

F-7-19  
Mullican Log House  
Urbana vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1855

The Mullican Log House was built about 1855 with an nearby log smokehouse of the same date, possibly by Thomas Mullican who sold the property in 1886 to George T. Mullican (1850-1922). The house has german siding and a center entrance with a one-story porch. A 1964 one-story addition on the south gable end also has german siding. Another shed addition covers most of the rear or east elevation and the north elevation. The smokehouse has weathered whitewashed walls with an extended gable roof over the entrance. The log house is a fair example of the mid-19th century vernacular dwelling, although altered in the early and mid 20th century. The smokehouse is a good example of the type, the major exterior change being the replacement of its original roof with composition material.

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Thurston Road  
Urbana  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Mullican Log House

and/or common

**2. Location**street & number 1529 Thurston Road  not for publicationcity, town Urbana  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard B. &amp; Larue D. Johnson

street &amp; number 1529 Thurston Road telephone no.:

city, town Dickerson state and zip code Md. 20842

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1184

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 566

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-19

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Mullican Log House is a two-story log dwelling with german siding built about 1855 with an adjacent exposed log smokehouse of about the same date located on the east side of Thurston Road about 50 yards north of the intersection of Sugarloaf Mountain Road near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces west and the smokehouse is located near the southeast corner of the dwelling. The dating of the structures is based on land records and architectural details.

The dwelling has three bays on the first story and two on the second, with a shed-roofed porch sheltering the entrance in the center bay. The windows have 6/6 sash with plain architraves. The roof is covered with composition material and an exterior brick chimney is located on the south gable end, with its base enclosed by a one-story addition built in 1964. Both the south gable end and the addition are covered with german siding. The north elevation is covered with vinyl siding and has 2/2 sash on the first story. A one-story shed addition extends across the east elevation and onto the north elevation. The addition also has vinyl siding. A single-pane square window is located in the second story of the north gable.

Smokehouse: The log smokehouse has a weathered whitewashed finish and an extended gable roof over the entrance on the north end. The roof is covered with composition material and the gable is faced with weatherboards. The smokehouse was probably built at about the same time as the dwelling, about 1855. It is currently used as a storage shed.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1855 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mullican Log House is minimally significant for its architecture, being a fair example of a vernacular dwelling of the mid-19th century. It retains some of its german siding and the general appearance of a simple rural farmhouse of the period. The log smokehouse is a good example of the type, the only major exterior change having been the replacement of the roof with modern materials. The original roof was probably wood shingles. The house was extant at least by 1886 when George T. Mullican (1850-1922) purchased a 1-acre lot "with improvements" for \$1 from Thomas and Mary E. Mullican, probably his parents. Its design, scale, and materials, and those of the smokehouse, strongly indicate that the buildings were erected prior to 1860, perhaps in 1855 when Thomas Mullican bought 14-3/4 acres from Isaac Davis. In 1889, Thomas sold this tract to George who retained the approximately 15-acre farm until 1908, selling it to Nigel D. McElfresh (1867-1934), who owned it until 1931.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-19

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966, p. 826

Land Records of Frederick County

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 111, Parcel 29

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date December 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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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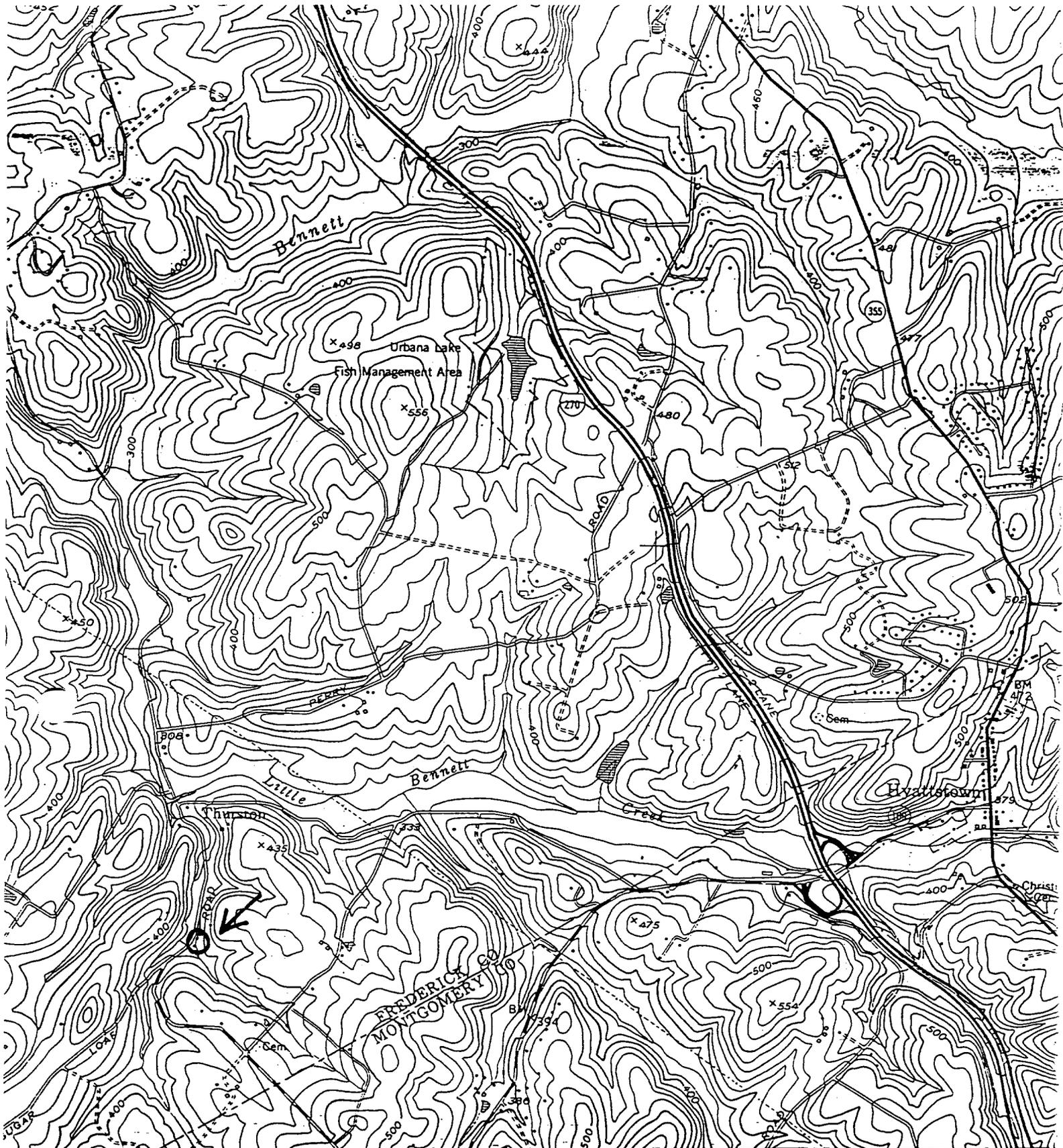
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DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

1522 Thurston Rpt.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1184/566 17 Nov 82	Richard B. & Laurie D. Johnson	Richard B. Johnson, et al	0.92a	\$23,100
1184/564 17 Nov 82	Richard B. Johnson et al	Shirley A. Aball & Kenneth D. Johnson, per reprs of estate of Richard M. Johnson dec	0.92a.	
912/237 5 Oct 72	Richard M. Johnson	Richard M. & Velma M. Johnson	0.92a.	
708/412 28 Jul 64	Richard M. Johnson et ux	Arthur P. & Maggie Lee Webb	0.92a.	
653/517 2 Jun 61	Arthur P. Webb et ux	James M. & Jean S. Kinsel	15a.	
653/294 22 May 61	James M. & Jean S. Kinsel	Charles C. & Mary L. Beyer	15a.	
416/91 2 Feb 39	Charles C. Beyer et ux	James E. & Lucile V. Morley	15a.	
390/44 7 Dec 33	James E. Morley et ux	Mary L. & James Thomas Burdette	15a.	
378/121 14 Mar 31	James Thos Burdette et ux	Nigel D. McClfresh	15a.	
286/37 1 Dec 08	Nigel D. McClfresh et ux	George S. Mulligan et ux	part of "stuff ended" 2 1/2 ac. - WIP 1/461 14 3/4 a. - WIP 9/393	\$490

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WIP 9/393 13 Jul 1889	George S. Mulligan	Shos Mulligan	part of "Stufe Endred" and "Rocks and Sinder" 14 3/4a.	\$150
<del>WIP</del> ES 8/237 8 Sept 1855	Shos Mulligan	Isaac & Catherine Davis	14 3/4a.	
WIP 1/461 18 May 1886	George S. Mulligan	Mary E. + Shos Mulligan	with improvements thereon 1a.	\$1
ES 8/238 29 Dec 1855	Mary E. Mulli can	Isaac Davis et ux	30 3/4a.	\$400



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