

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Isennock House

AND/OR COMMON

Dovecote

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Long Green road

CITY, TOWN

Long Green

— VICINITY OF

Long Green Valley

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Carter

Telephone #: 592-8990

STREET & NUMBER

Long Green road

21092

CITY, TOWN

Long Green

— VICINITY OF

Long Green Valley

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Record Office, City Courthouse

Liber #: 5196

Folio #: 292

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

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

Dovecote (Isennock) House is located on a slight hill at the end of a lane marked: Pinehurst Nursery which is located on the southwest side of Long Green road just before the bend at Kaness road in central Long Green Valley, Long Green, Maryland.

Exterior

✓ The house is an early nineteenth century, three story, four bay wide shingled structure which sits on a stone foundation and is covered by a gable roof.

The original north section of the house is of chestnut log construction which was originally sheathed in weather boards that can still be seen in the attic. The weather boards were covered with wooden shingles sometime after 1880. This section of the house consists of two stories with one room on each floor and an interior chimney on the north end. The attic of this section of the house has exposed log rafters that still have their bark. Where the rafters have been closed jointed are pegs that can be seen as well as hand wrought rose head nails.

A two story ell, two bays wide, was carefully added to the south end of the original main block during the mid-nineteenth century, to convert the complex to a Mennonite Meeting house. This created the effect of a single, larger ell shaped structure. With this addition, two identical front doors, each with two panels and transom, were added to the front (east) facade. Also added was a one-story front porch with shed roof, which extends across the entire east facade, and an exterior chimney to the south end. Instead of wooden shingles, the first floor of the front (east) facade has been plastered over.

✓ Within recent years, several additions have been made to the rear (west) facade. To the northwest corner, a one-story wing with gable roof was added. This leads into a one-story, kitchen ell addition with shed roof. Above the kitchen is a second story, two bay by one bay bathroom addition with shed roof which only extends over the south east corner of the kitchen addition.

Interior

The interior of the original log house has a one room floor plan with a fireplace on the northeast corner. On the north end of the east wall is one of the two original doors with double panels and transom. On the south end of the east wall is one of two identical six-over-six sash windows with original trim. The opposite west wall mirrors the east wall with its window and door placement. Presently, this door serves as an entrance into the kitchen. The original rough plaster, peg rack for coats, fireplace with corbelled cyma recta bed moulding still remain on the first floor as well as the original board and batten doors with cast iron hardware, floor boards, closets and staircase. The staircase is centrally located in relation to the entire house. The two story ell was originally divided into two rooms on the first and second floor; one supposedly for the men and one for the women, each with a corner fireplace. The original window trim, floorboards, six-over-six sash windows and board and batten door also still exist.

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Dovecote(Isennock House)Description con't (7)

Outbuildings

The outbuildings consist of a hexagonal smoke house of coursed rubble stone construction with a board and batten front door facing southeast. The building is located about 25 yards northwest of the rear (west) side of the house which is now the kitchen addition and which was then only the back door to the main block. The smoke house is in good condition. The springhouse which is about 10x10 feet, is also of coursed rubble stone construction with a modern gable roof and is located low to the ground about 35 yards east of the front (east) facade of the main house. The door and window have been removed and the building is in poor condition.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 c.1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dovecote(Isennock) House sits upon a slight hill in Long Green, Maryland in the vicinity of Long Green Valley and was built about 1850. It is architecturally significant as being of part log construction as well as historically significant for being one of the few examples of a Mennonite Meeting house left in Long Green Valley. The land on which the house stands was part of the parcel of land called "The Land of Promise". In 1849 Isaac Hertzler, a Mennonite, came to Long Green Valley from Morgantown, Pennsylvania, Berks County with his wife, Mary Hertzler and bought this land from Godlove K. Kane and wife, and Charles Wilson(A.W.B., Liber 432, folio 121, A.W.B., Liber 454, folio 431). Under the ownership of Isaac Hertzler, the house served as a Mennonite Meeting house probably from 1850 to about 1890 until it was sold to Charles Powel and then in 1919 to James W. Isennock.

Architecturally, it is a valuable example of a mid-nineteenth log house with features of a Mennonite Meeting house still intact in the interior. Of special interest are the log rafters, original clapboard siding and hand-made nails can be seen in the attic as well as the original smoke house and springhouse. The springhouse once served as a perpetual source of water for several people in the area. In the interior, the original peg coat racks, fireplace with corbelled bed molding, board and batten doors with wrought iron hardware, two double panel doors with transom, random width flooring and part of a plate rack resembling the corbelled bed molding still remain.

Overall, this house and its original features intact, are an excellent source for studying the lifestyle of the Mennonites in Long Green Valley as well as for studying the architectural techniques of a log cabin of this period.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Personal recollections from: Mrs. Myrtle Lee 592-6353  
( daughter of James W. Iserback)  
Merle and Elizabeth Yoder  
823-6317 (father was a Mennonite)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 30

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

Patricia Rowse

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

May 11, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Box 775

TELEPHONE

825-3300

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

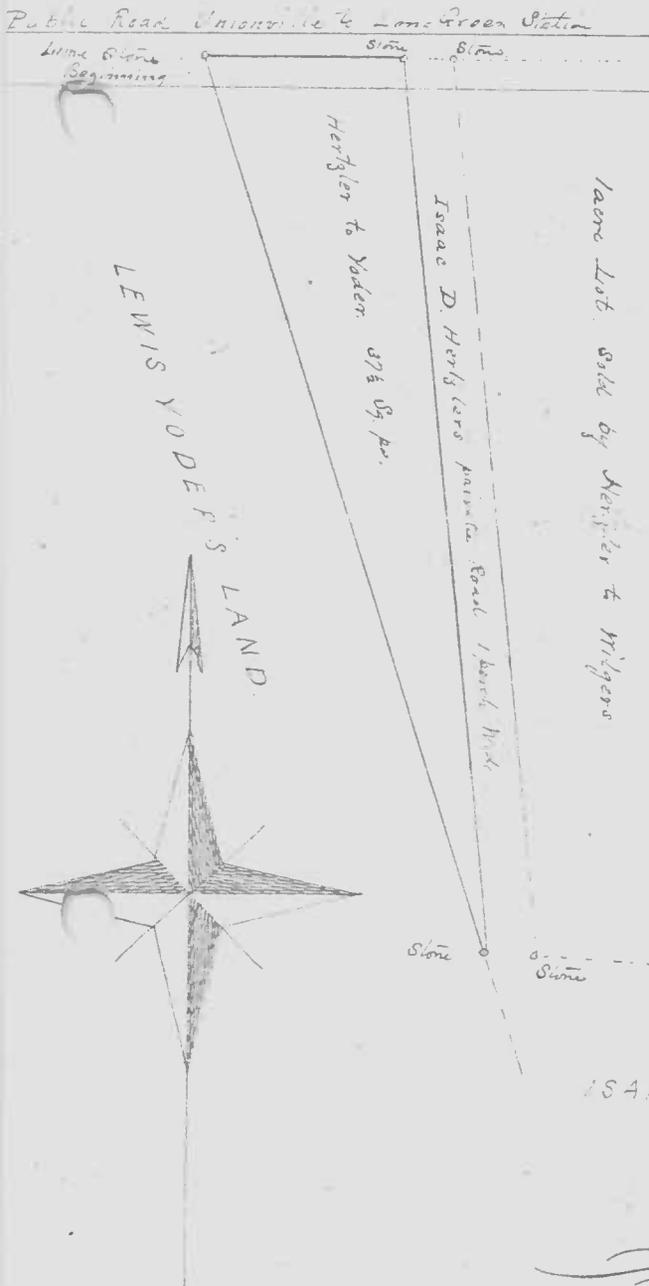
STATE

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



Beginning at a Lime stone heretofore planted in the road from Unionville to Long Green Sta. at the end of the N. 16°45'W. 242 per. line of the survey of Isaac D. Hertzlers Land Jan'y 12. 1886. thence in said road with the 7<sup>th</sup> line of said survey as corrected. S. 89° 1/2° E. 4 perches to a stone planted thence on the West side of a private Road south side laid out for use in common of Isaac D. Hertzler & Van Wilgas S. 5 1/2° E. 18 7/10 perches to a stone planted in the aforesaid 242 perches line thence with said line 19 3/4 perches to the Beginning - Containing Thirty seven and one half Square perches of Land more or less.

G. S. Hawkins  
 Sworn  
 Maryland

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1889

ISAAC D. HERTZLERS LD

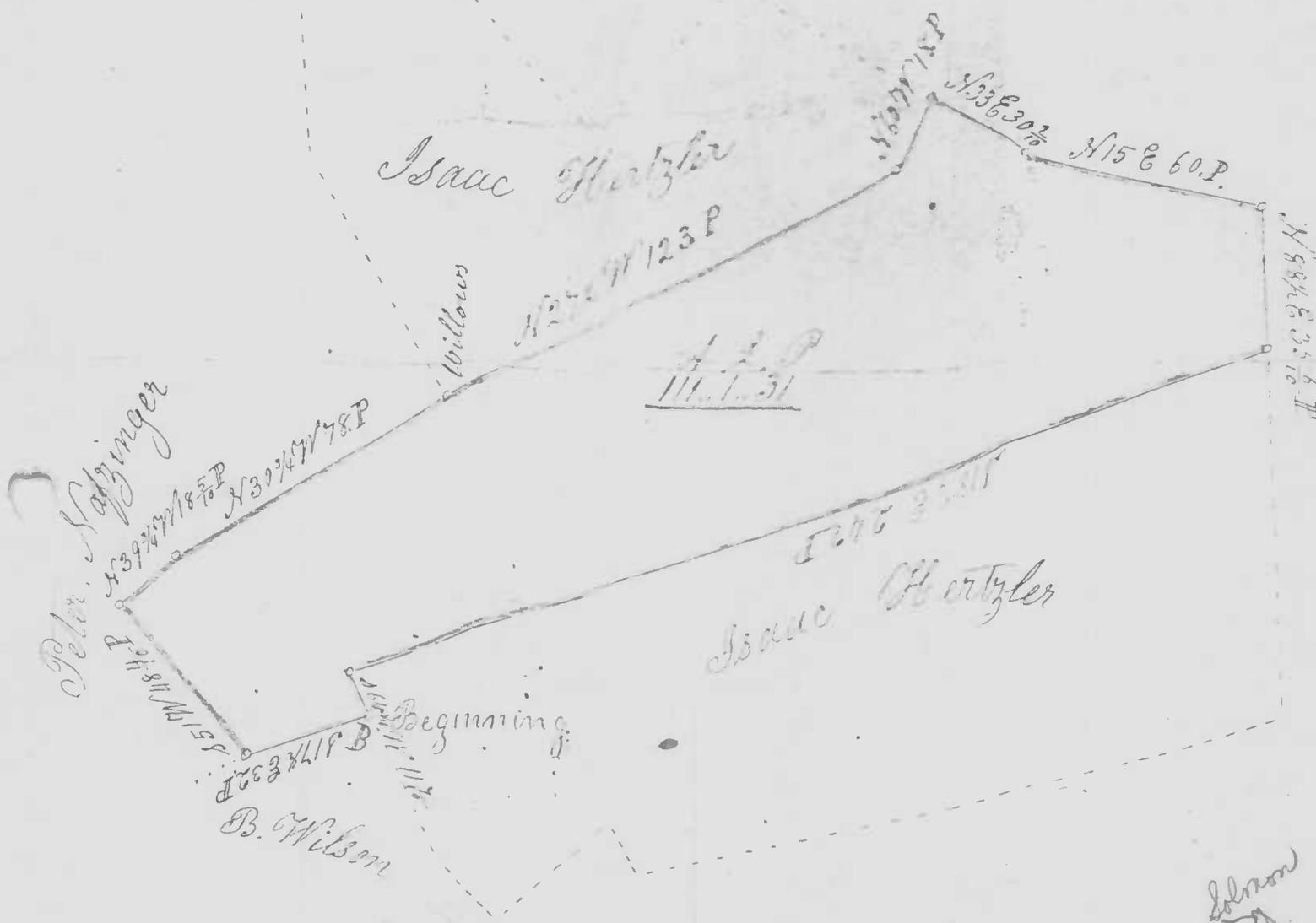
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**PLOT.**  
**A PART OF**  
**"THE LAND OF PROMISE"**

Five Liberty Yoders Co

From Elizabeth Yoder



The above is a plat of the land sold by Isaac Hertzler, to  
 Yoder August 1<sup>st</sup> 1853 being Lot No. 2 of the division of said  
 Hertzler's land, surveyed August 1<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Joseph G. Dance  
 from Elizabeth Yoder

Solomon

Sub.

Glen Arm 1 July 81

Dear Mark,

Wollon writes "I found the Goucher reports quite interesting and I note a wide difference in quality." I list a few of his and Haile's comments, which you may attach to the reports or not, as you see fit.

God's Grace -- Cooke  
by far the best -- excellent plan  
title search shd. go further back

Remembrance -- Cooke  
→ land grant 1773, NOT 1723. Shows in copy of deed attached.  
chain of title erroneous. Haile and Hyde owned Dimmit's Delight.  
Only Jenkins and George (m. Ellen Jenkins) owned the property  
through Wm. Armour Jenkins who tore down the homestead in 1905  
and built Remembrance.

Dawson House -- Aiello  
chain of title meaningless  
milestone is ordinary turnpike milestone  
poor plan ... erroneous interpretation ... basic construction  
not correctly identified -- orig. details not identified

Hartley House (Welsh) -- Aiello  
title meaningless  
mill not attached to house  
mislocated on map  
not brick

Dovecote Farm -- Rowse  
not located on Land of Promise, located on Gunpowder (or His  
Lordship's) Manor. It is just on the line. Land once owned by  
Wilson family who also owned or built Yoder Farm. Log part  
may have been Wilson house.

Ambrose House -- Rowse  
badly mislocated on map  
plan good  
shd. mention former blacksmith shop on prop.

Brinton Woods -- Rowse  
small wing, hardly mentioned, has chance of being orig. portion  
plan might have explained unusual length

Shankin's Store -- Rowse  
title shd. go back further than 1909  
date of constr. not proven

Denisch House -- Ellicott  
pretty fair job of hard house to do  
no record of Mennonites as early as 1830  
formerly Wilson land. On Land of Promise

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Wilson Church -- Ellicott

church does not face Manor Rd.

originally grey, not white. All shutter hardware new. Doorway left of chancel not new (was door for coffins to cem.)

basement dug to install furnace after day of wood stoves  
chain of title is for rental house, not church

Glen Arm Station -- MacNeish

automatic signal was not at station, but at Watchbox Hill blind crossing  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north

plan OK

Glen Arm School -- MacNeish

OK. Inside plan of schoolhouse wd. have been interesting.

Some of these errors are common ones and quoted by owners. Understandable for student to take on faith. Also understandable why titles often confused by those who don't know names and lands of area.

Am sure I cd. not have done better, or in some cases as well. Wollon & Haile are both sticklers. Anyway, thanks again. Best,

*Gulis*

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 21 STATE CIRCLE  
 SHAW HOUSE  
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: <i>DA-1942</i>
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: <i>DOVECOTE</i>
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: <i>ISENNOCK</i>
PRESENT USE: <i>residence</i>
ORIGINAL USE: <i>mennonite meeting house</i>
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: <i>log house</i>
DATE BUILT: <i>early 19th cent</i>

COUNTY: <i>Baltimore</i>
TOWN: <i>Long Green</i>
LOCATION: <i>Long Green Valley</i>
COMMON NAME: <i>Dovecote (Isennock House)</i>
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <i>residence</i>
OWNER: <i>Mr. + Mrs. Robert Carter</i>
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local ( ) State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

- Structural System
- Foundation: Stone  Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Wall Structure
    - Wood Frame: Post and Beam  Balloon ( ) *log*
    - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
    - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
  - Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle  Shiplap ( )  
 Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
  - Roof Structure
    - Truss: Wood  Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
    - Other:
  - Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
 Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
  - Engineering Structure:
  - Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys  Sheds ( ) Ells   
 Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable  Hip ( ) Shed  Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
 Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
 Other:

Number of Stories: *2 1/2*  
 Number of Bays: *5*  
 Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Location: *two entrances  
dutch influence (east side)*

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
 No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
 Development  Deterioration ( )  
 Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
 Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
 Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*original section log house with many original features,*

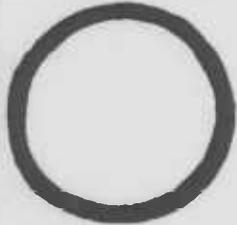
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

*Mennonite meeting house*

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely Built Up ( )  
Residential  Commercial ( )  
Agricultural  Industrial ( )  
Roadside Strip Development ( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY: *Patricia Rouse*

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:





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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.

Front (east) facade

Patricia Rowse

May 1981



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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.  
Front (east) and side (south) facades.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.

Detail of front (east) porch.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Mo

View of rear (west) and side (north) facades.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.

Side (north) facade.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.  
Rear (west) and side (south) facades.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md

View of smoke house looking northwest.

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DOVECOTE (ISENNOCK) HOUSE Long Green, Md.

View of front (southeast) facade of springhouse.

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