

WILLIAMSPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Survey # WA-WIL-037                      Approximate date 18th century  
Street Address 123 West Potomac Street  
Town, State Williamsport, Maryland  
private X, public \_\_\_\_\_

Description

One and a half story four bay log house covered with asbestos siding. 18th century. Raised upper story in the early 20th century. The original first story cornice, window frames and molding are extant. Although altered, it is significant as one of Williamsport's remaining 18th century buildings.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type  
Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Urban  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):  
DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # 7

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

123 West Potomac Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

123 West Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**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
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- EDUCATIONAL
- RELIGIOUS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- GOVERNMENT
- TRANSPORTATION
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harry Voelker

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

123 West Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

Liber #: 272

Folio #: 599

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

WA-611-57

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a one and a half story, four bay log dwelling situated on the north side of West Potomac Street, facing south. The roof is of composition grit shingles. The building is covered with asbestos siding and has six over six double hung sash. The foundation is limestone and there is a brick sidewalk in front of the house. The noteworthy feature of this house is that under its 20th century wrapper is probably an 18th century log cabin. A tell-tale sign is the slight overhang of the second story on the front facade. Until further inspection is done, it can only be positively judged as having been built in the 19th century.

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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 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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 of town lot # 123

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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DATE  
June 1980

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CITY OR TOWN  
Sharpsburg

STATE  
Maryland 21782

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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BUILDING CODE LEGEND

STANDARD BUILDING STRUCTURE OR ITS COPY

CONTRIBUTING TO A NATIONAL REGISTERED GROUP

CONTRIBUTOR BUILT/STRUCTURES WHICH COULD BE  
REMOVED THROUGH RESTORATION / MAINTENANCE

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO KEEPING WITH THE HISTORICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

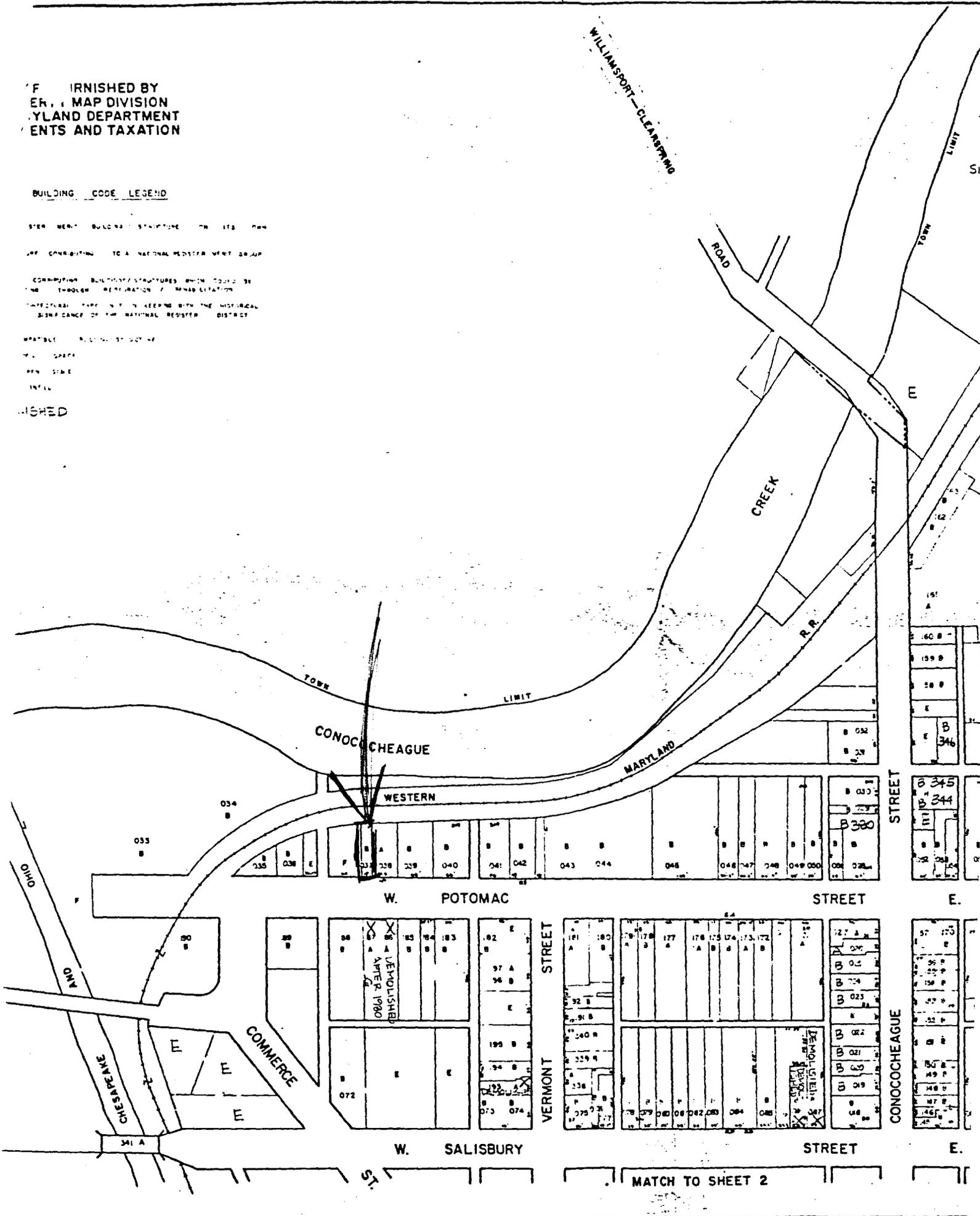
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MATCH TO SHEET 2



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Log House, 123 West Potomac Street  
Williamsport, Maryland, Washington County  
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April, 1980  
Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland  
South Elevation