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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Street Log House and Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
end of lane off of St. Clair Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN Jarrettsville, VICINITY OF Street CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 Laura Cockerham Telephone #: _____

STREET & NUMBER 4100 St. Clair Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN Jarrettsville VICINITY OF Street STATE, zip code Maryland 21084

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Harford County Courthouse Liber #: _____
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: _____

STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____

DATE _____

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 farm complex is located off St. Clair Bridge Road, west of Maryland Rt. 24, at the end of an unpaved lane. It is approximately 100 yards south of the Deer Creek. According to the U.S.G.S. Map, the road on which this farm stands once connected with North Bend Road, west of this site. The remains of this roadway were observed and a large rubble stone retaining wall, approximately 2' thick and from 3'-5' high still exists, defining the road as it runs its course 20'-30' away from the house and barn.

The house is a bank house, with a rubble stone foundation, V-notched log walls, logs are 9"-12" wide and 6" thick and a gable end roof. It is 3 bays wide by 1 bay deep, measures 22'8" X 15'10" and has a brick interior flue projecting through the ridge of the west gable end. To the south is a 1-1/2 story frame addition, that is clad in drop siding. The main block is blind on the east and west ends, and has a center entrance flanked by 1 window in each bay, with symmetrically located windows in the second floor. When examined, the house was undergoing remodelling, and all but the north elevation had been covered by modern aluminum siding. The north still has one 6/6 window (new ones are 1/1) and its vertical board siding over the logs. There are battens over the seams on these boards and board and battens are fastened with cut nails. The entire exterior was whitewashed ~~and~~ one time.

The interior was not accessible, but the following observations were made from the exterior. The plan is 1 room down and 1 room up, and there was a large fireplace opening on the west wall.

There are a number of outbuildings, including a barn on the premises. Thirty-two feet west of the house is a shop building 14'10" X 13' 7", constructed with hewn materials and treepole rafters, but also sawn material and wire nails. This shop is also a bank type structure and has a rubblestone foundation which has been whitewashed. The older siding is covered by modern wooden shingles.

Approximately 30' west of the shop is a spring, now overgrown with weeds. It is surrounded by a stone vault with an entry way that faces south.

Approximately 70' west of the spring is a small bank-type barn, with a drive through crib. It measures 19' X 30' and has a 16' 3" drive with a 4'4" crib. The crib is 8' high and rests on 2' stone piers. Wrought iron door hinges were observed on the barn, which has a circular sawn frame with mortise-tenon and pegged joints. The roof rafters are tree poles. A mixture of cut and wire nails was found throughout the barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 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
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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

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phillip R. Lord, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

Dec. 1980

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 - ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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

TITLE SEARCH

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GRG 337/264	Oct. 26, 1949	Grantor: Laura E. Cockerham, Widow Grantee: James Dean Cockerham and wife E. Lorraine Cokerham Acreage: 55 Acres
JAR 173/406	Aug. 1, 1921	Grantor: Milford G. McGrady and Lola F. Mc Grady Grantee: James E. Cockerham and wife Laura formerly of the State of Iowa Acreage: 55 Acres
JAR 173/404	Aug. 1, 1921	Grantor: Isabel Streett, widow, Marion Streett and Louisa Streett, his wife, and Mattie E. Billingslea Grantee: Milford G. Mc Grady Acreage: 55 acres (36 acres plus 19 acres of adjacent woodland) "Beginning for the same in the middle of Murphys Bridge over Deer Creek"
WSF 86/472	Dec. 11, 1895	Grantor: John D. Streett Grantee: Isabel Streett Acreage: 36 acres Sum: \$5 John Streett is selling farm to his wife Isabel, including all equiptment and livestock, the deed not to take effect until after his death.
WSF 75/423	Oct. 7, 1893	Grantor: Elizabeth Streett Grantee: John D. Streett, son of Elicabeth Streett Sum: \$5 Acreage: 36 Acres "Streetts Pleasant Hills" Mother, Elizabeth Streett is selling farm to her son John D. Streett
WHD 19/271	Oct. 24, 1867	Grantor: John C. Streett and wife Elizabeth Grantee: William H. Streett (of David) Sum: \$2500.00 4 aprcels of land called "Streett's Pleasant Hills" 3 parcels (8A+68SP, 2A +22P, 4A 2R + 23P.,) WHD 37/363 - 1 parcel 21A+31SP.
WHD 37/363	Sept. 27, 1851	Grantor: William Streett Senior Grantee: John D. Streett, son of William Streett reserves cattle watering rights to William Streett. 3 parcels totalling approx. 14-15 acres



Streett Log House HA-1609

Rocks, Md.

Phillip R. Lord 11/80

View looking northeast



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Southwest Elevation



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North Elevation