

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT  
DEPARTMENT of CULTURE & HISTORY  
SCIENCE & CULTURE CENTER  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: 16  
Theme (e):  
Neg No(s):  
USGS Quad: Charleston West, W.Va.  
UTM Ref: 17/443480/4242310

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Gilliland, William S.,  
Log Cabin and Cemetery

2. LOCATION, street/road: Louden Heights and Bridge  
Road

city/town: Charleston  
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: unoccupied

(public/private,  
restricted)

original: residence

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller  
1552 Bridge Road

(public/private)

original: Charleston, WV 25314

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

1 1/2 ACRE

COUNTY: Kanawha  
Survey Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning Districts: \_\_\_\_\_

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone \_\_\_\_\_  
 brick \_\_\_\_\_  
 concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
 stucco \_\_\_\_\_  
 weatherboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 clapboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 board & batten \_\_\_\_\_  
 shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
 other logs with mud  
 joints (oak chestnut) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Structural System

masonry \_\_\_\_\_  
 frame \_\_\_\_\_  
 log (split) \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 foundation field stone \_\_\_\_\_

c. Roofing Material

wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 slate \_\_\_\_\_  
 tile \_\_\_\_\_  
 asphalt \_\_\_\_\_  
 composition \_\_\_\_\_  
 other cedar split  
 shingles \_\_\_\_\_

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings small log cabin,  
 originally used as cooking  
 house.

dependencies NONE

other N/A

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated \_\_\_\_\_

alterations evidence of development  
 fires. Three stage old chimneys.  
 Roofs are not original.

additions \_\_\_\_\_

f. Condition:

excellent X  
 good \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair \_\_\_\_\_  
 deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
 abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

g. Threats:

NONE

Present owners have completely  
 restored this cabin to its  
 original state.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

RESTORATION BY MILLER

b. Style/Period:

CONSTRUCTION CO.

c. Date(s):

c. 1847

The Gilliland home site  
 is significant as the home and  
 graveyard of one of Charleston's  
 oldest families. The location is  
 an important historic landmark  
 for South Hills and Charleston.

William S. Gilliland bought 300 acres of land in South Hills  
 from Andrew Donnally in 1847. The Gillilands built the log  
 cabins and resided in them until 1868, when the Neale family  
 purchased the property. The Gilliland family moved to Charleston,  
 across the river. In 1889 Captain William M. Peyton bought  
 the land and incorporated the cabins into a large grey  
 clapboard house. James and Jean Miller acquired the four and a

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Miller, James W. History of the William S. Gilliland Family.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter ; DATE Sept. 30 1983

a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave. Charleston WV 25304

b. Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Gilliland, William S., Log Cabin and Graveyard  
Louden Heights and Bridge Road

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half acres on which the house stands (the only land remaining from the original 300 acres) and while constructing a new home, they discovered and restored the log cabins to their original condition.

Four women of the Gilliland family are buried in a plot that is now on the other side of Loudon Heights Road. They are William S. Gilliland's daughter Loelia Emeline, 1845-1863, and Mary White, 1847-1869; his wife, Emeline Jean Cunningham, 1811-1889; and his daughter in law, Mrs. John S. Gilliland, 1847-1903.

13. Verbal Boundary Description.

The Gilliland Log Cabin is located on a one half acre lot that is bounded on the south by Bridge Road and on the east by Loudon Heights Road. The cemetery is a small plot, 25' by 25', that is bounded on the south by Bridge Road and on the west by Loudon Heights Road.

ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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(South Hills Multiple Resource Area)  
Kanawha County  
West Virginia

#7. Description

The Gilliland Log Cabin and log dependency are among the oldest log structures in the Charleston area. The buildings, originally the settlement-period home of William S. Gilliland and family, were constructed in c.1847 and incorporated into a larger frame house in c.1889. In 1982 the owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, restored the log structures while their new home was being constructed on an adjacent site on lot no. 12. Both the new house and restored log structures occupy lot no. 12, although for purposes of a National Register verbal boundary description, a boundary line separating the older and newer structures has been drawn (see attached sketch map).

The restoration work was undertaken by the Miller Construction Co. and the work inspected by Paul Marshall, A.I.A., a preservation architect well-known in West Virginia.

Because the log structures were incorporated entirely in the frame house built on the site c.1889, the dismantling procedure which removed the later frame additions revealed the original log pens. The log fabric was thereby identified and restoration was later commenced on the site to return the log structures to their former appearance. The log residence (principal log pen) and dependency (summer kitchen) were restored in situ. The doors, window sash, and some of the flooring system were replaced with replica materials to replace the lost features. The roof sheathing and shakes also were replicated.

The Gilliland Log Cabin and dependency (summer kitchen) survive in an excellent state of preservation near the busy intersection of Loudon Heights Road and Bridge Road. With the Gilliland Cemetery, also at the intersection, these historic resources are observed daily by hundreds of Charleston motorists who make their way to and from the city proper (downtown). The structures, therefore, are well-known Charleston historic landmarks.

#10. See Attached Sketch Map.

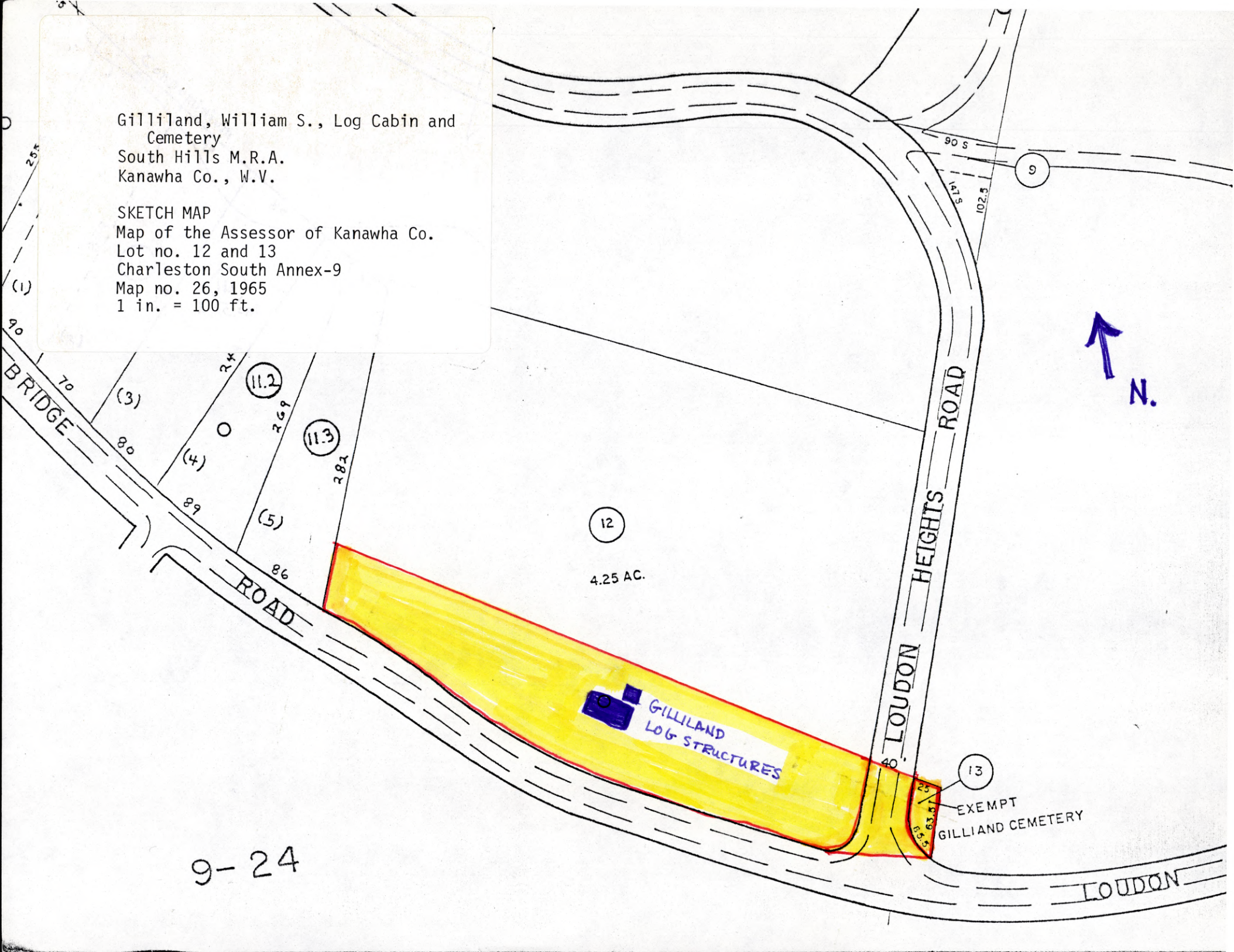
Verbal Boundary Description

Inclusive of the Gilliland Cemetery (lot #13), 25'x63.5'x85.5'; and the portion of lot #12 beginning at the southwestern corner of Loudon Heights Road and Bridge Road, thence along the northern edge of Bridge Road to lot 11.3, thence 50 ft., north along the lot line of lot 11.3 and lot 12; and thence in a straight line 575 ft. to the northeast corner of the Gilliland Cemetery. Map of the Assessor of Kanawha Co., Charleston South Annex-9, Map. no. 26, 1965.

Gilliland, William S., Log Cabin and  
Cemetery  
South Hills M.R.A.  
Kanawha Co., W.V.

SKETCH MAP

Map of the Assessor of Kanawha Co.  
Lot no. 12 and 13  
Charleston South Annex-9  
Map no. 26, 1965  
1 in. = 100 ft.



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