

McKnight Log House  
AL-1-A-042  
Appel Road  
Little Orleans  
3rd quarter 1800's

McKnight Log House is an example of one of the many log structures built in Allegany County in the 19th century. It originally belonged to Frederick Lutterell, who received a patent for his land in 1866. This log house was most likely built within the next ten years, because it is said to be over a hundred years old by an 83-year old resident of Little Orleans, John C. Appel. Although the house is now used primarily as a residence during hunting season, it stands as a reminder of a 19th century farming family of eastern Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
McKnight Log House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Appel Road Sixth  
CITY, TOWN  
Little Orleans CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE  
Maryland COUNTY  
Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRESENT USE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
James T. McKnight Telephone #: 412-371-0647  
STREET & NUMBER  
11 Barton Drive  
CITY, TOWN  
Pittsburgh STATE, zip code  
Pa. 15521

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 235  
Folio #: 643  
STREET & NUMBER  
30 Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Cumberland STATE  
Maryland 21502

**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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <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

McKnight Log House is located on Appel Road in Little Orleans. The building originally consisted of a two story, three bays wide log structure covered with clapboards and asbestos shingles. It rest on a high stone foundation of random rubble and mud with no apparent water table. The original gable flank ribbed tin roof has been hipped on the south and extended over an addition on the north. A gabled dormer is on the north. Eaves consist of a box cornice and soffit. One original outside end brick chimney is enclosed by the addition.

The main entrance, a seven panel door with original hardware is in the center of the original east facade. Entrance to the addition is a vertical board door with original hardware. Original windows are pegged six over six lights, shouldered frames and wooden lugsills. Addition windows are pegged two over two lights.

On the east is a shed roof porch with ribbed tin supported by four chamfered posts. A wide hip roofed porch on the west is partially enclosed with a small shed addition.

Interior Description  
 Little Orleans Grocery  
 AL-1-A-043

The first floor of the original building contains one large rectangular room. Walls are of one inch thick rough hewn planks covered with plaster and lathing. Most of the interior has been covered with modern paneling. Three square chamfered supporting posts are located along the middle of the room. A six inch base-board and interior window and entrance mouldings are plain. An enclosed one flight stairway on the south has walls of exposed one inch planking. Much of the wall space is covered with wooden shelves, original produce bins have been removed. An addition on the south is a five room apartment.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Log houses were a popular form of housing in Allegany County throughout the 19th century. These dwellings were easy to construct and were very durable. Logs were a functional building material in an area filled with forests.

The McKnight Log House originally belonged to a Little Orleans resident, Frederick Lutterell.<sup>(1)</sup> The property was patented to Frederick Lutterell and James A. Burris on July 9, 1866.<sup>(2)</sup> This house was most likely built within the next ten years, because it is said to be over a hundred years old by an 83 year old resident of Little Orleans, John C. Appel.<sup>(3)</sup>

Mr. Appel stated that this house was built about the same time as Lineberg Log House (AL-1-C-022). Lineberg and Lutterell were both trustees for Little Orleans Methodist Episcopal Church in 1868, and they helped build the church.<sup>(4)</sup>

This log house is now used primarily as a residence during hunting season. It stands as a reminder of an old farming family of Little Orleans and of a popular building practice in this county.

(1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 84, Folio 382

(2) Ibid

(3) Interview with Mr. John C. Appel April 30, 1979

(4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 34, Folio 699

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 112 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland

STATE Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: 02-1-A-042

DATE: 7/28/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: McKnight Log

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Appel Rd Little Orleans

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: James T McKnight 112 A. 235/643

ADDRESS: 11 Barton Drive  
Pittsburg Pa 15221

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on North Frame 2 Bays <sup>orig</sup>

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings clapboards shingles

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RR F Mud

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
wood lugs ill's-shouldered frame.  
pegged() nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center e of orig. 7 panels orig. hardware  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN ADD. - Vertical board door  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards orig.

Box CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave 1

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, HIPPED Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #CABLED  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )  
RIBBED

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original() replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end() Central( ) Interior( )  
of orig

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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TITLE SEARCH

McKnight Log House  
AL-1-A-042

Allegany County Deed: Liber 235, Folio 643  
Grantee: James T. McKnight, et al  
Grantor: Florence B. Hettenhouser  
Notes: 112 Acres

Date: October 27, 1951

Allegany County Deed: Liber 147, Folio 162  
Grantee: Florence B. Hettenhouser  
Grantor: Hiram H. Yonker

Date: May 22, 1924

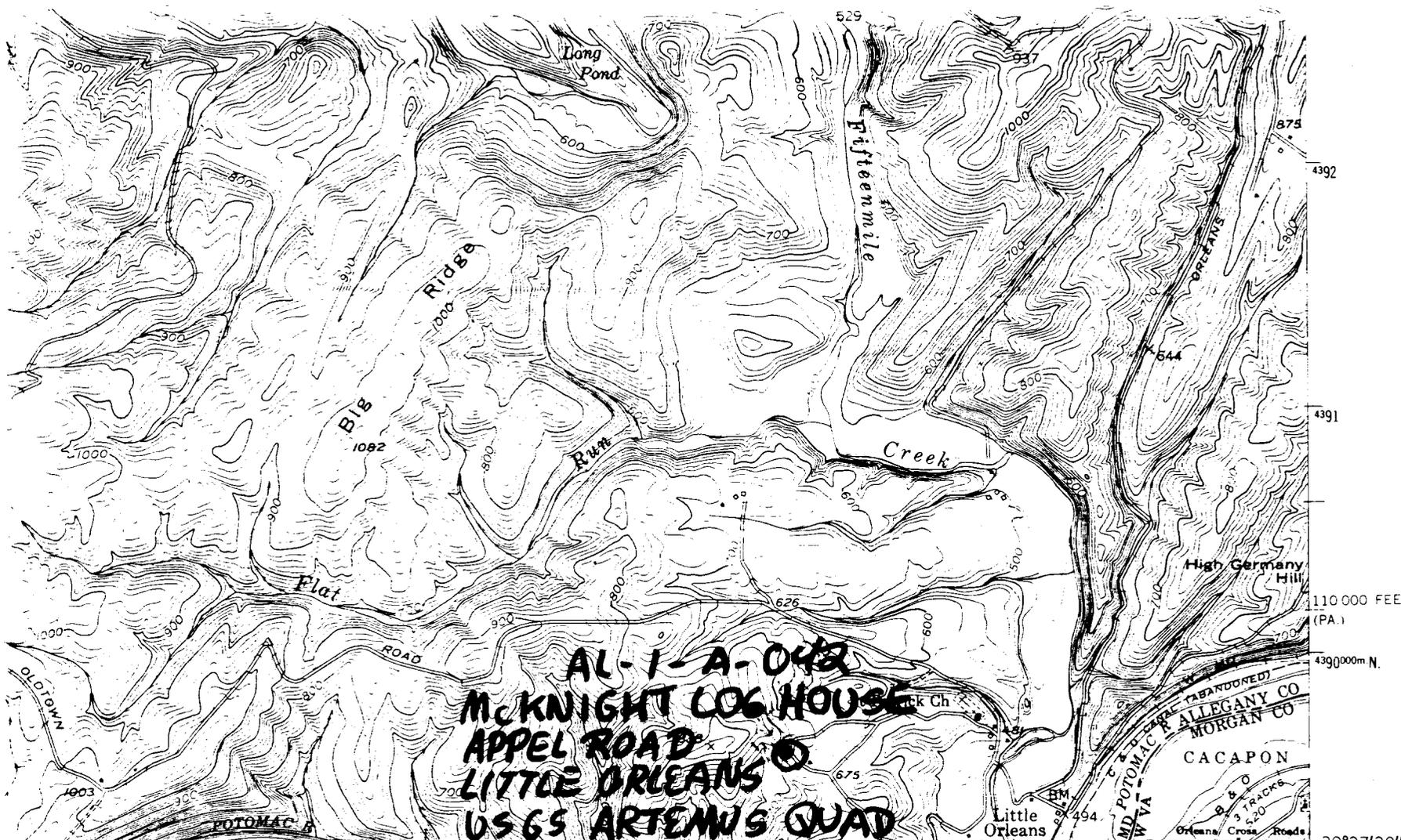
Allegany County Deed: Liber 84, Folio 382

Grantee: Hiram H. Yonker

Date: November 8, 1898

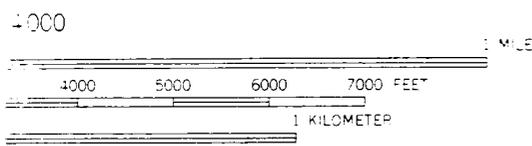
Grantor: Elizabeth J. Lutterall, widow of Frederick B. Lutterall

Notes: Four parcels to deed patented to Frderick B. Lutterall  
and James A. Burris, Parcel #2 "Lutteralls Farm"  
patented to Lutterall and Burris July 9, 1866, Liber 54, Folio 652  
Parcel #2 mentions "Lutterall's House".



**AL-1-A-042**  
**McKNIGHT LOG HOUSE**  
**APPEL ROAD**  
**LITTLE ORLEANS**  
**USGS ARTEMAS QUAD**

PAW: SW 25' 722 723 1 820 000 FEET (PA.) 725000m E. 39°37'30" 78°22'30" (GREAT CACAPON) 5368 III SE



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

SCALE 20 FEET  
 SEA LEVEL  
 MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**ARTEMAS, MD.-PA.-W. VA.**  
 NW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3937.5—W7822.5/7.5  
 1950  
 AMS 5368 III NW—SERIES V833



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Appel Road Little Orleans

David A. Dorsey

7/28/78

Northeast



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MCKNIGHT LOG HOUSE

APPEL ROAD LITTLE ORLEANS

David A. Dorsey

7/28/78

Southwest