

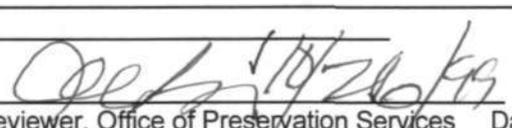
Property Address <u>4102 Old Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Sarah Stockstill, P.O. Box 233, Upper Marlboro MD 20773</u>
Year Built <u>1889</u>

**Description:**

The Wyvill House was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1985. Since the time of the previous survey, the house has been covered in vinyl siding and the northwest corner of the front porch has been screened. A modern garage located north of the house was not mentioned in the previous form. The wood-frame garage is covered in German siding and rests on a poured concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered in standing-seam metal. The garage has three open bays facing south.

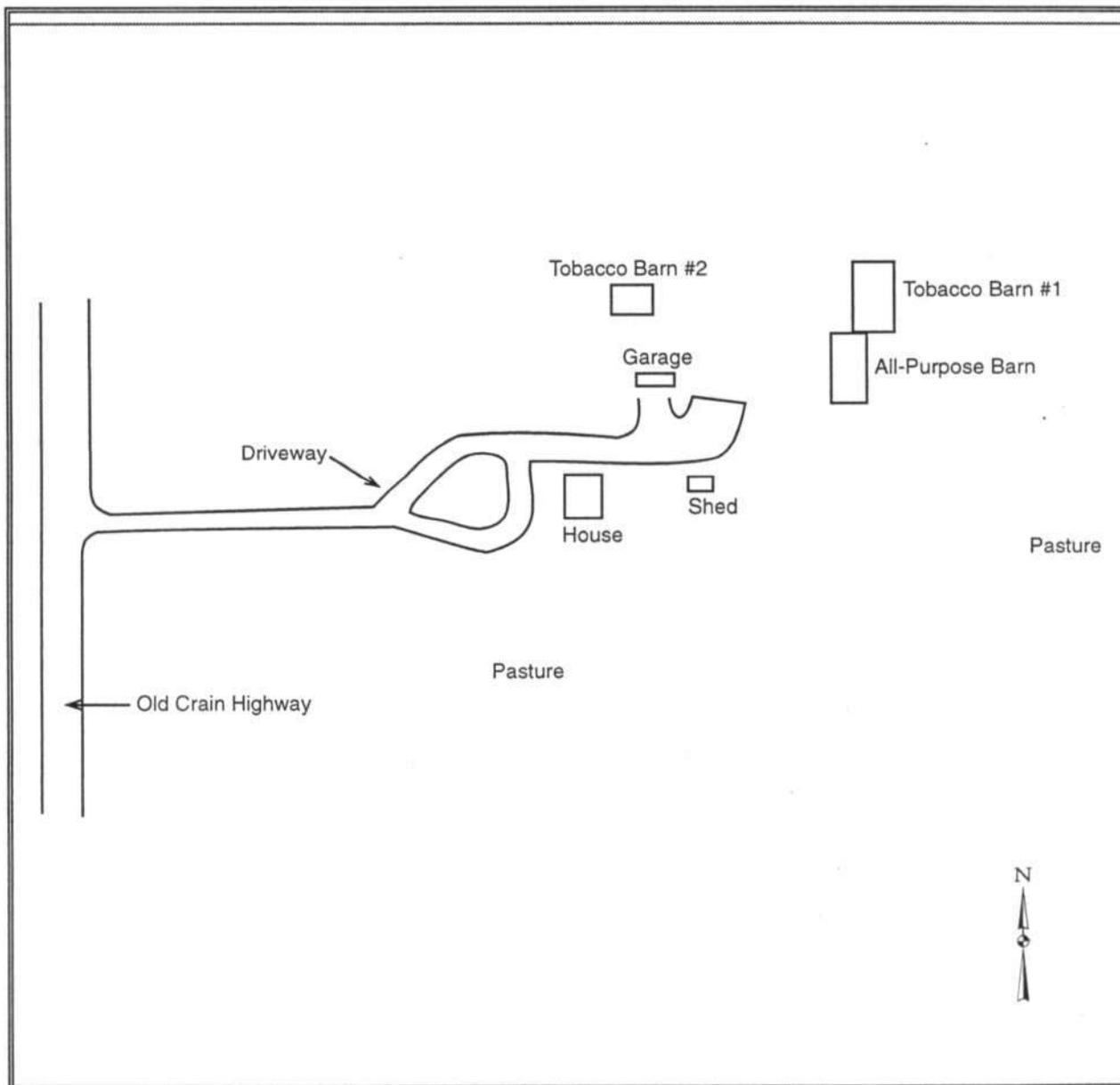
**National Register Evaluation:**

The Wyvill House is a contributing resource within the Woodland Historic District (PG:79-63). The Woodland Historic District was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Maryland Historical Trust in July 1993.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>		
Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program
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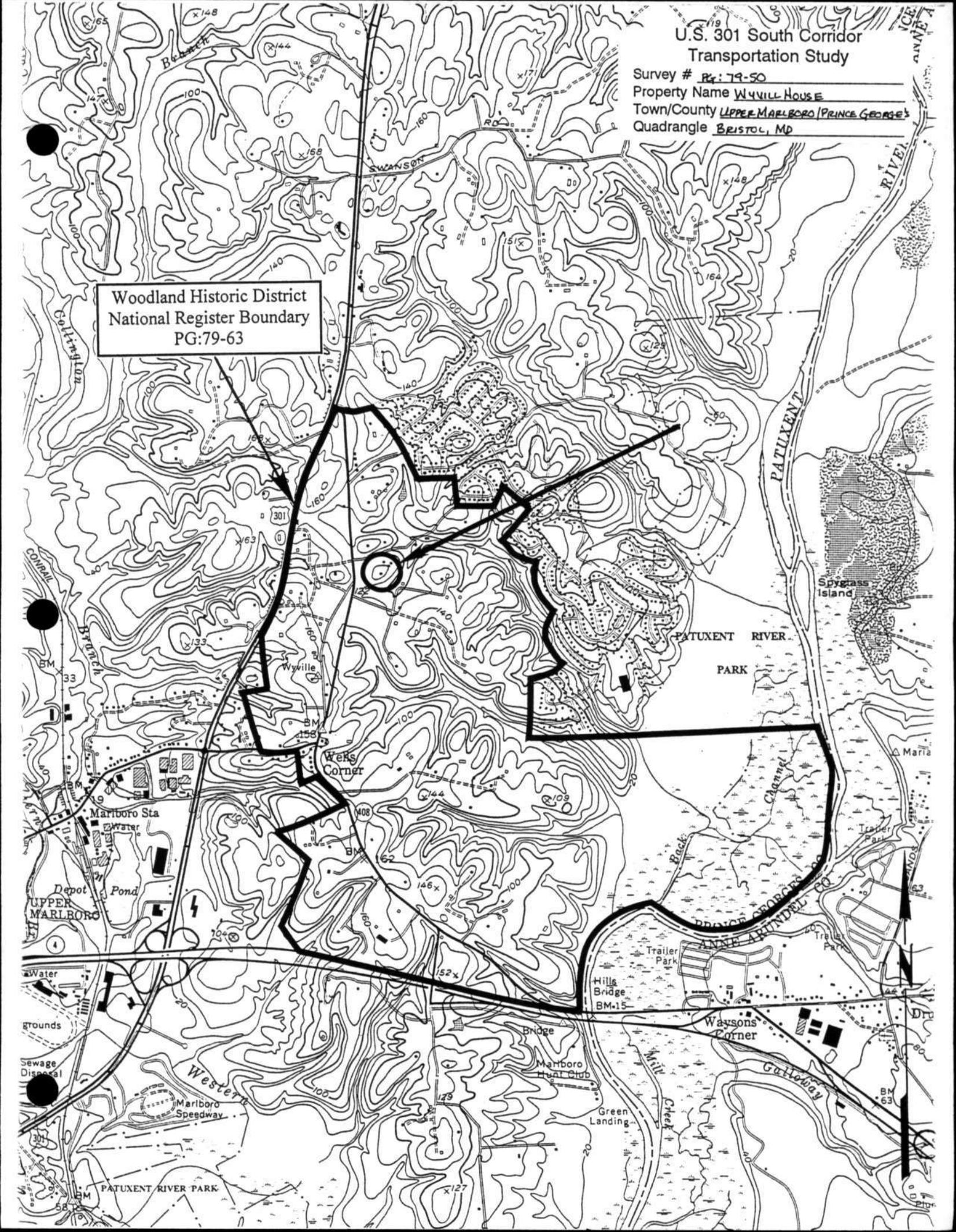
Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor  
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 79-50  
Property Name WYVILL HOUSE  
Town/County UPPER MARLBORO (PRINCE GEORGE'S)  
Quadrangle BRISTOL, MD

Woodland Historic District  
National Register Boundary  
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WYVILL HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S Co., MD

T. TAMBUCCINO

11-98

MD SHPO

W (FRONT) ELEVATION

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WYVILL HOUSE

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T. TAMBURINO

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E (REAR) ELEVATION

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PRINCE GEORGES Co., MD

TIM TAMBURINO

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MD SHPO

SHED, VIEW SE

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T. TAMBURRINO

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MD SHPO

SHED, VIEW NW

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GARAGE, VIEW NE

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GARAGE, VIEW SW

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ALL-PURPOSE BARN, VIEW E

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MD SHPO

ALL-PURPOSE BARN, VIEW SE

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TOBACCO BARN #1, VIEW E

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F. TAMBURRINO

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TOBACCO BARN #2, VIEW NW

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TOBACCO BARN #2, VIEW NE

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-50 Building Date: 1889  
Building Name: Wyvill House  
Location: 4102 Old Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Wyvill House is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed dwelling. It is covered with German siding painted white, with decorative shingle at the gable ends. The windows are generally 2/2 long double-hung-sash. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle and has deeply overhanging eaves. There are three corbelled brick chimneys. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay main west facade; this central bay projects from the facade, forming a 2-1/2 story cross-gabled porch tower. The door has a classical surround, with pilasters framing the doorway, and a dentilled frieze above the narrow, single-light transom. The third level of the porch tower is sided with decorative fish-scale shingles. The raking cornices are embellished with decorative perforated barge boards painted dark green. Across the west facade is a one-story shed-roofed porch which has a central pediment decorated with applied stick-style branches; its raking cornices are embellished with the same bargeboards as the tower. The north and south gable ends of the house are sided at loft level with saw-tooth shingles, thus forming a decorative pediment over the second-story windows. The same bargeboards decorate the raking cornices. There are additions on the north, east and south facades of the house.

Significance

The Wyvill House is one of several dwellings in the Marlboro area which were built by members of the Wyvill family of carpenters and builders. It is perhaps the best example in the County of a once popular Victorian vernacular house style, i.e., with the projecting central bay or "porch tower". The house was built in 1889 by John C. Wyvill for Miss Catherine Hill. The new house was a substantial example of Victorian vernacular architecture, with its projecting porch tower and Queen Anne decorative elements. It stood on a hill to the east of and facing the older Bleak Hill mansion which had been the home of Richard S. Hill. In 1927 the house and part of the acreage were purchased by Samuel Wyvill, grandson of its builder. At this time, he enlarged the house by several additions, including the one-story extension of the south front parlor, and the two-story addition inside the southeast corner of the ell. The Wyvill house is an important example of a substantial Victorian vernacular dwelling with Queen Anne decorative elements. It is also important as an example of the work of a prolific local builder, John C. Wyvill. It is presently the home of one of his descendants.

Acreage: 12.5 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wyvill House

and/or common Wyvill House

## 2. Location

street & number 4102 Old Crain Highway  not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Fred S. Wyvill

street &amp; number 4102 Old Crain Highway telephone no.: 627-4152

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code MD 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #2539

street &amp; number Main Street folio 289

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#79- 50

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

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

The Wyvill House is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed dwelling, handsomely sited on a prominent knoll. The house faces west towards the old road between Upper Marlboro and Queen Anne, and is approached by a drive which forms a circle in front of the house. The main block of the house is basically square, three bays by two bays, expanded by one-story additions on north and south, and a two-story addition on the east.

The building is covered with German siding painted white, with decorative shingle at the gable ends. The windows are generally 2/2 long double-hung-sash; they have plain board surrounds and no shutters. The house rests on a brick foundation. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle and has deeply overhanging eaves. There are three corbelled brick chimneys, two in the main block, placed symmetrically on the east plane of the roof, and one at the east gable end of the (rear) kitchen wing.

Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay main west facade; this central bay projects from the facade, forming a 2-1/2 story cross-gabled porch tower. The door has a classical surround, with pilasters framing the doorway, a dentilled frieze above the narrow, single-light transom, and crown molding above the frieze. Above the doorway at second level is a double window centered in the porch tower, and above that a small square window, 8/2, at loft level. The third level of the porch tower is sided with decorative fish-scale shingles. The raking cornices of the porch tower are embellished with decorative perforated barge boards painted dark green.

Across the main (west) facade is a one-story shed-roofed porch which originally wrapped part way around the north and south facades. The porch has a pedimented central projection sheltering the main entrance; the pediment is decorated with applied stick-style branches, and its raking cornices are embellished with the same bargeboards as the tower. The porch is supported by square chamfered posts, and has a railing with plain balusters. It rests on brick piers infilled with lattice, and is approached by a flight of five steps.

The two-bay-wide north and south gable ends are sided at loft level with saw-tooth shingles, thus forming a decorative pediment over the second-story windows. The same bargeboards decorate the raking cornices.

# 8. Significance

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1889 **Builder/Architect** John C. Wyvill

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wyvill House is one of several dwellings in the Marlboro area which were built by members of the Wyvill family of carpenters and builders. It is perhaps the best example in the County of a once popular Victorian vernacular house style, i.e., with the projecting central bay or "porch tower".

The house was built in 1889 by John C. Wyvill, a carpenter who came to Prince George's County from northwest Maryland after the Civil War.<sup>1</sup> (His four sons continued the building tradition, constructing, for example, the two St. Mary's Catholic churches in Upper Marlboro and Piscataway.<sup>2</sup>) It was built for Miss Catherine Hill on her allotment of her father's Bleak Hill estate. The new house was a substantial example of Victorian vernacular architecture, with its projecting porch tower and Queen Anne decorative elements. It stood on a hill to the east of and facing the older (1850's) Bleak Hill mansion which had been the home of Richard S. Hill.<sup>3</sup>

In 1905, Catherine Hill sold her house and circa 18 acres to the Owens family, and in 1910 it passed to M. Hampton Magruder. In 1927 the house and part of the acreage were purchased by Samuel Wyvill, grandson of its builder. At this time, he enlarged the house by several additions, including the one-story extension of the south front parlor, and the two-story addition inside the southeast corner of the ell.<sup>4</sup>

The Wyvill house is an important example of a substantial Victorian vernacular dwelling with Queen Anne decorative elements. It is also important as an example of the work of a prolific local builder, John C. Wyvill. It is presently the home of one of his descendants.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No P.G. #79- 50

Cf. Notes, Item #8

Cf. Chain of title

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 12.5 acres Tax map #93, parcel 37

Quadrangle name Bristol, section D

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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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
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date December 1985

street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPC

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro,

state MD 20772

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.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## #7. Continued

Interior plan of the main block is central stairhall, flanked by large parlors in the front, and small parlor and kitchen space in the rear. Each front parlor was warmed by a fireplace in its east (interior) wall, served by the large corbelled brick chimneys in the east plane of the roof. Only one mantel remains, in the north front parlor; it is of dark stone with engaged columns flanking the fireplace opening.

The house was originally L-shaped, with a one-bay-wide two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing extending to the east, flush with the north facade. The kitchen wing has an interior corbelled brick chimney at its (rear) east gable end. The interior corner formed by the ell has been filled in by a two-story addition, which enlarges the rear parlor. There are three other (one-story shed-roof) additions: a one-bay-by-one-bay addition on the south gable end enlarges the south front parlor; the enclosing of part of the porch on the north facade forms an expansion of the kitchen wing; and an enclosed sun porch runs across the rear (east) facade.

Directly behind the house (to the east) is a small gable-roofed outbuilding (meat house). It is covered partly with German siding and partly with plain boards. Entrance is in its north facade. Its foundation is poured concrete.

To the northeast is a small gable-roofed stable (probably contemporary with the house) with a central cross-gable on its main west facade; it has been nearly doubled in length by an addition to the south.

There are two (twentieth century) barns to the north and northeast.

#8 (Continued)

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1880's, interview with present owner, November 1985.
- 2 cf. Prince George's County Inventory files #79-44, #84-10.
- 3 cf. Prince George's County Inventory files #79-6; Equity #1684.
- 4 cf. Chain of Title; interview with owner.

Chain of Title

Wyvill House  
P.G. #79-50

#2539:289  
23 March 1961  
Deed

Samuel A. Wyvill, widower, to Frederick S. Wyvill, 12-1/2 or 13 acres of land, same acquired by #389:47.

#389:47  
28 July 1932  
Deed

Aimee H. Brooke to Samuel A. and Barbara Wyvill, 12-1/2 or 13 acres, same land recorded immediately prior.

#389:46  
28 July 1932  
Deed

Samuel A. Wyvill et ux to Aimee H. Brooke, 12-1/2 or 13 acres beginning where land abuts lane to property of Susan E. Hall, then east with fence to post at entrance to property of Bruce Buck, then north with line between Buck and Samuel Wyvill, following the branch to the point where stood tenant house occupied by Benjamin Sprigg, then with fence west with road from old Lodge farm to public road from Marlboro to Queen Anne, then with said road to the beginning. Same land acquired by Wyvill by #292:240.

#292:240  
31 May 1927  
Deed

M. Hampton and Mettie Magruder to Samuel A. Wyvill, 12-1/2 or 13 acres, land acquired by #67:26, except portion north of fence which runs from the branch at Benjamin Sprigg's tenant house, and north of the road to Lodge farm.

#67:26  
19 July 1910  
Deed

Eleanor Garner Owens and George French Owens of Prince George's, to M. Hampton Magruder, 18 to 20 acres, same land obtained by Catherine S. Hill in subdivision of land of her father's property (lot #3 of Division C of Bleak Hill, 137.82 acres) and conveyed by #30:30.

#30:250  
19 May 1906  
Deed

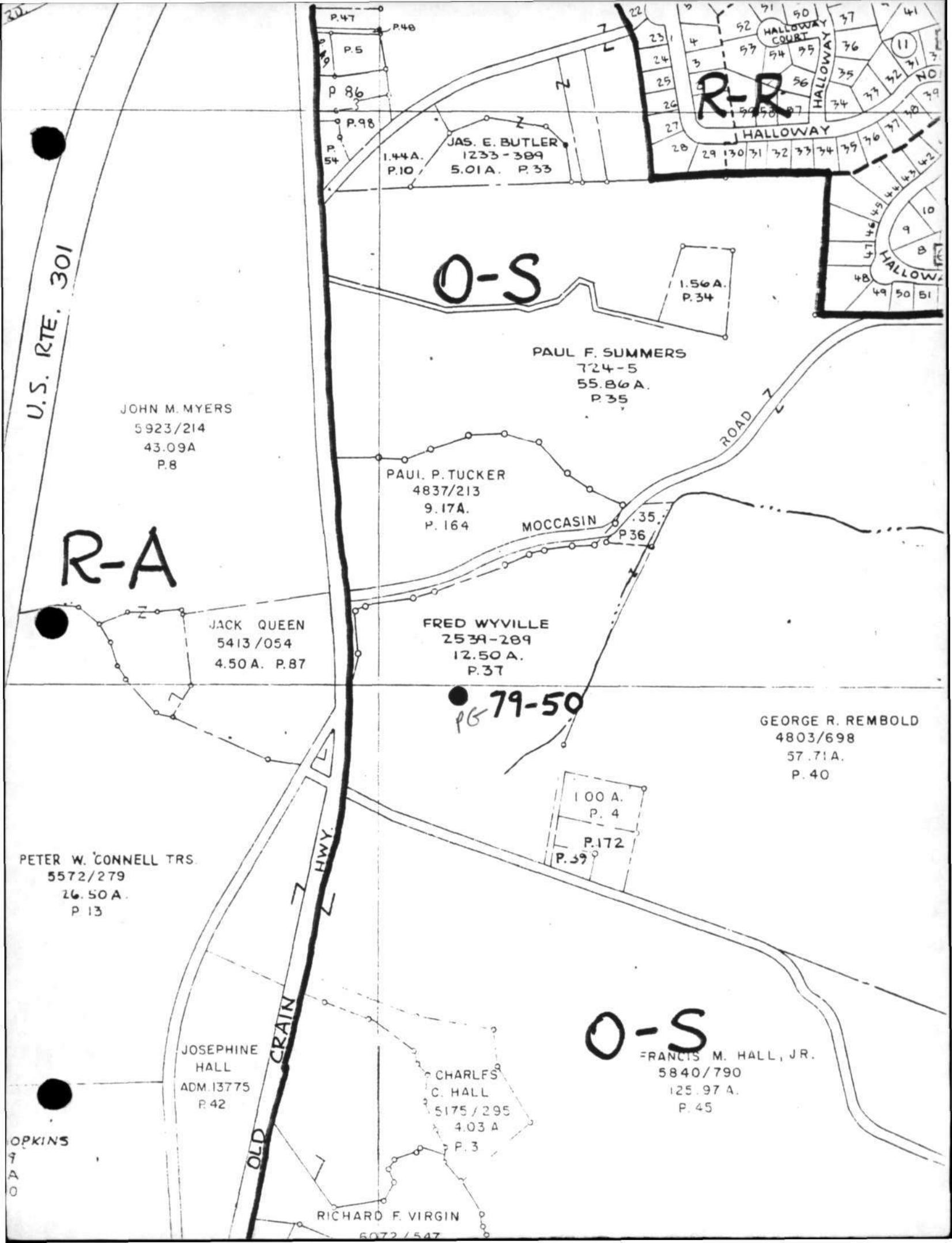
George French Owens to his wife Eleanor Garner Owens, 18 to 20 acres.

#30:30  
29 Dec. 1905  
Deed

Catherine S. Hill to George French Owens, part of the land which she received from the division of her father's real estate, Lot #3 of Division C of Bleak Hill, by Equity #1684, except 119 acres sold to M. Bowling, leaving 18-20 acres to be conveyed.

#1684  
1887  
Equity

Division of real estate of Richard S. Hill; to daughter Catherine S. Hill is allotted Lot #3, 137.82 acres (on east side of Marlboro-Queen Anne Road) of Division C of Bleak Hill.



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PAUL F. SUMMERS  
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PAUL P. TUCKER  
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JACK QUEEN  
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4.50A. P.87

FRED WYVILLE  
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Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
November 1985  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Wyvill House  
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November 1985  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Wyvill House  
Prince George's County, MD  
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East elevation  
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North elevation  
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Prince George's County, MD  
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