

The Groome log house is all that remains of a larger farm complex at the end of Pond Neck Road overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. The 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas locates another building which according to area residents burned. The remaining log building was probably a tenant house for the farm. Groome was the owner in 1877.



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

The Groome Log House is presently difficult to date since the interior could not be seen and any significant exterior details have been removed. This structure is all that remains of a larger farm complex at the end of Pond Neck Road and overlooking the Elk River. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The structure at first glance appears to be a typical 19th century I-House form with center hall and flanking parlors. According to the owner however the western section is log with the eastern two bays a later addition. The structure rests on a fieldstone footing and is sheathed with asbestos siding. The medium sloped tin roof has an interior end stove stack rising out of the east gable. The west stack opening has been covered over. A recent block stack rises against the outside wall.

The south facade has a central entrance with a hip roofed single bay protection. Double 6/6 sash windows flank the entrance and three 6/6 sash illuminate the second floor. A boxed cornice stretches across under the protection of the corrugated tin roof.

The west end has two covered over attic windows and a 6/6 sash on the north corner.

The north and east end are basically the same with the addition of a single story section attached to both.

The interior of this structure was not seen but according to owner completely remodeled.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Groome Log House has some architectural significance in that it is a log structure of probable early 19th century vintage. It was probably a tenant structure to the farm that once existed. The house has now been surrounded by the waterfront development called West View Shores.

The 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson listed John C. Groome as the owner.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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