

Black Oak Bottom  
Rawlings, Maryland  
AL-V1-E-219

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Magi No. 0107965535

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Black Oak Bottom Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Black Oak Bottom,

Sixt h

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rawlings  VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Potomac Edison Company C/O Robert Moss Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Downsville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

Maryland STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 306 &amp; 210

Folio #: 20 &amp; 367

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Msryland 21502 STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

AL-11-8-019

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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

This building is an "L" shaped structure of three log sections. It was originally a two story, two bays wide log structure with dovetailed notching, but is now covered with german siding and asbestos shingles. A two story log addition was added onto the northeast of the original. A second log addition is connected to the first addition by a frame "breezeway" which contains a staircase and the main entrance. The original section and the first addition rests on low stone foundations of random rubble with plain water tables. The second log addition rests on a low brick foundation.

The replaced roof is gable hipped with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bed mould. All windows and doors have been removed. Three brick chimneys, all removed, were located inside end and on the interior. A shed roofed porch is on the northwest serving the main entrance. An "L" shaped shed roofed porch is on the southeast.

Outbuildings include a telescoping group of five buildings on the southeast including a springhouse, a smokehouse, coops, and others. Two barns, partially log, are constructed with mortice and tenion. Another large group of outbuilding are southwest of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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

Black Oak Bottom Farm, located on fertile Potomac River bottom land, was built around the mid-nineteenth century by Aquilla McCarty who inherited the property in 1854. (1) An 1867 assessment of the farm lists a household and improvements. (2) An advertisement offering the farm for sale in 1906 notes that the farm included 150 acres, under cultivation and 152 acres of woodland. (3) The farm, then known as the lower Koontz farm, as being "long noted for its fertility of soil", and located on two railway lines, each providing a passenger station and sidings " for the shipment of farm products." (4) Buildings listed in the equity case by which the property was sold included a large two story dwelling, stable, barn, and the ordinary outbuildings." (5)

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- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 12, Folio 271
- (2) Allegany County Assesment 1867-1875, District 4 P. 316
- (3) Allegany County Equity 4336, Trustee's Report of Sale
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Ibid, Testimony

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** 430 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, Allegany County Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

August 30, 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

Black Oak Bottom Farm  
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 306, Folio 20 Grantee: Potomac Edison Company Grantor: Robert L. Miller Notes: Parcels II and III, Miller bought the interest of his brothers 302 A	Date: December 16, 1958
Allegany County Deed: Liber 154, Folio 223 Grantee: R.L. Miller, et al Grantor: Floyd A. Miller	Date: February 19, 1920 Consideration: \$10,000.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 125, Folio 289 Grantee: Floyd A. Miller Grantor: L.R. Llewellyn	Date: September 1, 1918
Allegany County Deed; Liber 123, Folio 321 Grantee: L.R. Llewellyn Grantor: Samuel Edward Brewer Notes: Commonley known as lower Koontz Farm	Date: March 7, 1918
Allegany County Deed: Liber 123, Folio 319' Grantee: Samuel Edward Brewer Grantor: Francis H. Llewellyn Notes: 302 acres	Date: February 26, 1918
Allegany County Deed: Liber 100, Folio 470 Grantee: Francis H. Llewellyn Grantor: L.R. Llewellyn	Date: March 1, 1907 Consideration: \$7,200.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 101, Folio 209 Grantee: L.R.Llewellyn Grantor: DeWarren H. Reynolds and Benjamin A. Richard trustees Notes: Trustees for Equity 4336- This sale delayed until 1907 due to Equity Case 302 acres Equity over estate of Barbara Koontz	Date: February 23, 1897 Consideration: \$7,200.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 53, Folio 276 Grantee: Barbara Koontz Grantor: Aquilla B. McCarty and Mary E. McCarty Notes 302 acres	Date: September 30, 1879 Consideration: \$13,000.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 12, Folio 271 Grantee: Aquilla B. McCarty Grantor: Isaac and James McCarty, executors of Edward McCarty	Date: October 31, 1854

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_ 168 DATE: AL-VI-E-219

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Black Oak Log Massion

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Black Oak

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

MAP 77 p. 15 Patomac Edison Co.

NAME OF OWNER: 306/20 310/367 430. A

ADDRESS: ED 7

C/OA Robert Moss  
Downsville Pike  
Hagerstown Md.

1 other many outldgs possibly slave quarters



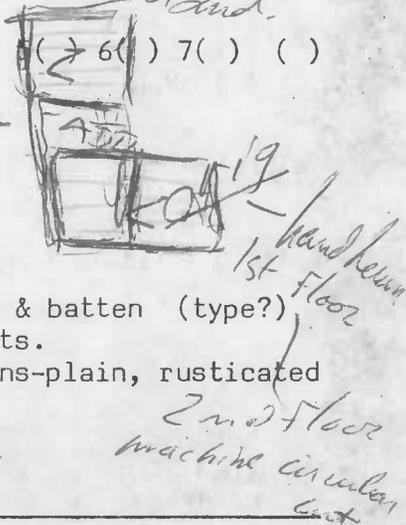
STORIES: 1( ) 2(✓) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(✓) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: L Two log houses joined by

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) L

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: dovetail notching
- (✓) OTHER: Coverings german siding asbestos shingles



WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High Low, Brick, Stone 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 N Facade  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( ) missing. On addition  
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( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( )  
near porch full length inside of L  
all missing

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

decreasing outldgs

springhouse / smokehouse  
asterng / stone fireplace

3 other sections

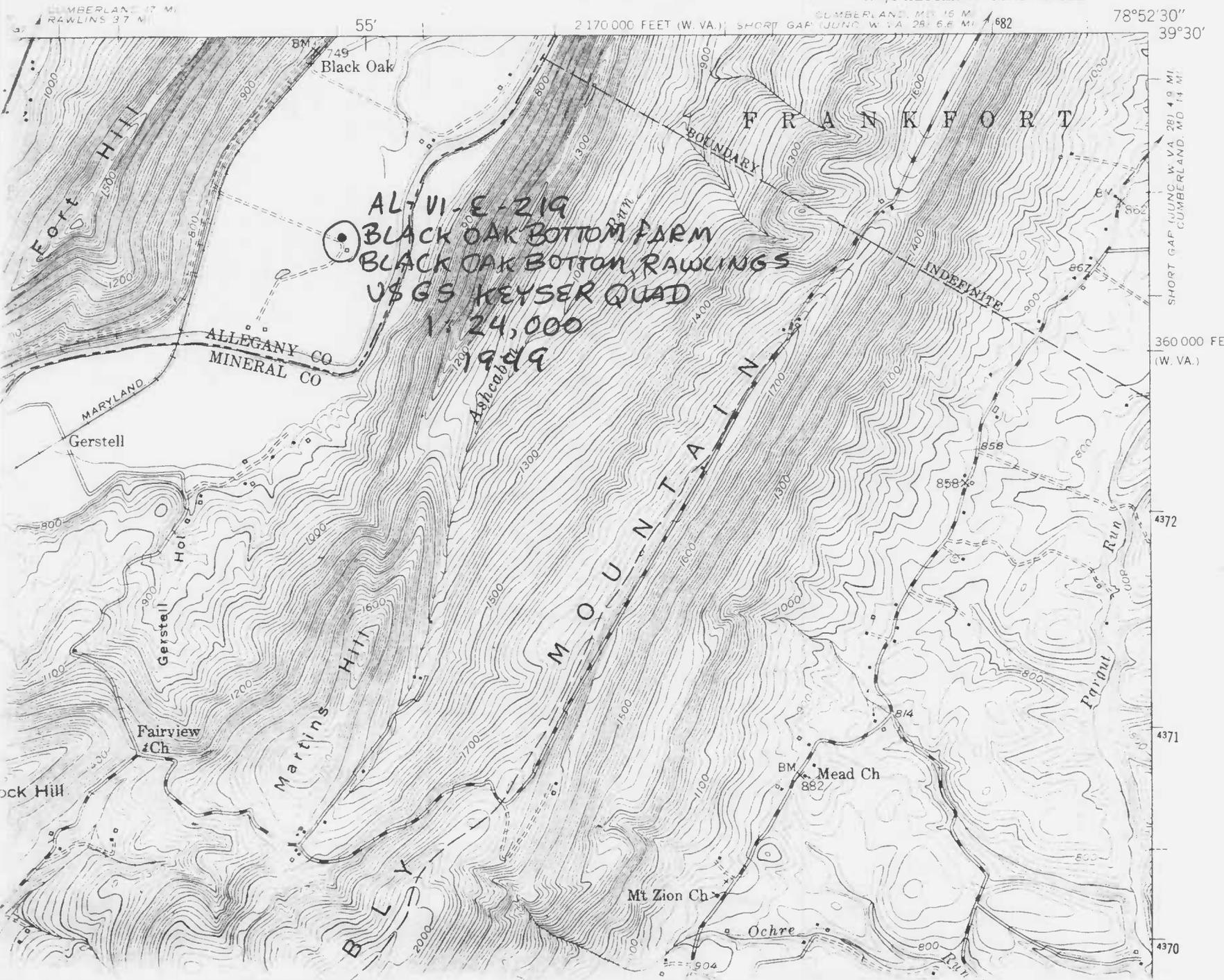
B & B

two partially log beams — log frame —  
mortice & tenon  
tile silo.

NE

KEYSER QUADRANGLE  
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW/4 KEYSER 15 QUADRANGLE

5263 III SE  
(CREAPTOWN)



CUMBERLAND 17 MI  
RAWLINS 37 MI

55'

2170 000 FEET (W. VA.) SHORT GAP (JUNC W. VA 281 6.6 MI) 682

78°52'30"  
39°30'

SHORT GAP (JUNC W. VA 281 4.9 MI  
CUMBERLAND, MD 14 MI

360 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4372

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BLACK OAK BOTTOM FARM

BLACK OAK BOTTOM, RAWLINGS

DAVID A. DORSEY

11/14/78

Southeast



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BLACK OAK BOTTOM FARM

BLACK OAK BOTTOM, RAWLINGS

DAVID A. DORSEY

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Northwest