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Martin Warrenfeltz Log House  
Middletown vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1850-1870

The Martin Warrenfeltz Log House is a two-story, two-section exposed log house with a one-story modern addition and a two-story integral porch on the east elevation. The windows are variously 2/2 and modern multi-pane replacements. The first level of the porch on the east side has been extended into a screen-enclosed deck. The stone foundation is exposed on the east elevation. Built originally about 1850 as a one-story, one-room log dwelling, the house was enlarged with a second log section of two stories on the south and the roof of the original part raised to provide a second story. The roof was replaced to cover the section on the east in an approximation of the two-story porches on the service wings of larger houses. The property also includes a log meat house and a frame and stone bank barn, both in deteriorated condition, and two springs in the slope below the house. The house was probably built during the period 1850-1870 by a member of the Warrenfeltz family, but only Martin Warrenfeltz, the seller of the property in 1904, has as yet been identified.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Martin Warrenfeltz Log House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 9478 Frostown Road  not for publicationcity, town Myersville  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Margaret D. Lingel, w/o Margaret L. Walker

street &amp; number 425 East University Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Deland state and zip code Fl. 32724

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 522

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 143

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-45

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Martin Warrenfeltz Log House is a two-story, two-section exposed log dwelling built about 1850-1870 in a mountain hollow on the south side of Frostown Road near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The site includes an exposed log meat house in deteriorated condition, two springs with stone enclosures, and a frame and stone bank barn. The former farmstead is located on the east slope of South Mountain in a thickly wooded site, with the house's main facade facing east.

The house appears to have been built in two sections, possibly about 20 years apart. The first section was a single room, generally square plan building on a stone foundation exposed on the east elevation, with the characteristic V-notching of German vernacular log construction. It may have been a one-story building with a doorway and a window opening on the east and west elevations with the chimney on the south gable end. The second period of construction apparently enlarged the building in both height and width. The addition was made on the south elevation and the pattern of V-notches on the southwest corner of the original section is obscured by the raising of the roof to build the second floor and the integration of the second section. The pattern above the original part includes several half-notched joints secured by nails. On the east elevation, the second section projected beyond the front wall of the first part, leaving an L-shaped angle which is now filled in by a two-story porch under the enlarged roof covering the entire house. The porch has been extended into a screen-enclosed deck on the first story. The stone foundation under the deck has been filled in with concrete block and a modern door is located in the stone foundation of the second section. The doors in the house are four-panel types and may be replacements of the originals. The sash varies, with modern multi-pane replacements in the first floor east elevation and 2/2 in the west elevation, which are probably the original windows. The east elevation of the second section has a central, multi-paned window on the first story with a small wood shingled projecting hood. A small entry porch shelters the door and window on the west elevation. A modern one-story frame addition with vertical siding is located on the south elevation of the house. The roof over the log sections is corrugated metal and interior end chimneys rise above the roof. The new addition has a composition roof. The gable ends of the log section are faced with stained german siding. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Meat house: The deteriorated exposed log meat house is located a few yards down the slope east of the house. It has a partially collapsed gable roof covered with composition material. The joinery of the logs is the half notch type of the second section of the house, indicating it was probably built about 1870. The square plan structure has a vertical board door in the north elevation and the gable ends have vertical board siding. The interior has traces of whitewash and two iron cross bars with S hooks.

Spring enclosures: The two springs are located east of the house just north of the meat house. The southernmost has a small stone enclosure with a frame doorway on

# 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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 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** C. 1850-1870      **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 Martin Warrenfeltz Log House exemplifies the traditional German log construction technique of the Mid-Atlantic area. The dominant V-notched corner joinery is clearly evident as well as the simple one-room plan in the original section. The later section of the house shows the half notch method which was a simpler version of the square notch. The house was probably built about 1850 in its original one-room form and enlarged by 1870 to its current two-story height with an integral porch, a feature often found in larger houses of brick, stone, log, or frame, particularly on a perpendicular or side service wing. Although clearly a product of the mid 19th century, the identity of the builder or original occupant remains unknown, as the land records only can be traced to a 1904 transaction in which Martin Warrenfeltz and wife sold the property. Since another Warrenfeltz property is shown nearby on the 1873 Titus Atlas map, the log house was presumably built by some member of the Warrenfeltz family.

Although log houses are common in Frederick County, most which have been restored and the log structure exposed have obscuring additions which make understanding the construction history difficult. The Warrenfeltz House has fewer of these problems, and an interior examination may reveal further details of its building history. The remaining few outbuildings suggest the simple and often poor subsistence-level farms in the mountain region, in contrast to the expansive and prosperous farms on the floor of the Middletown Valley.



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Martin Warrenfeltz Log House  
Myersville  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

7.1 Description (Continued)

the east side. The northern spring has only a half wall of stone in the uphill side.

Barn: The deteriorated frame barn is located on the south side of the access drive from Frostown Road. The stone lower level is banked into the slope below the drive and the hay storage upper level is at the level of the driveway. The barn is a small rectangle in plan with vertical siding on the upper level. A large center opening is located on the north elevation and a vertical board door with iron strap hinges is at the northwest corner. The roof is corrugated metal. The stone lower level on the south elevation has three openings, the center one a dutch door into the stalls and the flanking doors vertical board doors presumably into a feed aisle and a storage area. The lower level is enclosed by horizontal flush boards.

ADDENDUM

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Middletown, MD

Item 8: Statement of Significance and History.

This additional information is being supplied as part of the South Mountain Battlefield Survey Project, February 1998. The Warrenfeltz house is located within the survey area and was impacted by the Battle of South Mountain which occurred on September 14, 1862. The Warrenfeltz House was involved in the action at Turner's Gap when General Joseph Hooker's I Corps attempted a flanking move against the left wing of the Confederates holding the Gap.

The Martin Warrenfeltz Log House, located deep within the ravine on the north side of South Mountain at Turner's Gap, was not shielded from the battle by its remote location. Chased by the men of General George Meade's Division, the retreating regiments of General Robert Rodes' Brigade were funneled by the ravine dangerously near the simple log home of the Warrenfeltz family.

Rodes' Alabama Brigade of only 1,200 men was stretched across the ravine north of Turner's Gap in a desperate attempt to protect the north approaches to the gap. Facing General John Hatch's Division on his right and Meade's Division flanking his left, Rodes' moved left to the north side of the ravine to defend his flank while Longstreet came in on the right.<sup>1</sup> As Hatch and Meade pushed on, Rodes was forced up the back of the ravine. Brig.Gen. Rodes reported, "Finding that the enemy were forcing my right back, and that the only chance to continue the fight was to change my front so as to face to the left, I ordered all the regiments to fall back up the gorge and sides of the mountain, fighting, the whole concentrating around the peak..."<sup>2</sup> With the Confederates facing left [north] from the high peak and the Federals approaching from the ravine and the Frostown Road, the Warrenfeltz house would have been directly in the center of the battle.

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<sup>1</sup>Stephen W. Sears, **Landscape Turned Red**, New York: Ticknor and Fields, 1983, pp.138-39

<sup>2</sup>Jay Luvaas and Harold W. Nelson, eds., **US Army War College Guide**, New York: Harper Collins, p.62, from O.R., Vol.XIX, Part I, pp.1034-36.

9478 Frostown Rd.

LIBER/F. 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
522/143 8 Aug 53	Margaret D. Lingel	V. E. + Frances E. Halloman	35a. along the road leading from Belina toward the Wash. Monument.		
466/250 1 Oct 47	V. E. + Frances E. Halloman	Etta M. Martin widow of James A. Martin of Wash. D.C.	see also 271/578 35a. known as the Martin Warrenfelty Farm		
336/165 25 Aug 21	James A. + Etta M. Martin	Emanuel C. + Amanda J. Wagaman	see also 271/578 35a.	\$350	
302/599 10 Feb 13	Emanuel C. + Amanda J. Wagaman	Luther L. + Sadie Kephart	see also 271/578 3 Jun 04 35a.	\$900	
STH 271/578 3 Jun 04	Luther L. + Sadie J. Kephart	Martin L. + Anna M. Warrenfelty	Beginning at a stone west of the old stable. (also mentions a stone in front of Daniel Diltos stable and Pelona's stone fence) 25a.	\$775	
		(no further refs)			

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39° 30'

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WASHINGTON MONUMENT  
STATE PARK

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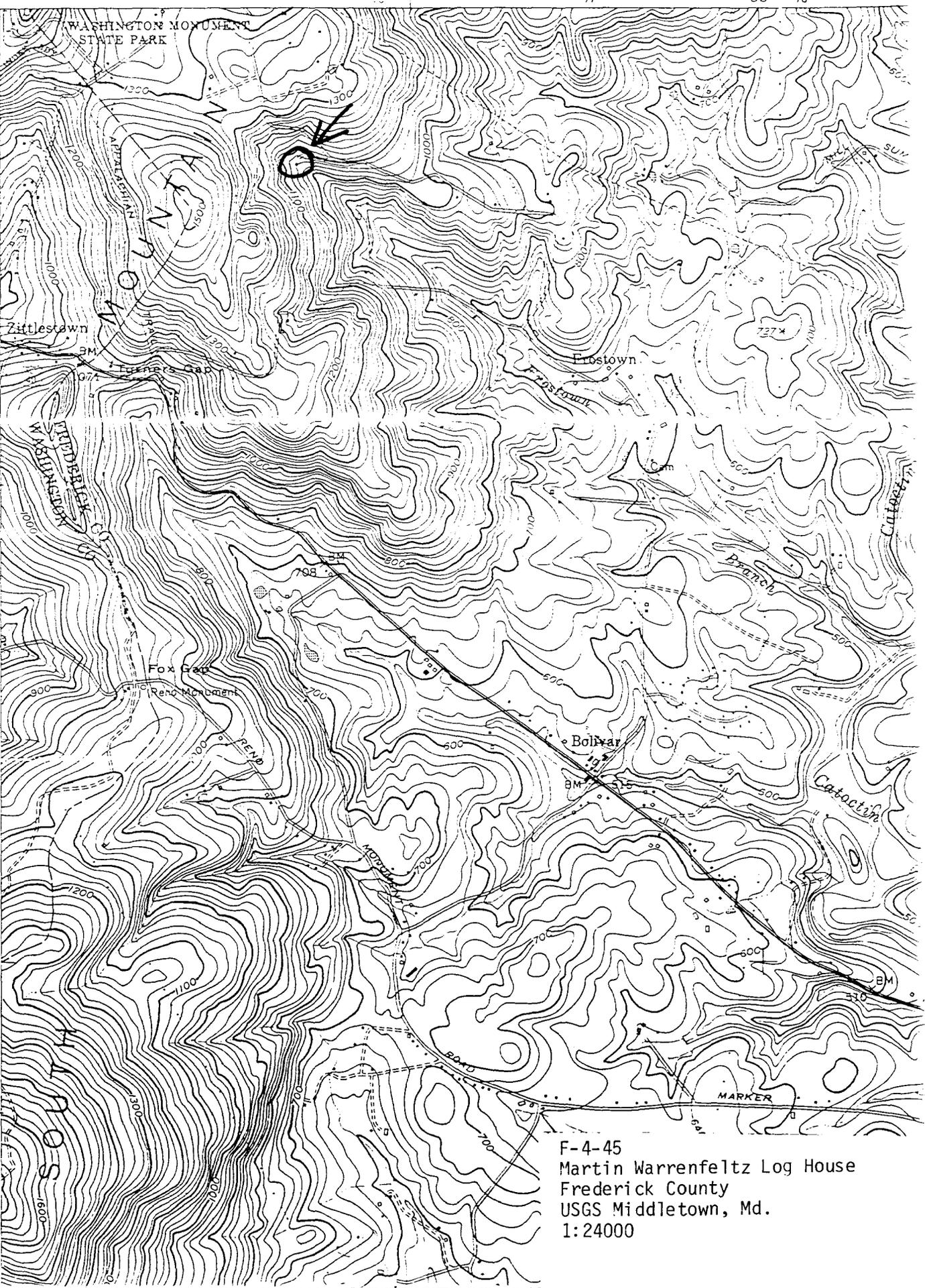
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27° 30'

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SCALE: 1 INCH = 1 MILE  
EQUISCALE: 1 INCH = 0.625 MILE



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 Martin Warrenfeltz Log House  
 Frederick County  
 USGS Middletown, Md.  
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Martin Luther King Jr. Log House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1962

Neg. loc.: Md. State, Cransville's, Md.

Northwest corner view

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Martin Wattenfelz Lay House

Frederick Court,

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1992

Neg. loc.: Md. St. Rd., Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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Martin Wartenfeltz Log House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1992

Neg. loc.: 11<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.E., Greensville, Ind.

Meat house, northeast corner view

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Martin Warrenfeltz Log House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1972

Reg. loc.: Md., SHPO, Downsview, Md.

Born view from west

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Martin Warrenfeltz Log House  
Frederick Co., Maryland  
Edith B. Wallare

10 March, 1998

Maryland SHPO

N elevation of house from Frostown Rd

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Mar. Warrenfeltz Log House

Frederick Co., Maryland

Edith B. Wallace

10 March 1978

Maryland SHPO

Elevation of house from Frostburn Rd.

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