

PARK STREET LOG CABIN

AL-VI-B-095
23 Park Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1830

The Park Street Log Cabin was originally a log structure which was probably constructed by the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company during the first half of the 19th century. Although the original stone end chimney is still visible, the building has been drastically altered from its original construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Park Street Log Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

23 Park Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Calvin Rankin

Telephone #: 463-2667

STREET & NUMBER

23 Park Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 369

Folio #: 291

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Park Street Log Cabin is located on the west side of Park Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County, at the very end of the dead-end street.

The house basically consists of a two and a half story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped structure. The house originally was a rectangular shaped log building and when remodeled, several frame wings were added and the entire facade was altered. A two story frame wing abuts the main block on the southern side, while a one story wing extends from the northern side. The entire structure has been covered with both weatherboarding and novelty siding and is supported by a low stone foundation with plain water table. The roof of the facade combines a variety of forms including a hipped roof which transitions into a gambrel style with a three bay shed roof dormer on the front eastern side. The southern side wing also features a gambrel roof, while the northern wing exhibits a gabled roof. The roof is covered with replaced asphalt shingles and the eaves feature a wide soffit and frieze. Windows in the structure exhibit replaced double hung wooden sash frames with six over one and two over two lights and decorative shutters on the shed roof dormer. A window with six over one lights is placed in the end of the gambrel and includes a cornice. The main entrance is placed on the front eastern side and exhibits a replaced verticle paneled door and side lights. The entrance is covered by a gabled roof hood which is supported by two large brackets. The hood includes a semi-circular arch and boxed cornices on the eaves. A one story porch supporting a patio with balustrade is found on the southern end of the main block. The patio is supported by square columns with cushion capitals and includes a balustrade. Two chimneys are found on the main block each on the outside ends. One remodeled original stone chimney is found on the southern end and a replaced brick chimney on the northern side.

The house is structurally very sound; however, it has been drastically altered since original construction.

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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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" 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 Park Street Log Cabin is a good example of a house that was built by the early coal companies to serve as a residence for miners. The log portion of the house is believed to have been built in the late 1830's. to supplement a housing need.

In these growing communities, at least until the Civil War period, the coal companies supplied the bulk of housing for mine employees".¹ The log houses were the logical means of shelter for early housing shortages in the mining communities because of the abundance of the raw materials. "The George's Creek Coal and Iron Company provided these small log shelters for its men in the late 1830's, at a cost of \$40 to \$50 per cabin without chimneys, which were supplied for an extra \$18".²

The house, although totally renovated, remains an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in the Maryland Coal Regions.

1 Harvey, Katherine A.; The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 77

2 Ibid, p. 82

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2 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 & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-095

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DATE: February 9, 1977

1.2 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Park Street Log Cabin

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 23 Park Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Calvin Rankin 463-2667

ADDRESS: 23 Park Street

Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

STORIES: 1() 2(^{1/2}X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(X) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: small gambrel roofed on North and gable roof on South

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (XX) 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
(X) LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, 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(X) 6/1 replaced
pegged () nailed(X) wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East

HARDWARE: original() replaced(X)

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, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 1

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(X) gable() Wrap around

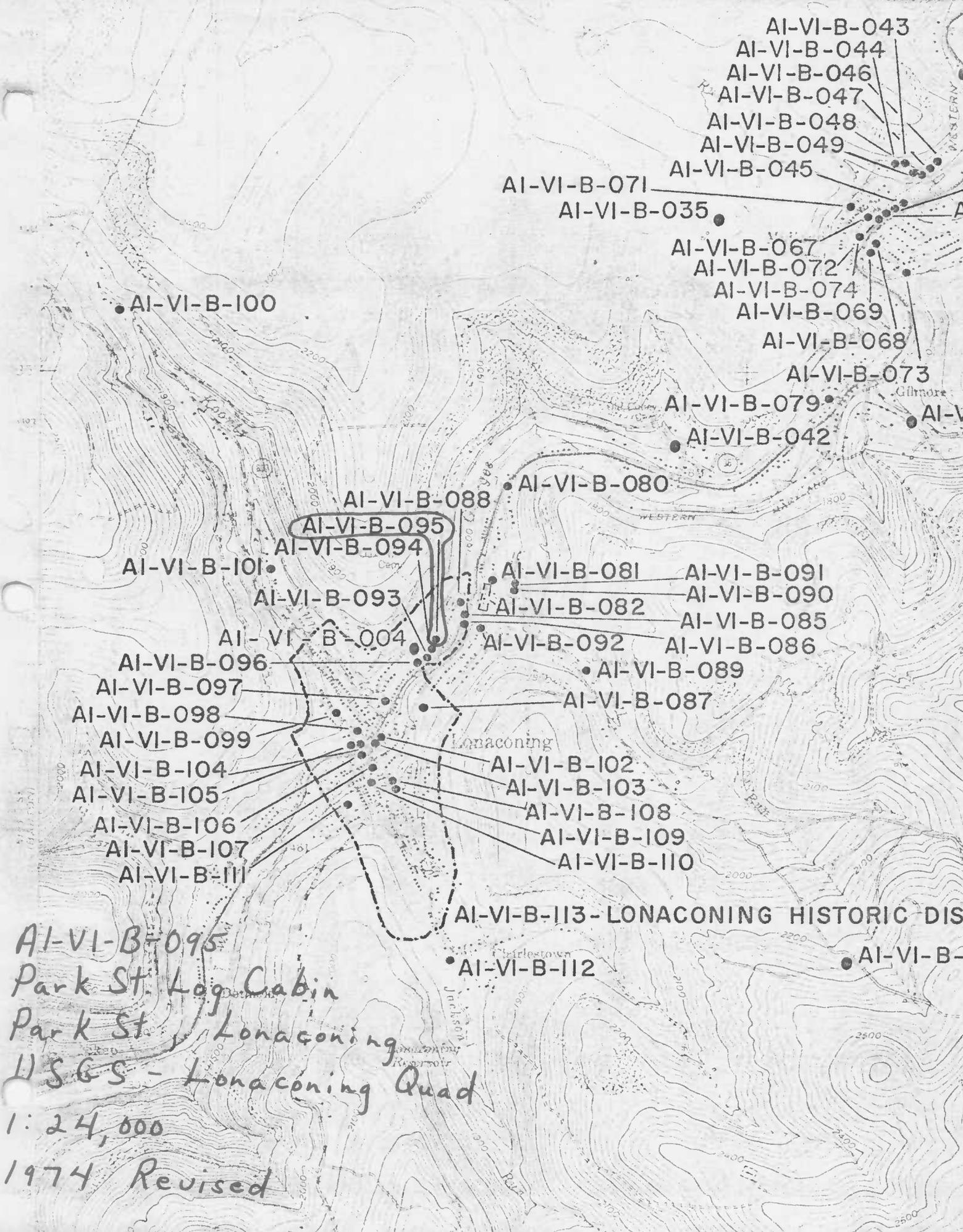
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE(X) CORBELED() original(X) replaced(X)

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(X) Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

- Use - Private residence
Significance - Architecture
Date Constructed -
Condition - Good



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- AI-VI-B-046
- AI-VI-B-047
- AI-VI-B-048
- AI-VI-B-049
- AI-VI-B-045
- AI-VI-B-071
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 Park St. Lonaconing
 USGS - Lonaconing Quad
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 1974 Revised



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Park St., Lonaconing

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John E. Nelson

Northeast



Park St Log House

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Northwest

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