

AL-II-B-114
Lewis Log Farm House
.4 Miles South of Route 51 on
Edwards Farm
Keifers, Maryland
Mid-1800's

The Lewis Log Farm House is one of several log houses in the Keifers area. It is constructed with dove-tail notching which is known for its intricacy, beauty, and stability. The building stands on the northern edge of an area known as Reckley Flat, which was owned and farmed by the Reckley family from the mid-19th century until the 1920's. Compared to other local farm houses, this farm was apparently a prosperous one as indicated by the fine stone foundation of the house and the tin-roofed outbuildings.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lewis Log Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

.4 miles south of Rt.51 on Edward's Farm

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frederick J. Johnston

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4413 West Hanna Avenue

CITY, TOWN

West Tampa

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Florida, 33614

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 364

Folio #: 502

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lewis Log Farm House is located four-tenths of a mile south of Rt. 51 on the Edwards Farm.

The building is a irregular shaped rectangular, four bays wide structure built in two sections. The original log section is constructed with dove-tail notched logs covered with vertical planks. The small frame saltbox addition on the western facade of the original is also constructed of vertical planks.

The building rests on a high random rubble stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof is gable flank covered with tin. The eaves consist of an overhanging cornice. Two brick chimneys have corbeled caps and are located inside end.

Windows of the house are pegged, double hung, 2/2 light pedimented windows with wooden lugsills. Entrances on both the north and south have two recessed architrave trim panels and vertical boards.

Shed roof porches are on both the north and south with seven chamfered square posts on the south. A log outbuilding with dove-tail notching stands on stone pillars and has gabled ribbed tin roof with rafter ends. A vertical board barn with a gabled tin roof is also located on the property.

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 Lewis Farm House is one of several log houses located near the Keifers area. Nineteenth century residents of this area experienced "a rural, predominantly agriculture" lifestyle. ¹ With limited² transportation resources they "led a relatively contained existence."

This property is located on the northern edge of an area known as Reckley Flat which was owned and farmed by the Reckley family from the mid-nineteenth century until the 1920's. (See AL-I-C-019 and AL-I-C-020). Compared to other local farmhouses the farm was apparently a prosperous one.

The log house is constructed with dove-tail notching known for its intricacy beauty and stability. ³ Indication of the farm's prosperity include the fine stone foundation, and the tin roofed outbuildings which are still in good shape. One of these outbuildings is a dove-tail notched log building in fine condition.

The Lewis Log Farm House, although abandoned, is in structurally good condition. The farm represents the cultural awareness and prosperity of local nineteenth century farmers.

1. Harry Stegmaier Jr. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) pp. 258-259
2. Ibid
3. Eliot Wigginton, ed. The Fox Fire Book (Garden City, N.Y.: Anchor Press/Double Day) p. 64

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60 Acres

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

7/7/78

STREET & 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

INVENTORY NO: AL-II-B-114

DATE: 7/7/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Lewis Log Farm House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: .4 miles southwest of Rt. 51 on Edwards Farm

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Frederick J. Johnston

ADDRESS: 4413 West Hanna Avenue

West Tampa, Florida 33614

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Small board and batten saltbox addition.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Vertical plank

- () 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 Dove-tail notching
- () OTHER: Coverings VERTICAL BOARDS

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random Rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: On North and South, entrances with two panels and vertical boards.
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, 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() On north and south - 7 chamfered posts on southern porch.

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()
Eastern most chimney unobservable

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

COMMENTS: Log outbuilding stands on rock pillars gabled tin roof w/rafter ends exposed gabled vertical board barn with tin roof.

USE: Farm storage

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Argiculture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

CONDITION: Poor

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:



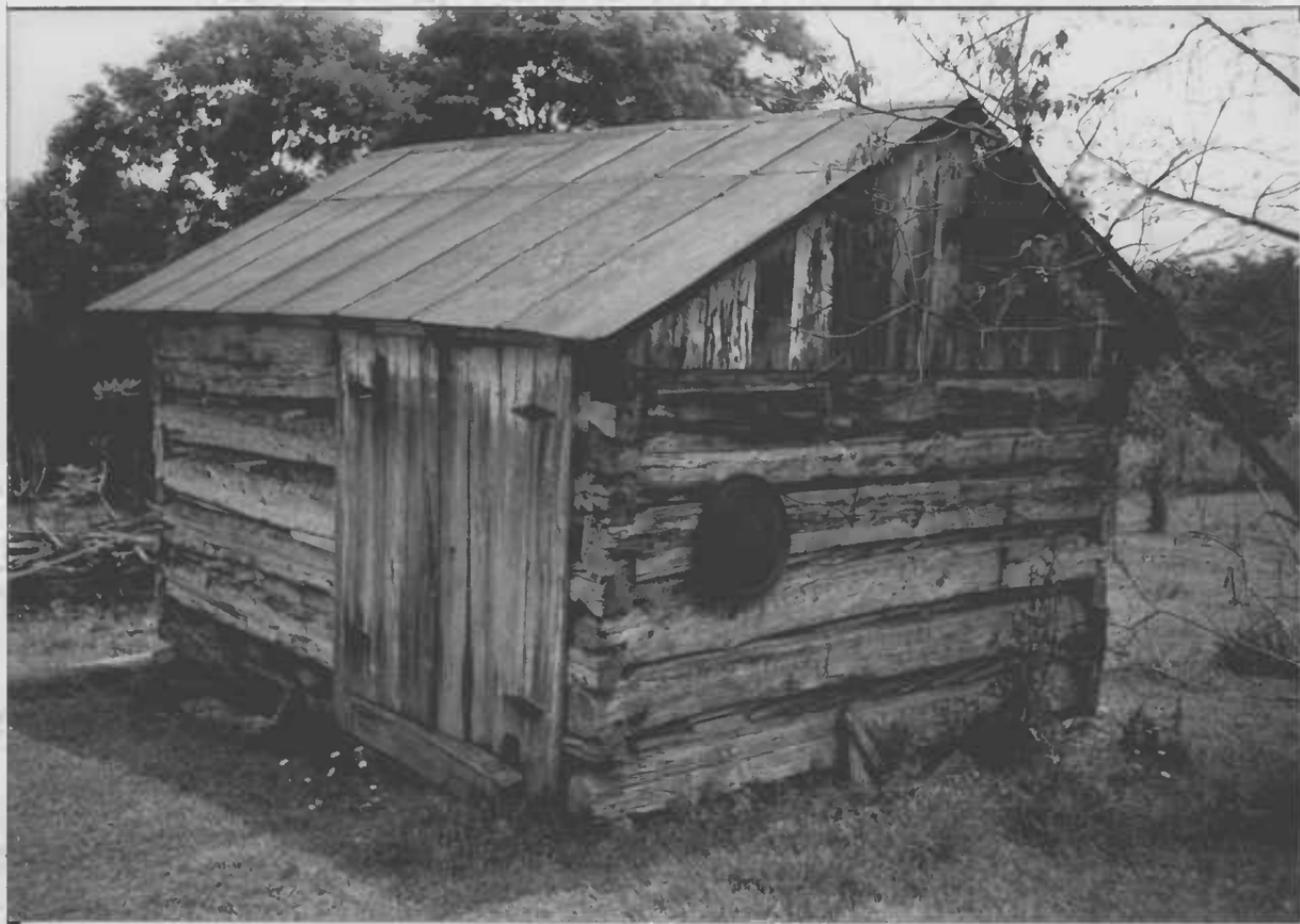
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 4 MILES SOUTH OF RT. 51
 ON EDWARDS FARM
 KEIFERS, MD
 USGS OLDTOWN QUAD

1950

(PAW PAW)
 5363 III SW
 PAW PAW, W. VA. (JUNC W VA 9131 MI)
 BERKLEY SPRINGS, W VA 27 VI

370 000 FEET
 (W. VA.)
 4376000m N.



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LEWIS LOG FARMHOUSE

south of Rt 51

Reifers, Md

DAVID A. DORSEY

7/7/18

Southeast



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LEWIS Log Farmhouse
South of Rt 51 Keifers, MD

David A. Dorsey
7/7/78

Northeast



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Southwest