

Survey No. T-841

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Frazier Covington House

2. Location

street & number Wharf Road ___ not for publication

city, town Tilghman ___ vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state MD county Talbot

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 H. Redmond and M. Olive Howeth

street & number Wharf Road telephone no.: 886-2169

city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 255

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 350

city, town Easton state MD

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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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 Frazier Covington house is located on the north side of Wharf Road in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. The house faces south, with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, the exterior of this two-and-a-half story frame house is clad in asbestos shingles. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the building is supported by brick piers.

The three bay south (main) facade has a one-story, flat roofed addition as the central bay of the first floor flanked by one-over-one sash windows. This addition, which replaced the original front porch in the 1950s, has a central entrance door and louvered windows. The second story has a central, three sided, projecting bay with a cross gable at the roof. Each side of this central bay has a one-over-one sash window. The central bay is flanked by one-over-one sash windows with wide, dark green surrounds. The attic cross gable is decorated with scroll work and is lit by a half round window. There are two interior brick chimneys which flank the central hall of the house.

The west gable end is a two-story, three sided bay with three one-over-one sash windows on both the first and second floors. This elevation is decorated with scroll and spindle work.

The north (rear) elevation has a one-story, hipped roof addition which stretches across the first floor and is lit by windows of varying sizes. The second floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows.

The east gable end is a two-story, three sided bay with three one-over-one sash windows on both the first and second floors. This elevation is decorated with scroll and spindle work.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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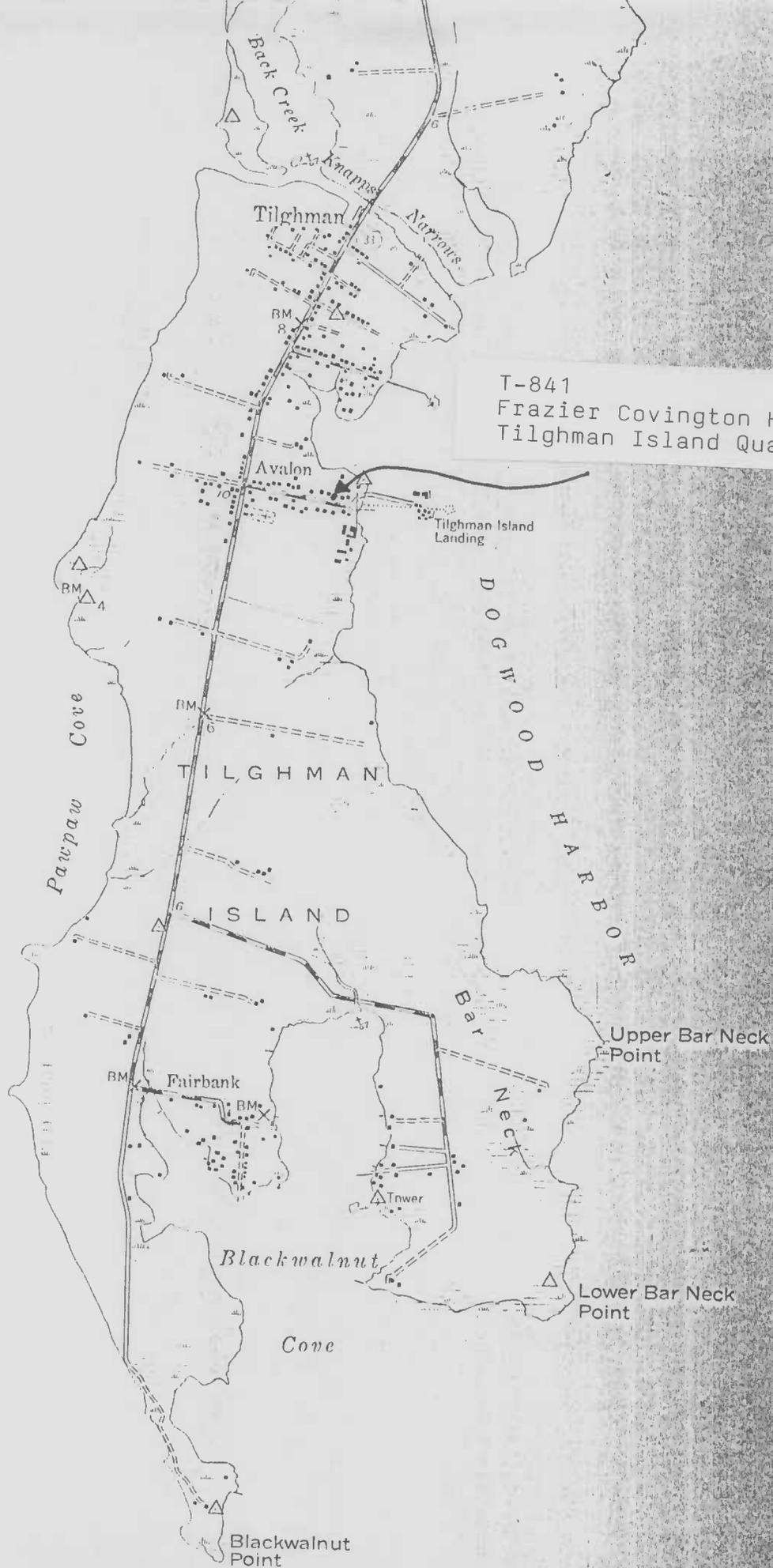
Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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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
<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: <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.

Frazier Covington built this house around 1900. More precisely, it was built three years after the neighboring Tilghman and Gertie Covington house was completed. The Frazier Covington house may have been built by William Catrup Nichols, a builder who was born in Oxford and lived in Tilghman before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1908.

The house's east and west three-bay gable ends are unusual in the village of Tilghman. This unique design is located on Wharf Road, a street once considered the cream of the crop according to one Island resident. Wharf Road continues as a causeway out to Avalon, a shell island which supported a seafood packing and vegetable canning plant until the 1950s. Both the packing plant and a steamboat wharf on the Island made Wharf Road a busy thoroughfare for the village of Tilghman between the 1890s and 1950s. Consequently, many houses are set back farther from the road than other homes in the village. Buildings on Wharf Road also tend to be more ornate or unusual. Today, the causeway and the shell island are part of Tilghman on the Chesapeake, a condominium development which is not wholeheartedly welcomed by Island residents.



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Frazier Covington House
Tilghman Island Quadrangle



