

WI-452
William Henry Coulbourn House
Fruitland vicinity
Private

c. 1883

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: William Henry Coulbourn House

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-452

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. **Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture
2. **Geographic Orientation:** Eastern Shore
3. **Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. **Resource Type(s):** Dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-452

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Henry Coulbourn House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 100 Lakeview Drive not for publication

city, town Fruitland vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

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 W. Edward and Judith M. Hearthway

street & number 100 Lakeview Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21804

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 48, P. 9, Lot 1
liber 1083

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 539

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-452

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 William Henry Coulbourn house stands at 100 Lakeview Drive, and the property borders South Division Street and Coulbourn's mill pond, also known as Fooks pond, north of Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, cross-gabled frame house faces west with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated around 1883, the two-and-a-half story, four-bay, tee-shaped Victorian farmhouse is supported on a stretcher bond brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar under the rear wing. The house is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the kitchen wing is a single-story garage.

The west (main) elevation is a four-bay facade with two partially glazed doors occupying the center bays. The doors have Victorian etched glass panels above the lock rail and multiple raised panels below. The adjacent bays are filled with replacement windows of six-over-one sash. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on square posts. The original turned posts are stored in the garage. The second floor is defined by replacement windows, and centered on the roof is a cross gable pierced by a colored glass window. The window pierces a field of restoration fishscale shingles. The edge of the roof is extended and the eave is boxed and covered with aluminum. Rising through the center of the house is a brick chimney stack.

The south gable end is distinguished by a three-sided bay topped by a gable end roof. The bay is defined on each side by single-pane sash windows, and the second story as well as the gable end are covered with fishscale shingles. The north gable end is defined by a single replacement window on each floor, and a two-over two sash window lights the attic.

The back wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story rear wing, which has been extended to each side. On the south side there is an enclosed single-story porch, and to the north is a two-story addition that includes the kitchen. The rear wing includes a stair hall and living room.

The interior of the house has been remodeled. A portion of the original late nineteenth-century woodwork survives. The turned baluster railing is anchored by a Victorian newel post topped by a ball finial. The staircase is also distinguished by a closed stringer and a molded handrail. Bulls-eye block late nineteenth-century surrounds frame the door and window openings.

8. Significance

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 checked="" 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

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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¹ John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 20.

² Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 2/43, 21 May 1875.

³ Wicomico County Register of Wills, LJG 1/167, proved 28 August 1906.

⁴ Wicomico County Register of Wills, MNN 1/501, proved 19 December 1933.

⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 356/463, 28 May 1954.

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Map 48, Parcel 9, Lot 1

1083/539 Raymond Eugene Brown
 Virginia Lois Ruth Brown

to

11/6/1986 W. Edward Hearthway
 Judith M. Hearthway

AJS 860/181 Worthington J. Thompson
 Lorna Thompson

to

8/6/1976 Raymond E. Brown
 V. Lois Brown
 "Coulbourn Manor" JWTS 364/33

JWTS 671/495 Richard T. Pillsbury
 Margaret A. Pillsbury

to

5/8/1968 Worthington J. Thompson
 Lorna Thompson

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Chain of title continued

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JWTS 356/90

S. Irvin Johnson, widower, et al.

to

4/30/1954

Carroll E. Bounds
55 acres...constituting all real estate owned by the late
May Coulbourn Johnson (died 10/26/1952)

MNN 1/501

Last Will and Testament
James D. Coulbourn

to, sister

Written
6/27/1933
Proved
12/19/1933

May Coulbourn Johnson

Item Second: all that tract on the easterly side of and
binding upon the County Road leading from Salisbury
to Fruitland by way of Coulbourn's Mill

LJG 1/167

Last Will and Testament
William Henry Coulbourn

to, son

Written
6/9/1906
Proved
8/28/1906

James Duncan Coulbourn

Item 3: I give and bequeath to my son James Duncan
Coulbourn all the balance of my said Place lying east
of the line of the last part of the said land devised to
my son Augustus and south of the road leading from

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Tony Tank to Snow Hill and north of the Josiah
Fook's mill race and pond and west of the "Pea
Field."

SPT 2/43

Samuel A. Graham, trustee

to

5/21/1875

William H. H. Coulbourn
Decree of Circuit Court, 7/7/1874, Sally C.
Disharoon is complainant and Woodland Disharoon
et al. defendants

Nutter's Election District-two miles southeast from
Salisbury known as Disharoon mill property
including the grist and saw mills and all the land on
south side of high water mark along the north side
of the mill pond...

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877







