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Joseph Covington House
Ingleside
Private

circa 1840-55

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Joseph Covington House, Louis Plugge House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest side Maryland Route 19

CITY, TOWN

Ingleside

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joseph A. Covington

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 18, Box 148

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21658

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 45

Folio #: 400

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Covington House is located on the southwest side of Maryland Route 19 on the west edge of Ingleside.

This large brick house was constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century. It is 2 1/2 stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys centered at each end of a pitched gable roof. An original 1 1/2 story brick wing projects from the southwest end of the rear facade, forming a rear L. An unusual brick combined dairy and meat house is located adjacent to the east wall of the rear wing.

The front facade of the house faces northeast, toward Route 19. The entrance is centered on the first floor, flanked by 6/6 windows on each side and five 6/6 windows on the second floor. There are two cellar windows at the southeast end of this facade. The front door is paneled and has a three-light transom and a granite sill. The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond; a corbeled brick cornice stretches across the facade wall.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

The cornice consists of two hounds-tooth courses above two plain corbeled courses. There are no dormers on the asphalt shingle roof. A one story, early 20th century porch stretches across the entire facade.

The only openings in the southeast gable are a pair of four-light windows in the upper gable, flanking the flush chimney. The brickwork is laid in common bond; the rakeboards are tapered and beaded.

The rear facade has an unusual fenestration pattern due to the plan of the rear wing, which covers the northwest portion of this facade. There is a door in the center bay on the first floor, opening into the interior stair hall, and 6/6 windows in the southeast bay on both the first and second floor. A third 6/6 window is downset above the first floor door, casting light onto the interior stair landing. To the left of the first floor rear entrance there is a second door, allowing direct access into the northwest parlor. The southeast wall of the wing jogs in at a sharp angle to accommodate this extra door, forming a triangular alcove which was later filled in to form a closet, thus blocking the second exterior door. At the same time, a one story enclosed porch was added

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

across the southeast wall of the wing. A centered 6/6 window flanked by doors now opens onto the porch rather than the yard. A dormer window is centered on the second floor. The brickwork is common bond, with no corbeling at the eave.

The gable wall of the wing is also common bond. The only openings are a 6/6 window (now 1/1) to the left of center on the first floor and a smaller opening with an interior shutter centered in the upper gable.

The northwest wall of the wing is flush with the northwest gable of the main house. There is no seam between the front section and the wing, and the brickwork is laid in common bond. A plain four-course corbeled cornice stretches across the facade of the wing. There is a single 6/6 window to the right of the chimney on the first and second floor of the northwest gable with a pair of four-light windows in the upper gable. Original beaded and tapered rakeboards cover the eaves. There are two widely spaced 6/6 windows on the first floor of the northwest wall of the wing and a single 6/6 dormer centered on the second floor.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

The interior of the main house consists of a center hall plan, with a single parlor on either side of the stair hall. There are two rooms on each floor of the rear wing. The open-string stair rises against the northwest wall of the hall. It has turned newels and balusters and a simple, continuous ramped railing. Plain flat strips of trim on the carriage outline the treads and risers; plain paneling encloses a closet below the stairs.

A stove flue is incorporated into the gable wall of each parlor. These flues do not project into the room. Plain mantels serve as decorative details, but do not signify earlier blocked fireplaces. Other decorative features include plain splayed window jambs, molded baseboard and architrave trim and four-panel doors.

The second floor plan is identical except for the original unheated chamber at the front (northeast) end of the hall. The second floor chambers match the first floor detail, except there are no flue openings. Registers in the floor above the first floor stoves evidently were the only source of heat. The stair continues to the third floor.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

The third floor was probably unfinished until circa 1900. It is now divided into a center hall flanked by a single room on each side. The northwest partition wall is constructed of plain vertical boards, the east wall of studs and plaster on circular sawn lathing and wire nails. The stove flues corbel out into the room at each gable to attain a larger profile above the roof line.

A door in the northwest room on the first floor opens into the northeast room of the wing. An enclosed winder stair in the northeast corner of this room rises to the corresponding room on the second floor. There is no direct access between the two second floor rooms of the wing. Apparently there was originally a steep ladder stair in the first floor kitchen (the southwest room) that allowed access to a segregated servant's room above. A brick chimney on the center partition wall was shared by both first floor rooms. The detailing in the wing includes a mantel in the northwest room that is identical to the mantels in the main house, and Greek ogee/astragal architrave trim.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.5 DESCRIPTION

Meat House/Dairy

This one story brick building is 12 feet wide and 20 feet long. The northeast part of the building, measuring 8 feet by 12, is the dairy, while the southwest portion, measuring 12 feet by 12, is the meat house. The two are incorporated into a single building under a broad pitched roof that overhangs three feet on the northwest facade, giving added protection to the two doors in that wall. The brickwork is common bond, and the southeast wall of the dairy is recessed 2 feet to allow an additional overhang to the roof. Window openings in the northeast and southeast walls of the dairy provide the necessary ventilation. The doorway in the northwest wall of the meat house is fitted with a wide batten door hung on wrought strap hinges. The floor of the meat house is brick paved, the dairy has a later poured concrete floor. The roof is framed with light rafters mitred and butted at the ridge, reinforced with scabbed-on collar beams.

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
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<input checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In general, the Covington House is typical of a house form widely utilized in Tidewater Maryland and Virginia. The overall proportions of the building, the center hall plan, and the five bay facade are all features that can be found in earlier Georgian and Federal buildings, while the brickwork, the detailing, and the interior woodwork are all typical of the mid-19th century.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Interior details of interest include the broad ogee architraves on both the first and second floors, and a rather steep but handsome stair.

The segregation of space on the second floor of the wing is a feature that seems to have gained favor in the second quarter of the 19th century. Other examples may be found in the area. A more thorough examination of the segregated room should reveal evidence of an original opening in the floor, where a steep ladder stair allowed access from the first floor kitchen. This arrangement and use of space

CONTINUATION SHEET

8.2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

generally occurs when the kitchen is located in a wing, with the room above presumably used for the kitchen servant.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland. Privately printed, 1934.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

7/9/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Note Book Md. I; Recorded August 1, 1979.

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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 018543

Owner Information

Owner Name: WALLS, GEORGE ELWOOD & CHRISTINA M T/E **Use:** RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: PO BOX 1 **Deed Reference:** 1) SM / 657/ 194
 INGLESIDE MD 21644-0001 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 2540 ROBERTS STATION ROAD INGLESIDE 21644
Zoning VC
Legal Description 1.013 ACRES N/SIDE RT 19 W/INGLESIDE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
31	17	99						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
Primary Structure Built	05

Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
2,280 SF	1.01 AC	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	33,050	40,080		
Improvements:	19,380	23,830		
Total:	52,430	63,910	60,082	63,910
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: WALLS, GEORGE ELWOOD **Date:** 01/29/1999 **Price:** \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** SM / 657/ 194 **Deed2:**
Seller: WALLS, GEORGE E & DENISE M **Date:** 07/29/1994 **Price:** \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** MWM/ 471/ 120 **Deed2:**
Seller: WALLS, GEORGE ELWOOD **Date:** 06/28/1991 **Price:** \$0
Type: MULT ACCTS ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** MWM/ 372/ 746 **Deed2:**

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

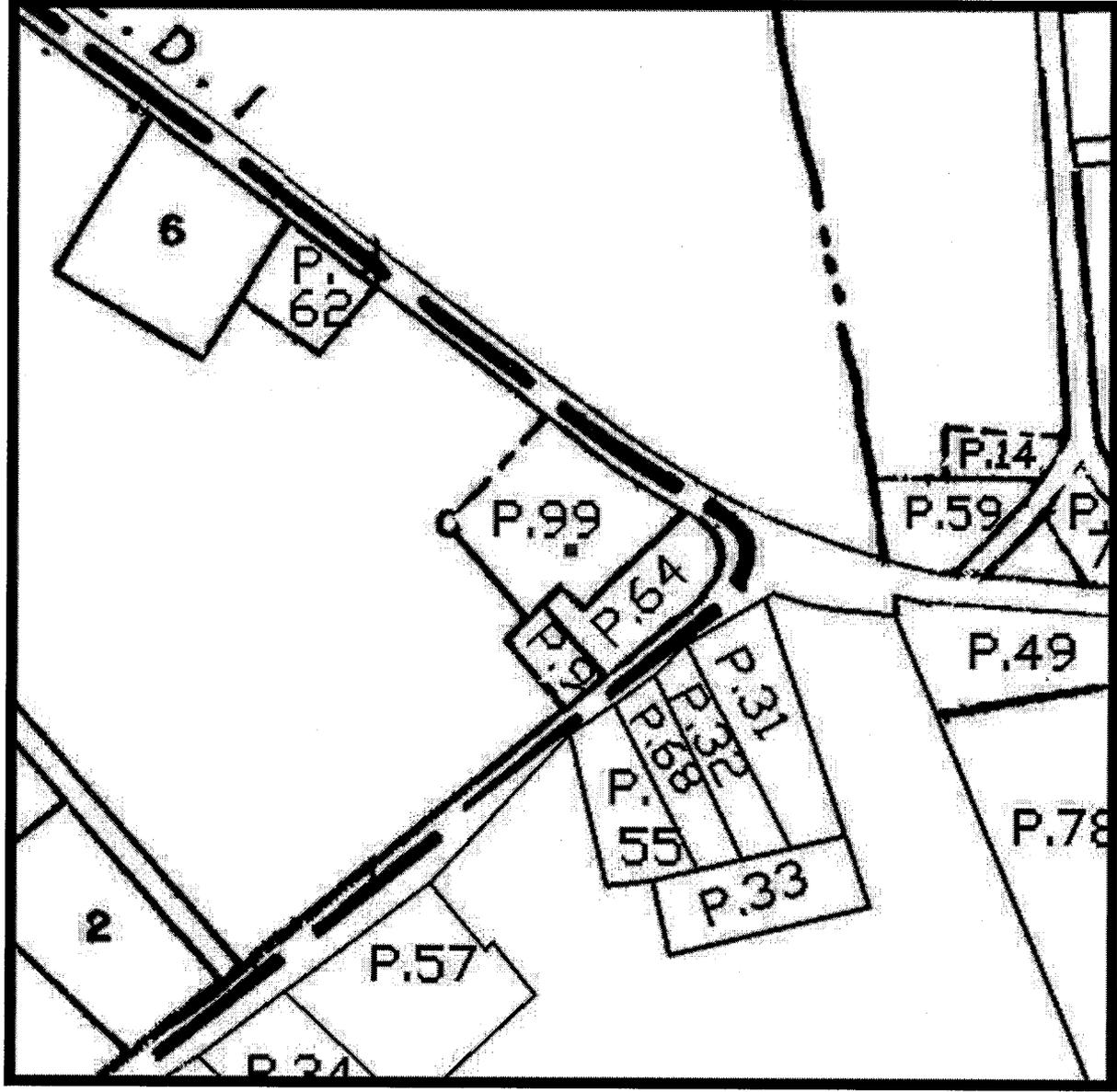
Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
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Covington Brick House
Ingleside, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from West



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Covington Brick House
Ingleside, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Outbuilding



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Louis Plugge Brick House #68

April 1974
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Louis Plugge Brick House

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