

WI-327  
George H. Sapp House  
Tyaskin  
Private

c. 1900-10

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: George H. Sapp House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-327

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-327

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic George H. Sapp House

and/or common Fulton Fields House

**2. Location**

street & number North Side of Deep Branch Road  not for publication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 Donald M. Senkbeil

street & number Deep Branch Road P.O. Box 16 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1291

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 814

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-327

<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 George H. Sapp house is located on the north side of Deep Branch Road and the property borders Tyaskin Creek in the vicinity of the village of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date to the first decade of the twentieth century, the two-story, side hall/parlor main block is supported by a low concrete block foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The steeply pitched, cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and a pair of two-over-two sash windows to the east (right). The windows have a slight cornice molding. The door is partially glazed. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported by turned posts and embellished with sawn and spindle decoration between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The cross gable roof has extended eaves with small brackets decorating the lower corners. The cross gable is pierced by an arched attic window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and open soffits. The decorated rafter ends are exposed.

The west gable end is defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor and a single two-over-two window lights the attic. The eave is extended and the soffits are open.

The east gable end is marked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors, and the windows flank an interior end brick stove chimney. The attic is lighted by a pair of small, two-over-two sash windows. The interior end brick chimney rises through the roof and is covered with a coat of stucco.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing that is extend on its north and east sides by enclosed shed roofed additions. The exterior finish of extended eaves and exposed rafter ends remain consistent with the main block. An interior end brick chimney pierces the gable end.

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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: <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 B*, which identifies property of historic and/or architectural merit. The relatively intact nature of this house qualifies it for this high listing.



## **8.1 SIGNIFICANCE**

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**Tyaskin vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland**

## **FOOTNOTES**

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 22/477, 11/12/1898, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 2 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 61/306, 11/10/1908, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 160/90, 9/9/1929, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 4 Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 254/440, 8/13/1943, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 5 Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 1023/674, 12/23/1984, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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Chain of title

1291/814                      Peggy A. Fierce  
  (F/K/A Peggy A. Duncan)

to

5/8/1992                      Donald M. Senkbeil

1031/39                      Virginia Ellen Dorsey

to

3/4/1985                      Peggy A. Duncan  
  Donald M. Senkbeil as joint tenants

Parcel No. 1 12.6 acres  
Boundary survey for "Oliver F. Fields" 2/25/1985

A J S 1023/674                Retta M. Fields  
  O. Fulton Fields

to

12/23/1984                    Virginia Ellen Dorsey

JWTS 279/21                   Elmer L. Graham  
  Nancy C. Graham

to

6/21/1946                    O. Fulton Fields  
  Reta W. Fields

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JWS 254/440

Lou Hall, et al.

to

8/13/1943

Elmer L. Graham  
Nancy C. Graham

and being property of which Charles H. Hall died  
intestate on 5/17/1935 and which upon his death  
descended to his wife Lou and unto his son Sem  
C. Hall

IDT 160/90

George H. Sapp

to

9/9/1929

Charles H. Hall

Witnesseth that in consideration of the assumption  
by Charles H. Hall of Proctor, West Virginia, of  
the payment of \$1,000 due on a mortgage from the  
said George H. Sapp to Benjamin R. Dashiell  
EAT 63/70 60 acres

JTT 22/477

George H. Cordray

to

11/12/1898

George H. Sapp  
John F. Sapp, Jr. of Baltimore City (brothers)

1st Item \$800.00

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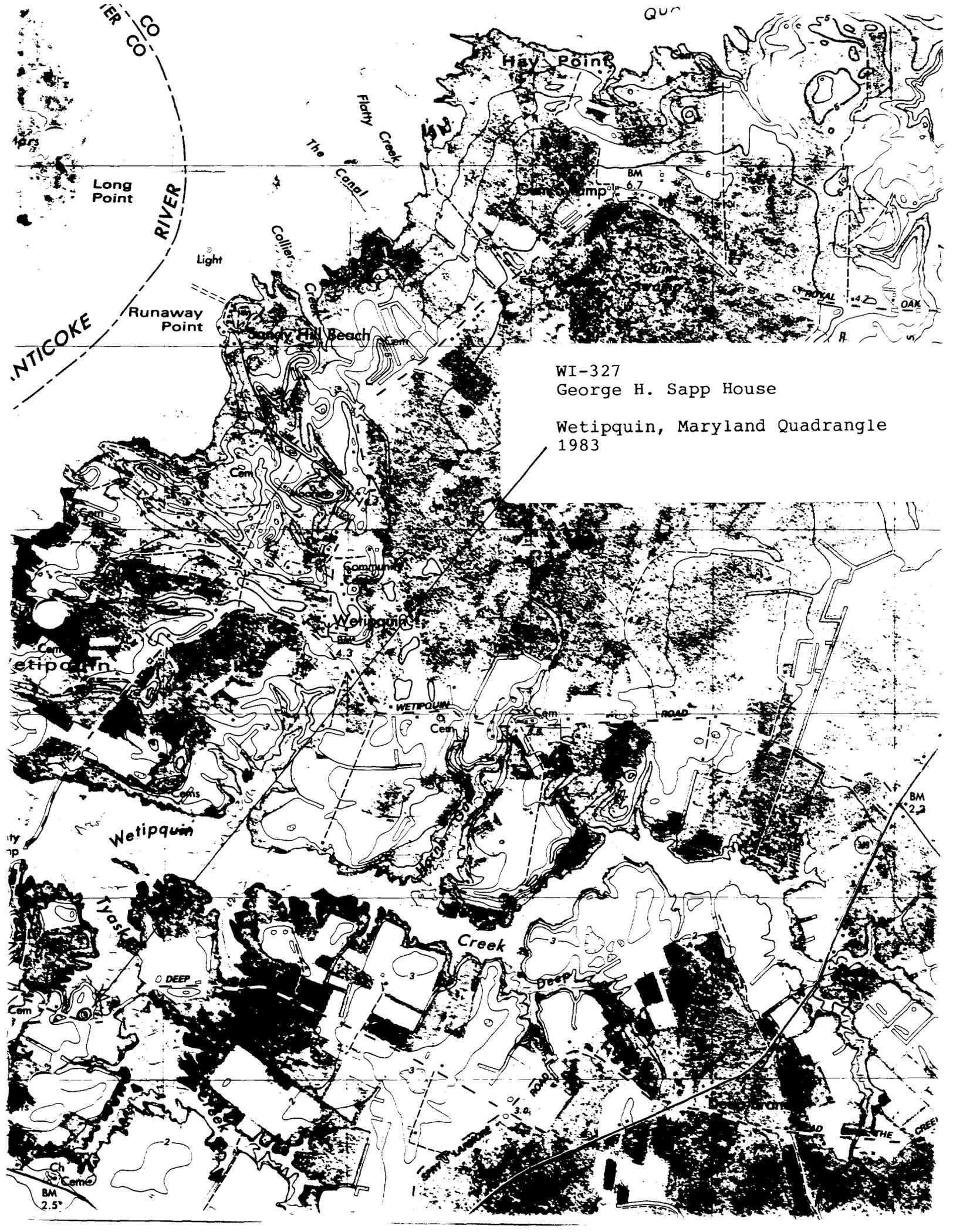
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the said John F. Sapp, Jr. having conveyed all  
his undivided right, title, and interest to George  
H. Sapp 11/10/1908 EAT 61/306

\$500.00 known as the home farm of George  
W. Cordray

“Fisherman’s Quarter”

“Betty’s Enlargement”



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George H. Sapp House

Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983







