

WI-430  
R. Frank Wimbrow House  
Salisbury vicinity  
Private

c. 1920

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**MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION**

**RESOURCE NAME:** R. Frank Wimbrow House

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER:** WI-430

**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):** Dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

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

historic R. Frank Wimbrow House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 27167 Woodside Drive  not for publication

city, town Salisbury  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 Mark and Ruth Benzin

street & number 27167 Woodside Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Former site Map 37, P. C-1A liber 1133

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 512

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-430

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			1981

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

The R. Frank Wimbrow house stands at 27167 Woodside Drive in the vicinity of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. In 1981, the house was moved to this location from its original site along Nanticoke Road (Map 37, Parcel C-1A). On its new site the house faces north with the principal roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1920, the two-story, tee-shaped frame house is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable and shed roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles. The house is located on a generous sized lot among loblolly pines.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a projecting two-story pavilion extending forward of the entrance bay, which is sheltered by a shed roofed porch. The porch roof is supported on square posts. The front door has been replaced, and paired six-over-six sash windows mark the adjacent bay. The second floor is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows. Modern replacement windows have been substituted for the original sash. Each opening is flanked by vinyl shutters. The projecting pavilion is marked by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor. An octagonal vent defines the gable end, which is finished with a slightly extended eave. Piercing the center of tee-shaped house is a single flue brick stove chimney.

The west gable end is defined by single six-over-six sash window on each floor. An octagonal vent marks the gable end. The east side of the tee-shaped house is defined by six-over-six replacement sash windows. Attached to the back and west side of the rear arm of the tee-shaped main block are single story enclosed shed roofed sections.

The interior retains portions of early twentieth-century woodwork including a Colonial Revival staircase located in the living room. A square newel post is topped by a cap molding featuring a dentil row. The newel post and a series of square balusters support a molded handrail. The doors and windows are framed by Colonial Revival moldings. Several early twentieth-century six-panel doors remain in the house. Access into the attic revealed a common rafter roof of circular sawn lumber fastened by wire nails.

# 8. Significance

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<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<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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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 114/414, 10 December 1919.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 887/602, 30 November 1977.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 3/15/99

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city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~ MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
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Chain of title

Map 37, Parcel C-1A

1133/512            Robert L. Messick and Pauline C. Eversman  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Merrill F. Eversman  
to

1/21/1988           Robert L. Messick  
Lot 1A Block C Centennial Village

AJS 887/602           Merrill F. Eversman and Myra E. Willing, Personal  
Representative of Beulah Mae Wimbrow (died on 6/29/1977)

to

11/30/1977           Robert L. Messick, Merril F. Eversman  
  
conveyed unto R. Frank Wimbrow and Beulah M. Wimbrow  
by three deeds 48.484 acres

1. from Everett S. Taylor, 1/5/1955, JWTS 447/21
2. from Vernon J. Hughes, 1/6/1950, JWTS 315/334,  
23.37 acres, Lot No. 5 on a plat dated 6/23/1913,  
EAT 86/264
3. from Louise E. Parsons, 8/31/1935, IDT 193/226,  
Lot No. 4, Plat 86/264

193/225            R. Frank Wimbrow  
Beulah M. Wimbrow

to

8/31/1935           Louise E. Parsons  
26.03 acres, Lot No. 4, Alonzao L. Williams land, plat made  
by P. S. Shockley, 6/23/1913, EAT 86/264

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Chain of title continued

JCK 114/414                      Louder Claude Hearne

to

12/10/1919                      R. Frank Wimbrow

JCK 109/416                      Samuel P. Woodcock

to

11/9/1918                      Louder Claude Hearne









