

F: 7-1-15  
William and Rachel Proctor Log House  
Mt. Ephraim community  
Private

Last Quarter of  
19th century

This log house began its history as a small, one story dwelling of three bays in length and one in depth. It probably contained two rooms down and two up. First, a one story log block was added to one gable end as an attached kitchen, and the logs covered with weatherboards. Next, the principal block was raised to a full two stories, and the attached kitchen to one and a half. The result was a large house, whose outward appearance resembled that of a frame house with regular fenestration.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William and Rachel Proctor House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Banner Park Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Ephraim community  VICINITY OF Dickerson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**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
	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Abandoned

NAME

Frederick Snyder

Telephone #: Not listed

STREET & NUMBER

Banner Park Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 630

Folio #: 568

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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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

This two story log house has undergone two distinct re-buildings, resulting in a marked difference in appearance of the house. Today the house consists of a three bay log block added to the southern gable end (the house faces east). This was the first addition, originally the principal block stood only one and a half stories in height and was later raised to two, the second change. This is indicated by the original joists which have been sawn off but remain in the wall, when the house was raised to a full two stories. Originally, the facade did contain three bays, but at the time of enlargement, the windows were raised in 6" height at the top and bottom was filled in by the same amount, so that the dimensions of the window openings remained approximately the same. The door was treated similarly. There were not, and still are not, any openings in the northern gable. In the southern gable end a door led to the outside, and there was a brick stove outside exterior to the wall. In the back length, there were two windows flanking what was perhaps a door, which has now been bricked in. Machine cut nails with stamped heads were used to attach the original window jambs.

Today the interior consists of two rooms separated by a stairway which was enclosed with closet below. This stairway dates from the period of re-building. All evidence of the original arrangement of rooms and stairs has been removed, though it is likely that this house followed a plan similar to that of other three bay log houses, which was to have two rooms down and two up. The interior log walls were left bare and were whitewashed.

To the southern gable end was added a small, one room log section. It may have served as kitchen. There was a front and back door, and a window in its southern gable end. The portion of window that has been filled in the southern gable end of the main block shows that this log section has been added. Wire nails in the framing of its upstairs show that this was done in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Disturbances in the framing of the upstairs of this section suggest that this small section was added first, then the house was raised to a full two stories and this kitchen to one and a half.

At present, the owner is building a new roof, which is roughly the same height of the original one story house. The rafters of the new roof can be seen in the photographs of the house today.

The house was once surrounded by well-kept yards, which had flowers, fruit trees and shade trees. Among the flowers that remain are jonquils and irises. In the front yard was a grape arbor, which remains. Fruit trees also remain. To the south of the house was a meat house with cellar. No doubt there were other outbuildings, which have since disappeared.

As for log construction, the hewn logs were V-notched at the corners and hewn on two sides. There was no evidence of pegging between the logs. See the measured drawing of this house.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **Last quarter of 19th century** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Paul Wilson, David and Sally Proctor lived in this house in the second quarter. They were descendants of David Moody and related to William and James Proctor. Unfortunately, there is no deed listed in the name of David or Sally Proctor for this area, and no descendants have been found. Thus, it cannot be determined when the Proctors moved into this house, and who preceded them.

This is one of the few log houses remaining in the Mt. Ephraim community, where there used to be dozens.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds: STH 280/145; HS 3/220; 630/568. Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

Oral interview, not taped, with Paul Wilson, Mt. Ephraim community, Maryland, May 1979.

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**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**

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5/79

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STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

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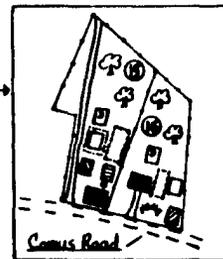
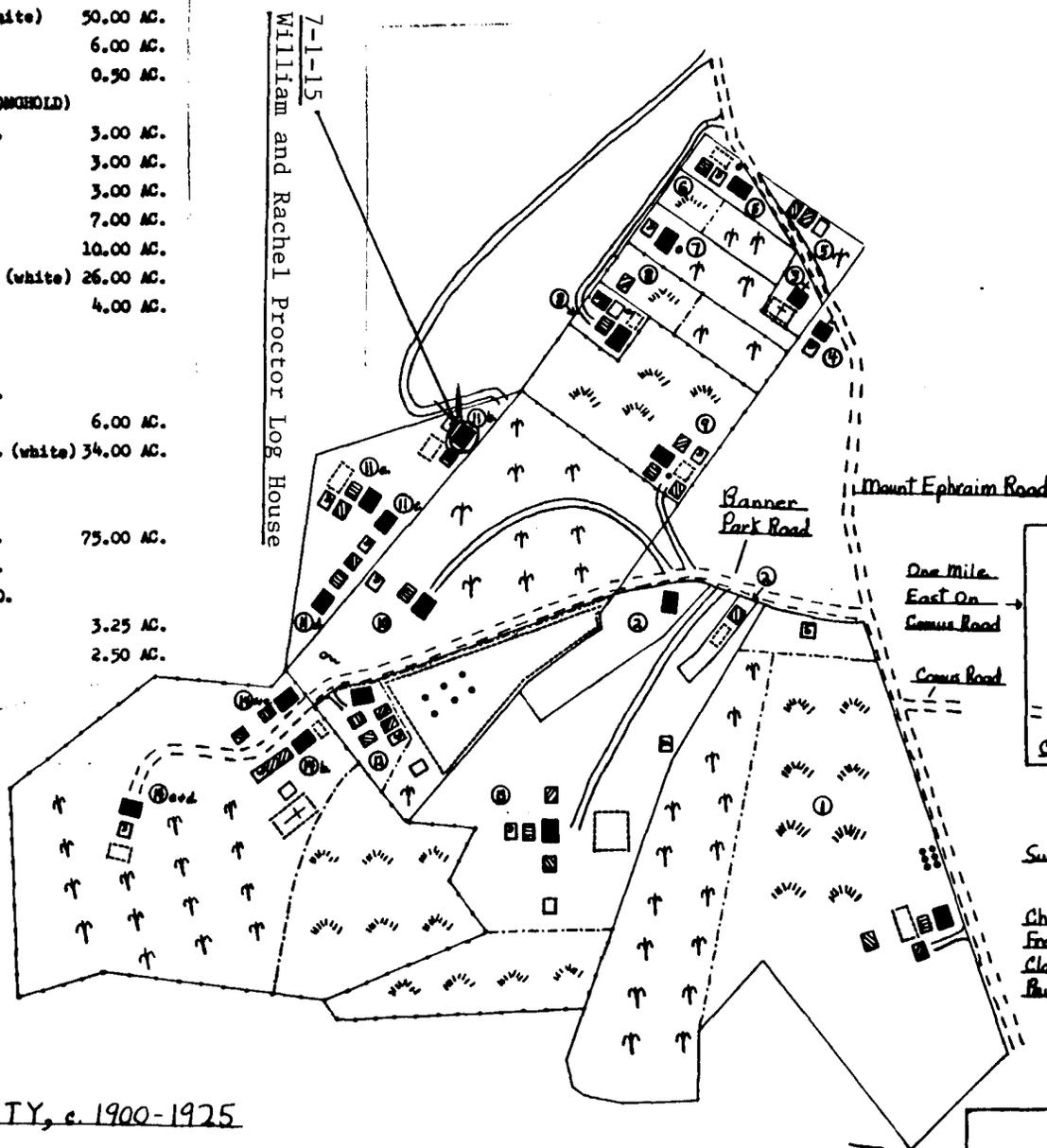
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FENCED PARCEL BDY.	⊠
FENCE	⊠
DIRT ROAD	⊠
LANE	⊠
PATH	⊠
STREAM FLOW	⊠

**Key**

1. WILL TURNER HSTD. (white) 50.00 AC.
2. FRED NICHOLS HSTD. 6.00 AC.
3. BELL'S CHAPEL 0.90 AC.
4. COMSTOCK SCHOOL (STRONGHOLD)
5. WILLIAM HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
6. HANNAH HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
7. JAMES HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
8. BENE HALLMAN HSTD. 7.00 AC.
9. MOSES HALLMAN HSTD. 10.00 AC.
10. CHARLIE HARRIS HSTD. (white) 26.00 AC.
- 11a. DAVID PROCTOR HSTD. 4.00 AC.
- b. RACHEL PROCTOR HSTD.
- c. LAURA PROCTOR HSTD.
- d. CHARLIE PROCTOR HSTD.
12. FRANK PROCTOR HSTD. 6.00 AC.
13. CLINTON NICHOLS HSTD. (white) 34.00 AC.
- 14a. MOODY FAMILY HSTD.
- b. MORRIS POSEY HSTD.
- c. WILLIAM PROCTOR HSTD. 75.00 AC.
- d. LINWOOD PROCTOR HSTD.
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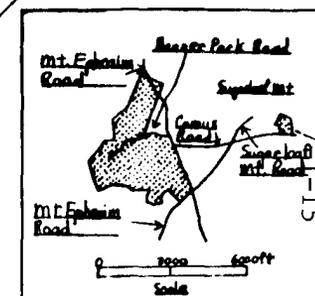
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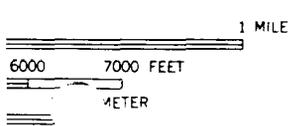
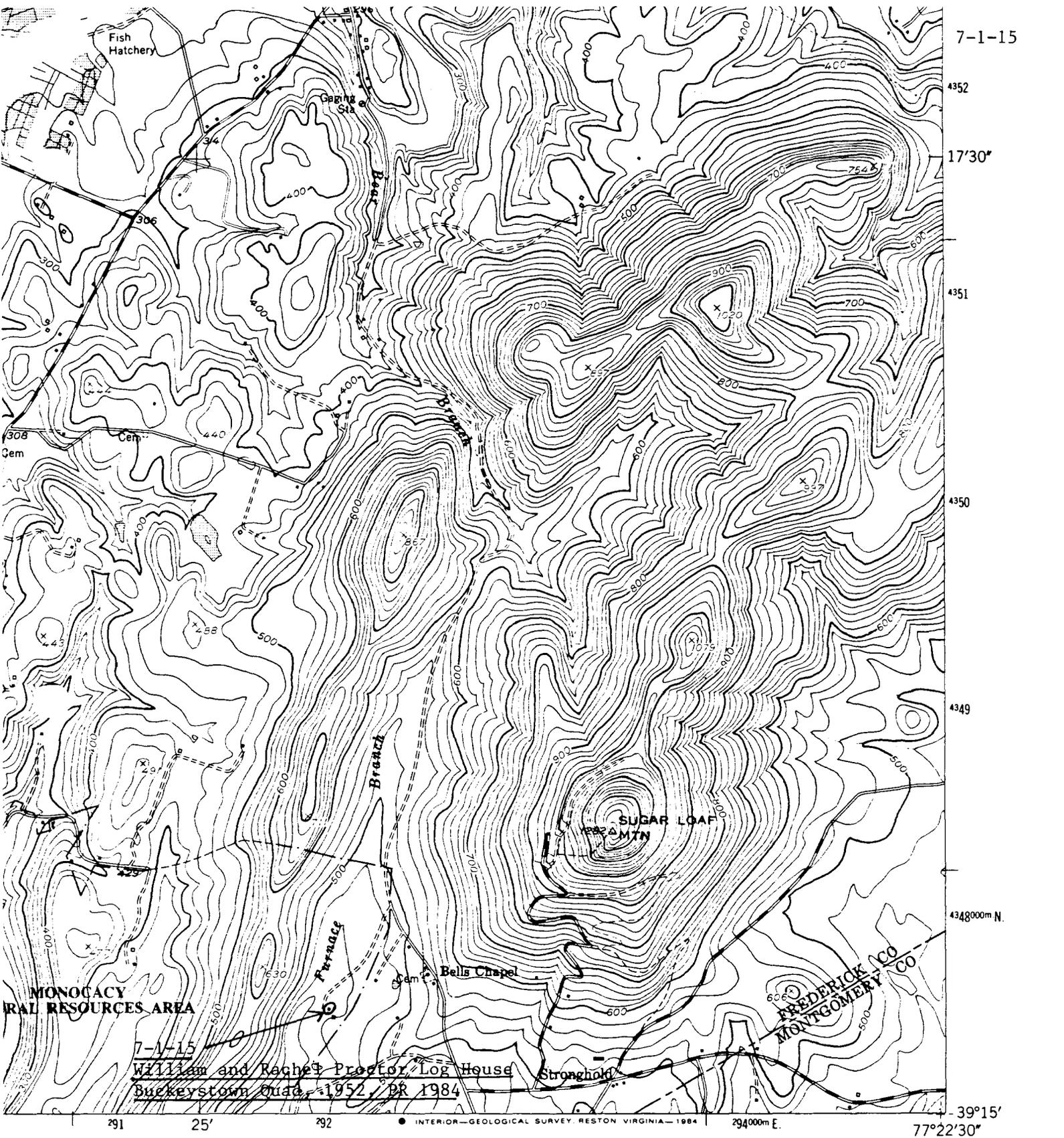
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 Charlotte Ambush  
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**MT EPHRAIM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925**



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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Wm + Rachel Proctor house

Southeast elevation

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West length of the William  
and Rachel Proctor House

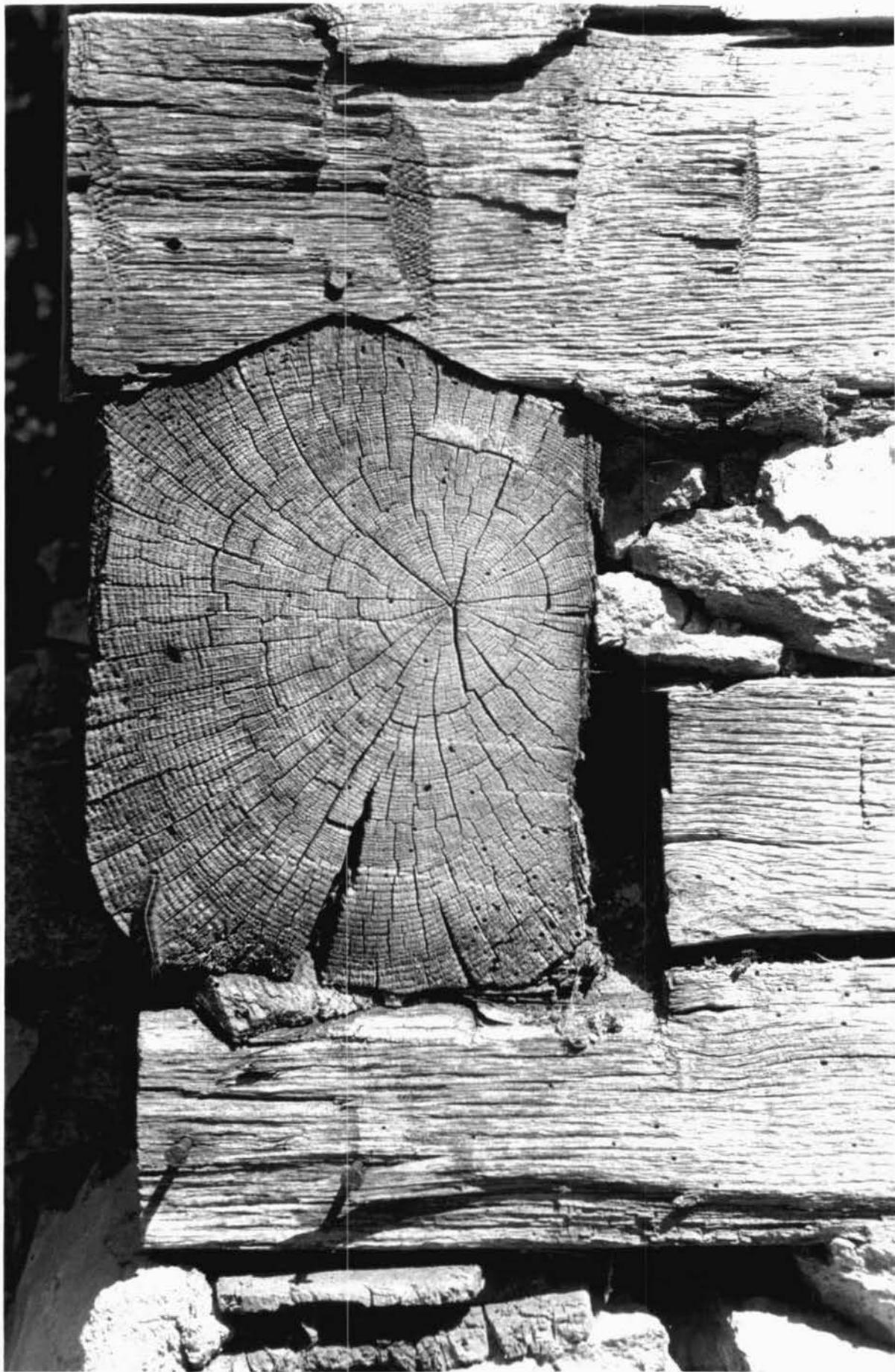
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Top Corner of William & Rachel  
Proctor House

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