

WI-308  
Franklin B. Culver House  
Tyaskin  
Private

c. 1885

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Franklin B. Culver House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-308

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-308  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Franklin B. Culver House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4665 Tyaskin Road  not for publication

city, town Tyaskin  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 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 Dawn E. Brush-Zougari and Driss B. Zougari

street & number 7120 Hilltop Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Darby state and zip code Pennsylvania 19802

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 43, P. 54  
liber 1351

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 582

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-308

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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.

The Franklin B. Culver house is located at 4665 Tyaskin Road in the center of the village of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story cross-shaped frame house faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1885, the two-and-a-half story, cross-shaped frame house is supported on low brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboards and fishscale shingles. The steeply pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The main block follows a tee-shape with a two-story rear wing completing the cross form. The leg of the tee plan projects forward, serving as the front facade of the house, with a wraparound porch supported by turned posts and trimmed with simple sawn brackets. The two-story, three-sided elevation, pierced with two-over-two sash windows on each floor, is topped by a gabled elevation sheathed with fishscale shingles. The underside of the gable roof is trimmed with spindle and sawn decoration. A round arched two-over-two sash window lights the attic. The eave of the roof is extended and trimmed with a decorated bargeboard. The rafter ends are exposed decorated.

The north side of the tee leg features an exterior brick chimney erected during the 1930s or 1940s. The first and second floors are lighted by two-over-two sash windows, and a cross gable defines the roof slope. The face of the cross gable is pierced by a round arched two-over-two sash window surrounded by a field of fishscale shingles. The edge of the cross gable is trimmed with a decorated bargeboard.

The south side of the tee is detailed in a similar fashion without the chimney. Two side entrances are located on this side and provide access to the front leg as well as the main block. The north and south ends of the main block are three-sided bay pavilions with gable-front roof sheathed with fishscale shingles and trimmed with spindle and sawn decoration. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors, and round arched windows pierce the gable end. The rafter ends are exposed. Rising through the center of the house is a narrow brick stove chimney.

Attached to the back of the tee-shaped house is a two-story rear wing executed without the same intricate decoration of the front elevations. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 500–1599	<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/ 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The house deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies properties of high architectural and historical merit



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Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 43, Parcel 54

1351/582

George W. Herpel, Jr.  
Janet Rosalie Herpel

to

8/13/1993

Dawn E. Brush-Zugari  
Driss B Zougari

1.309 acres "Property survey for Mary D. Long and  
John T. Tarr, 7/29/1991, MSB 9/130

MSB 1285/832

John T. Tarr

to

3/20/1992

George W. Herpel, Jr.  
Janet Rosalie DeSimone

A J S 902/337

Elam J. Angstadt  
Leonore Angstadt

to

7/19/1978

John T. Tarr  
Dorothy M. Tarr

Item One: all that store house and lot  
Item Two and Item Three

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Mattie C. Larmore  
Ernest M. Larmore

to

10/27/1965

Elam J. Angstadt  
Leonore Angstadt

Item One: It being the same land conveyed unto  
Mattie Culver Larmore by the will of Franklin  
B. Culver, Will Book JAH 1/98

Item Two: 3/4 acre conveyed to Franklin B.  
Culver from Sarah E. Covington, 1/8/1883,  
SPT 5/241

SPT 5/241

Sarah E Covington  
James K. Covington

to

6/8/1883

Franklin B. Culver

3/4 acre

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983







