

## SUMMARY

HA-1607

Log House off Ady Road

This log house has a 2 room down, 2 up plan and appears to have been built with many machine sawn elements. It faces certain demolition, either through deliberate action or continued deterioration.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log House off Ady Road

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Ady Road (opposite Doyle Road)

CITY, TOWN

Street

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER abandoned
- MILITARY

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Wayne and Jeanne Larsen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3219 Lucky Drive

CITY, TOWN

Street

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21154

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1052

Folio #: 302

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This abandoned 1-1/2 story log bank house is in a secluded wooded area located 1/4 mile west of Ady Road (Md. Rte. 543) opposite the intersection of Rte. 543 and Doyle Road. The house faces North, directly into the rising hillside on which it is built.

The house is 3 bays wide by 2 deep and measures 22'5" by 18'6" respectively. It is constructed of hewn logs, V-notched at the corners, and chinked with mud and odd sizes of wood. The logs are covered with vertically sawn vertical boards, fastened with wire nails. There is a gable roof, covered with slate shingles, with the roof running east-west. There is no cornice, and the exposed rafter ends are finished with plain cut. The house sits on a rubble foundation, fabricated with relatively small and flat stones, and larger squared quoins. The walls are 17" thick, and there is a full basement. At the north elevation, first floor level, there is a central door flanked on either side by a window, with two corresponding windows on the second floor level. The west side contains one window at basement level in the south bay, one window (north bay) at first floor level, and two windows at second floor level, plus a small attic level window. The south elevation has an unusual door-window-door arrangement at the basement level where it opens at grade, and two windows asymmetrically placed at first floor level. The east side is blind except for a small casement window lighting the basement in the north bay. A shed roof was attached at the south side to shelter the basement openings, and this had metal roofing material. All doors and window sashes were missing at the time of examination.

This house has a two room over two floor plan, with a center enclosed stairway, which acts as a longitudinal partition at first and second floor levels.

In the basement, there is evidence that indicates there may also have been a longitudinal partition. The basement reveals whitewashed puncheons supporting two different periods of machine cut plank floors. In the west wall, there is a window measuring 32" wide X 46" high. This has a slate sill in a south elevation, the door in the west bay measures 33" wide, while the door in the east bay is 51" wide and includes a slate threshold. Exit from the basement is by an enclosed winding stairway in the northeast corner. This is concealed at first floor level by a large trap door measuring 2'4" X 6'8".

the first floor parlors measure 8'3" X 17'6" and have 7' ceilings. The walls and ceilings of hair lime plaster held by machine sawn lathes attached with wire nails. Regularly sized floor boards are also machine sawn. Cut nails were observed in the north (front) door jamb. It is possible that the ceiling was raised, since old joist pockets are visible in the log lall 1' below the present ceiling.

The second floor reflects the basic division of the first floor with the following exceptions. The open hall space created at the head of the stairs is unlike the small room or at the base of the stairs. The latter is due to the fact that both first floor parlors had doors at their entry ways. The east side is partitioned bilaterally to create two small rooms. The west side remains as one open space, and like first floor level, there is a stove tap into the chimney flue. The ceiling is trapezoidal. Entry to the attic is at the west end under the ridge.

See Description Continuation Sheet #1

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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 checked="" 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

Archival research suggests that this house might have been built by the Heaps family. It appears on the 1878 Martenet Map, but not on the earlier 1858 map of Harford County.

Architecturally, the house is unusual for its 2 rooms up 2 down plan with a central staircase, a type not often found in Harford's Log Houses. Also intriguing is the pair of entrances on the low side of the foundation.

In other ways, this log house has much in common with other Harford structures. It's small overall size, use of available natural materials (wood and stone) and the bank house solution to building on the side of a hill relate it to other such structures scattered throughout the shapes of the county.

This house faces demolition, either through natural reclamation or at the hands of man. Its location in an area being converted to 10 acre residential tracts underscores the fate of many 19th century structures in the county. When it disappears, another visual document of the last century will be lost too.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
Phillip R. Lord, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION  
Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE  
April, 1981

STREET & NUMBER  
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE  
838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN  
Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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DESCRIPTION CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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Earlier joists spaced 24" on center were seen to have been cut, in order to accomodate a raising of the roof. The roof is supported by circular sawn 4" X 4" mitred at the ridge without a ridgeboard. Spacing of the roof trusses was uneven.

No distinctive mouldings or trim remain in this house, which is in the advanced stages of deterioration.

Nearby, approximately 1/4 mile to the north west is the stone foundation of a large bank barn.

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## Title Search

1. HDC 1052/302	Dec. 23, 1977	Grantor: John J. and Laura Wright Grantee: Wayne and Jeanne Larsen Acreage: 10.01 A.
2. HDC 873/747	May 28, 1971	Grantor: Louise Odegard, widow, of Knox County, Tenn. Grantee: John and Laura Wright Acreage: 175 A. Sum: \$3,120.00 From WSF 99/475, DGW 211/411, SWC 241/265 except outconveyance GRG 597/91 - Louise Odegard sells 124 acres to William and Elsie Harding June 26, 1962 - William Heaps left Louise Odegard, his only heir, all his lands.
3. 638/159	Nov. 22, 1963	Grantor: Zero Inc. Grantee: Louise Odegard
638/157	Nov. 22, 1963	Grantor: Louise Odegard Grantee: Zero, Inc.
WSF 99/475	April 17, 1900	Grantor: J. Martin McNabb, trustee Grantee: William C. Heaps Sale arising from Equity case decision of Jan. 20, 1900, George and Irene Andrews vs. J. Thomas Heaps tract composed of 3 parcels from the following deeds: ALJ 1/322, ALJ 5/319, WG 10/394
ALJ/1/322	June 19, 1852	Grantor: John and Martha Heaps Grantee: William A. Heaps Acreage: 112 acres of tract "Mt. Pleasant" Sum: \$1,000. Being all the land purchased by John Heaps, bought of Henry Farnandis, trustee, and formerly owned and occupied by Joseph Prigg and wife.
ALJ/ 5/319	Feb. 23, 1855	Grantor: Thomas and Susan Morgan Grantee: William A. Heaps Part of tract "ups and Downs" Acreage: 7 a. 3 roads Sum: \$77.75
WG 10/394	March 14, 1859	Grantor: George and Mary Deaver Grantee: William A. Heaps Acreage: 2 parcels - totaling about 17 acres Sum: \$275.00

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5. DGW 211/411	March 20, 1929	Grantor: Catherine Folker, Widow Grantee: Einar and Louise Odegard 46 acres of tract "Sias' Range" and "Addition to Sias' Range".
DGW 206/295	Nov. 28, 1927	Grantor: John Robinson, trustee Grantee: Catherine Folker, Widow Public Sale arising out of decision in equity case Catherine Folker complainant vs. Mary and William Kelly. Charles Folker died without a will
JAR 132/308	Feb. 11, 1911	Grantor: M. Nelson and Rita Allen Grantee: Charles E. Folker Acreage: 46 A. Sum: \$2,900. from WSF 102/486 (11 A) and WSF 113/175 (35 A.)
WSF 102/486	Dec. 17, 1901	Grantor: Charles and Sarah Allen Grantee: A. Howard Nelson Allen Acreage: 11 A. Sum: \$400. "The said right of way extends southerly to the public road leading from John W. Galbreaths' to Highland station in front of the dwelling of said Charles Allen, and also runs between the said dwelling house and said northerly line." Being the same as ALJ 69/334 - Oct. 1890 Grantor: John W. and Lizzie M. Galbreath Grantee: Daniel Scott and Charles Allen 42 acres, 3 roads, 3 sq. perches Sum \$1,719.85 part of the lands owned by Henry W. Johns, Dec., part of land described in ALJ 61/205
ALJ 61/305	March 1, 1888	Grantor: Elizabeth and B. Scott Amos and Mariel J. Johns Grantee: John W. Galbreath Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$5,300. Part of tracts "Sais' Range", "Addition to Sias' Range", "Brices Purchase", "Brices' Purchase corrected" "Ups and Downs".

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TITLE SEARCH CONTINUATION SHEET #2

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ALJ 54/322	July 31, 1885	Grantor: Mariel J. Johns, Robert Mary Morgan Grantee: Drucilla Streett Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$1,000 Lot #3 of Henry John's Lands
WSF 113/175	Nov. 9, 1903	Grantor: Mary Morgan, Eliza H. and B. Scott Amos Grantee: M. Nelson Allen Acreage: 35 A. Sum: \$1,100
from ALJ 52/316	April 16, 1885	Grantor: Drucilla Street, Robert and Mary Morgan Grantee: Mariel Johns Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$1,000 Lot #1 of Henry Johns, deceased
6. SWC 241/265	May 5, 1936	Grantor: D. Paul McNabb, W. Wylie Hopkins & wf. Annabelle Grantee: Einar Odegard Acreage: 4 A. 2 roods, 31 square perches being the same described in SWC 239/158 and SWC 218/502
SWC 239/158	Nov. 9, 1935	Grantor: Richard Bode, unmarried Grantee: W. Wylie Hopkins and D. Paul McNabb Acreage: 4 A., 2 roods, 31 square perches. from SWC 218/502, DGW 186/57
SWC 218/502	April 18, 1931	Grantor: Robert E. Forwood Grantee: Richard A. Bode Acreage: 4A, 2Roods, 31 Square perches
DGW 186/57	Nov. 20, 1923	Grantor: D. Paul McNabb and W. Worthington Hopkins Grantee: Robert E. and Josephine Forwood Sum: \$850. Acreage: 4A, 2 roods, 31 square perches

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JAR 162/312	Feb. 3, 1919	Grantor: Hannah and J. Henry Thompson Grantee: W. Worthington Hopkins and D. Paul McNabb
JAR 134/355	Nov. 29, 1911	Grantor: John and Lettie Galbreath Grantee: Hannah E. Thompson Acreage: 4 A., 2 roods, 31 square perches Sum: \$400. parcel adjoining lands of W. Channell Heaps, Charles Folker, and John W. Galbreath.



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South elevation



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West foundation wall