Jane Frazier House

An interesting tale of a pioneer's wife and her adventures is told in the book "Red Morning", by Ruby Frazier Frey. In the early 1750's, Lt. John Frazier and his wife, Jane, built a cabin and lived just south of the City of Cumberland on what is now Route 51. The story goes that in October of 1755 Jane was captured by warring Indians and taken as a prisoner to the Miami River in Ohio. She made good her escape eighteen months later and found her way home. The detailed account by Miss Frey is quite vivid and interesting. The log cabin, badly in need of repair, was razed recently to make way for needed construction on Route 51, but a State Roads Commission marker shows its location.

(later, called Valentine house) AL-III-C-047 MAGI #010602227

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INVENTORY AL-~~79~~ 17

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Allegany
TOWN Cumberland VICINITY R. 51-s.e.
STREET NO.

ORIGINAL OWNER John Frazier
ORIGINAL USE Home
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

2. NAME JOHN FRAZIER

DATE OR PERIOD ca 1750
STYLE LOG CABIN
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Destroyed by State Roads in 1960's to widen Route ~~51~~ Oldtown Road

Early in 1750, John Frazier married Jane Beall(McClain)-widow of William of Winchester, Va. area and came and built a log cabin on what is now called Oldtown Road. It was while returning to her home from the trading post (Fort Cumberland) several miles away that Jane was captured by the Indians and taken to Miami River, Ohio. She escaped and returned home 18 months later, to learn that her husband had remarried.

William, son of John andJane Frazier was first white child born in Bedford County, Pa. in 1759. by, Pauline McEvoy.

Note: Area where the log cabin stood was claimed by State of Penna. at time Jane was captured and that is included in Penna. History.

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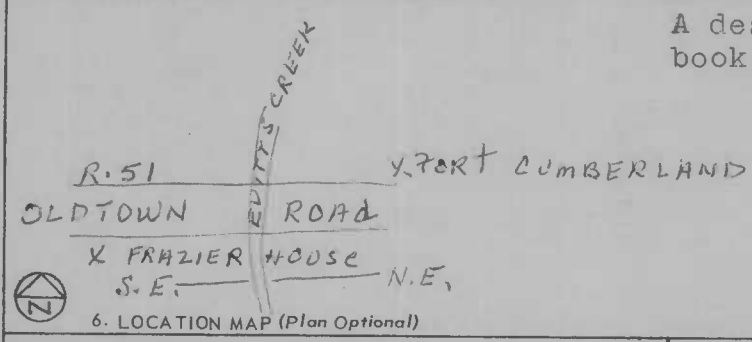
Later, they moved to Bedford where they owned a store.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

A descendant of theirs wrote the book called "Red Morning".



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Pauline McEvoy-Research

Note: Hazel G. Hansrote

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman
MHT and Sec. Preservation Society
Allegany County

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Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Md., Jan. 1965

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wife of

Lieut. John Frazier was captured by the Indians near this spot in October 1755 and taken to the Miami River. She escaped after eighteen months and made her way back to her home.

(S.R.C.) -- R. 51 - about 350 yards east of White Oaks Shopping Center.

NOTE: Jane Beall (McClain) Frazier, d. 1815 at 80 years of age. She had married the third time to Capt. Richard Dunlap - and they had a daughter Nancy. Jane had 6 or more children by John Frazier. [Hazel G. Hansrote]