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HARPER LOG HOUSE  
Mill Run Road  
Oldtown, Maryland  
Late 1700's

The Harper Log House consists of a one and a half story original log portion now surrounded by several additions. The rear addition is two stories tall, five bays wide, and is covered with weatherboarding. Two side wings were added directly to the log structure, and they have been covered with red insul brick. Porches with shed roofs have been added to the north and south ends of the house. It appears as though these additions (which were all made by the owner, Joseph Harper) were made at different times because of the variance of construction materials. The house now stands fairly sound and is used as the private residence of Joseph E. Harper.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Harper Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Run Road, 2.4 Miles N of Route 51

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

X 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joseph E. Harper

Telephone #: 395-5205

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

X VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 225

Folio #: 366

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

Maryland

STATE

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	<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 Harper Log House is situated on the east side of Mill Run Road, 2.4 miles north of Route 51, near Oldtown, Maryland.

The original portion of the present structure is log, since covered with various materials. Around 30 years ago, a two story addition was attached to the rear. The shape of the whole structure is now basically rectangular with a low stone foundation.

The original log house was 1 and a half stories tall and three bays wide. Windows were double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights and plain trim. The original log beams still support the structure, although the outside has been recovered with red insul brick on the south, east, and lower north sides. The upper north side of the original log part shows a combination of the log structure and some asphalt siding. A replaced brick chimney runs up the north outside end. A front end porch with a hipped roof has been since added, and wings have been added to the lower north and lower south ends of the original log structure; they exhibit shed roofs and are symmetrical in construction. The roof of the original log part was gabled, and is now covered with replaced asphalt shingling.

The addition which was built around 30 years ago was attached directly to the rear of the old log structure on a cinder block foundation. It's two stories tall and five bays wide, exhibiting a shed roof with asphalt covering. Porches with shed roofs have been attached to the north and south ends of the house, each supported by square columns. Windows of this newer part are double hung wooden sash frames with cornices, six over six lights, and plain trim. An additional entrance was made on the upper south side. The exterior of the addition is exclusively weatherboarding.

The house now stands fairly sound, and represents one that has many small additions over the years; it's been altered greatly from its original appearance.

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**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input 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 original log portion of the Harper House was built around the end of the eighteenth century. Since then, additions have been added on all sides of the facade and the structure is presently used as a private residence. It appears as though the additions were made at different intervals by the present owner, Harper, for many different construction materials are present. They include red insul brick, log, weatherboarding, and asphalt wall shingling. The original log construction is still quite sound and represents one of the early Allegany County log houses.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Interview with Joseph E. Harper, 8/26/76

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 38 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

John Nelson, Steve Beale, Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

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CITY OR TOWN

LaVale

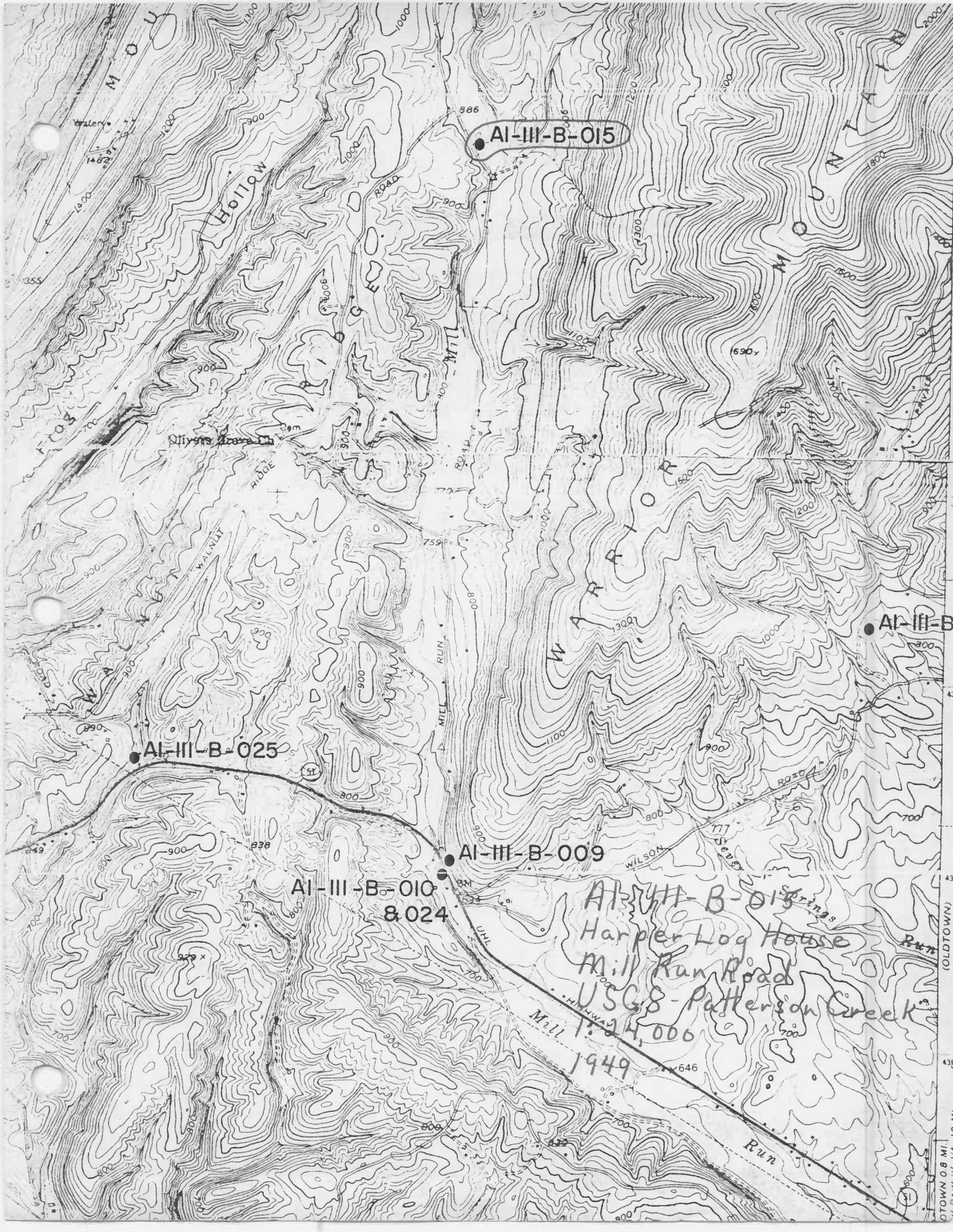
STATE

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.

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Harper Log House  
Mill Run Road  
USGS - Patterson Creek  
1:24,000  
1949

TOWN 08 MI.  
(OLDTOWN)



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HARPER LOG HOUSE

MILL RUN ROAD, 2.4 miles N. of 51

OLDTOWN

JOHN E. NELSON

8/26/76

SOUTH



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MILL RUN ROAD, 2.4 miles N. of 51

OWDTOWN

JOHN E. NELSON

8/26/76

§ NORTHEAST