SHAW LOG HOUSE

AL-II-B-068
Warrior Mt. Cutoff Road, 5 miles north of Oldtown
ca. 1830

The Shaw Log House is an example of a two story, log mansion erected in Allegany County circa 1830. Log cabins were the most functional structures of that particular time period. They were not too costly to construct, for there was plenty of timber to build walls and abundant sandstone for constructing chimneys. The dovetail corner notching found in the house is unique to the more common "V" notching technique employed in other areas around the county.

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# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shaw Log House

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5 miles north of Oldtown, east side of Warrior Mt. Cut off Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __DISTRICT | __PUBLIC | X OCCUPIED | __AGRICULTURE | __MUSEUM |
| X BUILDING(S) | X PRIVATE | __UNOCCUPIED | __COMMERCIAL | __PARK |
| __STRUCTURE | __BOTH | __WORK IN PROGRESS | __EDUCATIONAL | X PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| __SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | __ENTERTAINMENT | __RELIGIOUS |
| __OBJECT | __IN PROCESS | __YES: RESTRICTED | __GOVERNMENT | __SCIENTIFIC |
| | __BEING CONSIDERED | __YES: UNRESTRICTED | __INDUSTRIAL | __TRANSPORTATION |
| | | X NO | __MILITARY | __OTHER |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert F. Shaw

Telephone #: 395-5239

STREET & NUMBER

Warrior Mt Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21555

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 199

Folio #: 252

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

Maryland

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | X UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| __GOOD | __RUINS | __ALTERED | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| X FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaw Log House is located 5 miles north of Oldtown on the east side of Warrier Mountain cutoff road.

This log house is another example of the typical log mansion found in Allegany County. It is rectangular in shape, two stories tall, and is three bays wide. The width measures 14' with a length of 20'. Corner notching in this structure consists of the dovetail type. Chinking is of the clay mortar type. The whole exterior has been whitewashed many times. The house is underlain by a low stone foundation. The windows have plain trim and are double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. The second story on the west side has two single sash windows. There is replaced hardware on the front entrance which faces west. A one story gabled roof addition abuts the northeast corner of the house; it is constructed of vertical boards and plain battens. The roof over the main structure is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt materials. There is a shed roof wrap-around porch covering the west and north sides. Also included within the house is a replaced brick interior chimney. Vertical boards and plain battens cover the gables on each end of the house.

The Shaw Log House retains most of its original fabric and is currently in fair condition.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| — PREHISTORIC | __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | __COMMUNITY PLANNING | __LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | __RELIGION |
| /400-1499 | __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | __CONSERVATION | __LAW | __SCIENCE |
| __1500-1599 | __AGRICULTURE | __ECONOMICS | __LITERATURE | __SCULPTURE |
| __1600-1699 | X ARCHITECTURE | __EDUCATION | __MILITARY | __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| __1700-1799 | __ART | __ENGINEERING | __MUSIC | __THEATER |
| X 1800-1899 | __COMMERCE | __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | __PHILOSOPHY | __TRANSPORTATION |
| __1900- | __COMMUNICATIONS | __INDUSTRY | __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | __OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | __INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1830 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaw Log House is an example of a two story, log mansion erected in Allegany County circa 1830. Log cabins were the most functional structures of that particular time period. They were not too costly to construct, for there was plenty of timber to build walls and abundant sandstone for construction of chimneys. The dovetail notching employed in the corners of the house is also found in the Ruby Log House, located less than one mile southwest of the Shaw Log. Simple "V" notching was the predominant technique used in Allegany County; it would appear that the Ruby Log and Shaw Log stand out as exceptions to the rule, that they were built generally at the same time, and that their builders were probably of the same cultural background.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 161 & 98 acres

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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|---|---|
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| ORGANIZATION: Allegany County Historic Sites Survey | DATE: 11/3/76 |
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| CITY OR TOWN: LaVale, | 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

PS-1108

INVENTORY NO. AI-II-B-068 199/252

DATE: Shaw Log 10/14/76 161 + 98 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Shaw Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 5 miles north of Oldtown, east side of Warrior Mt. Cutoff Road.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WEST

NAME OF OWNER: Robert F. Shaw 395-5239

ADDRESS: Same - Oldtown, Md.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 story gable vertical board & batten on wooden pilon foundation northeast side -

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 Dovetail Notching 14' x 20'
(✓) Other: Coverings with white wash

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, [LOW], BRICK, [STONE]

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(✓) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )
Plain
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WEST
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(✓)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, [PLAIN]
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, [soffit], bed)
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, [GABLE FLANK], HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, [asphalt] original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) WRAP AROUND

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(✓) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original( ) replaced (✓)
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior (✓)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, [Flat], Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - CA 1830
Condition - Fair

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# SECTION II QUADRAN

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John Nelson
10/14/76
Southeast

Shaw Log House
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John Nelson
10/14/76
Northwest