

Ca. 1890s

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Smith-Wickless House

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse, garage

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Smith-Wickless House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number | South Main Street not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro vicinity of congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Frederick County

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 C. Carroll and Annabell Wicklessstreet & number | Main Street telephone no.:city, town Woodsboro state and zip code MD. 21798

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 487street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 455city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county localpository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

Description

The Smith/Wickless House is a 2 1/2 story rectangular frame house with a side gable roof of decorative slate shingles resting on an ashlar stone foundation situated on the west side of South Main Street in Woodsboro, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east and is 5 bays in length. The building is distinguished by decorative details of the Victorian and Queen Anne periods that include: carved siding resembling courses of stone, wood quoining at the corners, a wrap-around porch, center cross gables and projecting, 2 story bays. A garage and a smokehouse are located on the rear of the property lot.

The Smith-Wickless House has two brick interior end chimneys with arcaded openings near the caps. Its cornice contains an exaggerated dentil block pattern that is continuous around the entire building except at incomplete cornice returns. Fenestration is predominated by segmental arches with a shutter design that complements the arch. The principal facade integrates a center cross gable with an incomplete cornice return. The gable contains a cornice with a carved design in the frieze, variegated wood shingling and a paired lancet window with space for shingling between each part. A glass lightning rod projects from the ridge of the center gable. Beneath the center cross gable, the entrance opening has a 3 light transom, colored light sidelights and a panelled door. The 1/1 light window opening above the entrance is paired with a wide center mullion capped by a segmental arch. A 3-sided, 2 story bay extends from the facade near the south wall. Each side contains 2 light windows with segmental arches and simple surrounds, symmetrically placed on both stories. A 3-sided, hipped roof is incorporated into the main roofline but consists of different metal shingling.

A 1 story, flat-roofed, wrap-around porch extends from the entry bay to a section of the north elevation. The porch cornice contains dentil-like blocks and heavy bracketing of a spoke design around turned columns. A patterned balustrade runs the length and width of the porch which is situated on brick piers.

The north and south elevations are similar to each other with window grates in the foundation (those in the south elevation have retained an original steel cameo design), 1/1 light windows, segmentally arched, and a 3-sided, 2 story bay projection. Each gable end has rounded shingling with 2 small 1 light windows spaced next to each other. The north elevation also contains a first floor panelled door with a 1 light transom, simpler than the main entrance.

A 2 1/2 story ell extension continues from the bay projection on the north elevation with a front gable roofline that has variegated shingling. Fenestration is symmetrical with 2 1/1 segmentally arched windows on each story. A glass lightning rod projects from the peak of the gable. On the south elevation, this addition has a second story porch with simple columns, integrated into its main

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 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance Summary

The Smith-Wickless House was built by William Smith in the 1890s. The lot formerly contained a log house that functioned as a saddlery shop. (Frances B. Smith, Woodsboro Remembers (privately published), 1976, p. 67.) William Smith replaced this original structure with the existing residence. The building exemplifies the Queen Anne period of architecture which became favored in Woodsboro in the late nineteenth century. A brick smokehouse and a large garage contribute to the property as representative of a domestic complex.

Historic Context

In comparison to other dwellings of its period in a village setting in Frederick County, the Smith-Wickless House retains a high level of integrity in form, design and materials. It is a good example of a 1890s domestic dwelling with Queen Anne stylistics. In Woodsboro, it is one of two buildings that most strongly represents the Queen Anne Period and retains a high level of integrity. Existing outbuildings contribute to its integrity as a complex. As the site of a saddlery shop, the lot demonstrates early commercial use in Woodsboro.

History and Support

William Smith constructed the building, and his daughter, Mrs. Carroll Wickless, who presently lives in the dwelling, ascertained a construction date of the 1890s. The Smith family was prominent in commercial ventures in Woodsboro by the mid-nineteenth century.

Many details of the building connect it to late nineteenth century architecture that became popular on a national level; in particular, the Queen Anne style. These details include the cross gables, the bay projections, the gable shingling, the paired windows and the carved siding.

The small brick smokehouse with its pyramidal roof resembles a smokehouse located on another property in the Woodsboro district, the G.P. Barrick House (F-8-73).

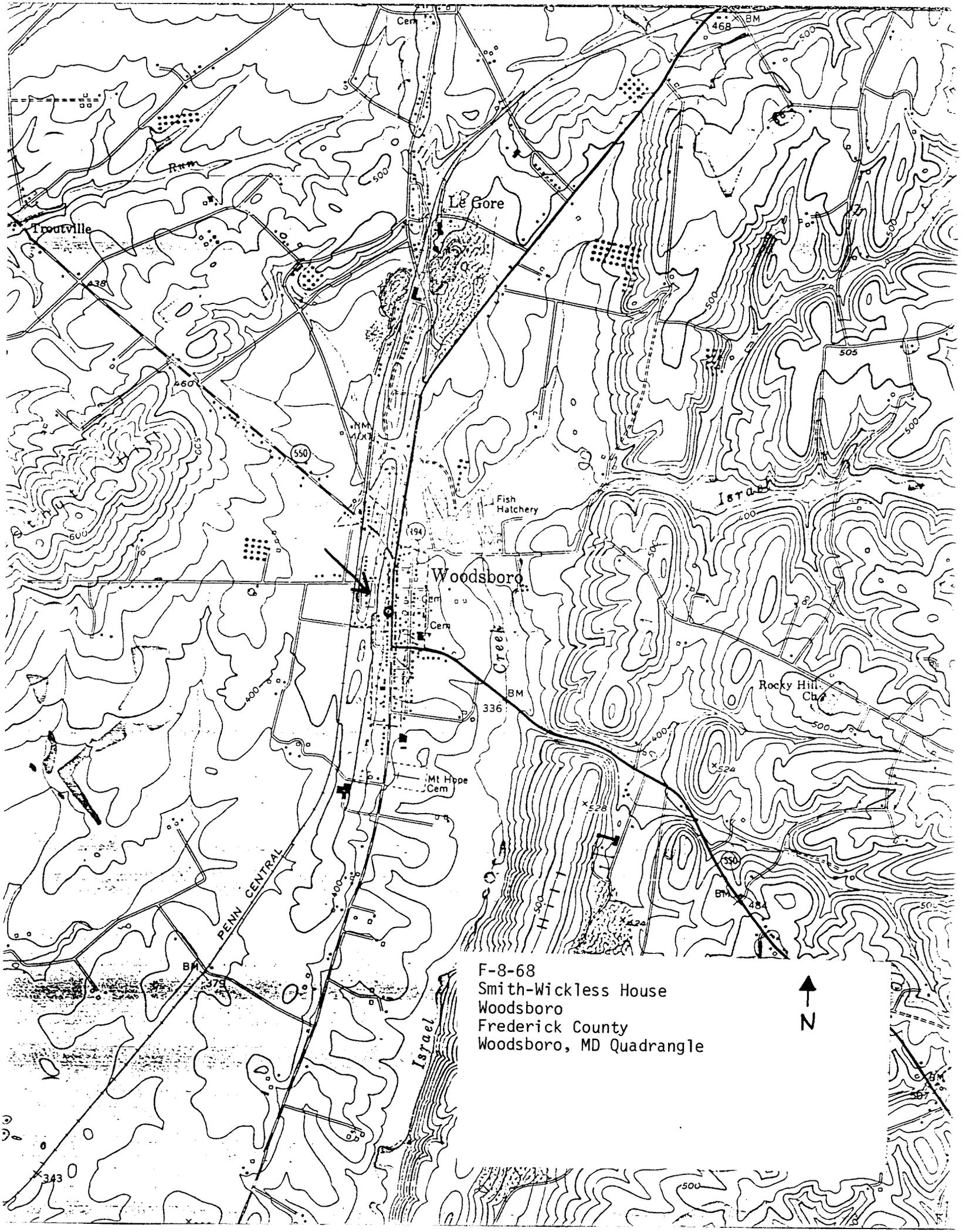
7.1 Description Continued

block. A 1 story addition extends from the 2 1/2 story addition: its gable roof runs east to west. On the north elevation, it contains 1 1/1 narrow window with a segmental arch, wood quoining and a frieze design. The west elevation reveals simpler treatment: 1/1 light square head windows in contrast to the rounded windows on the other elevations. A rear entry from the main block to the first floor porch of the 2 1/2 story addition has a 1 light transom.

A large rectangular 2 story frame outbuilding fills the northwest corner of the property lot several yards west of the main house. A side gable roof of standing seam tin is oriented east to west. The east elevation is sheathed in German novelty siding. The remaining elevations are sided in weatherboards, some with beading. The street facing facade (north) contains a large off-center 2 part door suggestive of a garage and/or carriage use. Other openings include a smaller door and 3 small window openings cut out of the siding which was then hinged and used as a cover. (They resemble agricultural or mechanical building bays.) The hardware appears original on these openings. The south elevation (possibly the principal facade) has 3 doors, one at a lower elevation than the others, and one large 2 part casement window with a total of 12 lights. On this elevation, a stone foundation is exposed.

The west elevation has 1 4-light window in the attic story and 1 window cut out from siding and hinged (as on the north elevation). The east elevation has 1 6/6 double hung sash window on both floors, symmetrically placed, and a 6 light fixed window in the attic story. An outhouse is attached to the elevation with a shed roof of standing seam tin and a doorway facing south. It also consists of German siding.

A small brick smokehouse is located several feet from the 1 story addition to the south. It consists of a pyramidal hipped roof, a batten door and vents piercing the sides.



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Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle





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East elevation

1/2



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West elevation and smokehouse

2/2