

M: 12-42-3  
Tom Crumpton House (Site)  
Big Woods Community  
Private

c.1875-1895

This small log house stood one and a half stories in height and contained one room down and one up, heated by wood stoves. The windows contained double hung sashes with 6 x 6 panes. This type was the smallest log house occupied by Black landowning families in the late 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Tom Crumpton Log House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Alice Laura Tibbs

Telephone #: 301-972-8241

STREET & NUMBER

Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1017

Folio #: 162

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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

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

This small log house consisted of only one room down and one up and was probably no more than one and a half stories in height, according to Florence Hallman. There were no additions to it. It was heated by wood stoves, and had windows with double hung sashes containing 6/6 panes.

Behind the house stood outbuildings which included a meat house and cow shed.

According to Mrs. Hallman, all the log houses at Big Woods were more or less alike, so see the descriptions of the Fred Hamilton and Louis Brown houses which are still standing, for further details.

## Oral interview:

Florence Hallman  
 Big Woods Road  
 Dickerson, MD  
 August-September, 1978.

Interview by George McDaniel and Ida Hallman

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

*Black History*

SPECIFIC DATES

*c. 1875-1895*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For discussion of the significance of the construction and significance of this house, see the inventory forms of the Fred Hamilton and Louis Brown houses in Big Woods, which this house closely resembled, according to Florence Hallman, who was born and raised in the Big Woods community.

Research of deeds did not locate the deed by which Tom Crumpton purchased this land. In fact, the track was soon lost in 1946 when the land was acquired by Montgomery County for failure to pay taxes. In 1947, it was conveyed to Alice Laura Tibbs (deed 1068/225), and there was no reference to earlier owners. Tom Crumpton was not listed in any of the grantee/grantor indexes. Thus, the identity of the landowning family is known only through oral informants, and the date of their purchase can only be estimated. Since Mrs. Florence Hallman was young in the early 1900s and remembers the Crumpton dwelling as an old house at that time, it is probable that the house was contemporary to the Lewis Brown house and other log houses of the 1870s or 1880s.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Oral interviews with Florence Hallman, 21045 Big Woods Road, Dickerson, Md.  
 August-September, 1978.

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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

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DATE

Jan. 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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