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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

United States Department of the Interior

Nat. Register of Historic Places National Park Service

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property				
historic name Chambers Park Log Cabin				
other names CAR-288				
2. Location				
street & number Chambers Park, Liberty Road				
3. State/Federal Agency Certification				
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this \(\triangle \) nomination \(\triangle \) request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property \(\triangle \) meets \(\triangle \) does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \(\triangle \) nationally \(\triangle \) statewide \(\triangle \) locally. (\(\triangle \) See continuation sheet for additional comments). \[\triangle \) \(\triang				
Signature of certifying official/Title Date				
State or Federal agency and bureau				
4. National Park Service Certification				
I hereby, certify that this property is: Mentered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. Determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other (explain):				

Chambers Park Log Cabin (CAI Name of Property	R-288)	Caroline County at	County, MD	
5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)		ources within Property ously listed resources in the c	
□ private□ public-local□ public-State□ public-Federal	building(s) district site structure object	Contributing 1	Noncontributing 0	_ buildings _ sites _ structures _ objects _ Total
Name of related multiple prop	erty listing	number of cont	ributing resources pre	viously
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of	a multiple property listing)	listed in the Nat	ional Register	
N/A	-	0		
6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Recreation and Culture: outdoo Social: meeting hall	r recreation	Current Function (Enter categories from Vacant – not in use		
7. Description Architectural Classification		Materials		
(Enter categories from instructions)	Li	(Enter categories from	instructions)	
No Style		walls Wood	oncrete	*
		roof Wood other Stone		
Narrative Description		· <u>Y</u>		

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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8.	Stat	ement of Significance	
		able National Register Criteria	Area of Significance
(Ma	irk "x	" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for Register listing)	(Enter categories from instructions)
			Politics/Government
\boxtimes	Α	Property is associated with events that have made a	Architecture
		significant contribution to the broad pattern of our	
		history.	
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	В	Property associated with the lives of persons	
	8	significant in our past.	
\boxtimes	С	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a	
	ŭ	type, period, or method of construction or represents	
		the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values,	Period of Significance
		or represents a significant and distinguishable entity	
		whose components lack individual distinction.	1937
	D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information	
		important in prehistory or history.	Significant Dates
Cri	toria	Considerations	Significant Dates
		" in all the boxes that apply)	1937
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Pro	pert	y is:	
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Ш	Α	owned by a religious institution or used for religious	Significant Person
		purposes.	(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
	В	removed from its original location.	
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Ш	С	a birthplace or grave.	Cultural Affiliation
	D	a cemetery.	N/A
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	E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	-
	F	a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder
	G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance	S. R. Preston, architect
	Ŭ	within the past 50 years.	o. It. Hesion, distribute
Na	rratio	ve Statement of Significance	
		the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)	
9. 1	Maio	or Bibliographical References	
		graphy	
		books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on or	ne or more continuation sheets)
Pre	evio	us documentation on files (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
		preliminary determination of individual listing (36	State Historic Preservation Office
	—	CFR 67) has been requested	Other State agency
		previously listed in the National Register	Federal agency
	Ō	previously determined eligible by the National Register	Local government
		designated a National Historic Landmark	University
		recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	Other
	100000	#	Name of repository:
		recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	
		H.	

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10. Geographical Data		
Acreage of Property Less than one acre		
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)		
1 Zone Easting Northing	3Zone	Easting Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet		ee continuation sheet
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation she	eet)	
11. Form Prepared By		
De Company		
name/title Dr. Conway Gregory		data 1002 maia d 0/2014
Organization Town of Federalsburg		date 1993; revised 9/2014
street & number 118 North Main St., P. O. Box 471		telephone (410) 754-8173
city or town Federalsburg	state MD	zip code _21632
Additional Documentation		
Submit the following items with the completed form:		
Continuation Sheets		
Maps		
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the	e property's location.	
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties ha	ving large acreage or nume	erous resources.
Photographs		
Representative black and white photographs of th	e property.	
Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)		
Property Owner		
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)		
name Town of Federalsburg, attn.: George Mayer		
street & number 118 North Main St., P. O. Box 471		telephone (410) 754-8173
city or town Federalsburg	state MD	zip code21632
Paperwork Reduction Statement: This information is being co properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list proper benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act	rties, and to amend existing lis	stings. Response to this request is required to obtain a

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Description Summary:

The Chambers Park Log Cabin is a one-story log building located in Chambers Park, Federalsburg, Maryland that was constructed in 1937 under the auspices of the National Youth Administration.

General Description:

The Chambers Park Log Cabin is a one-story gable-roofed building constructed in 1937 of round cypress logs saddle-notched at the corners. The north façade faces Liberty Road, and comprises a central entrance door of wood battens flanked on either side by a 6/6 sash window. The slope of the gable roof extends to form a small hood over the entrance. The east and west gable ends are marked by paired six-light casement windows. All windows are fitted with batten shutters. The rectangular building measures 24 by 36 feet and contains a single room, with logs exposed as the interior finish. The roof framing, consisting of common rafters, is also exposed on the interior. Originally, a 14 by 14 shed-roofed log extension housing a brick chimney was centered on the rear elevation; this extension was removed ca. 1993 because of deterioration, and the present stone chimney was constructed in its place. The gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The building rests on a concrete foundation.

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Chambers Park Log Cabin is significant under Criterion A for its association with the construction programs of the New Deal in the 1930s. Built under the auspices of the National Youth Administration (NYA), the cabin provided work for local carpenters and laborers and resulted in a meeting place for youth. The cabin derives additional significance for its architecture, as a representative example of a type of structure associated with these programs. While several such cabins survive in parks in Central and Western Maryland, examples are especially rare in the Eastern Shore region. The Chambers Park Log Cabin was among the first of its type constructed as a NYA project, and provided a model for at least two similar projects elsewhere in the region.

Resource History and Historic Context:

The log cabin was designed by local architect S. R. Preston. As many as nineteen young carpenters and laborers were employed in its construction in 1937. Boy Scouts assisted with concrete work and caulking. The cypress logs were harvested in the Great Pocomoke Swamp. The building was provided with electricity, and a "wagon wheel" chandelier was made by industrial arts students at the Federalsburg high school to light the main room. The total cost of construction was \$1,431, of which Federal funds covered \$1,025.

The log cabin design was popular in parks associated with New Deal "alphabet" programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

The cabin is located in Chambers Park, an 18-acre municipal park located near Federalsburg's downtown business district. Thomas H. Chambers, Mayor of Federalsburg from 1915 to 1947, donated the land for the park in several parcels beginning in 1922. He also diverted his Mayoral salary to the town for park maintenance and development.

The log cabin in the park was a project of the National Youth Administration, which was part of President Roosevelt's New Deal program for stimulating the economy and ending the Great Depression. Another recovery program, the Works Progress Administration (WPA), developed the rest of Chambers Park and the lake.

In the 1930s, the concept of providing a recreational center for local youth was innovative on the Eastern Shore. The cabin, designated NYA park improvement project number 1536, was said to be the first project of its type in the nation. It served as a model for similar projects in Hurlock (Dorchester County) and Crisfield (Somerset County).

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The cabin was dedicated on May 15, 1937. The dedication program for the Log Cabin NYA Youth Center stated, "It is hoped that all of the young people in this community will make full use of this building and see it as a meeting place where inspiration and character shall abound." It was intended to serve a wide variety of youth organizations, including Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Cathedral Builders, Excelsior Girls Club, 4-H Clubs and Civic Clubs.

The cabin was used through the late 1960s for Scout meetings, church groups, family picnics, birthday parties and reunions and for a variety of community functions including firemen's carnivals, parades, and games. Use of the park declined in the 1970s and the cabin fell into disrepair. In the early 1990s the Town removed the rear extension, replaced the deteriorating brick chimney with a stone chimney, and installed a new wood shingle roof.

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Major Bibliographical References:

"Pride in the Past, A Quarterly Newsletter of the Federalsburg Historical Society," Vol. 5, No. 3, September 2007.

Baltimore Sun, July 25, 1938; August 23, 1938; December 5, 1938.

Laura D. Jefferson, "Federalsburg's Youth Center," Eastern Shore Magazine, July 1937, pp. 10-11.

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Geographical Data

UTM References:

18-433527-4282975

Federalsburg, MD-DE Quad

Verbal Boundary Description:

The National Register boundary is defined as a rectangle extending 50' from the footprint of the cabin in all directions.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary comprises the cabin within its immediate historic setting.

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The following information applies to all photographs which accompany this documentation:

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Name of Property: Chambers Park Log Cabin

Location: Caroline County, Maryland

Photographer: Peter Kurtze Date taken: August 13, 2015

Location of original digital files [or negatives]: MD SHPO

Photo captions:

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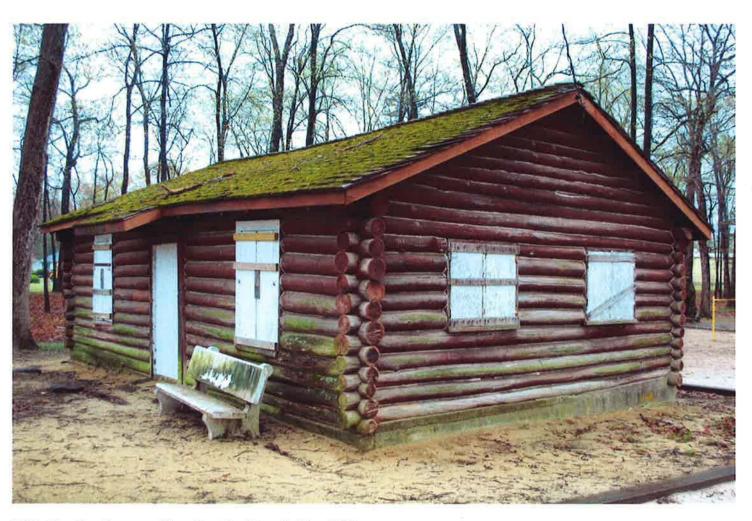
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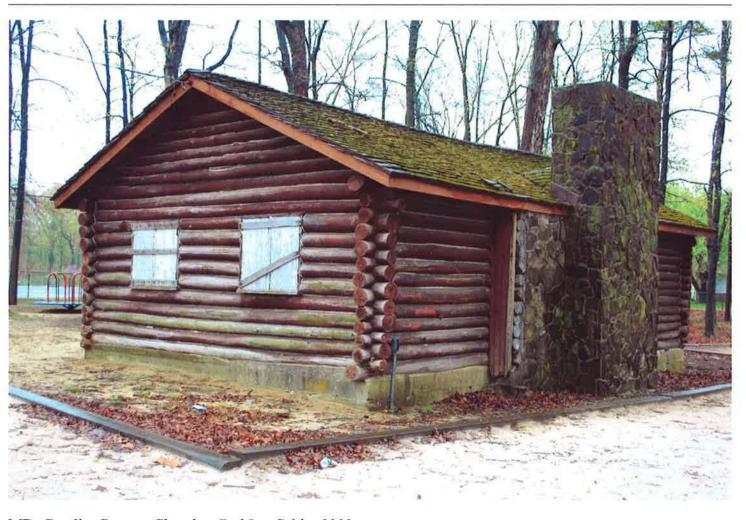
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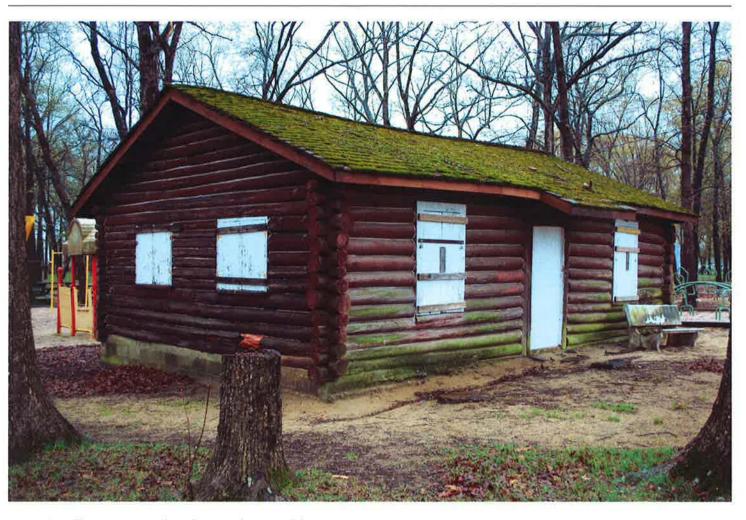
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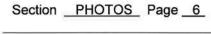
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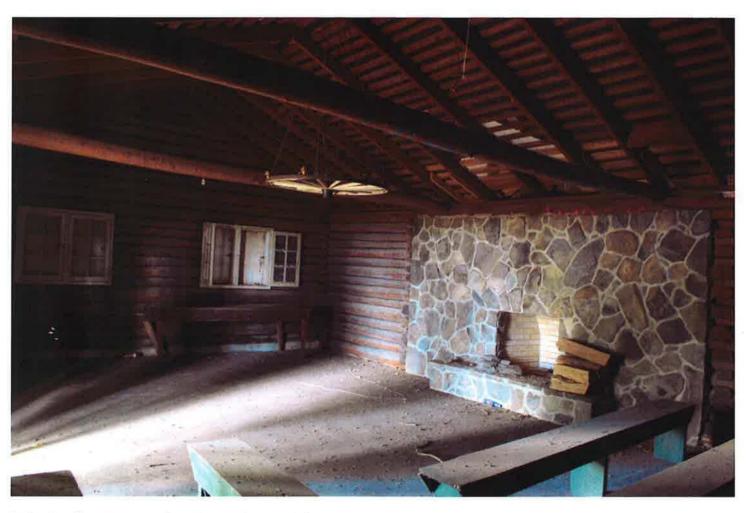
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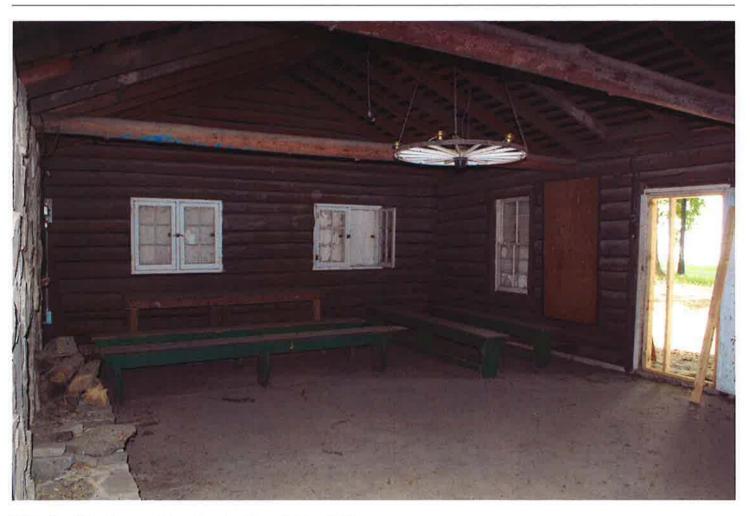
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Chambers Park Log Cabin NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: MARYLAND, Caroline
DATE RECEIVED: 5/13/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/02/16 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/17/16 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/28/16 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 16000408
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N
Entered in The National Register of
Historic Places
RECOM./CRITERIA
REVIEWERDISCIPLINE
TELEPHONEDATE
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N
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May 6, 2016

Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 1201 I (Eye) Street, N.W. 2280 Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: Chambers Park Log Cabin (CAR-288) Caroline County, MD

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is documentation for nominating the Chambers Park Log Cabin, Caroline County, Maryland to the National Register of Historic Places. No objections were received from the property owners. The state review board concurs in my recommendation for listing. Should you have questions in this matter, please contact Peter Kurtze at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hughes

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Director-State Historic Preservation Officer

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Encl.: NR form, map Photographs/CD Correspondence