

AL-I-C-021  
Hansrote Log House  
South of Route 51  
Keifers, Maryland  
Ca. Mid 1850's

The Hansrote Log House, built in the mid-1850's by Jacob Smith, is one of several log houses in the Keifers area which was built resting on stone pillars. The residents of the house were farmers, and one family of them, the Hansrotes, owned the farm for nearly seventy years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hansrote Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South of Rt. 51

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Eugene K. Edwards

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8 Furnace Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 278

Folio #: 261

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-I-C-021

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Hansrote Log House is located on the southern side of Rt. 51 on the Edwards Farm near Keifers, Maryland.

The building is a rectangular, two story, three bays wide structure. Wall construction is of logs covered with clapboard. The building has cornerboards.

The building rests on stone pillars at the corners. The roof is gable flank covered with tin. The eaves consist of an overhanging cornice, soffit, and bed moulding. One brick chimney has a corbeled cap and is located on the interior of the building.

Windows of the building are pegged, double hung, 2/2 light, pedimented, with wooden lugsills. The main entrance is centrally located on the northern facade. It is a three paneled door with vertical boards.

On the rear of the building is a full length shed roof porch. A large vertical board barn is located on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The nineteenth century residents of the isolated southeastern portion of Allegany County were farmers who "led a relatively contained existence."

The Hansrote Log House, built along what was known as Uhl Highway, was built by Jacob Smith during the mid 1850's. Smith sold the farm, known as "Casper's Discovery", to the German Werner family. They sold the property two years later to John Hartley who at the time owned several other properties in the area. <sup>2</sup> (See AL-II-B-111). The Hansrote family, which owned the farm from 1894-1963, was originally from West Virginia. <sup>3</sup>

This is one of several log houses in the Keifers area built resting on stone pillars. The logs of the Hansrote house are extremely large. Although in need of some repair the building is structurally sound and serves as a reminder of the cultural awareness and resourcefulness of local farmers of the nineteenth century.

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1976) pp. 258-259.
2. Allegany County Land Records, Liber 11, Folio 138; Liber 20, Folio 278; Liber 23, Folio 265.
3. Telephone interview with Hazel Groves Hansrote, local historian, Cumberland, Maryland, 7/21/78.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records

Stegmaier, Harry, Jr. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976.

Hansrote, Groves, Hazel, local historian, Cumberland, Maryland, Interview: 7/21/78

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73.13

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

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/11/78

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

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





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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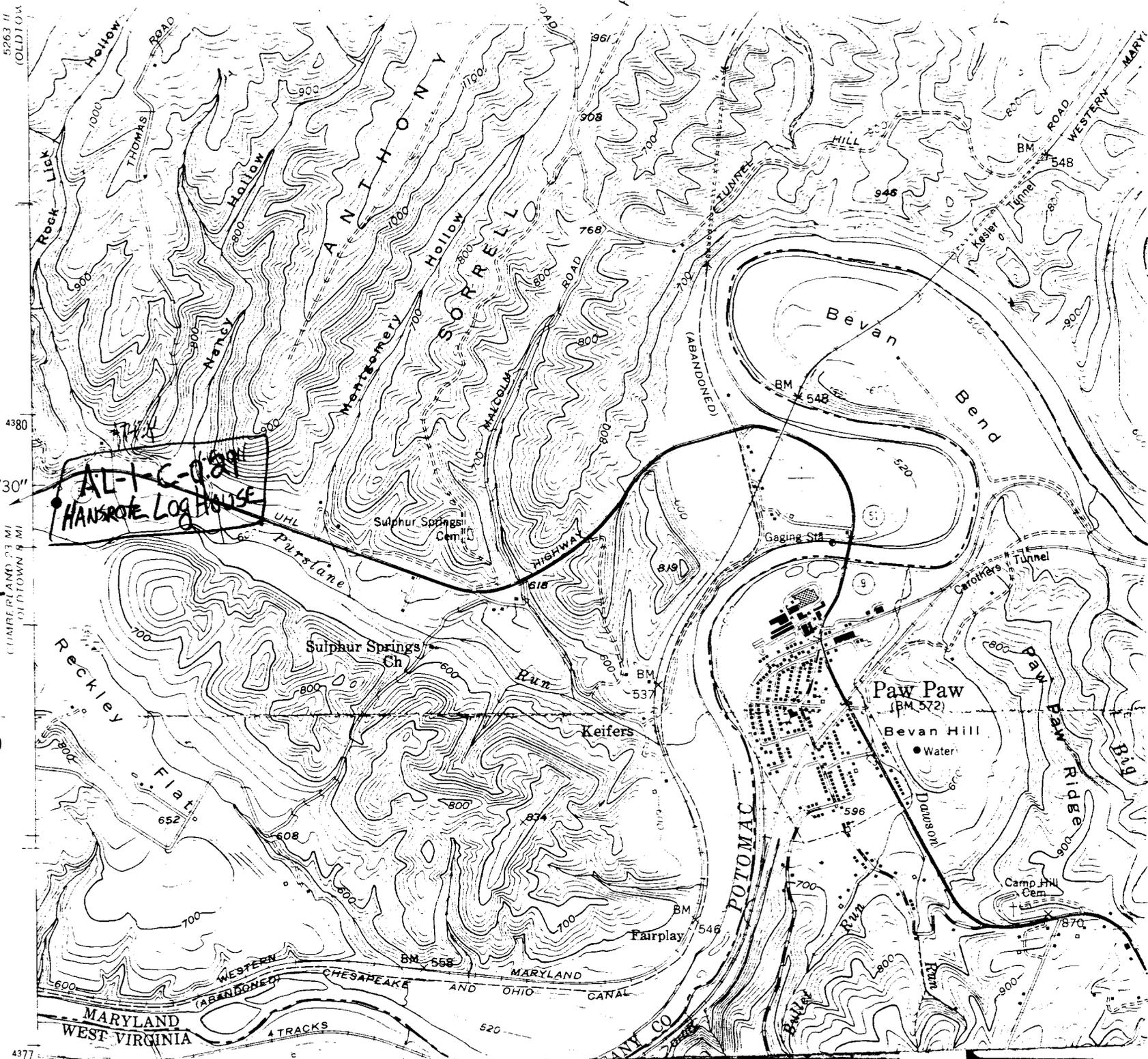
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 HANSROTE LOG HOUSE  
 EDWARDS FARM  
 RT. 51  
 KEIFERS, MD  
 USGS PAW PAW QUAD  
 1950

32'30"  
 CLIMBERT AND 23 MI  
 OF TOWN 9 MI



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Hansrote Log House

Rt 51 Keifers Md

David A. Dorsey

7/11/78

Southeast