

WI-313  
Mezick House  
Tyaskin  
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Mezick Log House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-313

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
  
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Modern Period 1930-
  
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-313

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Mezick Log House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Tyaskin Road  not for publication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 David C. and Blanche J. Corkran

street & number 2246 Ridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 43, P. 48  
liber 856

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 832

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository 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 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 Mezick house stands on the east side of Tyaskin Road in the creek-side village of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half log house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1934, the story-and-a-half round log house is supported by an excavated cellar which has a brick veneer. The round logs are joined at the corners with saddle notches, and the logs extend approximately a foot-and-a-half beyond the side walls of the building. The log house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story frame garage, and the yard is landscaped with mature trees and boxwood.

The west (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with the individual bays filled with single six-over-six sash windows. The foundation is pierced by small cellar windows. The steeply pitched gable roof features a pair of gable-roofed dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows. The edge of the roof is finished with exposed and undecorated rafter ends.

The north gable end of the log house is pierced by side entrance in the east (right) bay and a six-over-six sash window in the west (left) bay. A smaller six-over-six sash window is fixed in between the door and window, and an exterior brick stove chimney rises against the gable end. A six-over-six sash window also pierces the gable end.

The south gable end features an exterior brick chimney, and a shed roof porch shelters the first floor.

The east (rear) wall is pierced by paired six-over-six sash windows to each side of a center entrance. A large shed roofed dormer marks the roof slope.

The interior was not seen.

# 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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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1 Personal interview with Donald and Sarah Lee Brohawn, 7/12/1996.

2 Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 264/138, 9/21/1944, Wicomico County Courthouse.





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Chain of title continued

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JWS 264/138

Fannie E. Adkins

to

9/21/1944

Allan W. Mezick  
Esther R. Mezick

Item 1: being a part of the same land that was conveyed unto Allan W. Mezick and Esther R. Mezick by Fannie E. Adkins by Item 1 of deed 9/21/1944, JWS 264/138

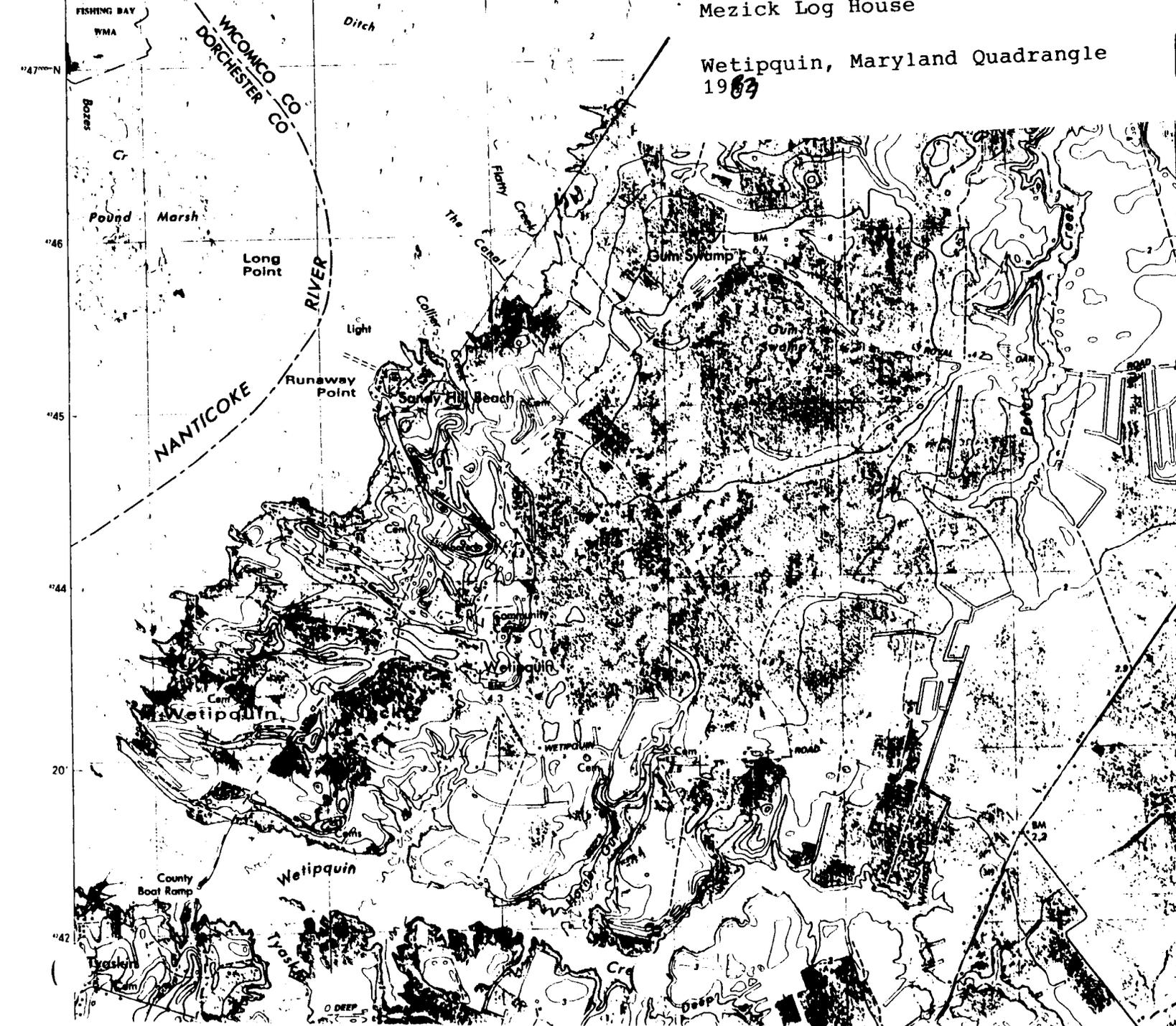
Item 2: all that piece or parcel of land not binding on the state road bounded on the north by the land described in Item 1 bounded on the east by the land now or formerly of Helen Edwards bounded on the south by the Community Hall lot and bounded on the west by a graveyard, and being part of the same land of which Franklin B. Culver died seized and possessed, and which by his Last Will and Testament dated 3/5/1935, JAH 1/98, he devised unto the said Mattie Culver Larmore, and being the same land which the said Mattie Culver Larmore and Ernest Larmore sold to Allan W. Mezick and Esther R. Mezick, the said Allan W. Mezick and Esther R. Mezick having died intestate before receiving a deed therefor....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

75 52'30" 24"E 25 '26  
38 22'30" 47"N

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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
1967









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ALLAN MERRILL - Los Hornos

Tyackin, Mexico Co. 1912

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

1/96 TA - TRACT, PITTSTADT

NEW YORK HISTORICAL TRUST