

CROW FARM HOUSE

AL-V-A-047

.5 mile east of Route 36, Shaft
ca. 1820

The Crow Farm House consists of a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure. A log structure which was the original portion of the house consisted of a two story, three bay wide facade, but has been demolished by the present owner. The original farm house was typical of the early farm settlements found in Allegany County and was probably erected circa 1820. The farm was constructed of logs; logs being the primary construction material during the early settlement period of the county. The farm also includes a large log barn near the house with logs of up to forty five feet long. The construction features "V" notching with mortice and tennon pins.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-V-A-047

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Crow Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1/2 mile east of Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William Davis

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 102

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 156 181

Folio #: 575 280

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Crow Farm House faces east and is located one half mile east of the Old Route 36 in Shaft, Maryland.

A rectangular shaped, two story, three bay wide frame structure describes the Crow Farm House. It was built upon a low stone foundation, and has walls built of old, rough-cut clapboards. Red insul brick now covers three sides of the dwelling. Windows include double hung wooden sash frames with both two over two and six over six lights. Two entrances are found on the east facade, one original and one replaced and have doors with verticle panels. Rafter ends are found under the eaves of the gabled roof; replaced asphalt materials now cover the roof. A three bay wide shed-roofed front end porch now abuts the structure, and rests on a wide concrete foundation. The north end of the house was formerly abutted by a four room, two story log cabin, but has since been torn down. One original corbeled brick chimney lies to the interior of the structure.

A rectangular log barn built upon a high stone foundation now stands enlarged on the property as a 60' x 52' frame structure covered with verticle boards. Logs as long as 45 feet comprise the original barn to the interior of the present structure. Very tightly fitting "V" notching binds the corner joints of the large, hand-hewn logs. Windows with six over six lights are found in the upper half of the high stone foundation. Tin presently covers the gabled roof.

The general appearance of the Crow Farm House has been altered somewhat with the addition of red insul brick, and it stands in fair condition. The barn is in near deteriorated condition, but has a very sound frame of sturdy logs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 Crow farm house is a typical example of one of the early farm settlements found in Allegany County, and was probably constructed circa 1820. The house was constructed in two sections, the original being log with a later frame addition on the north side. The original log portion was demolished by the present owner; however, the frame portion is still standing and serves as a residence for the Davis family.

The farm site has always served as a subsistence type of farm since its construction by the Crow family.¹ Of particular interest is the large log barn which stands several hundred feet north of the dwelling house. The barn is constructed of logs up to forty five feet long and are jointed with "v" notching and mortice and tennon pins.

The farm site itself is very similar in size and construction to the Jenkins log farm, AL-VI-B-030 which is located approximately one mile south of the Crow farm and both feature large log barns. The farm continues to perform agricultural activities on a small scale, with grazing being the mainstay.

¹ Interview with William Davis, Sr., November 30, 1976

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

AZ-V-A-047

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 210.41 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/7/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

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

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-047

DATE: 11/30/76

156/575

181/280

210.41 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: CROW FARM HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1/2 mile east of Rt. 36, Shaft

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST

NAME OF OWNER: WILLIAM DAVIS

ADDRESS: ROUTE 1, BOX 102, Frostburg

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: BRUCE COAL CO.

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) HAD 4 ROOM, 2 STOREY

WALL CONSTRUCTION: LOG ON NORTH SIDE, BUT WAS TORE DOWN

- () FRAME: OLD RAUGH INSUL BRICK 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
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELLED, 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: 2 East
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, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() 3 BAY TIN ROOF FRONT END

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() 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. 1820
Condition - Deter.

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-047

154/575

DATE: _____

181/280

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

210.41 acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Crow FARM BARN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 1

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) 60' x 52' *Longest Logs 45' ✓ notch*

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Original Log Barn within

- () 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
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, 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()
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ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

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

COMMENTS:

- Use -
- Significance -
- Date Constructed -
- Condition -

Crow Farm House

AI-II-A-047

4 miles NE of Borden Shaft

Frostburg, MD. - PA.

1:24,000

1949

AI-V-A-050
AI-V-A-051

AI-V-A-049
AI-V-A-043
AI-V-A-040
AI-V-A-045
AI-V-A-052
AI-V-A-046
AI-V-A-048
AI-V-A-042

AI-V-A-001

AI-V-A-011

AI-V-A-03
AI-V-A-033

SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

(Separate Map)

AI-V-A-039

AI-V-A-024

AI-V-A-047

AI-V-A-044

AI-V-A-041

AI-V-A-01

HISTORIC SITES DISTRIBUTION

SCALE 1:24,000



● = SITE

1:24,000
25 MILES



Crow Farm House

AL-V-A-047

$\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ~~west~~^{east} of Rt. 36, Shaft

John Nelson

11/30/76

Northwest



Crow Farm House

AL-IV-A-047

$\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ~~to~~ east of Rt. 36, Shaft

John Nelson

11/30/76

Northeast



Crow Farm House (Barn)

AL-V-A-047

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Rt. 36, Shaft

John Nelson

11/30/76

Northeast