

WI-630
Powell-Burbage House
Powellville
Private

c. 1870

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-630

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Powell-Burbage House
 other

2. Location

street and number 5014 Powellville Road not for publication
 city, town Powellville vicinity
 county Wicomico

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

name Roland J. Taylor III
 street and number 5014 Powellville Road telephone
 city, town Pittsville state Maryland zip code 21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1525 folio 335
 city, town Salisbury tax map 51 tax parcel 145 tax ID number 6-003109

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Powell-Burbage house stands at 5014 Powellville Road south of the principal intersection of Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story side hall/parlor frame house faces east with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870-71, the two-story, three-bay, side hall/parlor plan house is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof, finished with a boxed cornice and flush gable ends, is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay service wing.

The east (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking six-over-one sash windows. The front entrance is fitted with an early twentieth century front door featuring an oval glass panel above the lock rail. The front door is flanked on each side by three-light sidelights. The adjacent windows are framed by square edges backbands, and shutter pintels remain in place without the shutters. Sheltering the first floor is an early twentieth-century Tuscan columned porch. The bottoms of the columns are enclosed in a weatherboarded knee wall. The outer edges of the house are trimmed with plain pilasters that rise to the boxed cornice. The second story is lighted by three six-over-one sash windows trimmed with square edged backbands. The cornice is trimmed with a crown molding.

The south side of the house is defined by pairs of six-over-one sash windows on each floor. The edges of the south wall are trimmed with plain pilasters that rise to a flush gable end trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

The north gable end features an exterior corbelled base chimney that rises above the first story with a single flue chimney. Six-over-one sash windows flank the stack on each side.

The west (rear) wall is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay by two-bay service wing, which is extended on the south side by a shed roofed enclosed porch. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stack. The rear wing is lighted by six-over-one sash windows.

The interior retains elements of third quarter of the nineteenth-century woodwork. Surviving in the side hall is a period staircase dominated by a heavily turned newel post.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:
 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, TFJR 2/262, 8 October 1870.
² Ninth Census of the United States, Wicomico County population schedule.
³ John L. Graham, ed. The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 15.
⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 4/142, 31 December 1880.
⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 47/277, 27 December 1904.
⁶ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 635/206, 11 July 1966.

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Powell-Burbage House
5014 Powellville
Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 51, Parcel 145

1525/335	Nancy L. Spencer
	to
12/30/1996	Lucy L. Hall ½ interest
AJS 1000/566	William H. Parsons
	to
10/17/1983	Nancy L. Spencer (minor) Richard James Taylor
JWTS 635/206	Iris Burbage Vickers, Elwood D. Vickers, Sr., Mildred Burbage Smith, W. Lynn Smith
	to
7/11/1966	William M. Parsons Radia M. Parsons

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JWTS 318/330 Lewis C. Merryman
Juanita E. R. Merryman

to

7/19/1950 Raymond H. Burbage
Mary H. Burbage

JWTS 318/328 Raymond H. Burbage
Mary H. Burbage

to

7/19/1950 Lewis C. Merryman
Juanita E. R. Merryman

EAT 47/277 Elmer H. Walton
Calvin B. Taylor, trustees

to

12/27/1904 Raymond H. Burbage
Decree of Circuit Court, Ernest S. Burbage, complainant and
Amanda W. Burbage, respondents, being No. 1503 in Chancery
\$675.00 being the lot of ground whereon the said Emory H. Burbage
resided at the time of his death....

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SPT 4/142

King V. White
Virginia E. White

to

12/31/1880

Emory H. Burbage

TFJR
3/126

Henry D. Powell

to

5/21/1872

King V. White
\$400 1 acre "End of Dispute"

TFJR 2/262

Sampson Burbage
Margaurite A. Burbage

to

10/8/1870

Henry A. Powell
\$50 1 acre

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.
- John E. Jacob, *Graveyards and Gravestones of Wicomico*, privately copied by the Lower Shore Genealogical Society, 1997.
- Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre
Quadrangle name Wango ~~Ninepin, Maryland~~ Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

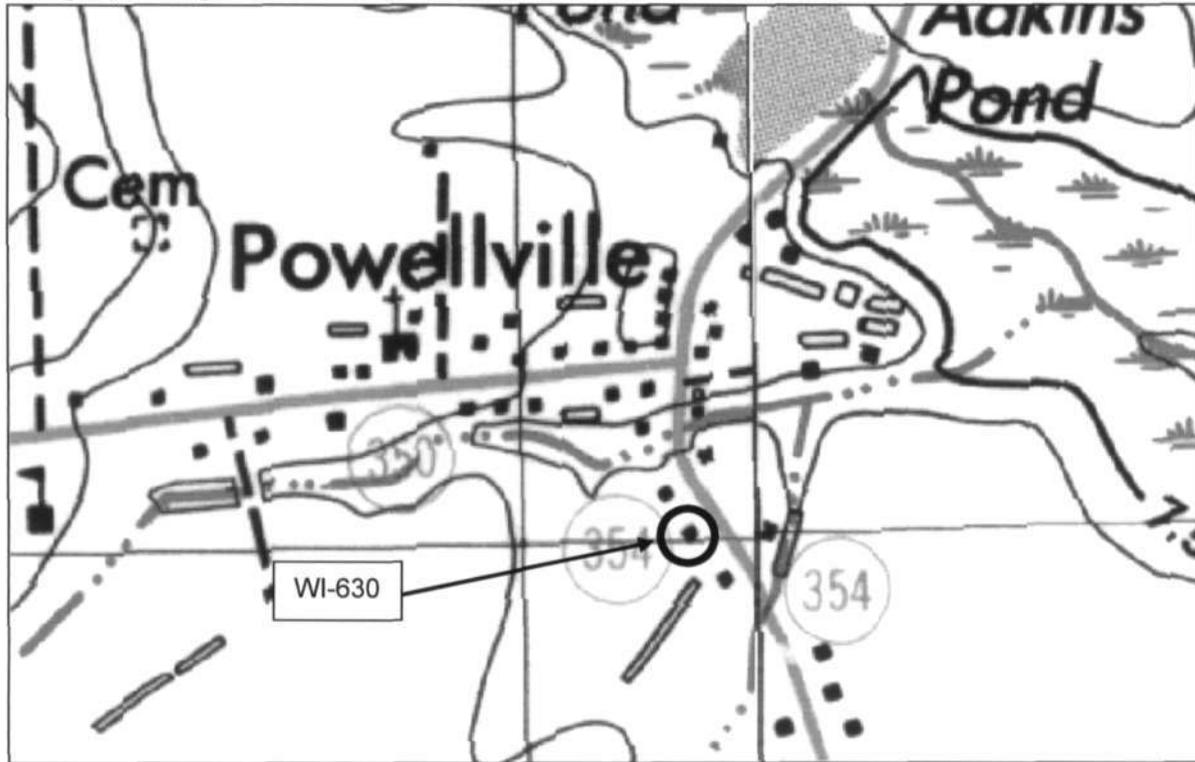
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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5014 Powellville Road, Pittsville
Wango quadrangle



Tax Map 51, P. 145

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010





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Power - BURKALE HOUSE

POWERSVILLE, WICOMICO CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOWART, PITON CAMPBELL

NTR. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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POWER - BURBAGE HOUSE

POWELLVILLE, WILKONING CO., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER

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