

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number West Main Street \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Crisfield \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                            |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

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

name

street & number telephone no.:city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-322

|  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |  |

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

## House Description

The \_\_\_\_\_ house stands on the north side of West Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The c. 1890-1900 two-and-a-half story frame house faces south with the principal gable running on a east/west axis.

Supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, the aluminum clad frame house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Rising from the center of the roof is a pair of brick chimneys with decorative corbelled caps. Extending to the rear is a two-story three-bay service wing also supported by a raised brick foundation.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance. The front door is flanked by two over two sash windows and the first floor is fully covered by a turned post front porch with decorative cornice brackets and sawwork between the posts. Three-quarters of the porch has been framed in with a kneewall and screened in as well. The east corner of the porch roof retains a section of iron cresting. Attached to the front of the porch is a turned baluster handrail with square newel post topped with ball finials. The second floor fenestration is uneven with a projecting bay window in the east bay covered by a gable-front roof. The outside lower corners of the roof are trimmed with decorative spindle brackets, and the gable is pierced by a pointed arch two over two sash window. The adjacent two bays to the west are marked by two over two sash windows, while the cross-gable above has an identical pointed arch sash.

The gable ends of the main block are essentially alike with a single two over two sash window on each floor along with a pointed arch two over two attic sash.

The north side or rear elevation of the main block is largely covered by a two-story three-bay service wing that has a cross gable roof as well. In addition, a small frame section supported by brackets extends from the west side of the kitchen and appears to be a pantry.

The interior of this house was not surveyed.

# 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)         |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |  |

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### SIGNIFICANCE

The \_\_\_\_\_ house is a large and imposing two-and-a-half story frame house which rises higher than normal with its raised brick foundation. The house dates from the last decade of the nineteenth century and although covered with aluminum, it still retains part of its period decoration with a Victorian turned post porch and rooftop cresting.



