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

2. **LOCATION, street/road:** Louden Heights and Bridge Road  
   **city/town:** Charleston  
   (incorporated/unincorporated)

3. **USE/FUNCTION, present:** unoccupied  
   **original:** residence

4. **OWNER/ADDRESS, present:** Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller  
   1552 Bridge Road  
   Charleston, WV 25314  
   **(public/private, restricted)**

5. **PHOTO/SKETCH OF:**

6. **LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):**

7. **PLAN (include approx. dimensions):**

8. **ACREAGE (approx.):** ½ ACRE

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9. **DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):**

- **Exterior Fabric**
  - stone
  - brick
  - concrete
  - stucco
  - weatherboard
  - clapboard
  - board & batten
  - shingles
  - other logs with mud joints (oak chestnut)

- **Structural System**
  - masonry
  - frame
  - log (split)
  - metal
  - other

- **Roofing Material**
  - wood
  - metal
  - slate
  - tile
  - asphalt
  - composition
  - cedar split
  - other

- **Foundation**
  - field stone
  - B shingles

- **Associated Structures (use/typical):**
  - outbuildings
  - small log cabin, originally used as cooking house

- **Dependants**
  - NONE

- **Other**
  - N/A

- **Integrity (include dates):**
  - original site relocated
  - alterations
  - evidence of development
  - fires
  - Three stage old chimneys
  - None are not original
  - additions

- **Condition:**
  - excellent
  - good
  - fair
  - deteriorated
  - abandoned

- **Threats:**
  - NONE

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

10. **SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):**

- **Architect/Builder/Engineer:**
  - RESTORATION BY MILLER
  - CONSTRUCTION CO.

- **Style/Period:**

- **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 Donnelly in 1847. The Gilliards 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:**

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

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12. **FORM PREPARED BY** Alice Carter  DATE Sept. 30, 1983

- **Address**
  - 4011 Kanawha Ave., Charleston, WV 25304

- **Organization**
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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 cabin to their original condition.

Four women of the Gilliland family are buried in a plot that is now on the other side of Louden 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 Louden 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 Louden Heights Road.