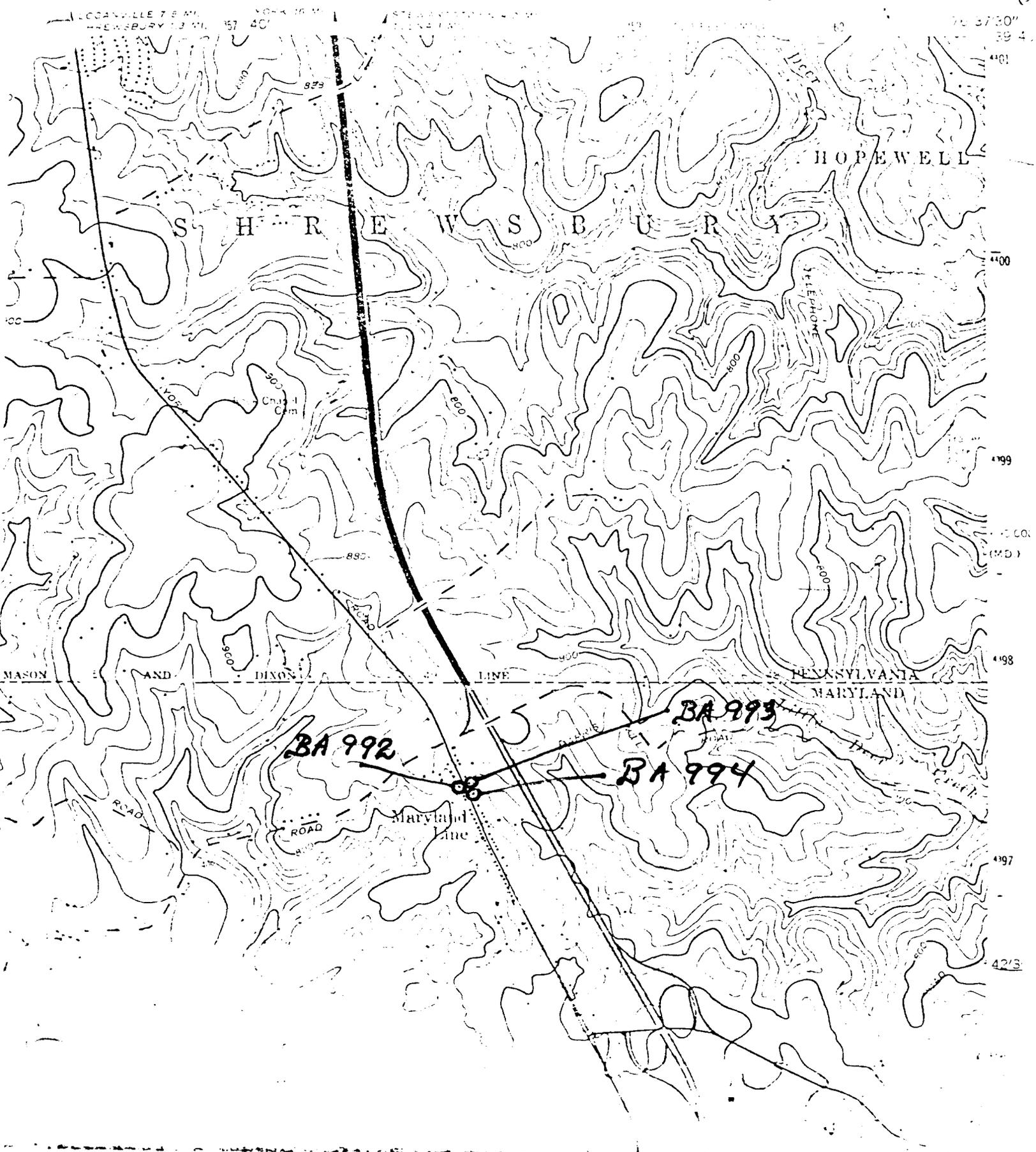
## NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 4:108 and GHC 15:143.
2. Judicial Records, EHA 29:362, 369, 374, 377, 379.
3. B.C. Deeds, JHL 41:337, 338.
4. B.C. Deeds, LMB 190:165.
5. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1075.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 518.
7. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5729:666.
8. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 230:297. Assessor's Field Book, Old District 5, 1833 (Hall of Records #8244).
9. Baltimore County Inventories, JLR 1:41. Wills, JLR 1:10. Deeds, HMF 2:401.
10. B.C. Inventories, JLR 1:40.
11. B.C. Deeds, HMF 11:278.
12. B.C. Deeds, WMI 146:110.
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14. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 780.
15. B.C. Deeds, TBS 1708:260.

MARYLAND LINE HOTEL BA 992  
DR. UPRAIM BELL'S HS. BA 993  
RANDY SHELLEYS LOG HOUSES  
BA 994

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RANDY SHELLEY'S LOG HOUSES

Baltimore Co., Md.

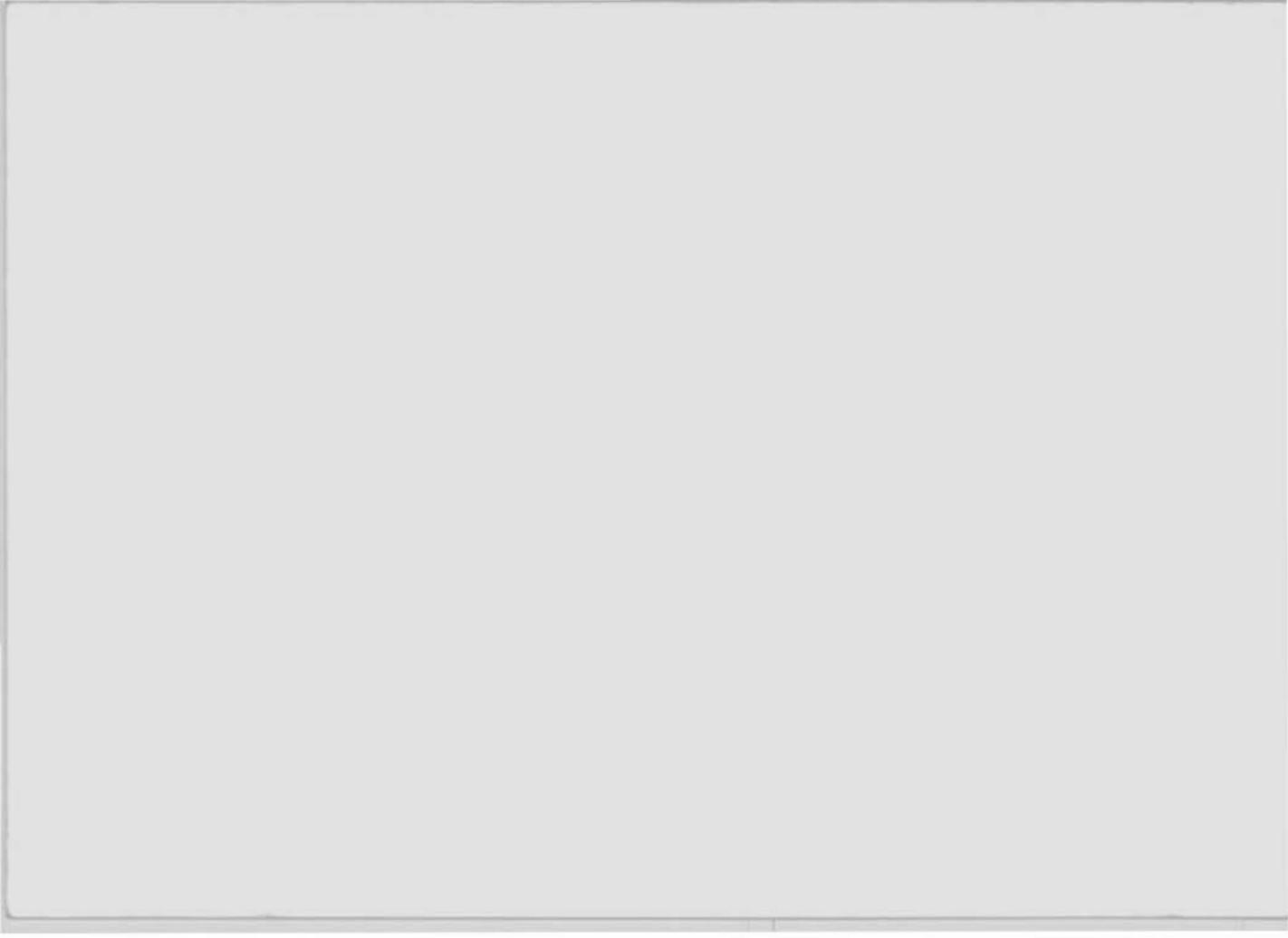
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J..McGrain, Oct 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (west) facade from west







RANDY SHELLEY'S LOG HOUSES  
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Main (W) and south facades from SW



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Neg located at MHT  
West and south facades from SW