

K-584

1700-1799?

Tayman-Chance House

Near Georgetown

Private

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. K-584

Magi No. 1505845140

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Tayman House

and/or common Chance House (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number East side Rt. 213, .7 mile south of Sassafras River bridge not for publicationcity, town Georgetown  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Kent

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name John Chance

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town Henderson state and zip code Maryland 21640

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Court House liber WHG 25

street &amp; number Cross Street folio 453

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys NONE

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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			Circa 1950

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

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# 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
<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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> ? 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

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The southern section is about 15 feet wide and 16 feet . The later, north wing, with its front (west) wall flush with the earlier section's, is about 16 feet wide by 14 feet deep. Both sections are two bays wide. The added section also appears to be true 1-1/2 storey in height, but its roof is considerably lower and the pitch somewhat shallower than that of the earlier section.

Both sections are now covered with asbestos shingles over horizontal, lapped weatherboard, which is exposed in some places; some may be replacement material.

The chimney, appearing to have been built after the move, is located within the wing at the common wall with the main section. Given the location of the front and rear openings, it is most likely that there was once a chimney within the south end of the main section.

The door and window in both front and rear walls, opposite each other, are not placed with reference to a center point but set somewhat to the north. The materials do not seem to be original. The double-hung sash have 6-over-6 lights. There are no windows on the south end.

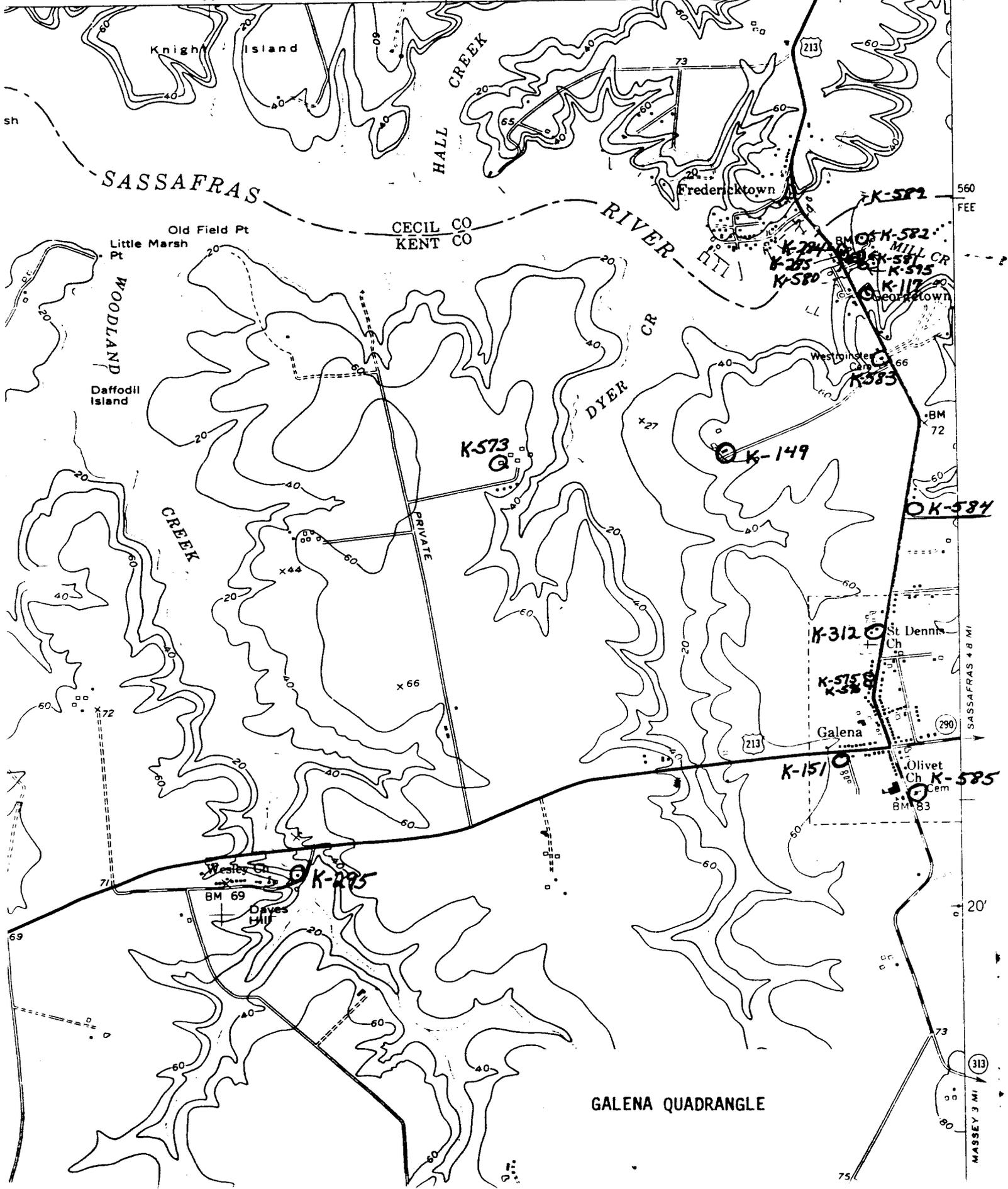
There is a single shed-roofed front dormer in the main section, slightly to the north of center. The sash are double-hung with 6-over-6 lights. The aluminum storm window-screen cover face details. The cheeks are of lapped weatherboard applied diagonally, following the pitch of the main roof.

There are now replacement flush verge boards, applied over the asbestos shingles. At front and rear the roof overhangs only slightly, and structural members do not appear to do so, only the roofing, which is wood shingles beneath asphalt shingles. There may be some very small blocking material, however.

In its later years, attached to the larger farmhouse, this section seems to have been used to house farm workers, at least on the upper storey.

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1:110,000 FEET



GALENA QUADRANGLE

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Chance House

Rt 213, near Galena

M. Q. Fallaw - 4/19/85

View to northeast

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Rt. 213 near Galena

M. Q. Fallaw - 4/19/85

View to northwest

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