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USGS: Harrisville, West Virginia Quadrangle
UTM: 17.496880.4342700

Significance: The wash house is a common feature to rural West Virginia residences of the early twentieth century. It is of simple frame construction with modest Victorian stylings.

Description: The one-story, side-gabled wash house is found behind the main house. A large shed roof addition was made to the rear of the building (date unknown) and the front of the building has two bays. A four-panel door and a hinged six-light window are found on this facade. The north facade has one four-panel door, a hinged six-light window, and a door covered with asphalt Bricktex siding. Spindle work detailing is found on a screen door covering the four-panel door. The south facade has a central six-light window and the rear facade has two equally spaced and aged six-light windows. The wash house exterior is covered with asphalt Bricktex siding and the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

History: Little is known of the history of the wash house. It was most likely built circa 1910. Initially the building was probably used for washing and other tasks but in recent times it was used for storage. It is expected to be demolished as part of the reservoir scheme.

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