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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual property (Indianal Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). In the last service marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)			
☑ private ☑ building(s)	Contributing Noncontributing			
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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register			
N/A	0			
6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)			
DOMESTIC/single dwelling	DOMESTIC/single dwelling			
COMMERCE/TRADE/department store				
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)			
GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE	foundation Brick			
	walls Weatherboard			
	roof <u>Asbestos</u>			
	other			

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 1

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8. Statement of Significance			
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)		
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☐ A Property is associated with events that have made			
a significant contribution to the broad patterns of			
our history.			
■ B Property is associated with the lives of persons			
significant in our past.			
☑ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics			
of a type, period, or method of construction or			
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high artistic values, or represents a significant and	Desired of Olympia		
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☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for			
religious purposes.			
•	Significant Person		
☐ B removed from its original location.	(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)		
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☐ C a birthplace or grave.	A 1		
□ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation		
a comotory.	N/A		
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.			
☐ F a commemorative property.			
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance	Architect/Builder		
within the past 50 years.	Unknown		
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Narrative Statement of Significance			
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 6		
9. Major Bibliographical References			
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:		
· ·	☐ State Historic Preservation Office		
☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	☐ Other State agency		
previously listed in the National Register	☐ Federal agency		
previously determined eligible by the National	☐ Local government		
Register	☐ University		
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark			
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	Name of repository:		
#	Somerset County Historical Trust		
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering			

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organization	Private Consultant		date2.	5 April 1994	_
street & number	P.O. Box 5		telephone _	(410) 651-1094	_
city or town	Westover	_ state	MD	zip code 21871	_
Additional Docu	mentation				
Submit the following	items with the completed form:				
Continuation Sh	ee ts				
Maps					
A USGS	map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the pro-	operty's	location.		
A Sketch	map for historic districts and properties having	g large a	acreage or	numerous resources.	
Photographs					
Represer	ntative black and white photographs of the pro	perty.			
Additional items (Check with the SHP	o O or FPO for any additional items)				
Property Owner					
(Complete this item a	at the request of SHPO or FPO.)				
name	Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Long, Jr.				_
street & number	P.O. Box 157		telephone _		_
city or town	Westover	_ state	MD	zip code21871	

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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The William T. Tull House is a two-story, three-bay, center passage/double-pile plan dwelling, erected around 1860 in the village of Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The frame house rests on a continuous brick foundation, and is sheathed with weatherboards and trimmed with corner pilasters and bracketed eaves. A Tuscan columned porch spans the south (main) facade, and a pair of two-story bay windows marks the east gable end. narrow brick interior chimneys with dentiled caps rise through the ridge of the steeply pitched gable roof. The exterior decorative detailing combines features associated with the Greek Revival and Italianate styles in a manner characteristic of the vernacular architecture of the Eastern Shore region in the mid-19th century. The interior is finished with woodwork typical of the period, including architraves with bull's-eye corner blocks, a turned baluster stair, and fireplace mantels. Also on the property is a small mid-19th century frame wash house.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The William T. Tull house is located in the center of the village of Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The house faces south; the east gable end faces MD Route 413.

The large rectangular house is a two-story, three-bay, double-pile frame building supported by a low brick foundation. The center-passage-plan dwelling is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asbestos shingles. Also on the lot is a small mid-19th century gable-roofed frame wash house.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance sheltered by a single-story Tuscan columned porch (an early 20th century addition). The double front door is partially glazed and it is flanked by paired two-over-two sash windows to the east and a single six-over-six sash window to the west. The window openings are fitted with louvered shutters. The second floor is marked by three unevenly spaced six-over six sash windows that retain louvered shutters as well. A bracketed cornice defines the base of the roof, and plain pilasters highlight the corners of the main block. A pair of narrow brick chimneys rise through the center of the house and are finished with corbelled and dentiled caps.

The east gable end is dominated by a pair of two-story bay windows that were added around 1895-1900. The windows are fitted with Queen Anne style sash, with small lights bordering a large pane in the upper sash. Fixed in the upper gable end is a six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters. The extended eave at the gable end is fitted with decorative brackets.

The north (rear) elevation is detailed in a similar manner to the front of the house, with a central entrance flanked by six-over-six sash windows. The door is sheltered by a Colonial Revival single-bay covered stoop. Brackets embellish the eaves, and pilasters trim the corners.

The west side of the house is covered by a two-story, one-bay by one-room wide wing and a single-story pantry that once served as

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a kitchen. A single-story colonnade and a two-story kitchen was formerly attached to the west gable end, but these were torn down during the early part of the twentieth century.

The interior retains a substantial portion of its mid- to late nineteenth century woodwork. The configuration of the center hall has been modified with a turn in the passage at the south end. According to the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Long, Jr., the staircase was reworked to its present configuration during the late nineteenth century. A bold turned newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail.

The building conforms to the center-passage, double-pile floor plan commonly associated with residential buildings in the region during the period; documentary sources indicate that a portion of the house was used for commercial purposes during the nineteenth century. East of the center hall are two large rooms lighted by three-sided bay windows. The door and window openings are framed by architraves with bull's-eye corner blocks. Fixed against the inner wall of the northeast dining room is a Victorian mantel with no fireplace, while a mid-twentieth century Colonial Revival mantel frames the fireplace in the southeast parlor. A wide opening in the partition wall, framed by a corner block surround, allows movement between the two rooms.

On the west side of the hall are two smaller rooms fitted with mid-nineteenth century mantels. Plain pilasters rise to a plain frieze that supports a thick board shelf. Four-panel doors are framed by plain surrounds. Closets have been added to the southwest room, while the northwest room was remodeled as a kitchen during the past fifteen years.

The second floor is divided into four bedrooms that open off a center hall. The open string staircase rises to a partially finished attic. On the west side of the hall, the rooms are finished with plain surrounds that frame four-panel doors. There is a mantel in the northwest bedroom, which has been partitioned to create an upstairs bathroom. On the east side of the hallway, bulls-eye block surrounds frame four-panel doors, and a molded baseboard trims the perimeter of the room.

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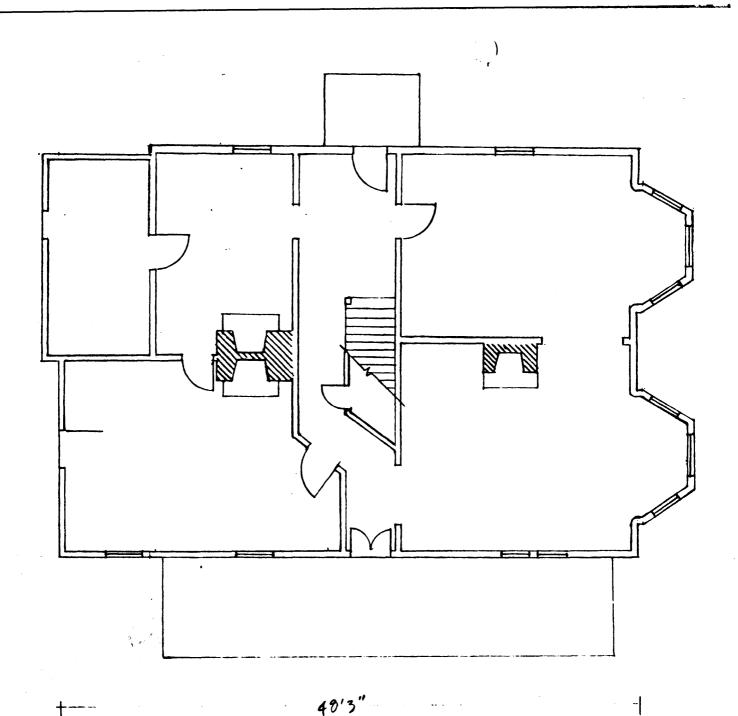
Directly southwest of the house, and contemporaneous with it, is a single-story, squarish frame wash house sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by steeply pitched gable roof. The interior is finished in plaster on lath, and is divided into two rooms. A board-and-batten door opens into the larger of the two rooms. A shed addition extends the building to the west.

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The William T. Tull House is significant under Criterion C as an example of the mid-19th century transition from traditional building practice to popular architectural forms. The building's handcrafted heavy timber structural framing, symmetrical elevations, and center passage/double-pile floor plan reflect longstanding vernacular traditions in the Eastern Shore region; other features of the house reflect popular architectural trends and changing construction technology of the mid-19th The bracketed eaves and corner pilasters illustrate the century. influence of picturesque architectural styles promulgated through mid-19th century pattern books and builders' manuals. Many of the architectural elements, including the eave brackets, six-over-six sash windows, louvered shutters, turned newel posts and balusters, reflect the increasing availability of machine-made, mass-produced building parts in the period.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural/industrial transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/urban dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

COMMERCE/TRADE/department store

Known Design Source: none

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RESOURCE HISTORY:

The house was constructed for William T. and Eleanor P. Tull around 1860 on land Eleanor had purchased in May 1854. Erected on part of the 540 acre plantation known as "Cedar Hill", the house was sited a distance from the eighteenth century plantation complex (S-195) at a new location that suggests the Tulls foresaw the economic and physical changes that would come to the area with the construction of the Eastern Shore Railroad to Crisfield. Although a Maryland connection to the Delaware Railroad only stretched as far as Salisbury in 1860, the surveyor's report for the route to the Annemessex had been completed by 1858. Clearly the Tulls anticipated the economic growth that would take place, and they took advantage of the situation by acquiring the land on which the new village would develop.

William T. Tull married Eleanor P. Stewart on December 11, 1845, and nine years later she is recorded as the grantee in the transaction to purchase the Cedar Hill plantation, comprising 540 acres along with a substantial 18th-century dwelling (S-195) and outbuildings. The Tulls probably occupied the Cedar Hill house until they erected a new dwelling on a section of the plantation near the path of the new railroad.

In the 1870 U.S. Census, William T. Tull, aged 50, is listed as a relatively well-off merchant with real estate and personal property valued at over \$12,000. He is listed with Eleanor, aged 52. William T. Tull is designated at this location in Brinkley's District of the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, and he is listed as a merchant owning 400 acres.

Eleanor P. Tull died in 1885 and in her will she bequeathed all her real estate to her husband William, with the provision that after his death the property was to be divided between her nephew's daughter, Margaret Dixon and other heirs. William died around 1887, and the property was sold in May 1894 to Edwin D. Long for \$2,500. The property was described as:

. . . the homestead of the late William T. Tull with all the buildings thereon consisting of a dwelling and store combined, store house, and large barn and a privilege of NPS Form 10-900-a (8-86)

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a waterway to drain said property....

The Long family has owned the property continuously since that date. During the Longs' occupation, the pair of two-story bay windows was added on the east end, the front porch was reworked with Tuscan columns, and limited remodeling was carried out on the interior.

The period of significance, ca. 1860-ca. 1920, begins with the initial construction and ends with the date by which the building had substantially achieved its present appearance.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at a point on the southeast corner of Parcel 142 as designated on Somerset County tax map 32, a point that joins MD Route 413 and the adjacent Parcel 199, thence by and with the line of MD Route 413 in a northeasterly direction for one hundred fifty (150) feet to a point northeast of the house, thence in a northwesterly direction parallel with the lot line of the property of or formerly of Guy Windsor for one hundred (100) feet to a point northwest of the house, and thence by and with the north boundary line of Parcel 199 to the place of beginning, containing a quarter of an acre more or less.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The nominated property, one quarter acre, includes the domestic yard immediately surrounding the house and wash house and provides an appropriate setting for the resource. The boundaries exclude adjacent open space which does not directly contribute to the significance of the resource.

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