

CT-699  
THOMAS MCCREARY LOG HOUSE

Cove Point  
Private

This one-story, two bay log house is joined by a similar-sized frame section at the rear. The east-facing house features a left-hand entrance. The remains of an exterior chimney built of local composite fieldstone exist at the north end.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common THOMAS Mc CREADY LOG HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number West Side Little Cove Point Road  not for publication

city, town Cove Point  vicinity of congressional district 1st district

state Maryland county Calvert

## 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	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name Thomas Mc Cready

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code MD 20657

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town PRINCE FREDERICK state MARYLAND

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CT-699

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Thomas Mc Cready Log House is located on a partially wooded ridge on the west side of Little Cove Point Road approximately one-half mile south of the intersection of Cove Point Road and 1 1/2 miles southwest of the community of Cove Point. The house site is in an area that has been partially cut over for timber, and drains to the east into Purgatory Creek, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.

The house was first identified for survey purposes in December 1984, and sometime in the intervening weeks prior to a site visit on January 18, 1985, the house partially collapsed. The principal failure occurred mid-way up the log walls. Weakened by the window openings, several logs simply collapsed out of the wall, and the upper portion of the building dropped several feet, eliminating most of the window openings and reducing the height of the building without totally collapsing. As a result, much of the original form and detailing remained discernible.

The Mc Cready House consists of a rectangular log house of 1½ stories with a pitched gable roof oriented on a north-south axis and a later 1½ story frame wing projecting from the west facade. The Log building measures approximately 19 feet long and 17 feet deep and is constructed of hewn logs that average six inches in thickness and 10 to 12 inches in height, joined at the corners with V-notch joints. The building evidently was originally supported by wood blocks under each corner; these were later supplemented by rough stone piers constructed with local sandstone often referred to as "ironstone".

The hewn and pit-sawn timbers and machine-made nails suggest a mid-19th century date of construction. The house was altered at a later date, probably in the latter part of the 19th century. Alterations included jacking the roof up approximately twelve inches, inserting additional side wall supports, and rebuilding the gable eaves.

On the east facade of the building, facing the road, there is a door opening in the center bay and a window opening in the north bay. A large sandstone chimney is centered on the north gable wall. Fallen brick rubble in the vicinity of the chimney suggests that the upper shaft of the chimney was constructed of brick. A window opening in the center of the upper gable conflicts with the chimney position, and presumably dates to the later alteration. The only opening in the west facade is a single door that opens into the later frame wing.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CT-699

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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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

### 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 Mc Cready Log House, though badly deteriorated, is representative of what was once a widely utilized house form in rural Maryland -- a small, one room dwelling of V-notched log construction. The hewn log construction, sandstone chimney and foundation piers, stone and mortar chinking, and white washed interior are all characteristics closely identified with rural vernacular building traditions in Southern Maryland. Despite the widespread use of this house form and these construction techniques, few examples have survived into the last quarter of the 20th century, and it seems clear that the Mc Cready House will soon collapse completely.

Of equal interest and, in some respects, perhaps more significant is the small log outbuilding located to the south of the house. Though originally constructed as nothing more than a crude poultry or pig house, this is an excellent example of a building type that was ubiquitous until the early 20th century but, due to impermanent construction and later neglect, are now extremely rare and are thus worthy of more care and documentation than their appearance and original function might suggest. It is particularly interesting to note the careful V-notched log construction of this example.



THOMAS Mc CREADY LOG HOUSE

7.1. DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A single window opening is centered in the first story and in the upper gable of the south gable wall.

The interior of the main house evidently consisted of a single room with whitewashed Log walls that were chinked with rough pieces of local sandstone and mortar. The loft was whitewashed and otherwise unfinished. A ghost in the whitewash indicates that the stair was located in the southwest corner and ran up along the south gable wall.

Outbuilding: An extremely small outbuilding approximately 30 yards to the south of the house was probably used as a poultry house or for pigs. It is 8'-4" by 7'-0", of log construction, with a shed roof that slopes from a height of 3'-6" at the front (south) down to a height of 2'-6" at the rear (north). The shed pitch is accomplished simply by using four logs for the rear wall and six logs for the front. The logs are joined at the corners with V-notching, and have been covered with plain, vertical board siding. A door in the east wall is the only opening.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Thomas McCready Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Little Cove Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Cove Point

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**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	<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 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

Thomas McCready

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County

Liber #: JLB 6

Folio #: 132

STREET & NUMBER

Route 765

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CT-699

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This one story, two bay log house is joined by a similar-sized frame section at the rear. The east-facing house features a left-hand entrance. The remains of an exterior chimney built of local composite fieldstone exist at the north end.

The V-notched logs are chinked with stone. Lapped weatherboards sheath the gable ends. Metal sheets cover the roof. The house stands on piers of fieldstone and brick.

A small log outbuilding stands southwest of the house.

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
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is of no known historical significance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

STATE

MD

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.

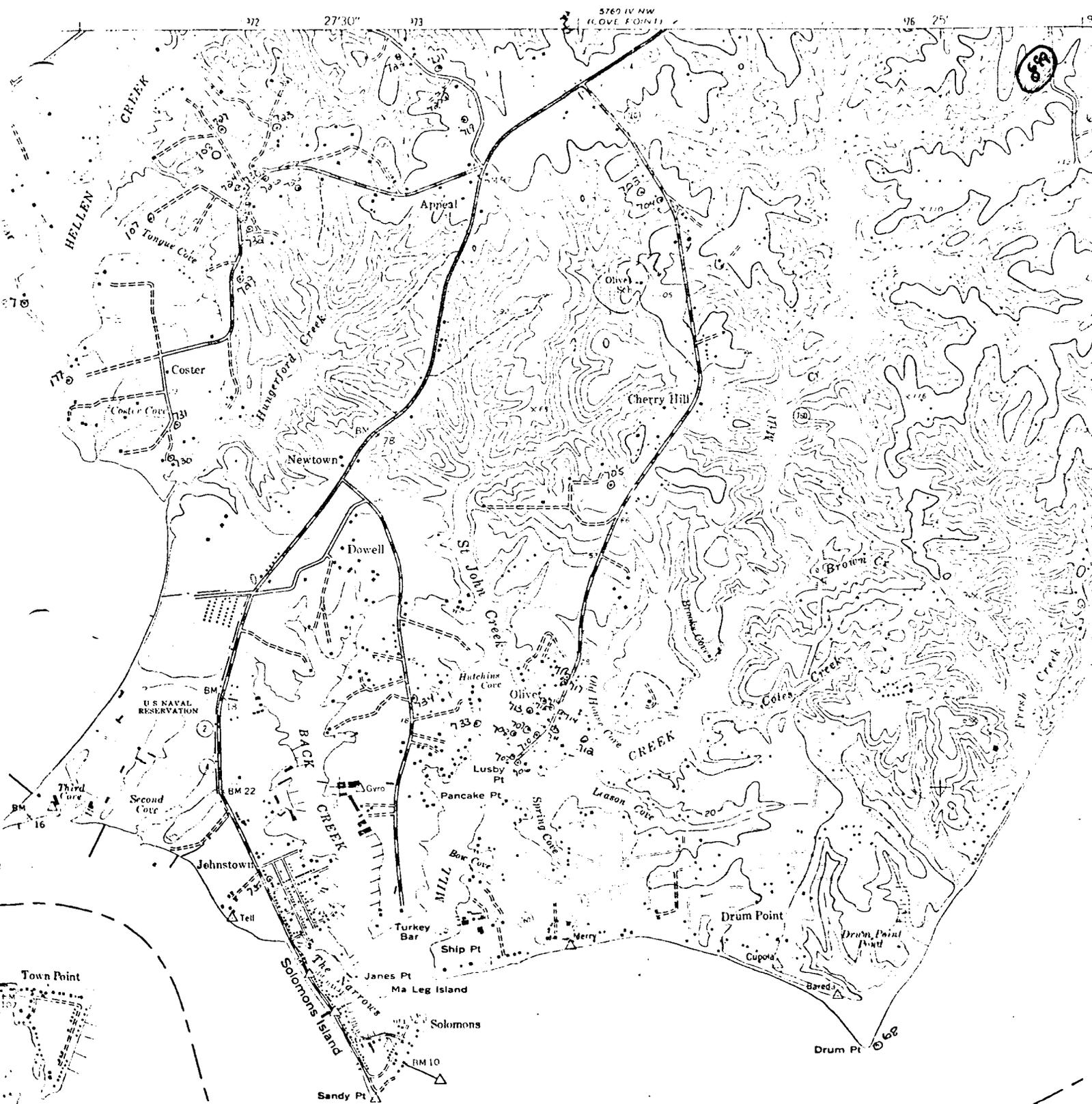
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



CT-699  
Thomas H. [unclear] [unclear]

10R



Solomons Island  
@ wrangle



CT-699  
Thomas McCreedy Log House  
Little Cove Point Road  
Cove Point  
Calvert County, MD  
E&N

Merry Stinson  
March, 1980



CT-699  
Thomas McCready Log House  
Little Cove Point Road  
Cove Point  
Calvert County, MD  
Wis

Merry Stinson  
March, 1980



CT-699  
Thomas McCready Log House  
Little Cove Point Road  
Cove Point  
Calvert County, MD  
outbuilding  
S&E

merry stinson  
march, 1980