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Whittington House  
Crisfield  
private

c. 1890-1900

Standing prominently on the corner of West Main and 3rd streets in the center of Crisfield, the Whittington house is another one of the important Queen Anne style houses that mark the financial success of oyster packers during the years surrounding the turn of the century. Similar in form to the Bradshaw Funeral Home, this example is distinguished by a fully lighted three-story octagonal tower and a wraparound porch supported by slender Tuscan columns.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whittington House (?)

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number North Side of West Main Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Crisfield \_\_\_ 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Brice Stump

street & number West Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Maryland 21817

## 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 Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-321

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

## Whittington (?) House Description

The Whittington house stands on the northeast corner of West Main Street and 3rd Street in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The large two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style frame dwelling faces south.

Supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, the c. 1890-1900 irregular plan frame dwelling is clad by narrow weatherboard siding and covered by a slate hip roof with projecting gables and a corner three-story tower. Encircling the front of the house is a wraparound porch, and extending to the rear is two-story one-room plan kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with an east side entrance and bay window above that is balanced by the octagonal three-story tower that rises on the southeast corner. The first floor is completely sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch with a gable-front on the east end which distinguishes the entrance bay. The front step railing has been removed but the turned post porch railing remains between each post. The glazed door entrance is accompanied on the first floor by a large-sized window to the immediate left and the five-sided base to the tower, which has three single-pane sash windows. The second floor, on the other hand, has a three-sided bay window lighted by single-pane sash windows on the east corner that is topped by a gable-front roof. The typanum is pierced by a three-part arched window. A small colored glass window marks the center bay between the bay and tower. The five-sided tower has three single-pane sash windows. Separating the second floor windows from the third floor windows is a wide slate-covered band. On the third floor five sides of the octagonal tower are lighted by single-pane sash windows. The octagonal cone-shaped roof has a row of cornice brackets and a metal flame finial. The hipped crest of the main roof is trimmed with a metal cap with acanthus shaped end ornaments. Rising from the west slope of the main roof is a narrow brick stove stack with a corbelled cap.

The west side elevation has a projecting two-story two-bay gable-roofed section lighted by single-pane sash windows. The gable-front is filled with a small pair of single-pane sash windows. Extending northward from the main block is a two-story one-room plan kitchen wing finished with features similar to the main house. A narrow brick chimney rises from the north gable end, and an elevated porch is attached to the north side of the kitchen.

The east elevation of the main block follows the same format as the rest of the house and offers no unusual features.

The interior of the house was not seen.

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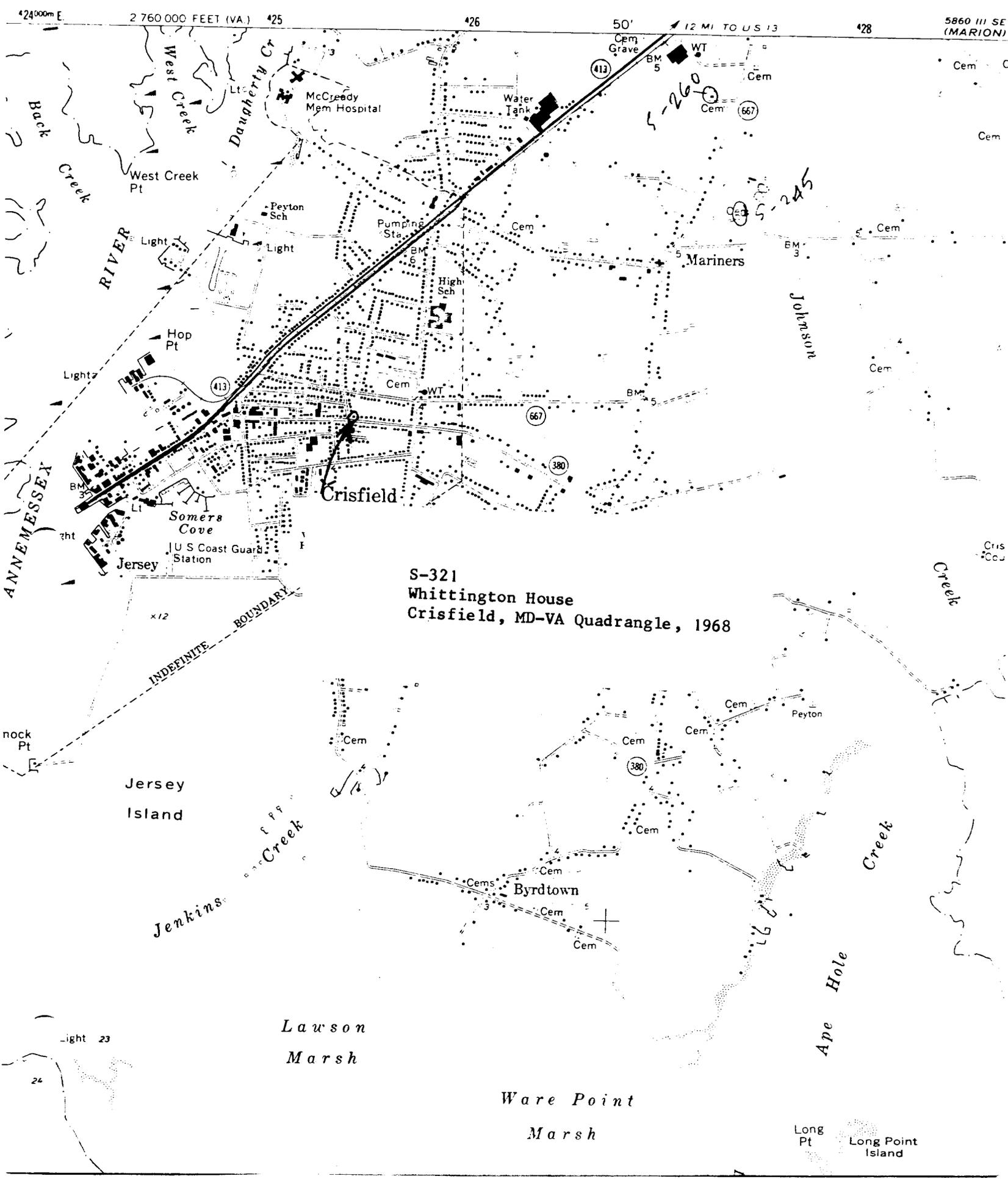
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### SIGNIFICANCE

The Whittington house stands prominently in the center of Crisfield, and it is one of a small collection of elaborate Queen Anne style houses that reflect the height in architectural achievement during Crisfield's years of advanced economic prosperity and resulting growth. Although not as elaborate as the nearby Crockett house (S- ), the Whittington house was erected with fine materials that have contributed to its relatively well-preserved condition.



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Whittington House  
Crisfield, MD-VA Quadrangle, 1968

Lawson  
Marsh

Ware Point  
Marsh

Long  
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Long Point  
Island



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