

Fautz Loghouse  
AL-VI-C-195  
Metz Mine Road, Barton

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The house is atypical for log houses of this area due to its four bay width and central location of the chimney. Logs of the building are joined with the locally prevalent "V" notching. The house may have been the home of a miner who had accumulated enough money to buy land to farm or it may have been an original farm of the area before mining began.



**7 DESCRIPTION**

	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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

Fautz Log House is located on Barton Hill southeast of Barton.

The building in nearly original condition, consists of a one and one-half story, four bays wide log structure with "V" notching. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with no apparent water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and fascia, close pent on the gable ends. One brick chimney in the center of the house is original.

An original entrance offset on the north has been converted into a window. Windows are original six over six lights, pegged, on the first floor six light casement windows are on the second floor. A shed roofed porch is on the east.

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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
<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

Located in the middle of the Georges Creek mining area, this log house was for many years the home of the Fautz family. (1) Because it has been owned by various coal companies over the years it is impossible to trace its ownership for the clues necessary to determine the date of its construction. (2)

During the 1830's mining companies turned to log construction to solve the problems of housing miners in the villages which developed around their mines.(3) Abundant forests in Allegany County provided more than enough timber for building needs. This log house is on an isolated mountainside removed from the mining villages. "How many Georges' Creek farmers were miners who saved enough money to buy land is impossible to tell, but agricultural habits were persistent." (4)

The house is atypical for log houses of this area due to its four bays width and the central location of the chimney. Logs of the house are joined with the locally popular "V" notching. Fautz Log House is a reminder of the resourcefulness of early residents of western Allegany County who utilized what was around them to meet the challenges of their isolated existence.

- (1) Interview Mr. Fazenbaker, occupant, October 25, 1978
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 314, Folio 514
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.82
- (4) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va. McClain Printing Co. ) p.213

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Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 670.07 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

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DATE

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Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

293 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

~~★~~ A#1 site

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Fantz Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Potomac Hill Rd (Coal rd)

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 20° N — originally

NAME OF OWNER: George Ayers 265/86 48.17A VI-C 195

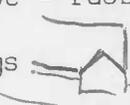
ADDRESS: Es 9 2 or 3 weeks ago log house destroyed by owners

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: MOORE SALTBOX

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) Vincent E Moore 481/508

WALL CONSTRUCTION: 34.508A PIZIMAP68

- ( ) 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  V-notched hand hewn w/ broadaxe

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: removed from front door now on W  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(✓)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN boarded up  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

~~Close penton gable~~  
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; Board & Batten in gable  
original( ) replaced( )

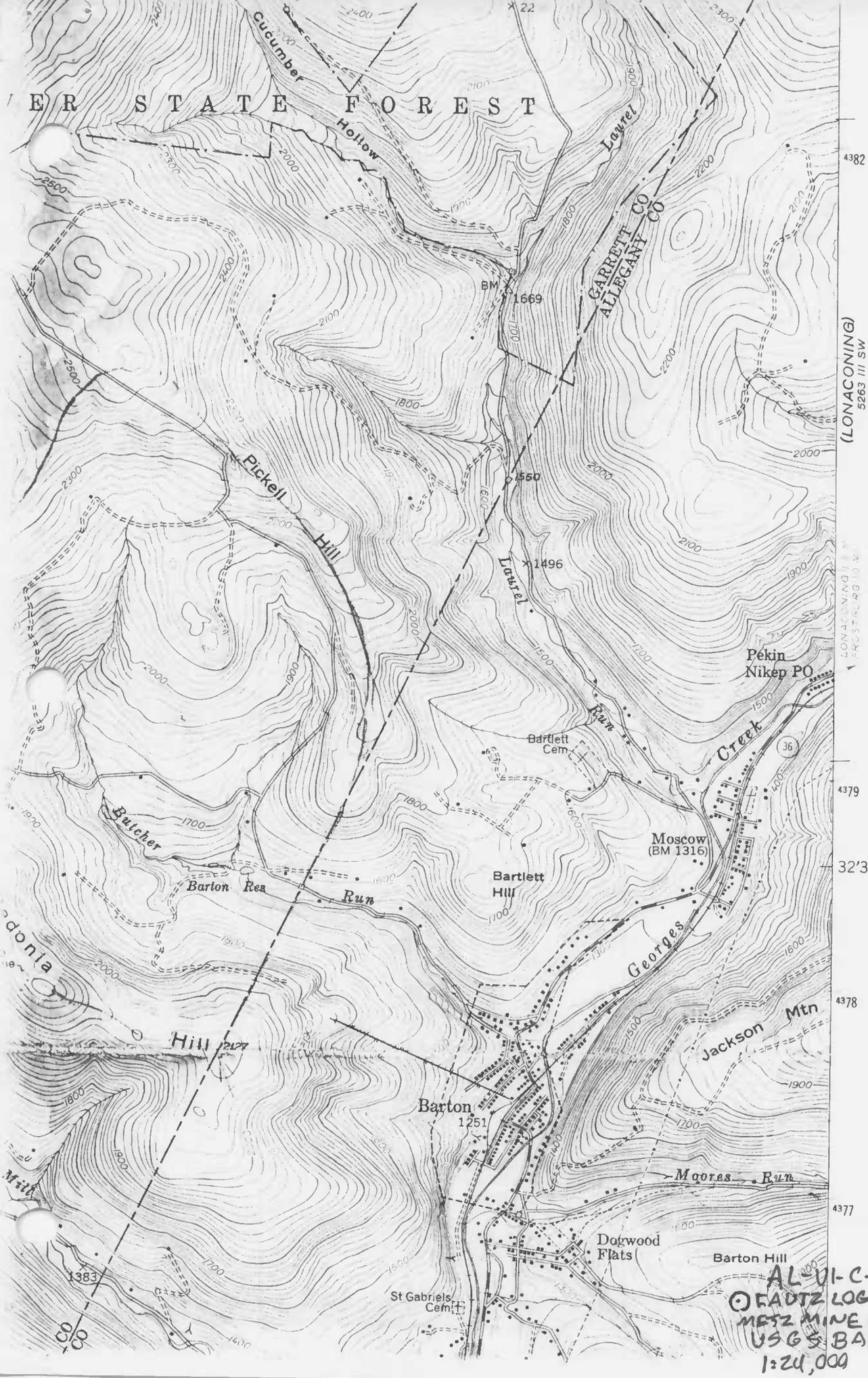
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) TARPAPER

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(✓) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(✓) Interior( )

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

COMMENTS:  
USE:  
SIGNIFICANCE:  
DATE CONSTRUCTED:

~~AL VI 126~~  
Destroyed



WEST STATE FOREST

4382  
(LONACONING)  
5263 III SW

LONACONING  
FRICKSBURG

4379

32'30"

4378

4377

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OFATZ LOG HOUSE  
METZ MINE RD BARTON  
USGS BARTON QUAD  
1:24,000 1947



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FAUTZ LOG HOUSE

METZ MINE RD BARTON

DAVID A - DORSEY

10/25/78

SOUTHWEST



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METZ MINE RD  
BARTON  
DAVID A. DORSEY  
10/25/78  
NORTHEAST