

AL-V-A-025 Loar Log House
Hoffman Rd.
Clarysville vicinity, Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

This 1 1/2-story log house has been so totally altered, modernized, and added onto as to be almost unrecognizable. Only the general shape and the central dormer remain from the original five-bay structure. This site is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to lack of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u> </u> C <u> </u> D	Considerations: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u> </u> C <u> </u> D <u> </u> E <u> </u> F <u> </u> G <u> </u> None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: _____	Date: <u>6/7/00</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Reed</u>	Date: <u>6/13/00</u>



View of Loar Log House (A1-V-25).

AI - V - A - 025
Loar Log House
Hoffman

c. 1840

The Loar Log House is a good example of a "V" notched, square cornered, wide spaced log house found in Western Maryland. The original portion of the building is constructed of log while an end addition is covered in weatherboard, and a still later one with insul brick. The original main entrance and a window have been boarded up by the most recent owners.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Log House

AND/OR COMMON

Loar Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hoffman Road Box # 830

CITY, TOWN

Hoffman

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John R. Loar

Telephone #: 689-6410

STREET & NUMBER

Hoffman Road Box 830

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 448 479

Folio #: 193 296

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-V-A-025

7 DESCRIPTION

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Loar old log house is located along Hoffman Road in Hoffman, Allegany County on the North side of the road at the intersection of Hoffman Lane.

The house consists of a one and a half story five bay wide rectangular shaped structure. A small, one story square wing, with shed roof, abuts the main facade on the eastern side, and a patio with shed roof is found on the rear northern side. The original portion of the building is constructed of log, while an end addition and the new wing are frame covered with weatherboard and insul brick respectively. The entire building, other than the newer wing, is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table, while the wing foundation is cement block. The roof of the house is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure include double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and plain trim. The main entrance is placed on the front, southern face and features a replaced verticle paneled door with a hood covering the entrance. The original main entrance and a window have been boarded recently by the current owners. One replaced metal chimney is located to the interior of the structure.

The log house is structurally sound and retains much of the original fabric, however the original appearance has been somewhat altered by the newer additions.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 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 Early to Mid 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Loar old log house is representative of the V notching, square corners, and wide spacing log houses commonly found in Western Maryland. The house was built during the early to mid 19th century for the simple purpose of housing.

The house retains much of its original fabric and is a cultural reminder of the housing in the history of Allegany County.

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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 Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Along Hoffman Road in Hoffman Box # 830

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/27/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-025

448/193

DATE: 5/21/76

479/269

RECOMMENDING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Loar Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Hoffman Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: John R Loar

689-6416

ADDRESS: Box 830 Hoffman Rd

Frostburg, Maryland 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Side Addition - Side wing - Shed Roof Originally 3 Now 6

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
- (✓) ICG
- (✓) Other: Coverings Newer Wing - Inset Brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, ICG, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

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, BANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, TOWERS # 1
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(✓)

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

CHIMNELYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced(✓) metal
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(✓)

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

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - mid 19th
Condition - Deteriorated - Fair

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?
Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing
How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in
corner?

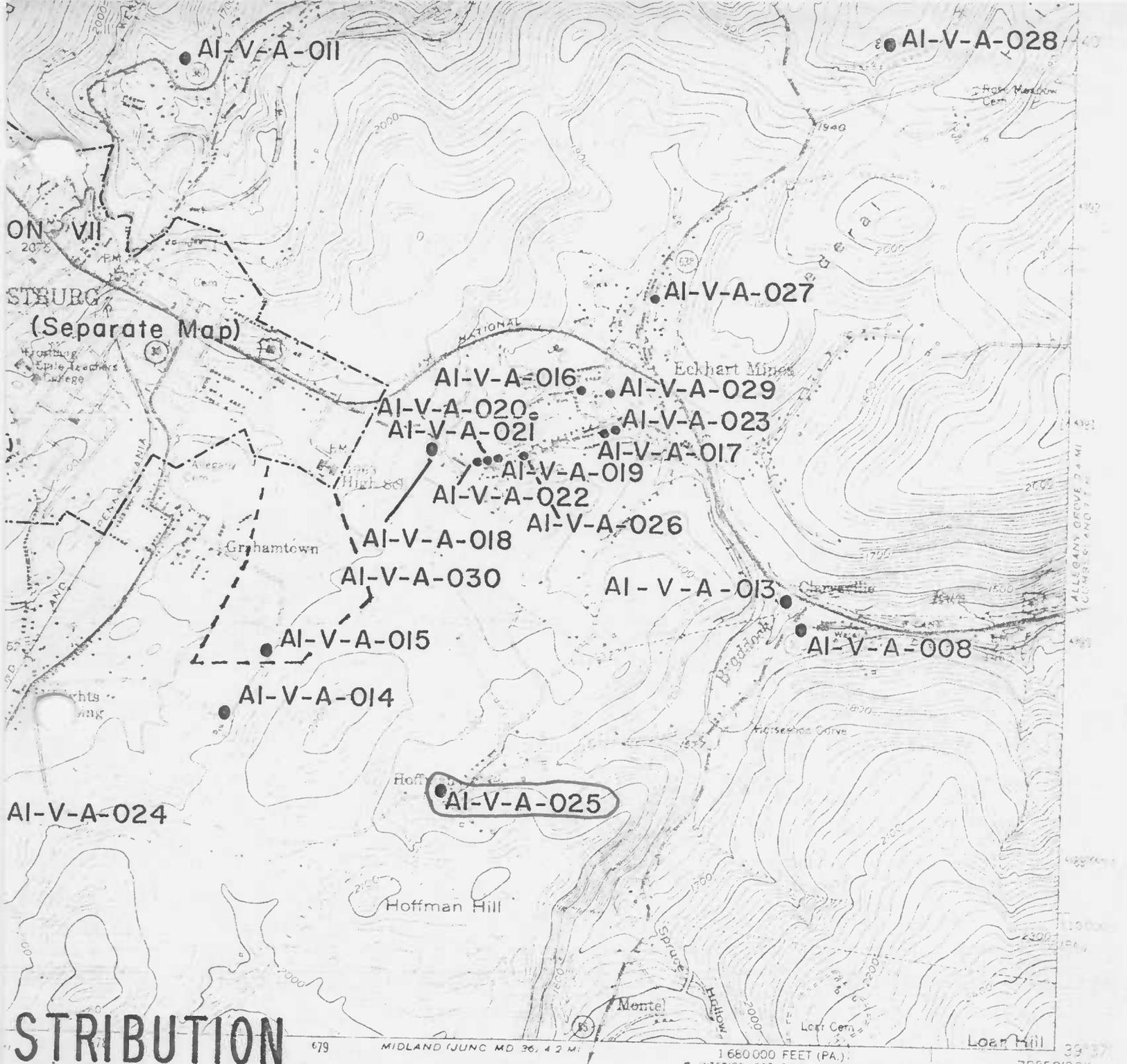
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of
applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical,
horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

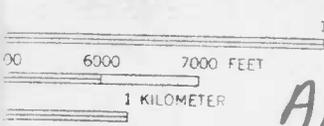
4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded;
pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very
large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal
dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any
of the above?

6. Note presence of bands (if any) on any window or door



DISTRIBUTION



● = SITE LOCATION

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Loar Log House
Hoffman Rd. - Hoffman

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light duty	
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt	
	U. S. Route		State Route

STANDARDS
 STON, D. C. 20242
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

USGS - Frostburg Quad
1:24,000
1949

FROSTBURG, MD-PA.
 NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3937 5-W7852.5/7.5

1949
 AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V835



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Hoffman

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Southeast



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Northwest



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