

Goode Road Log House
CH-778
Patuxent City, vic.
Private

Circa 1850

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-778

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Goode Road Log House
 other Robertson Farm

2. Location

street and number East side Goode Road not for publication
 city, town Patuxent City vic. vicinity
 county Charles

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

name S F Diehl & Nettie M. Diehl trustees
 street and number 1648 Crescent Road telephone unknown
 city, town Lawrence state KS zip code 66044-3123

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36/142
 city, town La Plata liber 3877 folio 535

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The mid 19th century Goode Road Log House is one of two known extant examples of domestic log construction in Charles County. Standing on a remote 262 acre farm on the east side of Goode Road in the vicinity of Patuxent City, the dwelling consists of a 1 1/2 story 14' x 16'5" structure with a large exterior chimney on the south gable elevation. The dwelling is partially sheathed in weatherboard siding. A 19th century frame shed addition extends from the east eave wall, and a 20th century shed was added to the north wall. The dwelling is cited within a few feet of a circa 1940 tobacco barn at the edge of a flat open field. To the west were two 19th century tobacco barns. One is still standing while the other has been recently demolished. Prior to demolition, the prize was relocated to the Doctor Samuel Mudd House (CH-149 NR/E) in Bryantown. Further west is an unsurveyed two-story dwelling built during the first half of the 19th century. A machine shed is also located near the log dwelling. Access to the site was extremely limited. The owners, who live out-of-state, provided access only during the limited time it took to remove the tobacco prize.

The earliest section of the structure consists of a single room measuring 14' at the gable end and 16' 5" along the eave. The hewn logs are squared and half-dovetailed at the end. Irregular local fieldstone piers are used to support the foundation in several places. The original roof consisted of wood shingles later resurfaced with standing seam metal. The dwelling faces east with an offset center doorway and a window to the south. The south elevation includes a large American bond brick chimney with two-tiered stepped shoulders and fieldstone rubble foundation. Windows straddle either side of the chimney. The rear elevation, shed addition includes a centered door. The 20th century addition includes asymmetrical window opening on the east and north elevations. A small porch and an entranceway are found on the west elevation. Window openings do not include panes but have been fitted with what appears to be a series of horizontal iron bars. The interior reveals mud or plaster chinking and whitewashed exposed logs. A ladder provides access to the loft above. Floors are 2 1/4" plank on the first floor and irregular board in the loft above.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
Specific dates	Circa 1850	Architect/Builder	unknown	
Construction dates	Circa 1850			

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Believed to have been erected circa 1850, the Goode Road Log House is one of two known surviving 19th century log structures in Charles County. Standing on what is known as the Robinson Farm, the dwelling is representative of the types of modest structures that sheltered hundreds of enslaved African Americans during the 19th century.

After the Civil War, much of the property in the Patuxent City vicinity was acquired by Jeremiah Dudley. Dudley died in testate in 1902 and at the time of his death he owned 894.25 acres valued at \$17,468. As a result of an equity case involving a dispute among Jeremiah's heirs, a commission was appointed to equitably divide his acreage among his heirs. The result was several subdivisions and combinations of former tracts. Known as "dower subdivisions" since they represented the dower of Jeremiah's widow, Jennie R. Dudley, the new tracts of land incorporated different acreages. The current structure stands on what is referred to as the Robertson Farm, a 420 acre tract that was divided into two: Division B, consisting of 148 1/2 acres, and Division C consisting of 271 1/2 acres.

Goode Road Log House provides insight into the lives of African Americans during and immediately after the Civil War. Charles County was sensitively located between the northern or Unionist states and the southern, secessionist states. As a tobacco-dependant county, most landholders resented the pressure brought by abolitionists to free the slave population. In addition, unrest among the slaves prompted the Justice of the Peace to commence nightly patrols of the county in 1856. As a result of the election of Republican candidate Abraham Lincoln for President, a meeting was held at Middletown, near Waldorf in December 1860, and the group resolved to censure those citizens who had voted for Lincoln. Although, as a state, Maryland voted to support the Union, Charles County maintained its Confederate sympathies throughout the war, largely because its tobacco-based economy was reliant on slave labor.

In Maryland, slavery was not officially ended until January 1865. After the Civil War, Charles County sunk into an economic depression that lasted until the eve of World War II. Tenancy replaced slave-based labor. However, many African American chose to leave seasonal agricultural jobs for a chance at year-round wage labor. Between 1866 and 1869 several schools were established for the education of former slaves. Gradually African-American communities were established and grew as churches were built near the schoolhouse, and often a benevolent lodge was established.

During the 1980's five log dwellings were identified in Charles County including CH-117, the Irvine House CH-117, the Hawkins Log House CH-306, the Hancock-Ross House CH-310, and Sinkfield Log House CH-311. A sixth structure, the Thomas Brown Log House was later identified as CH-377. Aside from the Goode Road Log House, the Thomas Brown House is the only surviving structure. The dwelling dates from the third quarter of the 19th century and stands on part of the 420 acre Robertson farm. It reflects the types of structures occupied by African Americans during the 19th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 262.564

Acreage of historical setting 420 acres

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 36, parcel 142.

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville MD 21032
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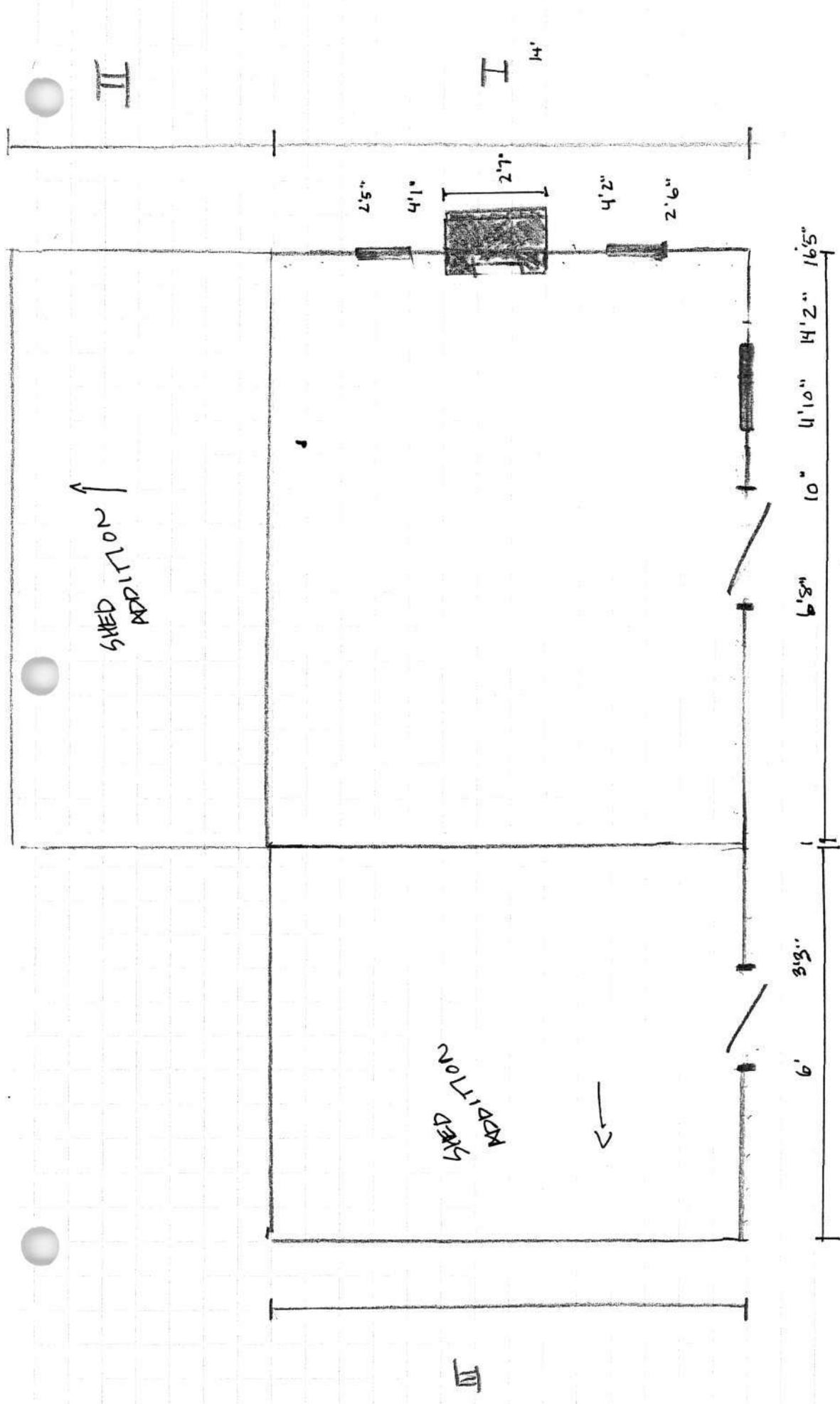
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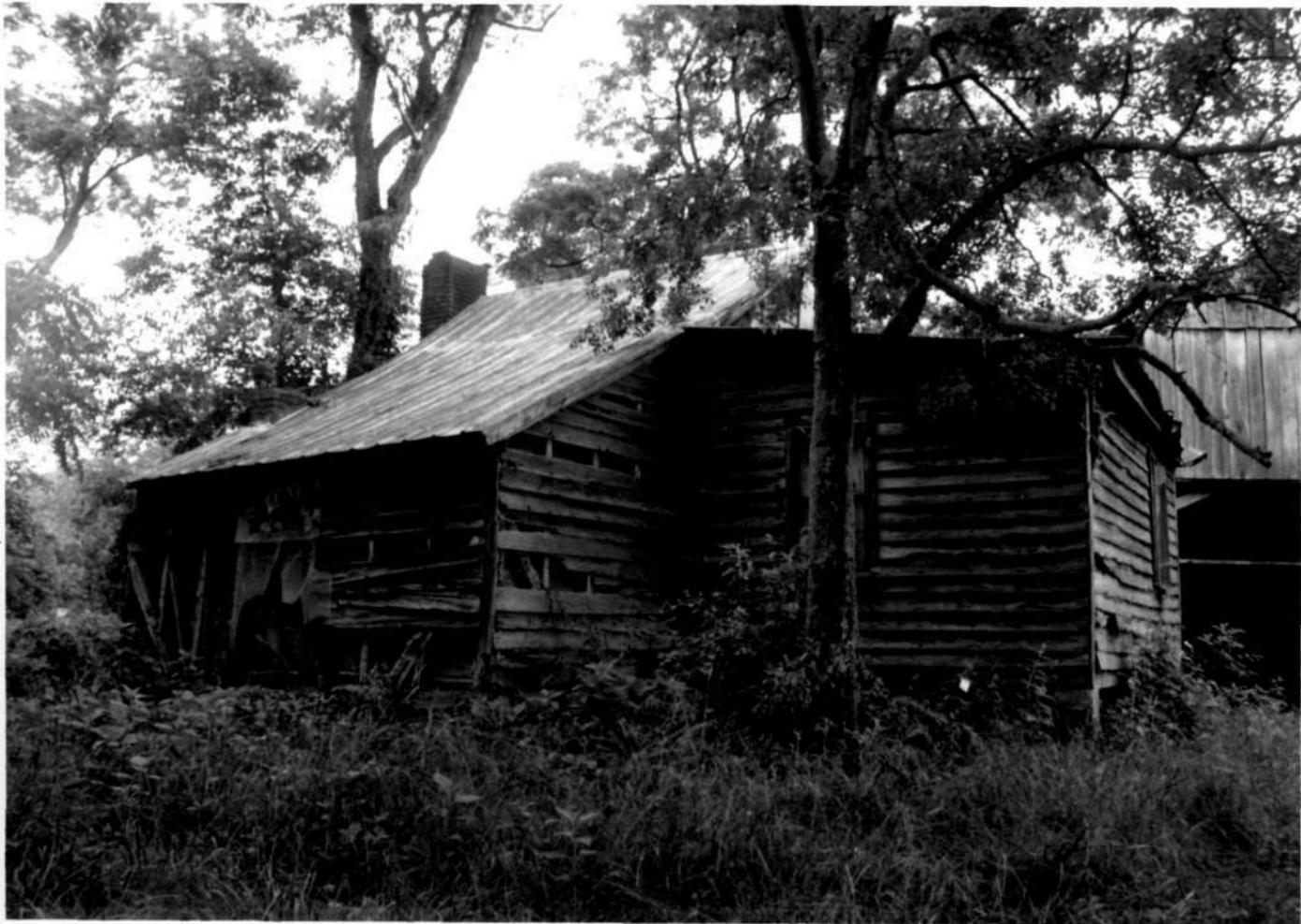
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