WI-11 c. 1730-40
Dashiell House
Cox's Corner vicinity (Site)
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Dashiell House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-11

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Rural Agrarian Intensification 1608-1815

4. Resource Type(s): Site of mid eighteenth century dwelling

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF

Survey No. WI-11

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Dashiell House

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: North side of Head of Creek Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Cox's Corner ___x vicinity of congressional district: First

state: Maryland county: Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	_x_ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
_x_ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_x_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_x_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	_x_ other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name:

street & number: telephone no.:

city, town: state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number: Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town: Salisbury state: MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date: 1970 ___ federal _x_ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: Maryland Historical Trust

city, town: Crownsville state: MD 21032

7. Description

Survey No. WI-11

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	X ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically known as the Dashiell house, this second quarter of the eighteenth century brick house formerly stood on the north side of Head of Creek Road approximately a mile east of Cox's Corner, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half brick house faced south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating from two distinct periods, the story-and-a-half, three-bay brick house was built around 1740-50, while a two-story, three-bay side hall/parlor frame addition was erected around 1820. The Flemish bond brick dwelling had been given an exterior coat of stucco, which by the 1970s had flaked off partially exposing the decorative glazed header brickwork. Before the house was salvaged for its materials, careful drawings were executed of the glazed header brickwork that included a highly elaborate display of checkerboard and diagonal zigzag patterning. Centered in the top of one gable end was a solid lozenge of glazed bricks. The wood shingled gable roof had a steep pitch of approximately 45 degrees. The frame addition was covered by a plain weatherboard siding, most of which had been covered with asbestos shingles during the mid twentieth century. The roof had a medium to low pitch.

The south elevation of the eighteenth century brick house was marked by three window openings when photographed in 1974 by Orlando Wooten. The window frames were executed with narrow, plain surrounds of nineteenth century date. Due to the coat of stucco it is difficult to determine the original fenestration but it probably had a centrally placed door. The base of the roof was finished with a plain boxed cornice. Piercing the gable roof were two gable roofed dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows and sided with diagonal boards.

The gable end was partially covered with stucco as well, and a pair of window openings pierced the first floor. An interior end brick chimney pierced the roofline. The east gable end was covered entirely by the two-story side hall/parlor mid nineteenth century addition. In order to continue using the interior end brick chimney on the east gable, its height was increased so that it rose above the taller two-story frame addition.

The interior of the eighteenth century house had been remodeled during the nineteenth century according to descriptions of Federal woodwork that had survived until the 1970s.

The two-story, mid nineteenth century east end addition was defined on its south wall by a side entrance fixed in the left (west) bay, while the other two openings were filled with nine-over-six sash windows. The second floor was lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash. Finishing the base of the roof was a boxed cornice. The gable ends were flush and trimmed with a plain bargeboard. A small four-pane window opening flanked the chimney stack. Rising through the east gable end was an interior end brick chimney finished with a corbeled cap. The interior finishes were described as distinctive to the early nineteenth century with herringbone reeding featured in the parlor mantel.

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-11

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	X archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
X 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

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The site is archeologically significant as a known location of an early eighteenth century dwelling built in an elaborate manner. The property qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which identifies sites of high architectural and/or historical significance.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-11

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Private Consultant	date	7/29/96
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8.1 SIGNIFICANCE
Dashiell House, WI-11
Cox's Corner vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland

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FOOTNOTES

1 Dashiell, Benjamin J. *Dashiell Family Record*, Baltimore: The Sun Printing Office, 1928.

FOOTNOTES (Continued)

2 Dryden, Ruth T. *Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, 1666-1810.* Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1992, pp. 267-68.

3 *Ibid.*

4 Somerset County Will Book, EB 5/115, Written 2/16/1708/9, Proved 3/14/1708, Somerset County Courthouse.

5 Somerset County Will Book, EB 1/81, Written 4/16/1773, Proved 6/25/1778, Somerset County Courthouse.

6 Somerset County Will Book, EB 17/471, Written 9/18/1795, Proved 2/9/1796, Somerset County Courthouse.

7 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, 1798, Nanticoke Hundred, James Whithear Dashiell, Particular List of Dwelling Houses, Delmarva Research Center of History and Culture, Salisbury State University.

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10 Somerset County Land Record, AH 125, 12/14/1841, Somerset County Courthouse.

11 Somerset County Land Record, LW 8/574, 2/27/1865, Somerset County Courthouse.

12 Wicomico County Will Book, ELW 1/49, Written 7/8/1882, Proved 8/3/1882, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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14 Wicomico County Land Record, 71/237, 12/14/1910, Wicomico County Courthouse.

WI-11
Dashiell House
Cox's Corner vicinity (site)
Chain of title

436/339	Emma T. Dashiell, et al. Heirs of Amos Dashiell
	to
8/14/1957	W. Oscar and Annie E. Dashiell
	100 acres
71/237	Moses Nichols Annie T. Dashiell
	to
12/14/1910	Amos Dashiell Emma T. Dashiell
EAT 57/117	Daniel J. Elliott Lottie E. Elliott
	to
1/16/1908	Moses Nichols
	$2,000
JTT 29/198	William T. Elliott
	to
4/6/1901	Daniel J. Elliott

Will Book
ELW 1/49

Last Will and Testament of James H. Elliott

to

Written
7/8/1882
Proved
8/3/1882

William T. Elliott

Item I give to my children that my wife M. E. Elliott now has or may have by me one half of the farm on Wetipquin Creek known as the White farm and all the farm known as the John J. Dashiell farm

Wicomico Chancery
SPT 4/152

1872

Somerset County
Land Record
LW 8/574

John J. Dashiell (d. 11/19/1865)
Mary Ann Dashiell

to

2/27/1865

John Ware Dougherty

$8,000 "Discovery," "Meeches Desert," "Meeches Right," "Locust Ridge"

AH 125	James A. Dashiell
	to
12/14/1841	John Jay Dashiell
	All of his the said James A. Dashiell's undivided moiety of the following tracts, "Discovery," "Meeches Desert," "Meeches Right," "Locust Ridge." 402 3/8 acres
GH 385	Benjamin Dashiell Charlotte Dashiell
	to
1/18/1838	John Jay Dashiell James A. Dashiell (Note: John Jay Dashiell, James Alfred Dashiell, and Benjamin Dashiell were sons of James Whithier Dashiell, Dashiell Family Genealogy, Volume 1, p. 113.

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Nanticoke Hundred, Particular List of Dwellings

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1798 Land Assessment, Owner-James Whithear Dashiell
Occupant-George Robertson

Situated on the Head of Tipquin Creek a parcel of Land Containing 350 acres Valued at $4 per acre $1400

Somerset County
Will Book
EB 17/471

Last Will and Testament of James Dashiell (1740-1796)

to

Written
9/18/1795
Proved
2/9/1796

I give and bequeath to my son, James Whithear Dashiell (minor)

to son, Benjamin Dashiell

to son, Jesse Dashiell (executor)

to son, John Evans Dashiell

EB 1/81

Last Will and Testament of Jesse Dashiell

to

Written
4/16/1773
Proved
6/25/1778

James Dashiell

"As to the division lines of all my lands that I hold up toward the head of the Creek between my son James & Benjamin

unto my son James Dashiell....all the west norwest end of my land agreeable to the corses above mentioned

to my son Benjamin Dashiell....all the eastermost ends of all my land agreeable to the division....

WI-11
Dashiell House
Cox's Corner vicinity (site)
Chain of title continued

EB 9/196

Last Will and Testament of James Dashiell

to

Written
5/16/1736
Proved
4/25/1737

To son James (died 1758)

I give and bequeath unto my son James Dashiell....part of two Tracts of Land the one called Meeches Right the other Meeches Desert begining oat the Mouth of a Gutt that divides the Land of John Hopkins from mine....in the case that James should die without issue Lawfully begotten as before then the above device shall be the right of Jesse Dashiell

To son Winder Dashiell 50 acres of Wolf Trap Ridge

EB 5/115

Last Will and Testament of James Dashiell (born c. 1660, died 1708)

to

Written
2/16/1708/9
Proved
3/14/1708

James Dashiell

unto my Eldest son James Dashiell five hundred and fifty Acres of Land being in three several pattens (sic). The first being Meeches Wright Containing three hundred acres...the second called Meeches Desert and containing two hundred acres the third called Wolf Trap Ridg containing fifty acres and my Dwelling plantation where I now Live....and Incase my son James will hold fifty acres of land called Wolf Trap Ridg that he pay unto my son Christopher Dashiell the full sum of Fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco and I likewise give to my son James Dashiell My Sloop with Sayles and rigan, ancors and cables

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Dashiell House

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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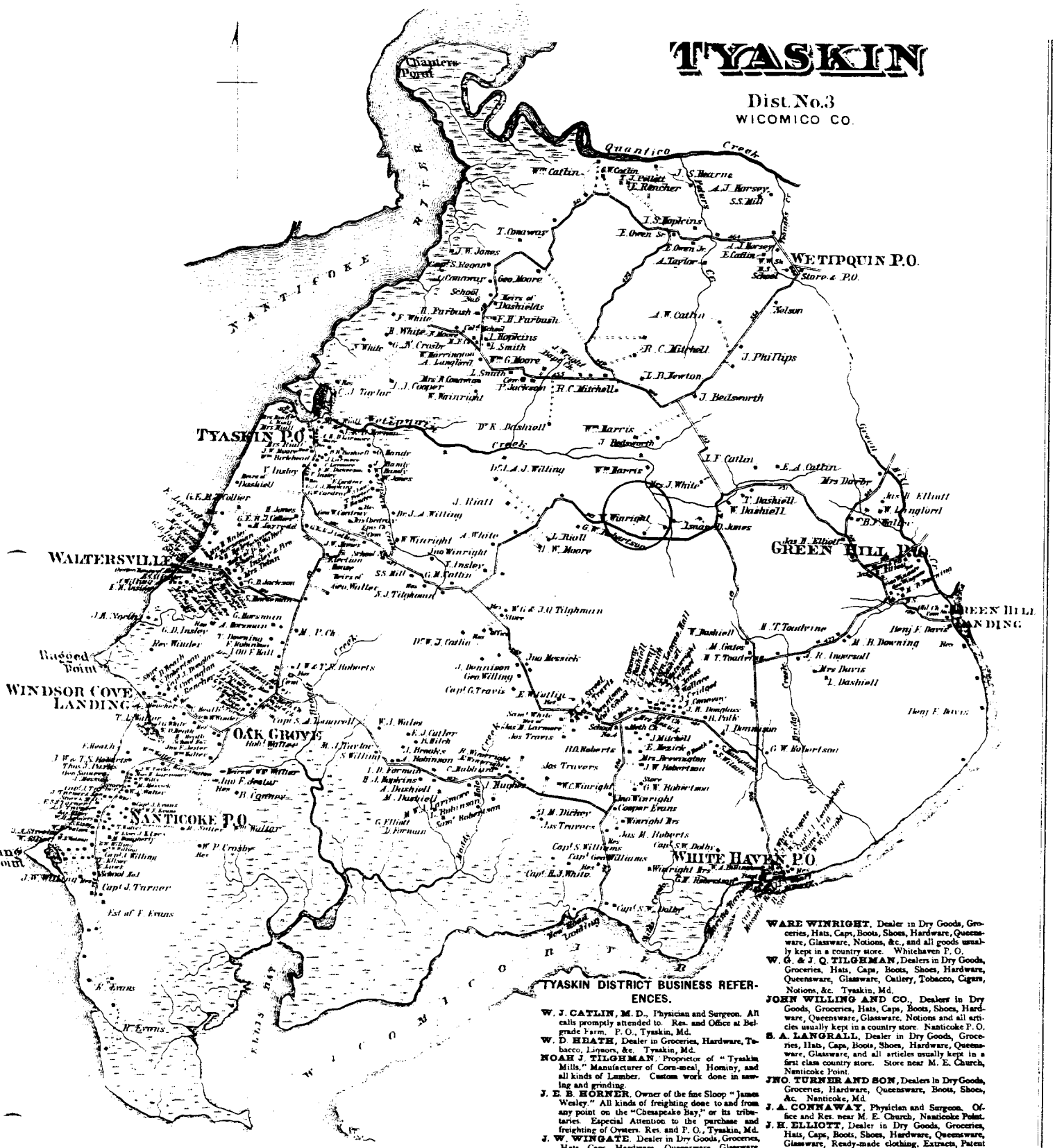

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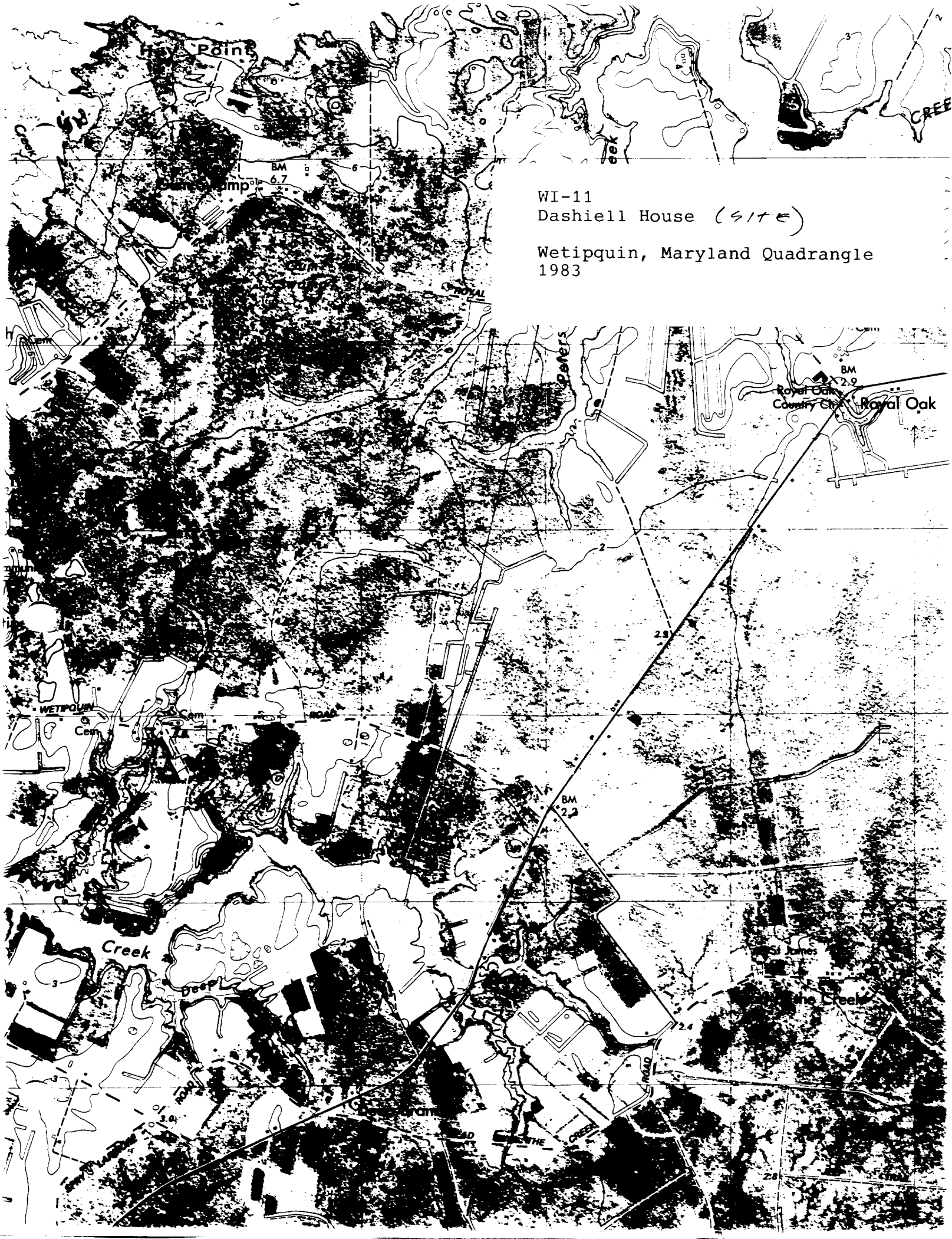

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Dashiell House (site)

Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
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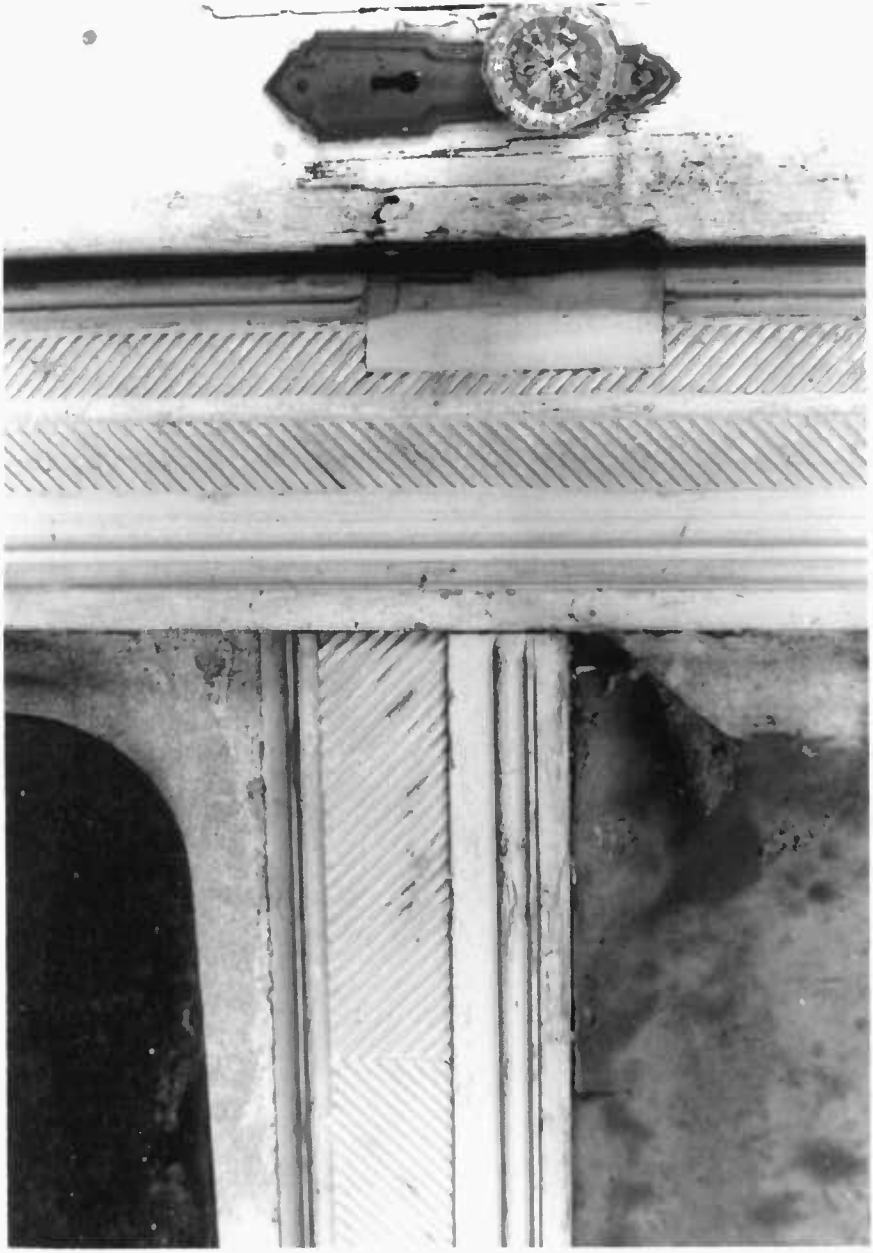

Dashiell House (detail) WI

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