

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG: 82B-000-32b

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William Burns Wilson Shop
other

2. Location

street and number 12804 Croom Road not for publication
city, town Naylor vicinity
county Prince George's

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

name Charles M. and Carrie Kidwell
street and number 12804 Croom Road telephone
city, town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772-8011

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 13623 folio 601
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 138 tax parcel 41 tax ID number 04-0265959

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
district	public	agriculture	Contributing <input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	1 <input type="checkbox"/> buildings
structure	both	defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
site		domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
object		education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		government	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0
		health care	
		industry	
		landscape	
		recreation/culture	
		religion	
		social	
		transportation	
		work in progress	
		unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The William Burns Wilson Shop at 12804 Croom Road is a one-story vernacular structure. The building is constructed of vertical wood siding and has a rectangular plan. The property is sited on the east side of Croom Road (MD 382) in Naylor, Maryland. The site is located directly south of the Burns Wilson House (PG: 82B-00-32a) and north of the Brookfield Methodist Church (PG: 82B-013). Mature trees and shrubs surround the property. A gravel driveway is located between the dwelling and the shop.

SHOP BUILDING

Set on a concrete foundation, this one-story, two-bay vernacular building was built c. 1920. The wood-frame structure was constructed by William Burns Wilson of board-and-batten siding. The lumber for the building came from his family's homestead on Mill Town Landing Road (PG: 87A-027).¹ A side-gabled roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails caps the building. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The shop retains most of its 2/2 windows with square-edged wood surrounds. Replacement windows consist of 2/2 vinyl-sash windows. A one-story, one-bay addition is located on the east (side) elevation. Based on its form and materials, the addition appears to have been constructed c. 1930 during Wilson's ownership. The addition has a concrete foundation and is clad in board-and-batten siding. The side-gabled roof is covered in standing-seam metal. A metal stovepipe chimney breaks the roofline of the addition.

The façade (north elevation) of the main block is fenestrated by three 2/2 windows and a single-leaf wood door, the latter of which is located in the eastern bay.

The west (side) elevation is fenestrated by two symmetrically placed 2/2 vinyl-sash windows. A window opening, now covered in board-and-batten, is located in the gable end. During the 1986 on-site survey a large hole, consisting of half of the elevation, was present. When the elevation was repaired with wood siding the original 2/2 windows, only one of which was extant in 1986, were replaced.

The south (rear) elevation of the main block features three asymmetrically placed 2/2 windows.

The one-story addition on the east (side) elevation of the main block features a single 2/2 window on the north, east, and south elevations. A single-leaf wood door is placed in the east (side) elevation. At the time of the 1986 on-site survey, a shed roof porch was located on the north (side) elevation of the addition; this porch is no longer extant. The interior of the shop was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

INTEGRITY

The William Burns Wilson Shop retains a low level of integrity. Replacement of two windows, the reconstruction of a portion of the west (side) elevation, and a rear addition have compromised the building's

¹ Marina King, "Burns Wilson Shop," (PG: 82B-000-32b) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1986), 8:1.

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integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The vacant shop has lost its integrity of feeling and association. Sited in rural Naylor, Maryland, the building retains its integrity of location and setting.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>
Specific dates	c. 1920		Architect/Builder	William Burns Wilson
Construction dates	c. 1920, c. 1930			
Evaluation for:				
<input type="checkbox"/> National Register		<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Register	<input type="checkbox"/> not evaluated	

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Burns Wilson Shop is located at 12804 Croom Road in unincorporated Naylor, Maryland. The building is a good example of commercial vernacular architecture in Prince George's County. The mechanics/metal work shop is the only building of its type in Naylor. William Burns Wilson also constructed a dwelling (PG: 82B-000-32a) on the property and lived there while he worked in the shop. The property retains its rural setting with rolling hills and cultivated farm fields surrounding the property. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey the characteristics for which it is significant.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The William Burns Wilson Shop is located in rural Naylor, Maryland. The agricultural village of Naylor is located in southeastern Prince George's County along Croom Road, between Nottingham Road on the north, and Candy Hill Road on the south. In 1650, Major Thomas Brooke patented the Brookfield tract, a large parcel encompassing land bounded by Mattaponi Creek on the north, the Patuxent River on the east, Deep Creek on the south, and a stone marked T.B. on the west. Croom Road, a significant north-south route, became an important thoroughfare in Prince George's County.

The Brookfield property remained in the Brooke family until 1856, when Benjamin Duvall purchased 450 acres of the parcel. The William Burns Wilson Shop is located on a one-acre lot, which was originally part of the Duvall tract until 1914. In 1856, Duvall added a wood-frame addition on the north side of an existing two-story brick structure on the property, believed to be the original seventeenth- or eighteenth- century Brooke farmstead. Called "Brookfield," this property passed through the Duvall family and was divided among heirs in 1903.² After receiving this property, several members of the Duvall family constructed residences nearby. The Duvalls were also instrumental in the construction of Brookfield United Methodist Church (PG: 82B-013), donating the land to the church in 1886. The village was known as Brookfield until the establishment of the post

² Marina King, "Naylor Historic Survey Area," Maryland Historical Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Form (December 1986), 8:1.

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office in the Naylor House (PG: 86A-026) c. 1913.³ The Duvall family continued to live in the area with succeeding generations constructing their own houses in Naylor during the 1920s and 1930s.

The Duvall family sold a one-acre parcel along Croom Road, just north of the Brookfield United Methodist Church, to William Burns Wilson and his wife Ruth W. Wilson in 1920.⁴ Wilson constructed the dwelling and shop at 12804 Croom Road c. 1920 with the assistance of his brother and father.⁵ Prior to owning this property, William Burns Wilson worked out of his family's shop at their homestead on Mill Town Landing Road (PG: 87A-027).⁶ After purchasing the property, Wilson made a living as a car mechanic, blacksmith, and doing wood and metal work in the shop.⁷ The shop was constructed of lumber from the Wilson family homestead on Mill Town Landing Road.⁸

William Burns Wilson was born September 10, 1890 in Prince George's County, Maryland. In June of 1917 Wilson filled out a draft registration card for World War I.⁹ In 1942, he filled out a World War II draft registration card. On the World War II card Wilson listed himself as a garage mechanic residing in Naylor.¹⁰ No pension benefits were found for Wilson for World War I or II so it is unclear if Wilson served in either of the World Wars.

William Burns Wilson resided and worked on the property until his death in 1973. His wife, Ruth Marie Wilson, died on November 19, 1980 and the property was willed to their heirs, Henrietta W. Peterson, Marie E. Litterer, David Burns Wilson, and Fannie L. Wilson.¹¹ It doesn't appear that Wilson's heirs continued operating the shop after their fathers death.

In 2000, the only surviving tenant, David Burns Wilson sold the property to the present owners Charles M. and Carrie Kidwell.¹² Currently, the shop is vacant and appears to be used for storage.

³ King, "Naylor," 8:2.

⁴ Maria A. Duvall to William Burns Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson, Prince George's County Land Records, 163:282.

⁵ Marina King, "Burns Wilson House," (PG: 82B-000-32a) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites and Inventory Form (1986), 8:1.

⁶ King, "Burns Wilson House," 8:1.

⁷ King, "Burns Wilson House," 8:1.

⁸ King, "Burns Wilson House," 8:1

⁹ U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, Prince George's County, Maryland, Roll 1684365, Draft Board 0.

¹⁰ U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, Prince George's County, Maryland, Series WW2, Roll 2243602.

¹¹ Henrietta W. Peterson and Marie E. Litterer to David Burns Wilson and Fannie L. Wilson, Prince George's County Land Records, 5774:292.

¹² David Burns Wilson, surviving joint tenant, to Charles M. and Carrie Kidwell, Prince George's County Land Records, VJ 13623:601.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1
Acreage of historical setting 1
Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The William Burns Wilson Shop is sited on a one-acre lot, which was originally part of Bejamin Duvall's 450-acre tract known as "Brookfield." The lot is bounded on the west by Croom Road and agricultural fields to the north, east, and south. The commercial building has been historically associated with Parcel 41 as noted on Tax Map 138 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Saleh Van Erem, Architectural Historian		
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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CHAIN OF TITLE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Deed 99:261
August 11, 1914

Joseph B. and Elizabeth W. Duvall to Maria A. Duvall.

Deed 163:282
September 16, 1920

Maria A. Duvall to William Burns Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson. (1 acre)

Deed NLP 4707:305
December 18, 1976

Ruth Marie Wilson, surviving tenant, to David Burns Wilson, Fannie L. Wilson, Marie E. Litterer, and Henrietta W. Peterson.

Deed NLP 5774:292
October 11, 1983

Henrietta W. Peterson and Marie E. Litterer to David Burns Wilson and Fannie L. Wilson.

Deed VJ 13623:601
January 27, 2000

David Burns Wilson, surviving joint tenant, to Charles M. and Carrie Kidwell.

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Photo: William Burns Wilson Shop, northwest corner, looking southeast. (August 2007)

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Photo: William Burns Wilson Shop, south elevation, looking north. (August 2007)

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Photo: William Burns Wilson Shop, view of rear addition and main block, looking south. (August 2007)

