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William Price House
Wenona
private

1837-1838

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Price House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number End of dirt lane east of MD 363 ___ not for publication

city, town Wenona vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 Stanley Harrelson

street & number P.O.Box 98 telephone no.:

city, town Wenona state and zip code Maryland 21870

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Site Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

7. Description

Survey No. S-47

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.

William Price House Description

The William Price house stands at the end of a private dirt lane which intersects the Deal Island Road (MD 363) at the north end of Wenona, Somerset County, Maryland. Man Gut runs in a north/south direction behind the house and separates the high ground from the Deal Island Marsh. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Supported by a continuous brick foundation, the c.1837-38, gable front frame house is sheathed with aluminum siding and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical elevation with an enclosed entrance in the north bay and two adjacent six-over-six sash windows. The entrance porch covers the original front door opening. A replacement front door is topped by a multi-pane transom. Lighting the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows. The gable front pediment is distinguished by a Palladian style, three-part window. The cornice is trimmed with mid nineteenth-century bed and crown moldings.

The north side of the main block has three six-over-six sash windows that light each floor, while the south side is marked by a recently built exterior brick chimney. Six-over-six sash windows are located to each side of the chimney. The chimney originally protruded through the roof along the back wall of the main block.

The two-story, two-bay service wing has been enlarged to the south by a shed roofed addition. Both floors are lighted by six-over-six sash windows. A partially glazed back door pierces the north wall of the kitchen.

The interior of the main block has been moderately remodeled with the relocation of the chimney and removal of the mid nineteenth-century mantel. The transverse hall retains the period stair which has a turned newel post, rectangular balusters, and an oval profile handrail. Following in the same fashion as other houses of the same period the stair passes directly over the windows in the southwest corner. Plain surrounds with plain corner blocks frame the door and window openings; however, the period doors have been stored away. The second floor was not seen on the initial visit.

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
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<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1837-1838 **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.

Significance

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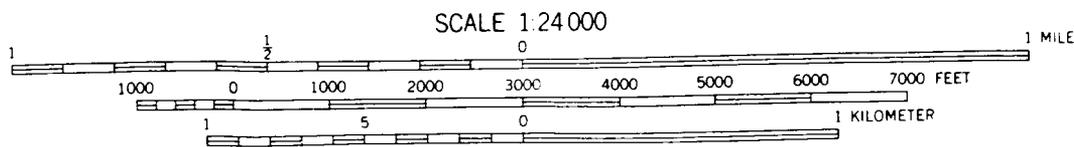
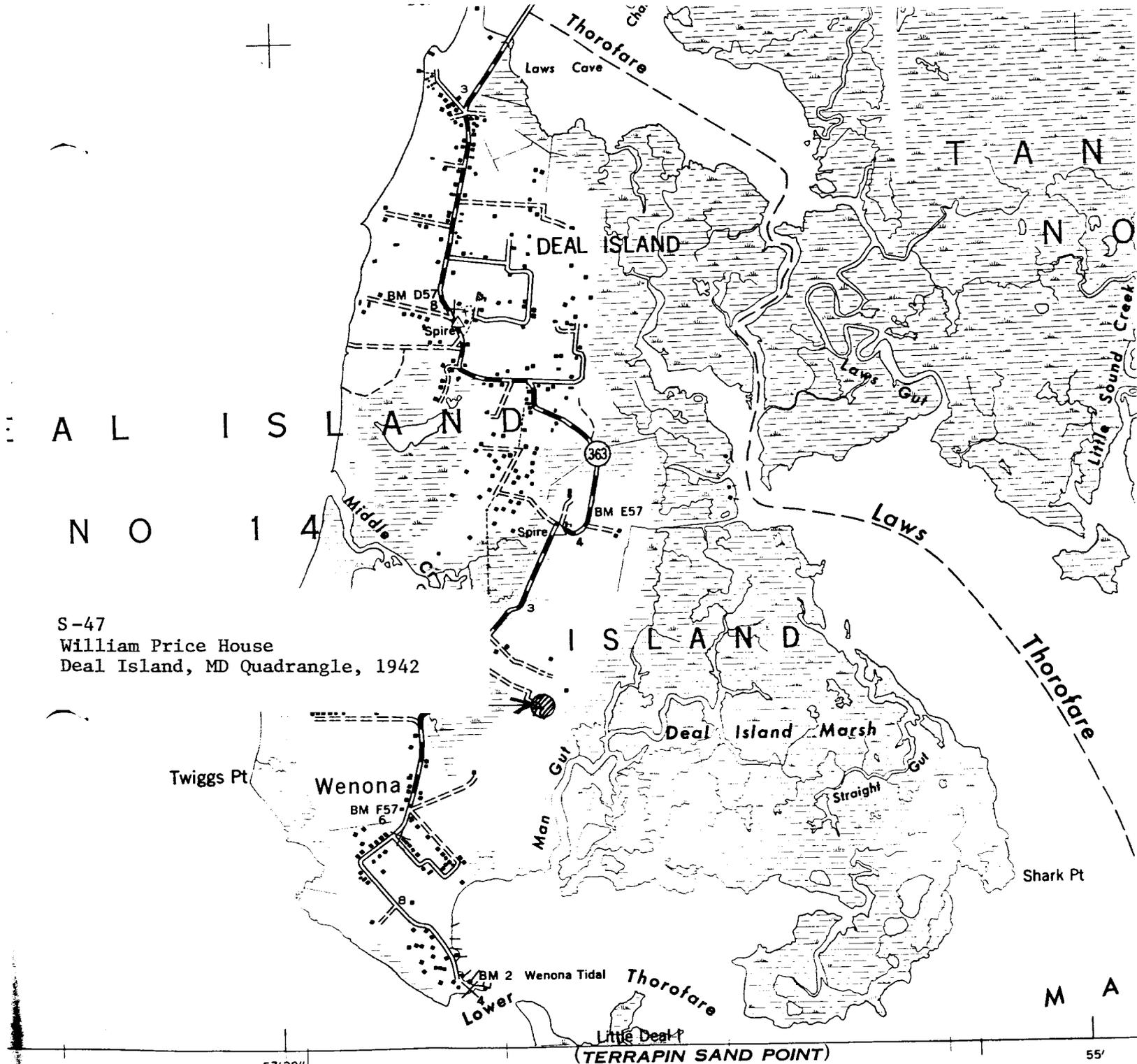
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Deal Island VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER The Price Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. Edward Shores PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME Price House DATE OR PERIOD c. 1810 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	S-47
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC No	
<p>This is a frame house, 3 bays wide, with a pedimented front. The door is very simple and is on the right. All of the windows are 6/6. The pediment window is tripartite -- the top section is a fan light with a hemisphere pattern. There is one enclosed chimney at the rear of the house.</p> <p>Until recently a 2 storey log slave house stood on the property but it has been torn down. The site of the first revenue office in Somerset County is on the property.</p> <p>Although the owner reputed this house to be the oldest occupied dwelling on Deal Island, the present architectural condition reveals it as a Federal house -- no earlier. The Deal Island Management Asso. House is older. It is possible that the original structure has been built into the present one and altered beyond recognition, or that this house is built on the foundations of the oldest house on Deal Island.</p> <p>This house is merely a country adaptation of the Federal style. Its only distinguishing feature is the 3-part Pulladian window in the pediment. It is also important because it is the only Federal type house standing on Deal Island.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior Exterior
Good but unrestored.			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman	
		DATE OF RECORD 2/8/67	



MAXIMUM GROUND ELEVATION 8 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

10,000-FOOT GRID TICKS, MARYLAND PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SHOWN IN BLACK
 1000-METER GRID TICKS, UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR SYSTEM, ZONE 18, SHOWN IN BLUE

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Deal island, Somerset Co. Md.

Northwest Elevation

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William Price House
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West elevation
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