

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Spealman Log Farmhouse Inventory Number: AL-V-B-115

Address: N/A City: LaVale Zip Code: 21502

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Cumberland Quadrangle

Owner: _____

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: LaVale Cellular Tower Site Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: N/A Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Property Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A MIHP survey form was prepared for this property in 1979. An attempt was made to locate the property in 2001 as part of a cellular tower DOE project. There was no access to the property and it presumed to be gone.

Prepared by: Paula S. Reed, Ph.D.

Date Prepared Feb., 2001

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u>Disputed</u>	
<u>Paula S. Reed</u>	<u>2/1/01</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

AL-V-B-115
Spealman Log Farmhouse
Grabenstein Road, LaVale
1810's

The Spealman Log Farmhouse was built during the second decade of the nineteenth century by David Laurence Spealman. By the 1840's his farm had grown from a standard fifty acre military lot into a two hundred and three acre farm. The farm lifestyle, as experienced in this mountain environment, was the standard for more than eighty-five percent of the county's residents early in the nineteenth century. The house is the standard two stories tall by three bays wide log house with "V" notched logs.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Spealman Log Farmhouse
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Grabenstein Road Sixth
CITY, TOWN LaVale CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Barbara J. Shroyer Telephone #: 777-0174
STREET & NUMBER 222 South First Street
CITY, TOWN LaVale VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 502
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse FOLIO #: 589
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This house consists of a two story three bays wide log structure with "V" notching covered with germansiding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tin. An original roof of wooden shingles is intact beneath the tin roof. Eaves consist of cornice and fascia. One central brick chimney is original, an outside end cinderblock chimney has been added.

The main entrance, in the center of the eastern facade includes a four panel door. Windows are pegged six over six lights. A shed roofed porch, partially enclosed is on the south.

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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 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 checked="" 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 second decade 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spealman Log Farmhouse was built during the second decade of the 19th century by David Laurence Spealman. Part of the land on which it stands was one of the standard fifty acre military lots west of Fort Cumberland which were reserved for veterans of the American Revolution. (1) Spealman bought the lot, number 3565, from Joseph Cresap in 1812 for forty dollars. (2) By 1840 the farm had grown to two hundred and three acres. (3) A deed made in 1845 refers to a court case of 1840 that identifies the property as the " farm and residence of David Laurence Spealman, deceased." (4)

The farm lifestyle, as experienced in this mountain environment, was the standard for more than eight-five percent of the county's residents early in the 19th century. The abundance and richness of farm products provided the areas only reliable source of economic wealth for more than a century. (5)

The farmhouse is typical of log buildings built throughout the 19th century in this area. It is two stories tall and three bays wide with square logs joined by "V" notching.

The Spealman Log Farmhouse is one of very few log houses of its age remaining in Allegany County. Although in poor condition it is a reminder of a way of life experienced in this area during the early 19th century.

- (1) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.), P.83
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber F Folio 520
- (3) Ibid, Liber 1, Folio 324
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Stegmaier, p.97

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry et al. Allegheny County- A History (Parsons, W Va. : McClain Printing Co.) pp-83 and 97

Allegheny County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 2.00 Acres

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites

DATE

June 6, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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

TITLE SEARCH

Spealman Log Farmhouse
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Allegany County Land Records; Liber 502, Folio 589
Grantee: Barbara Jean Shroyer Date: May 24, 1978
Grantor: Charles Roger Day, trustee
Notes: Trustee for estate of Hazel E. Stoop "Old Home/Place of
Julius Grabenstein

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 283, Folio 120
Grantee: Hazel E. Stoop and George Swadley Date: November 10, 1956
Grantor: Bernard Smith

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 272, Folio 281
Grantee: Bernard Smith Date: January 7, 1954
Grantor: Earl E. Waybright and Madelyn Waybright

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 235, Folio 164
Grantee: Earl E. Waybright, et ux Date: September 5, 1951
Grantor: Homer C. Smith, et ux

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 219, Folio 629
Grantee: Homer C. Smith Date: April 6, 1948
Grantor: Garrett L. Smith
Notes: Grantor Husband of Ella B. Smith, deceased

Allegany County Land Records. Liber 175, Folio 573
Grantee: Ella B. Smith Date: May 29, 1936
Grantor: Eugene and Anna Reinhart

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 169, Folio 213
Grantee: Eugene Reinhart Date: April 20, 1933
Grantor: Opie Virginia Ralston

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 169, Folio 212
Grantee: Odie Virginia Ralston Date: January 20, 1931
Grantor: Mary and Wressel C. Winters

Allegany County Will Records: Liber P. Folio 231
Grantee: Mary and Wressell O. Winters Date: September 9, 1932
Grantor: Julius Grabenstein
Notes: Grantee daughter of grantor. This deed concerns two acres
of farm including log farmhouse

Spealman Log Farmhouse (cont'd.)

Allegany County Land Records. Liber 71, Folio 193
Grantee: Julius Grabenstein
Grantor: John Vocke and Antoinette Vocke
Notes: 31 3/8 acres of the Spealman Farm

Date: July 9, 1891
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 24, Folio 114
Grantee: John Vocke
Grantor: Samuel P. Smith
Notes: 203 1/8 acres - The Spealman Farm

Date: December 15, 1865
Consideration: \$2,500.00

Allegany County Land Records: Liber 1, Folio 324
Grantee: Samuel P. Smith
Grantor: James Smith, trustee
Notes: This deed concerns an 1840 court case in which Smith won from David L. Spealman's heirs the 203 acres farm " Being the farm and residence of David Laurence Spealman."

Date: September 16, 1845
Consideration: \$1,400.00

Allegany County Land Records, Liber F, Folio 520
Grantee: David Laurence Spealman
Grantor: Joseph Cresap
Notes: 50 acres Military Lot #3565

Date: October 15, 1812
Consideration: \$40.00

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-115

DATE: 10/2/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: SPELMAN LOG FARMHOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: GRABENSTEIN RD CAVALLE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST

NAME OF OWNER: Barbara G. Shroyer

ADDRESS: 222 S. 1st St. Cavale

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed on S

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
- LOG notches
- OTHER: Coverings german siding

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: center E 4 panels
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()
ORIG. WOOD SHINGLES UNDER TIN

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()
on S.

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()
on outside end gable end

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

COMMENTS:

USE: residence
SIGNIFICANCE: arch. lecture
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:

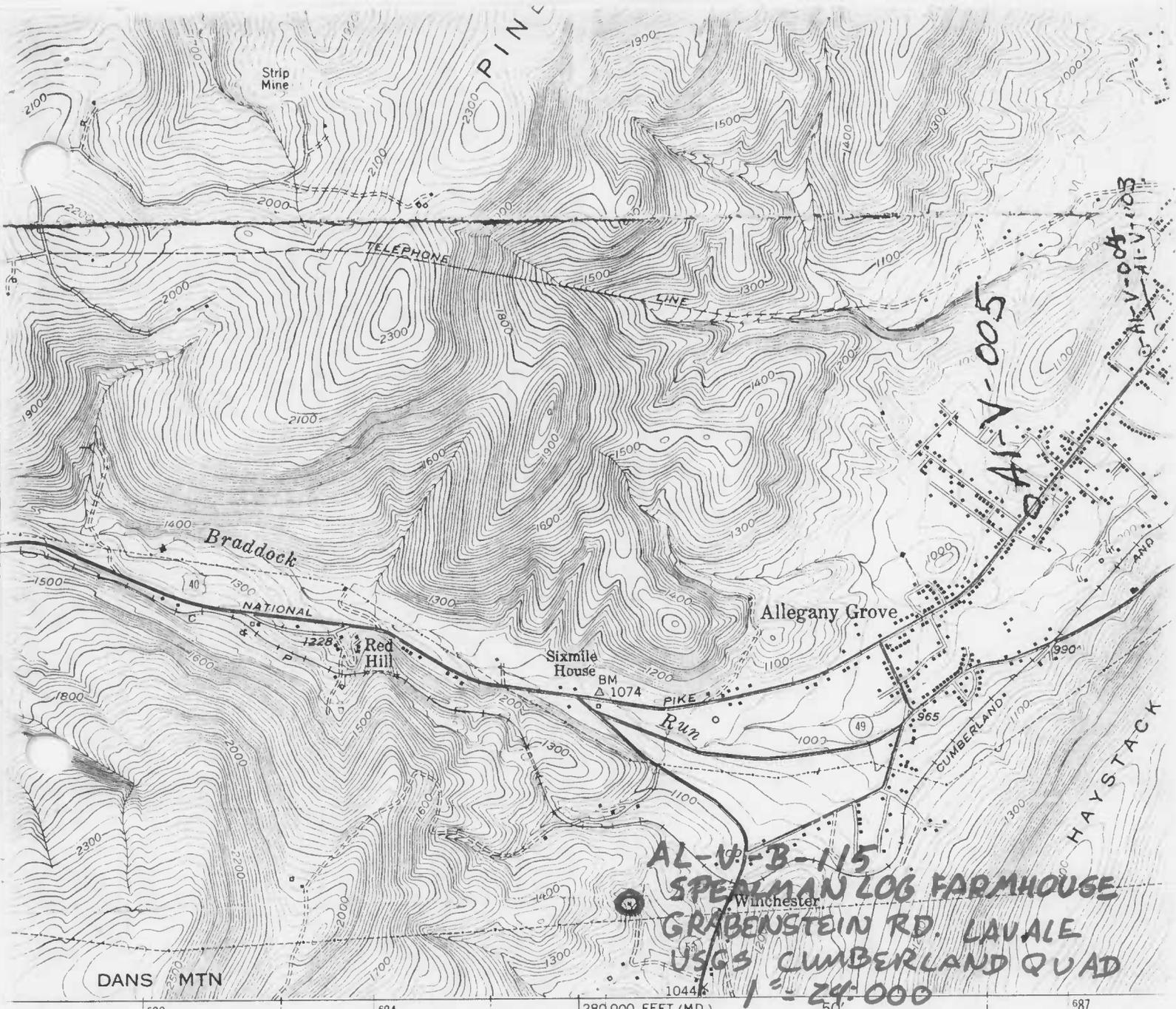
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

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:

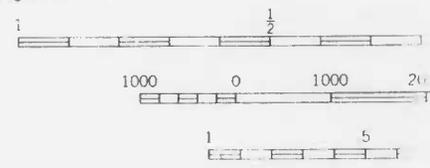
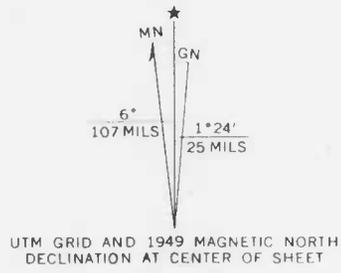


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SPEALMAN LOG FARMHOUSE
GRABENSTEIN RD. LAVALE
USGS CUMBERLAND QUAD

2'30" 683 684 1280 000 FEET (MD.) 687
CRESAPTON S. 2201 2.2 MI
KEESER 16 MI
1949

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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1947. Field check 1949
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,
Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone, and
West Virginia coordinate system, north zone
Red tint indicates area in which only
andmark buildings are shown
Contours in strip mine areas compiled from 1947 photography
Broken contours indicate strip mining
subsequent to photography
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue



CONT
DAT
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC
THIS MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR



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SPEALMAN LOG FARMHOUSE

~~GRABENSTEIN LOG HOUSE~~

GRABENSTEIN RD LAUNCE

DAVID A. DORSEY

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