

WI-310  
F. B. Culver Store  
Tyaskin  
Private

c. 1870-80

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Franklin B. Culver Store

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-310

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture  
Commerce
  
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
  
4. Resource Type(s): Store

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-310

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Franklin B. Culver Store, Covington & Culver Store

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number East side of Tyaskin Road  not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Dan E. and Driss Zougari

street & number 7120 Hilltop Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Darby state and zip code PA 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

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

The former Franklin B. Culver store, also known historically as the Covington & Culver store, stands on the east side of Tyaskin Road in the center of the community of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame store building faces south with the main gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1870-80, the two-story, two-bay by four-bay frame store rests on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The store was designed with two gable front elevations, one that faces Tyaskin Road and a second one that faces south. The south gable end elevation has been modified with the reconstruction of the roof that now has a low pitch. The northern section of the store retains a steeply pitched gable roof.

The northern gable front section is two bays across with a recessed double-door entrance in the center bay. The partially glazed doors retains late nineteenth century hardware. Six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors, and the window lintels have bold cornice moldings.

The south gable end is marked by an off-center, partially glazed door that is flanked by large size first floor windows. The first floor was formerly sheltered by a turned post, shed roof porch which no longer survives. The second floor is marked by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that retain louvered shutters and molded lintels. The roofline has been rebuilt with a low pitched gable.

The interior retains its shelving and much of the store fixtures, although it is currently used as storage and is slowly deteriorating.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### 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.

Standing in the center of the village of Tyaskin is a two-story frame store building that operated for over a century on this site. Known simply as the F. B. Culver store during memories of most Tyaskin residents, the business carried the name Covington & Culver during the late nineteenth century. James Covington, who owned the house on the north side of the store, joined in partnership with Franklin B. Culver, who is listed as a 24-year old “clerk in store” in the 1880 census. In addition to the mercantile business the firm of Covington & Culver also owned a saw mill and canning operation as well as several bugeyes that worked the Chesapeake Bay. The store operated under Culver family ownership until the early 1960s.

The store deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings of historic and architectural merit that warrant preservation.



## TYASKIN



*The country store today is no longer a general store. As the signs show, it sells primarily soft drinks, cigarettes, ice cream, snuff, and gasoline plus convenience store items. This store at Tyaskin was photographed about 1967.*

*The Tyaskin post office was the first in the area, established in 1857*

*with A. S. Hopkins as postmaster. Sandy Hill steamboat landing and Sandy Hill Amusement park were the center of activities in years gone by. Today Tyaskin is a peaceful village favored by retirees for its atmosphere of tranquility and its access to the water. Courtesy of Orlando V. Wootten*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5801 N NE  
(MARDEL & SPRINGS)

38° 22' 30" 75° 52' 30" 24"E 25 26 27 50' 28 30 47' 30"

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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
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