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## Wilna, site

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Form 10-445  
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil TOWN Childs VICINITY STREET NO. Blue Ball Rd. 1 mi. S. of Childs ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER dwelling PRESENT USE Jesse Blevins WALL CONSTRUCTION dwelling stone NO. OF STORIES 2	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CE-181
	2. NAME Wilna DATE OR PERIOD possibly 1740 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Wilna is a large, 2 story stone house which is 5 bays long and 2 bays deep. The 2 western most bays of the building are lower than the other 3 bays similar to the Thomas House, Q.A. Co. and Ulm's, Baltimore Co. The stone has been covered with stucco or white wash and is wearing off at the corners. The sash of the major section has 9/9 panes & 6/9 panes and those of the lower portion have 6/9 and 6/6. On the west is a place for a date plaque, now gone. There's a one story porch across 1/3 of the same facade, which hides the entrance. To the rear of the major section is a very long 2 story stone kitchen wing in which the remains of the bake oven can be trace-. There's a large stone chimney *couldn't read* of the kitchen.

The present owners are going to sell it to the Elk Paper Co., a branch of Weyerhaeuser. The manager of the plant has told the occupants not to repair the house as it will be demolished as soon as they take ownership.

At the end of the *couldn't read* is a *couldn't read* which reads:

tax maps for Cecil Co. - owner Elk Paper Manuf. Co.  
4/70 mab

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Yes Interior Exterior Poor

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH  
2 b&w 5x7  
3-b&w - neg & contacts

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD July 25, 1968

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Circa 1740(?); with additions

Wilna

Private

Childs

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Twice destroyed by fire within the last ten years, it is now nearly impossible to authenticate the 1740 date usually ascribed to this stone house. The north, three-bay half is probably older and had corner brick fireplaces on each floor, with a side hall/double parlor plan, an arrangement not usually found at that early a date. The south, two-bay wing had a single fireplace on each floor and a one-room plan. A four-bay kitchen wing, also built in two stages, extends from the east side of the house.

The house has had a long association with the Mackall family and the nearby Cyclone (Wilna) Mill. Dr. Richard Mackall, born here in 1822, was educated as a dentist and served on the County school board and in the General Assembly. From 1873 to 1876 he was editor of the **Cecil Democrat**. His brother William was a general in the Confederate Army and served as chief of staff to Generals Braxton Bragg and Joseph Johnston.



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Near Elkton, Cecil County

Historic Photographer

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Interior of North Elevation

G. Henry 5/85 - Negatives at MHT

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Wilna - North East  
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