INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Easement

Property/District Name: Whitehaven Hotel Survey Number: 18WC103/WI-103

Project: Whitehaven Hotel Agency: MHT Grant/Easement

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___ no _X_ yes Name Beth Cole et al. Date 1997

Eligibility recommended _X_ Eligibility **not** recommended ____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C _X_D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Phase I/II investigations identified and evaluated the archeological component (18WC103) of the Whitehaven Hotel property (WI-103). Testing located the remains of numerous features and cultural deposits representing the property's occupation and use from the late 18th - early 20th centuries. Remains include a large shaft feature which likely is a well, post holes, foundations, sheet middens, brick paving, and landscaping eatures. Testing recovered numerous domestic, architectural, personal, and faunal remains associated with the site's residential and commercial uses. Overall the site retains good subsurface integrity, despite 20th c. disturbances such as the installation of a septic system. We concur that the site has the demonstrated potential to yield important information contributing to the following themes identified in the *Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan* (1986): economic/commercial, and social/educational/cultural. In our opinion, archeological site 18WC103 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D, and contributes to the significance of the already listed Whitehaven Hotel.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: "Archaological Investigation at Whithaven Hotel, Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland

Prepared by: Edward Otter

Elizabeth J Cole 6/16/98

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E Kurtze 6/17/98

Reviewer, NR program Date

Survey No. 18WC103

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

X	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
X	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
X	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
X	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

	Subsistence
	Settlement
	Political
	Demographic
	Religion
	Technology
	Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

	Agriculture
	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
X	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
	Government/Law
	Military
	Religion
X	Social/Educational/Cultural
	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: site

Historic Environment rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): hotel, dwelling

Known Design Source: none

WI-103

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name WHITEHAVEN HOTEL

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number East side of Whitehaven Road N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Whitehaven N/A ☐ vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Wicomico code 045 zip code 21856

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

4/8/96 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is: Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:)

Whitehaven Hotel
Name of Property

Wicomico Co. WI-103
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- [x] private
- [ ] public-local
- [ ] public-State
- [ ] public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- [x] building(s)
- [ ] district
- [ ] site
- [ ] structure
- [ ] object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/hotel

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/none (vacant)

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal

LATE VICTORIAN/Second Empire

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

Asbestos

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 1
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [X] **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [ ] **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [X] **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [ ] **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [ ] **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- [ ] **B** removed from its original location.
- [ ] **C** a birthplace or grave.
- [ ] **D** a cemetery.
- [ ] **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- [ ] **F** a commemorative property.
- [ ] **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE

Period of Significance

ca.1810-ca.1945

Significant Dates

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 6
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibilography SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 12
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- [ ] previously listed in the National Register
- [ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register
- [ ] designated a National Historic Landmark
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- [ ] State Historic Preservation Office
- [ ] Other State agency
- [ ] Federal agency
- [ ] Local government
- [ ] University
- [ ] Other

Name of repository:

Whitehaven Hotel
Name of Property

Wicomico Co. WI-103
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 1.15 acre
USGS: Wetipquin, MD quad

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	18	430990	4235720	3			
2				4			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 13
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 13
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Wicomico Co. Historic Properties, Inc./ c/o K.King Burnett

street & number P.O. Box 910 telephone

city or town Salisbury state MD zip code 21803

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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The Whitehaven Hotel, a three-story, mansard-roofed frame structure, is located on a lot facing the Wicomico River in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. Oriented with a south facing front, the large U-shaped hotel rests on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding mixed with a few beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched mansard roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Built in several stages, the center core of the hotel is a Federal side hall/parlor dwelling, erected around 1810-1815. The braced timber frame house survives with much of its early 19th century interior woodwork. The exterior, on the other hand, was reworked when a large hotel addition was attached to the west gable end and a mansard roof replaced the previous gable roof. Extending to the east side of the Federal house is a turn of the 20th century frame addition with a two-story bay window on its south facade. Also on the property is a (non-contributing) single-story 20th century frame garage.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Whitehaven Hotel stands on the east side of Whitehaven Road facing the Wicomico River in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. Facing south, the three-story frame hotel is oriented on an east-west axis.

Built in three principal stages, the hotel is a roughly U-shaped building supported on brick piers and clad with a combination of plain weatherboards and a few remnant beaded weatherboards. Two-thirds of the current structure is covered by a mansard roof, while a two-story east end wing is covered by a low pitched gable roof.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical five-bay facade with an uneven series of door and window openings marking the first floor. A wraparound front and side porch, the deteriorated floor of which remains, formerly sheltered the first floor. The porch posts and some of the decorative corner brackets are stored inside the building. The eastern three-bay portion of the mansard roofed main block comprises an early 19th century (c.1810-1815) two-story, side-passage, single-pile plan dwelling, which was incorporated within the larger hotel structure around 1883. The three-bay elevation of the original house includes a partially glazed side door topped by a three-light transom. Located to the right of the entrance are several short sections of beaded weatherboards. The two bays to the left of the entrance are defined by two-over-two sash windows. Three two-over-two sash windows light the second floor of this section. The two-bay wide, double-pile, ca. 1883 addition covers the west end of the Federal house and is marked on its south side by a second entrance fitted with a heavily molded, four-panel door with arched top panels. There is a two-light transom overhead. A nine-over-six sash window, undoubtedly reused from the early 19th century house, fills the window opening to the left of the second entrance. The second floor wall is pierced by a pair of six-over-six sash windows. Unifying the uneven five-bay facade is a mansard roof, distinguished by a center gable which is also executed with a mansard roof line. A six-over-six sash window pierces the center of the gable, and six-over-six sash gabled dormers mark the roof slope to each side. An historic photograph of the hotel indicated the former presence of decorative sawnwork

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that embellished the inside corners of the front gable. Rising through the center of the hotel is a large brick chimney stack.

The west side of the hotel, which faces Whitehaven Road, is a three-bay facade with two sets of double doors occupying the center and northern bays. Each of the double-door openings are topped by transoms. A large two-over-two sash window pierces the wall to the south. The second floor is pierced by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows, and the third floor boasts a center mansard-roofed gable and flanking six-over-six sash dormers.

The north wall of the ca. 1883 hotel addition is defined by a single, large, two-over-two sash window on the first floor and single, six-over-six sash windows on the second and third floors. The rear wall of the early 19th century house was covered by an early 20th century infill structure, which deteriorated and was torn away during the past few years.

The east end of the main mansard-roofed hotel is covered by a two-story, asbestos shingled, ca. 1900 addition which has a low pitched gable roof and a two-story bay window on the south facade. The south and east walls are marked by two-over-two sash windows, and a narrow brick stove chimney rises through the east side. This section has suffered serious structural decay due to a leaky roof.

The interior of the hotel retains much of its early and later 19th century woodwork. The first floor hallway retains the early 19th century staircase, although the handrail to the second floor was replaced during the late 19th century. A boldly turned newel post and turned balusters support a Victorian molded handrail. The rear entrance to the hallway survives with a Federal six-panel door with the two upper panels glazed. A six-panel door framed by an early 19th century surround provides access into the adjacent parlor on the west side of the hallway.

The parlor is fitted with early 19th century chair rail and baseboard moldings, however the Federal mantel has been removed and is stored in a local garage. Riven lath, fastened with cut nails, holds the plaster to the studs, and the yellow pine, tongue-and-groove flooring is original to the c.1810-1815 structure.

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The second floor of the original house retains most of its early 19th century woodwork including the federal stair railing, six-panel doors, door surrounds, and baseboard moldings. The stair railing includes slender square newel posts, rectangular balusters, a molded handrail, and a pyramidal tapered newel post cap. At the head of the staircase is a small front room, now a bathroom, that is fitted with chair rail and baseboard moldings, and a narrow early 19th century surround frames the flat six-panel door.

The bedroom over the parlor retains Federal woodwork as well, which includes an original mantel, chair rail, and baseboard moldings. The mantel design follows a traditional early 19th century format with paneled pilasters that rise to paneled frieze blocks which support a molded shelf. A closet has been inserted in the northwest corner.

The third floor of the early 19th century house retains the upper portion of the Federal stair, which survives with a red and gray paint scheme. Evidence for the former attic partitions, including front and rear knee walls, are found in the wide, yellow pine flooring. Late 19th century partitions, with four-panel doors framed by plain surrounds, have been introduced to create multiple bedrooms.

The hotel interior on the west side has been left largely undisturbed since the late 19th century. The first floor is divided into two rooms with the hotel desk, reception counter, and staircase fitted into the southwest corner. Thin vertical beaded board walls enclose the reception area, and a cut-down store counter fronts the enclosure. The boxed staircase is accessed through a four-panel door featuring decorative paint on its inside face. The interior of the stairwell is fitted with narrow beaded boards which retain a grained finish as well. The ell-shaped upstairs hallway provides access to three rooms, and the four-panel bedroom doors are topped with movable two-light transoms. Several doors have a two-toned grained finish. There is no access to the third floor from the west side.

Standing to the rear of the hotel is a single-story frame garage sheathed with corrugated metal siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A single six-over-six

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sash window pierces the north and south side walls, and a large garage door on the west elevation. This building does not contribute to the significance of the resource.

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Whitehaven Hotel is significant under Criterion C as an example of a type of hotel architecture which characterized the Lower Eastern Shore region in the late 19th century. The Second Empire style was chosen infrequently for residential architecture in the region, but was favored for hotels, where the style's characteristic tall mansard roof offered space for additional rooms. The Whitehaven Hotel is the only surviving mansard-roofed hotel in Wicomico County, and one of only three such buildings in the general region. The Whitehaven Hotel derives additional significance under Criterion A for its association with waterborne commerce in the region. Steamboats plying the Wicomico River in the late 19th and early 20th century stopped at the village wharf a short distance from the hotel; travelers en route between Princess Anne in Somerset County and Vienna in Dorchester County crossed the Wicomico by means of a ferry at Whitehaven. The hotel served commercial travelers and the general public, providing lodgings, meals, and various forms of entertainment. It is the sole survivor of a string of water-oriented commercial structures which existed in Whitehaven around the turn of the 20th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

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Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period - 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

DOMESTIC/Hotel

Known Design Source: Unknown

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

The Whitehaven Hotel is architecturally and historically significant. The Second Empire frame hotel, incorporating a ca. 1810-15 Federal side-passage, single-pile frame dwelling, is a distinctive example of riverfront commercial architecture on the lower Eastern Shore. Expanded around 1883 into a hotel in order to serve travelers passing by land or water, the U-shaped frame building dominated by a mansard roof is a local landmark that stands prominently along the Wicomico River. In spite of this obvious reference to this popular revival style, the exterior and interior embellishments are otherwise conservative and limited to porch and eave decoration. Aside from one other building in Whitehaven (WI-193, Otis Lloyd House), Second Empire buildings are not common to rural settings in the Lower Eastern Shore region; existing examples are mostly found in the urbanized Newtown district of Salisbury. The style was employed infrequently for residential buildings, but was favored for hotels, where the full third floor under the mansard offered space for numerous rooms. The Whitehaven Hotel is the only mansard-roofed hotel remaining in Wicomico County, and it is one of three examples located in the Lower Eastern Shore region. The two other hotels stand in Ocean City (WO-328, Mt. Vernon Hotel; WO-329, Mt. Vernon Hotel Annex).

The hotel building also reflects two principal periods of major building activity in Whitehaven; the early 19th century and the late 19th century. Although ferry operation at this location dates as early as the seventeenth century, there are no surviving buildings in the village which predate 1800. Apparently, during prosperous periods of the 19th and 20th centuries, most of the earlier dwellings were replaced. Reflective of this rebuilding is the ca. 1810-15 Federal house that serves as the core of the hotel. Since there are no eighteenth century dwellings remaining in the village center, the early 19th century dwellings comprise the oldest of Whitehaven's buildings. The late 19th century reworking of the house reflects a period of significant construction in Whitehaven as well as across the lower Eastern Shore. In Whitehaven, the largest part of the extant housing stock, around 53 percent, dates to the fourth quarter of the 19th century. With its bold mansard roof, decorative scrollwork, and interior paint decoration, the hotel is the most elaborate example of Victorian

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architecture in the village.

The Whitehaven Hotel is the last survivor of a string of historic commercial structures that lined Whitehaven's waterfront. As a hotel, the business was patronized by local salesmen and the traveling public, who crossed the Wicomico River on the ferry en route between Princess Anne in Somerset County and Vienna in adjacent Dorchester County. Nineteenth and 20th century steamboats plied the Wicomico River, stopping at the village wharf, which was located a short distance from the hotel. Steamboat passengers made use of the hotel services that included rooms, meals, and various types of entertainment.

The period of significance, ca. 1810-ca. 1945, was selected to begin with the approximate date of construction of the earliest section of the building and to end when the hotel ceased operations.

The Whitehaven Hotel was in operation as a hostelry for approximately sixty years between the early 1860s and the mid-1940s when the business was discontinued. The first mention of the property in use as a hotel is found in an 1886 transfer of the property to Charles and William Leatherbury, who purchased at auction the "lot or Division No. 3 containing 1 1/16 acres of Upland and 22 3/4 acres of Marsh . . . 23 13/16 acres more or less . . . being the main building with all the outhouses and lately used as a Hotel by Mrs. A. E. Brady."

The property remained under Leatherbury family ownership until 1897, and after 1900 the hotel was bought and sold several times until Robert W. Staton acquired it in February 1904. The Whitehaven Hotel remained under Robert W. Staton's ownership and operation for forty years. According to older residents who recalled the hotel operation during the early 20th century, visitors could sleep four to a bed for a quarter. The hotel was also a place for Saturday night dances as well as a location where people could buy a drink. After Staton sold the hotel property in 1944, it ceased to operate as a business and the hotel was used as a private residence. Currently it is in disrepair and efforts have been made to stabilize the structure from further deterioration.

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Prior to its conversion into a hotel in the 1880s, the waterfront site was improved by a Federal dwelling which was built around 1810-15. The construction of the two-story, side-passage, single-pile house probably took place during the ownership of Littleton and Sarah E. Aires. Sarah had acquired what was known as the "Woodbine" or "Woodvine" lot, comprising 30 waterfront acres, from her mother Amelia, the widow of George Aires, Jr. George Aires, Jr. had purchased the property in 1806. Sarah and her husband Littleton retained ownership of the property until February 1840, and at that time they were recorded as residents of Baltimore County.

Littleton and Sarah Aires sold the waterfront acreage with the Federal house to Samuel White, who maintained ownership for nineteen years. Samuel White and his family are listed in the 1850 U.S. Census for Somerset County. Designated as a 49-year old farmer, Samuel White is grouped with his wife Betsey and six children. A son, Henry J. White, was identified as a sailor. On January 5, 1859, Samuel and Elizabeth White sold the "Woodvine Lot" to John W. Dougherty, who is identified in the 1860 U.S. Census as a 34 year old merchant. John W. Dougherty is listed in the census with an apparent business partner, Robert Robertson, as well as a blacksmith, Minus Downing. The merchant trade of Dougherty and Robertson is the first indication of a mercantile enterprise at this site.

The next principal owner of the "Woodvine Lot" was Ware Wainwright, who bought 31 acres with improvements from J. W. Dougherty on November 10, 1864. Wainwright also pursued the mercantile trade, and the 1870 U.S. Census for Wicomico County credits him with real estate and personal property valued at $18,500. (Whitehaven was located in the portion of Somerset County that was partitioned in 1867 to create Wicomico County.) Wainwright is designated seven years later on the 1877 Atlas at this site with the residence and store indicated by separate dots on the map. The business directory for the Tyaskin area listed Ware Winright [*sic*] as a

> Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, & c., and all goods usually kept in a country store. Whitehaven P.O.

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Ware Wainwright retained ownership of his Whitehaven residence and store until 1878 when he conveyed title of the property to attorney Robert F. Bratton as a trustee. A little over a week later Bratton conducted an appraisal of the goods, wares, and merchandise in the Wainwright store and sold the contents at auction on May 9, 1878. The house, store, and lot were auctioned a month later, but due to an insufficient bid, the waterfront property was held back and sold privately in July 1879.

James H. Elliott was the next owner and proprietor of the store, but his death soon afterwards dictated that the land and improvements were to pass to his son, Edward J. Elliott. Edward J. Elliott held the property for three years, until insolvency forced another sale in 1886 to Charles and William Leatherbury.

During the 19th century, Whitehaven was the site of prosperous shipbuilding concerns, the location of weekly steamboat landings, and an active fishing business. Its convenient access to the town wharf made Whitehaven an important transshipment point for area tomatoes and other produce grown nearby and processed in locally owned canneries. With employment available in the shipyards and canneries as well as work on the water, the vital commercial, industrial, and agricultural economy supported the construction of modest sized dwellings in the village.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Wicomico County Tax Map 65, Parcels 42, 119, 120

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the plat which accompanies this nomination.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The nominated property, approximately 1.15 acres, includes the ground which immediately surrounds the building and constitutes its historic setting. The boundaries are defined by physical features. The southern boundary is the shoreline of the Wicomico River, and an unobstructed view of the river and surrounding marsh has been an integral part of the property since the early 19th century. The north and east boundary lines follow the courses of two ditches. The west line largely follows Whitehaven Road.

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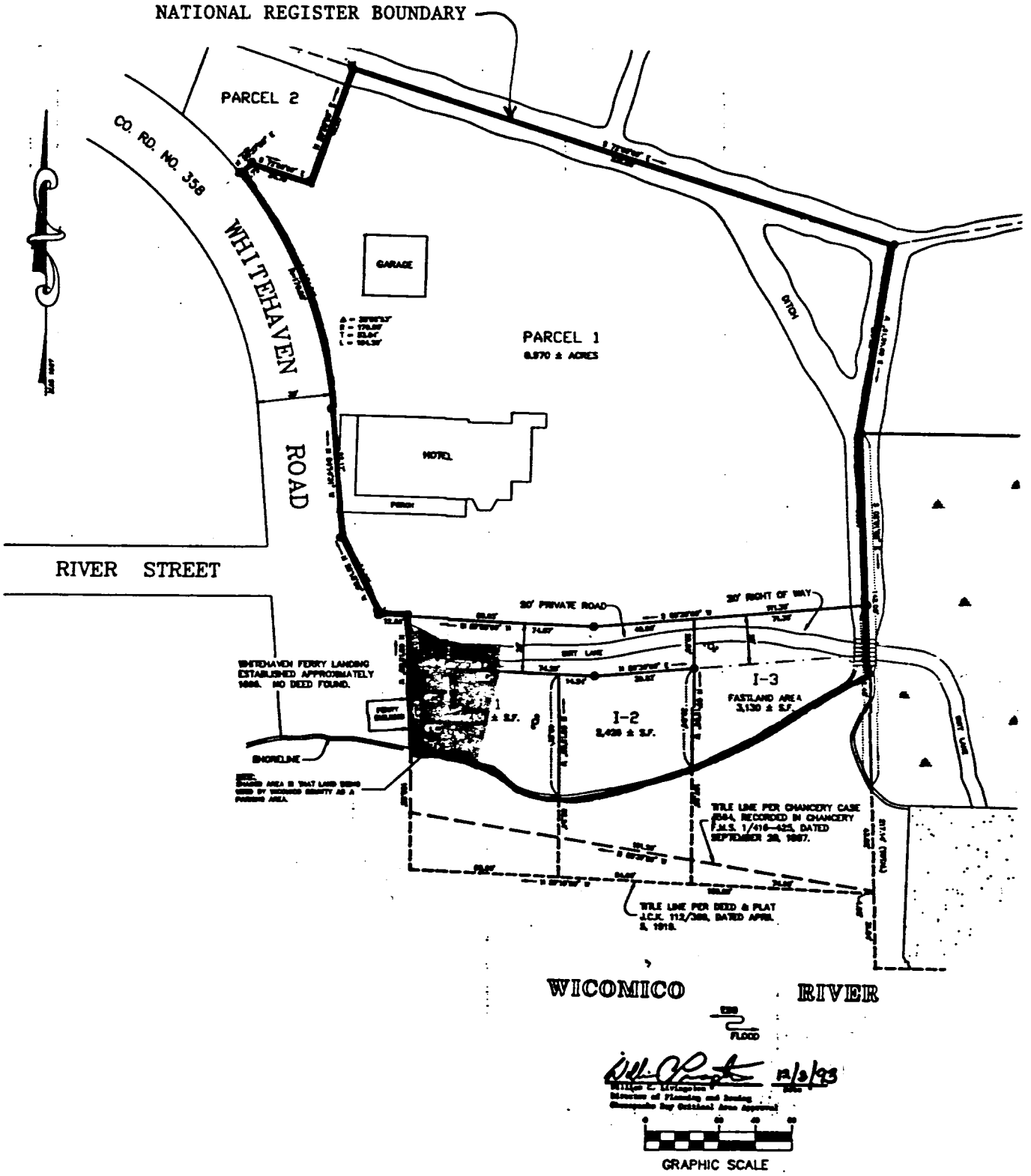

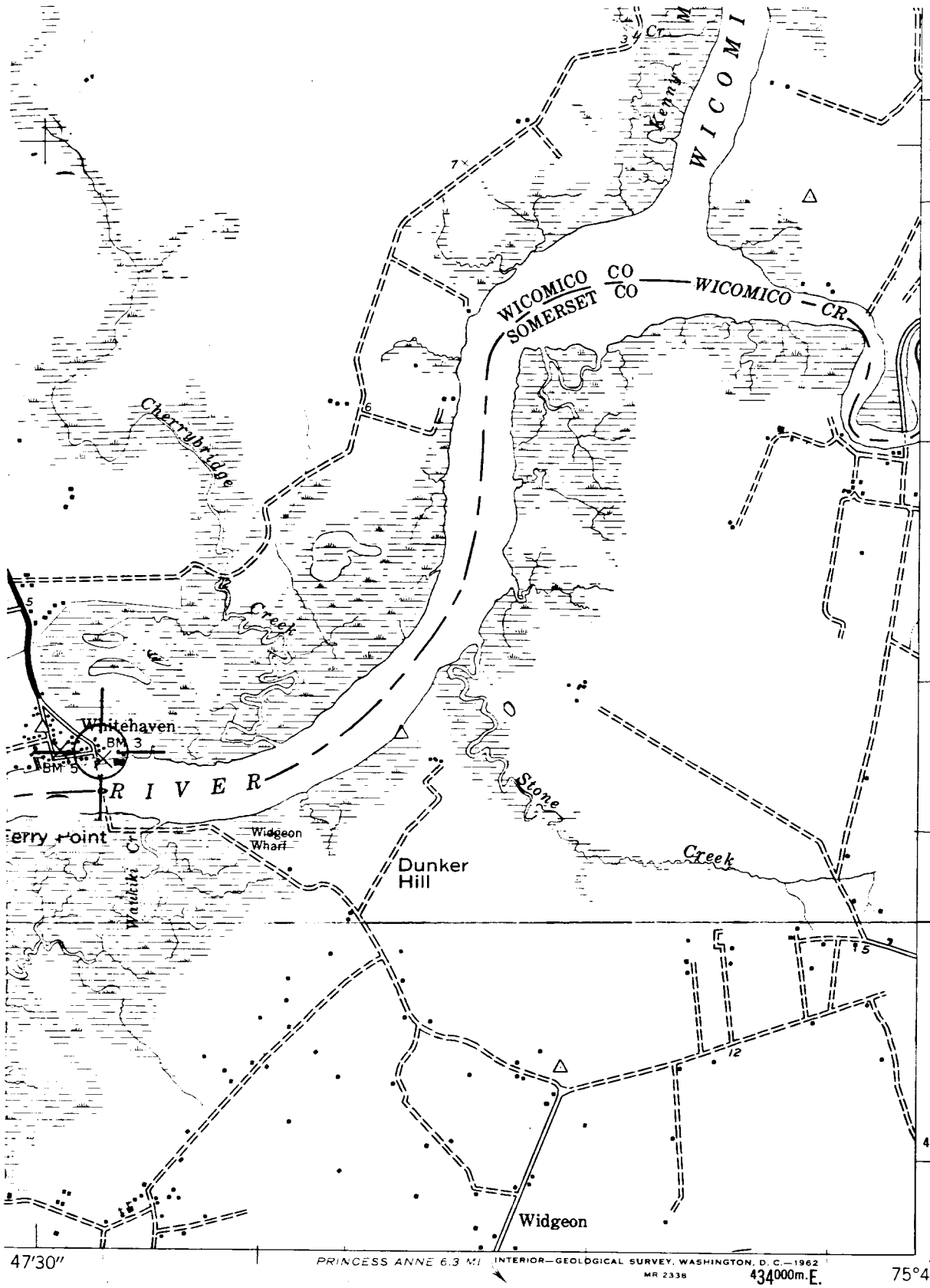

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WHITEHAVEN
HOTEL
WICOMICO CO., MD.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — Light-duty

Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt

State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

WETIPQUIN, MD.

SE/4 NANTICOKE 15' QUADRANGLE

N3815—W7545/7.5

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WHITEHAVEN, WICOMICO CO., MD
SOUTH ELEVATION
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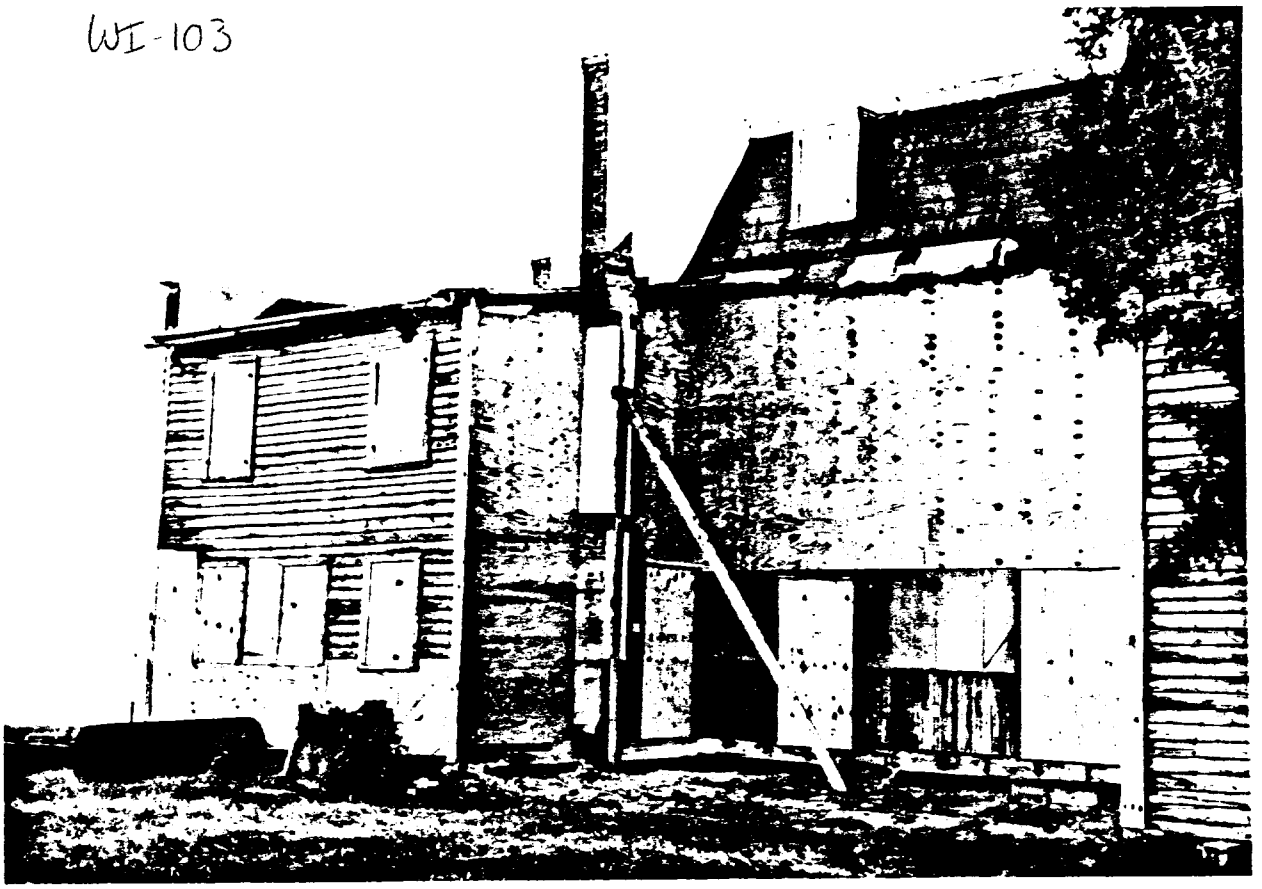

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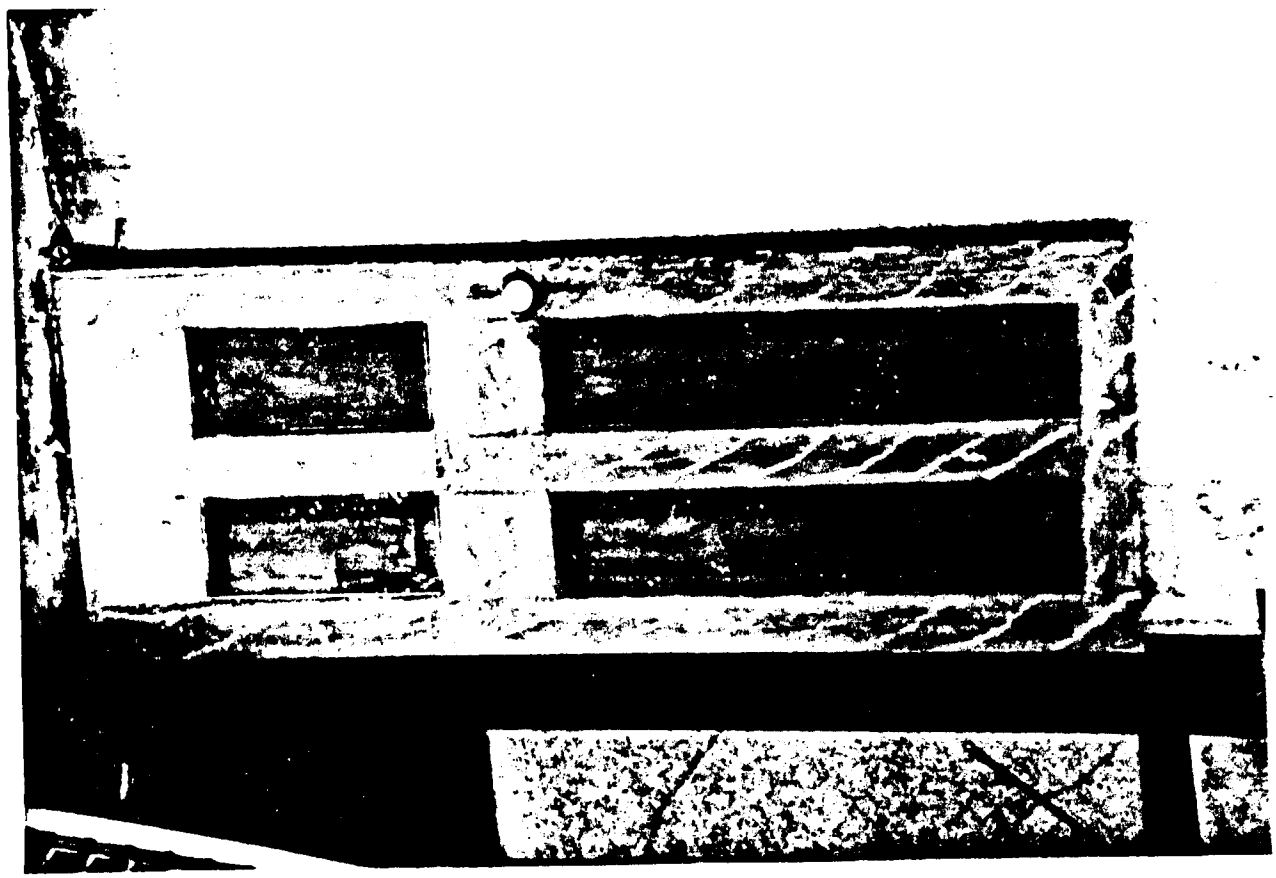

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WHITEHAVEN HOTEL

WHITEHAVEN, WICOMICO CO., MD

BEDROOM DOOR WITH GRAINED DECORATION

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WHITEHAVEN HOTEL

WHITEHAVEN, WICOMICO CO., MD.

GRAINED DOOR

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WHITEHAVEN HOTEL
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WHITEHAVEN HOTEL
WHITEHAVEN, WICOMICO CO., MD
SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM IN C. 1810-15 SECTION
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data
White Haven Hotel, WI-103
Wicomico County, MD

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification (A.D.1680-1815)
Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D.1870-1930)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
Transportation

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural village

Historic Function and Use: This building functioned as a private residence, a store, and a hotel.

Known design source: None.

Assessment
MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-103

Magi No.

DOE X yes __ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: White Haven Hotel within (Whitehaven Historic District)

and/or common: White Haven Hotel

2. Location

street & number: Whitehaven Road (Ext of MD 352) N/A not for publication

city, town: Whitehaven ___ vicinity of congressional district: 35th

state: Maryland county: Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ 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: vacant

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

name: James Moore, Whitehaven Rd, Whitehaven MD, 410-873-2514
Calvin Peacock, 107 River St, Whitehaven MD, 410-873-2870
Thomas L. Lilly, Mezick Rd, Tyaskin MD, 410-543-1518

street & number: telephone no.:

city, town: state and zip code 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 1063

street & number: folio 190

city, town: Salisbury state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Whitehaven Historic District

date: 1980 X federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: National Register of Historic Places and MD Historic Trust

city, town: state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-103

Condition		Check one	Check one	
___ excellent	X deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site	
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	X moved	date of move c. 1883
___ fair	___ unexposed			

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

The White Haven Hotel is located in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. This three-story, flat-roofed, frame structure faces the Wicomico River on the south side, and the county road leading to the Whitehaven Ferry on the west side. It is supported by a brick pier foundation and sheathed with weatherboard siding and asbestos shingles. The mansard roof, once covered with fish scale and square cut shingles is now covered with asphalt shingles.

The earliest portion of the house consists of an L-shaped core covered by a mansard roof. The core structure consists of two formerly separate buildings, built in the late 18th or early 19th century, joined together sometime after 1877. A two-story addition on the east elevation appears to have been constructed in the 1880s, and a two story addition on the north elevation, which has now collapsed in on itself, was constructed in the twentieth century.

The southern (main) elevation has a five bay facade. The westernmost two bays consist of one nine-over-six window and a four panel door with a two-light transom window, both of which have wide surrounds. The door's upper two panels are rounded and made of glass. The eastern three bays consist of two two-over-two windows and a nine-light over three panel door with a three-light transom as the easternmost bay. All four of these windows once had shutters. The shutters are now stored inside the Hotel. The second floor of this five bay facade is lit by two six-over-six windows as the westernmost bays, and three two-over-two windows as the remaining three bays, all with wide surrounds. The second floor is separated from the third floor by a boxed cornice except for a break in the center bay where a square extension of the cornice line frames a third floor window. Four six-over-six windows light the third floor, all of which have wide surrounds. A brick chimney projects from the roof of this five bay facade at a point of separation between the western two bays and the eastern three bays. A flat cornice board finishes the roof line. To the east of this five bay facade is a two-story, flat roofed structure with a three-sided projection sheathed in asbestos shingles. Both the first and second floors of this three-sided structure are lit by three two-over-two sash windows. A boxed cornice extends across the roof line, and a brick chimney projects from the roof's easternmost end.

Until 1991 a porch supported by square posts and decorative scroll sawn brackets stretched across the first floor of the southern elevation's five bay facade. The posts were retained, and are currently in storage inside the Hotel. The porch's wide floor boards still rest on short piers here, extending about five feet from the base of the structure. The removal of the porch included the removal of a strip of

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-103

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

Specific dates Unknown **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C X D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national X state X local

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

The White Haven Hotel is significant in the area of commerce because of its role in the Village of White Haven as a store in the 1870s and 1880s, and because of its use as a hotel by traveling salesmen, or drummers, who frequented rural villages of the Eastern Shore in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Hotel is significant as a landmark associated with transportation because of its role as one of the stopping points along the stagecoach route between Vienna, MD in Dorchester County and Princess Anne, MD in Somerset County. In the early 1900s a livery stable at the Hotel provided fresh horses for these travelers en route across the Eastern Shore.

The White Haven Hotel is significant as an historic site within both the state and local context. Within the Village of Whitehaven, the Hotel is an elaborate architectural landmark with its mansard roof and decorative scroll sawn bracket work. The Hotel dominates the east end of the village. It is the only commercial structure that remains of the once busy and colorful commercial main street and steamboat wharf. Within the Eastern Shore region, the White Haven Hotel provides information about the social and commercial life of rural communities during the second half of the 19th and early 20th century. The vast store inventory[1] and 10 room capacity of the Hotel suggests its importance as a stop for goods-bearing steamboats from the Western Shore and as a stop-over for guests traveling by boat or carriage across the Eastern Shore. Within the state, the White Haven Hotel has significance as a contributing resource in the Village of Whitehaven, a uniquely self-contained and well-preserved maritime community.

The three bay central section of the White Haven Hotel's southern elevation is the earliest part of the structure. This originally free-standing structure was first constructed as a dwelling house, and was certainly standing by 1803 as the residence of Thomas and Anne Jones.[2] Although the riven lath work on the first floor ceiling of this section of the Hotel, the Federal style mantles and balusters on the second and third floors, and the mortise and tenon and wooden peg building technology exposed

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1. Wicomico Testamentary Records, Inventories, Liber E.L.W.1, folio 177-
2. Somerset County Land Records: Liber P, folio 88-

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Somerset Co. Patented Certificates of Survey, Hall of Records.
(See attached.)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .979 acres

Quadrangle name Wetipquin **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

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

The boundaries of the White Haven Hotel Historic Site correspond to those to which the owner holds title. See the attached "Property Survey for Wm. Gates' for description of metes and bounds. The White Haven Hotel is Parcel 1.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Architectural Historian

under the auspices of:

organization Whitehaven Heritage Association, Inc **date** December 1992

street & number P.O. Box 4488 **telephone** 410/742-5379

city or town Salisbury **state** MD 21803

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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weatherboarding which has exposed the partially hand hewn, mortise and tenoned, and pegged beams of the oldest part of the White Haven Hotel. Here, vertical posts were mortise and tenoned into the wall plate, a partially hand hewn, large square beam, and secured in place with wooden pegs. Beams which created the second story are notched into this horizontal wall plate as well.

The west elevation consists of three bays. The two northern bays of the first floor are two sets of double doors with wide surrounds. The northernmost double doors have two single pane glass panels over four wooden panels. This door replaced a two-over-two sash window visible in an old photograph from the late 19th century. The door's glass transom window is now covered with plywood. The central double door bay has two double pane glass panels over four wood panels, and a four-light transom window. The third bay is a two-over-two window with wide surrounds. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six windows with wide surrounds. A boxed cornice separates the second and third floor except for a break in the center bay which creates a square frame around a third story window. This frame is decorated with scroll sawn brackets. The third floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. A flat cornice board finishes the roof line. The porch which once extended across the southern elevation of the White Haven Hotel also extended across its western facade supported by brick piers almost two feet in height. Here, many of the wide porch boards have been replaced by plywood sheets. Although weatherboards were removed with the porch here too, the building technology of the exposed woodwork does not appear to be as old as that exposed on the structure's southern elevation.

The northern elevation consists of a western bay lit by one two-over-two sash window on the first floor, and one six-over-six sash window on the second and third floors, all with wide surrounds. A boxed cornice separates the second and third floors, and a flat cornice board finishes the roof line. The central three bay section of this elevation consists of a twentieth century, two-story, infill structure which is in irretrievable disrepair. This structure consists of two four-over-two sash windows and one four panel door on the first floor, and three six-over-six sash windows on the second floor, all with wide surrounds. A brick chimney projects from the flat roof of this central bay. Above this central bay projects the third floor of the main L-shaped building. This floor is lit by one two-over-two sash window on its eastern end, and one six-over-six sash window on its western end. The easternmost section of this elevation consists of a two-story, flat roofed structure sheathed in weatherboard and lit on the first floor by three two-over-two sash windows and on the second floor by two six-over-six sash windows, all with wide surrounds. A one story, shed roof structure covered with asphalt shingles, plywood, and weatherboard and supported on a brick pier foundation, projects from this eastern end of the northern elevation. This shed was formerly a pump house.

7.2 Description
White Haven Hotel , WI -103
Wicomico County, MD

The east elevation has a one-story, tin roof, porch addition across the first floor which is enclosed with louvered windows, an aluminum screen door, and asbestos siding. The second floor of this facade is covered in asbestos siding and lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. Above this flat roofed, two story structure is the third floor of the White Haven Hotel core which is lit by one six-over-six sash window.

The interior of the oldest part of this former Hotel, the eastern three bays of the five bay southern facade, still retains its original Federal style mantels and cross and bible doors. It is unclear whether the wainscoting, which stands about two feet from the floor, and door mouldings are original to this first construction period. The exposed plaster work on the ceiling of the first floor room reveals riven laths. The first floor of the stair rail has been replaced by Victorian, turned posts, but the second and third floors retain the square post balusters typical of the Federal period. This section of the Hotel, which was once a separate, one room deep dwelling house, has also retained its original plan on both the first and second floors.

The interior of the one room deep structure which composes the western facade has some interesting Victorian decorative details. The ceiling of the first floor is stenciled with a dark red flower pattern against a mustard yellow and sea green background. The doors on the second floor of this structure are decorated with faux graining. This same type of graining can be found on the interior of the front door to the Whitehaven United Methodist Church.

One outbuilding stands on the northwest corner of the property. This square, one story, twentieth century structure is sheathed in corrugated tin. Its gable roof, oriented on an east/west axis is covered with asphalt shingles. One six-over-six sash window lights both the north and south elevations. There is a door on the structure's east elevation and a sliding garage door on the west elevation. A pile of bricks and debris stand on the northeast corner of the property where a second outbuilding once stood.

on this section's exterior could point to an 18th century construction date, there is no conclusive archival documnetation to support such an interpretation at this time.

In 1877 two separate buildings stood on the Hotel property: the dwelling and a store house. (See Historic Map attached.) At this time Ware Wainwright, who had purchased the property in 1864,[3] operated a store in the three bay wide, two bay deep structure which is the Hotel's western elevation. The Wainwright Store could take special advantage of the ferry traffic which passed just outside its front door.

In 1879, James H. Elliott purchased the property and continued to operate a store here until his death.[4] James Elliott's son Edward inherited the property, and around 1883 the dwelling house was moved to its current location adjoining the store house. Between 1883 and 1886 the White Haven Hotel opened. It appears that during this time the structure was significantly enlarged. The enlargement consisted of the linkage of the formerly separate dwelling and store to form the Hotel's L-shaped core. A mansard roof was built over the formerly two-and-a-half story dwelling house and store to create a full third floor. A porch was stretched around the Hotel's southern and western elevations, and a two-story wing with a projecting three-sided bay was added on the Hotel's eastern end.

The Hotel's second and third floors provided rooms for overnight visitors, often salesmen or fishermen. In the early 20th century, under the ownership of Robert Staton, visitors could sleep four to a bed for a quarter. Staton hosted dances on Saturday nights in the Hotel which was then known as "a place where people could get a drink." [5]

By 1944 this structure had ceased to be active as a Hotel. Currently, it is vacant and in disrepair. A demolition permit was issued to its owners as recently as 1986, but no action was taken. Within the past year the porch which once wrapped around the Hotel's southern and western elevations was removed. Whitehaven residents hope that the Hotel, which is now for sale, will be rehabilitated for use as a bed and breakfast, a museum, or a private residence.

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[3] Somerset County Land Records: Liber L.W.8, folio 501.

[4] Wicomico County Chancery Record, Liber F.M.S.1, folio 315.

[5] Susan Webster, "Whitehaven," Old Home Prize Essay. Held in the Maryland Room at the Wicomico County Library.

8.2 Significance: Chain of Title
White Haven Hotel, WI-103
Wicomico County, MD

Grantor: William J. Gates and Deborah Gates, his wife.
Grantee: Whitehaven Associates Joint Venture
James Moore, Calvin Peacock, Thomas L. Lilly
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 1063, folio 190.
Date: April 17, 1986
Description: Conveyance of Parcel 1, being .979 acres in the town of Whitehaven, and Parcel 2, being a smaller second lot in the village of Whitehaven, both of which are described in the property survey for William Gates.

Grantor: Margaret N. Lewis
Grantee: William J. Gates and Deborah Gates, his wife.
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 1032, folio 195.
Date: March 15, 1985
Description: Conveyance of Parcel 1, being .979 acres in the town of Whitehaven, and Parcel 2, being a smaller second lot in the village of Whitehaven, both of which are described in the property survey for William Gates.

Grantor: Edwin L. Dickey and Dorothy G. Dickey
Grantee: Stafford J. Lewis and Margaret N. Lewis, his wife.
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber JWTS 671, folio 194.
Date: April 17, 1968
Description: Edwin C. M. Dickey died intestate around March 22, 1967, Testamentary Record #6478. His son, Edwin L. Dickey, was the sole heir, and received all real and personal property including that "known as the White Haven Hotel property."

Grantor: Robert W. Staton
Grantee: Edwin C. M. Dickey
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 264, folio 275.
Date: August 31, 1944
Description: Conveyance of that property "known as White Haven Hotel property."

Grantor: George J. Records, Kathryn Records, Harry P. Goldsborough, Helen Goldsborough.
Grantee: Robert W. Staton
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber E.A.T. 39, folio 314.
Date: February 20, 1904
Description: Conveyance of property "known as White Haven Hotel property."

8.3 Significance: Chain of Title
White Haven Hotel, WI-103
Wicomico County, MD

Grantor: George W. Bell, Trustee
Grantee: George J. Records and Harry P. Goldsborough, partners trading as Records and Goldsborough.
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 33, folio 430.
Date: August 23, 1902
Description: Conveyance of property "known as White Haven Hotel property."

Grantor: Jeremiah J. Morris
Grantee: George W. Bell, attorney for Records and Goldsborough.
Record: Wicomico Chancery Record, Liber J.T.T. 4, folio 538-.
Chancery Case #1407.
Date: May 13, 1902
Description: Morris has defaulted on the mortgage of that property "known as the White Haven Hotel being the same which was recently occupied by Jeremiah J. Morris as a Hotel." George W. Bell is created Trustee of Morris' property.

Mortgagor: Jeremiah J. Morris
Mortgagee: Records and Goldsborough
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 23, folio 418.
Date: May 23, 1900
Description: Mortgage of property "known as the White Haven Hotel property" and personal property including "all the Decanters, glasses, bar room fixtures, mirror looking glasses, measures, cash register, and all the spiritous liquors of every description in or about said Hotel property...also all the furniture, stoves, cooking utensils, plates, dishes, cups, and saucers, knives and forks, spoons, chairs, tables, etc. contained in said Hotel...also all beds, bedsteads, springs, mattresses, bolsters, or pillows, bed clothes, chairs, washstand toilet sets, looking glasses, and all other furniture of every kind...in Rooms No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11." Here, George J. Records is given power to sell the property if Morris defaults.

Grantor: George J. Records, Kathryn Records, Harry P. Goldsborough, Helen Goldsborough.
Grantee: Jeremiah J. Morris
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 28, folio 129.
Date: May 23, 1900
Description: Conveyance of property "known as White Haven Hotel property."

Grantor: John M. Parker and Sadie L. Parker, his wife.
Grantee: George J. Records and Harry P. Goldsborough
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 28, folio 128.
Date: May 8, 1900
Description: Conveyance of property "known as White Haven Hotel property...being

part of the land conveyed to Wm. K. Leatherbury." Mention of porch in description.

Mortgagor: John M. Parker and Sadie L. Parker, his wife.
Mortgagee: George J. Records and Henry P. Goldsborough
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 23, folio 314.
Date: January 8, 1900
Description: Mortgage of property "known as White Haven Hotel property" and all that personal property being "all the decanters, bar room fixtures, glasses, looking glasses, and cash register, together with stock of liquors of every kind and description contained in the property, also all the furniture of every kind and description, beds, bedding, and bed clothes contained in Rooms 1,2,4,5,6,9,10,11, including also kitchen furniture, table ware, spoons, knives, forks, stores, and goods contained in and about said house."

Grantor: Alonzo Dickerson and Mary E. Dickerson, his wife.
Grantee: John M. Parker
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 27, folio 339.
Date: January 8, 1900
Description: Conveyance of "all that lot or parcel of land lying in Whitehaven, Tyaskin District, Wicomico County...the building now occupied by said Dickerson."

Grantor: William K. Leatherbury and Lillian M Leatherbury, his wife.
Grantee: Alonzo Dickerson
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber J.T.T. 21, folio 239.
Date: October 14, 1897
Description: Conveyance of that "lot or parcel of land in Whitehaven...being part of the parcel of land conveyed to Leatherbury by Robert F. Bratton...it being the same place where Leatherbury now lives and carries on the Hotel business." Mention of porch.

Grantor: Robert F. Bratton, Trustee for Charles Leatherbury.
Grantee: William K. Leatherbury
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber F.M.S. 7, folio 171.
Date: January 28, 1891
Description: Property is "that lot or parcel of land in Whitehaven described as lot or Division No. 3 including Marsh 23 13/16 of an acre more and less...and having thereon the hotel and stables where the said William now keeps hotel." Charles and William Leatherbury purchased this property jointly at a private sale overseen by Robert F. Bratton, Trustee on June 27, 1887. Here, William is buying Charles' share in the property.

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Grantor: Robert F. Bratton, Trustee.
Grantee: Charles Leatherbury and William Leatherbury.
Record: Wicomico County Chancery Record, Liber F.M.S. 1, folio 416-. Chancery Case #584.
Date: May 29, 1886 -.
Description: Public auction of real estate held in front of the Hotel on April 23, 1887. Trustee found bid for hotel property too low, so it was sold by private sale on June 27, 1887 to the Leatherburys. Property is "lot or Division No. 3 containing 1 1/16 acres of Upland and 22 3/4 acres of Marsh...23 13/16 acres more or less...being the main building with all the outhouses and lately used as a Hotel by Mrs. A.E.Brady."

Grantor: Edward J. Elliott and Georgia M. Elliott, his wife.
Grantee: Robert F. Bratton
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber F.M.S. 1, folio 299.
Date: May 29, 1886
Description: Elliott is unable to pay his creditors. In order to pay Long and others, he must sell his real and personal property. This is a Deed of Trust creating Bratton as Trustee of Elliott's property prior to sale.

Mortgagor: Edward J. Elliott and Georgia M. Elliott, his wife.
Mortgagee: Francis Long
Record: Wicomico County Land Records, Liber S.P.T. 6, folio 2.
Date: August 23, 1883
Description: Mortgage of that property "situate and adjoining in the town of Whitehaven whereon Edward now resides and keeps store, devised unto him by his father, James H. Elliott, dec'd....containing 100 acres more or less including marsh land."

Grantor: Robert F. Bratton, Trustee for estate of James H. Elliott.
Grantee: Edward J. Elliott
Record: Wicomico Land Records, Liber S.P.T. 5, folio 370.
Date: March 22, 1883
Description: James H. Elliott devised "all the real estate at the village of White Haven which I bought of Robert F. Bratton, Trustee for Wair Winwright" to his son Edward J. Elliott in Wicomico Testamentary Record E.L.W. No. 1, folio 49. Although Bratton had sold the property to J.H.Elliott, he had not issued the deed to J.H.Elliott before his death. Here, Bratton conveys "all the marsh land and wharf property situate in Whitehaven...where Wainwright formerly resided and kept store and where E.J.Elliott now resides and keeps store and containing altogether (Marsh and arable land) 100 acres more or less" directly to Edward J. Elliott.

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Grantor: Robert F. Bratton, Trustee.
Grantee: James H. Elliott
Record: Wicomico Chancery Record, Liber F.M.S. 1, folio 315.
Date: July 16, 1879
Description: Bratton conducted an invoice of all goods, wares, and merchandise in the Winwright store at White Haven and sold these at public auction on May 9, 1878. A public auction of Winwright's property was then held on June 8, 1878. Bids were not sufficiently high for the sale of the "Winwright house lot, store house, and wharf, and including the Marsh land thereto adjacent...containing 100 acres more or less" so this property was sold by private sale to James H. Elliott in July 1879.

Grantor: Ware Wainwright
Grantee: Robert F. Bratton
Record: Wicomico Land Records, Liber S.P.T. 3, folio 2-.
Date: April 29, 1878
Description: Deed of Trust creating Bratton as Trustee of Wainwright's property including "all my stock of goods, wares, and merchandise of every description now in the store house at White Haven where the said Ware has been carrying on the mercantile business, consisting of Dry goods, groceries, notions, etc." Also three plots of land, including one which consisted of "all that tract of land, wharf and water privileges situate at White Haven, where the said Wainwright now resides, including dwelling and store house...being 100 acres more or less." (Ware Winwright and Ware Wainwright are the same person.)

Grantor: John W. Dougherty and Louis A. Dougherty, his wife.
Grantee: Ware Wainwright
Record: Somerset Land Record, Liber L.W. 8, folio 501.
Date: November 10, 1864
Description: Property conveyed is "all that tract or parcel of land lying and being situate on the north side of Wicomico River at the village of White Haven in Somerset County the same being called Woodbine Lot and containing 31 acres more or less."

Grantor: Samuel White and Elizabeth White, his wife.
Grantee: John W. Dougherty
Record: Somerset Land Record, Liber L.W. 6, folio 501.
Date: January 5, 1859
Description: Property conveyed is "all that tract or tracts of land situated on the north side of the Wicomico River at the village of White Haven in Somerset County in the State of Maryland called Woodbine Lot."

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Grantor: Littleton Aires and Sarah E. Aires, of Baltimore County.
Grantee: Samuel White
Record: Somerset Land Record, Liber L.H., folio 324.
Date: February 5, 1840
Description: Property conveyed is "all that tract or tracts of land situated on Wicomico River at the village of White Haven in Somerset County in the state of Maryland...called Woodbine Lot."

Grantor: Amelia Aires, widow and relict of George Aires, Jr.
Grantee: Sarah E. Aires
Record: Somerset Land Record R., folio 267.
Date: April 8, 1807
Description: In Testamentary Record E.B. 23, folio 106, George Aires, Jr. granted to his wife Amelia "all my property of every description, Real, personal, and mixed." Here, his widow Amelia conveys "that part or parcel of land...being in Somerset County known by the name of Woodbine Lot...Beginning at a cedar post standing on the side of Wicomico River a little below the ferry warf at the lower ferry on said River it being the first Bounder of a resurvey on the aforesaid Tract of Land called Woodvine Lott and running from thence by and with the first course of the aforesaid Tract of land called Woodvine Lott North 22 degrees and 30 minutes West 14 perches, by and with the said causeway thence North 52 degrees West 15 perches with a Ditch thence North 7 degrees and 30 minutes East 16 perches by and with said ditch thence North 72 degrees East 24 perches thence South 74 degrees 30 minutes East 20 perches thence South 42 degrees 30 minutes East until it intersects Wicomico River aforesaid and from thence down by and with the said river to the Beginning containing 30 acres more or less."

Grantor: Thomas Jones and Anne D. Jones
Grantee: George Aires, Jr.
Record: Somerset Land Record Liber Q, folio 270.
Date: February 15, 1806
Description: Property conveyed is "all that parcel of Lands situated and lying in Somerset County on the north side of Wicomico River at the Lower Ferry. Beginning at a cedar post standing on the River side a little below the ferry wharf it being the first Bounder of a Resurvey on said land called Woodvine Lott...with all the houses, gardens, outhouses, ways, privileges, etc...being 25 or 30 acres more or less." (Woodbine and Woodvine are the same lot.)

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Grantor: Ichabod Dashiell, Priscilla Dashiell, Thomas Jones, and Anna Jones
Grantee: Thomas Jones and wife Anna Jones.
Record: Somerset Land Record Liber P, folio 88-.
Date: December 1, 1803
Description: Property is that whereon John Evans (of Nicholas), father of Priscilla Dashiell and Anna Jones, formerly lived. Conveyance of "all that part of the land lying to the Northward and Eastward of the following courses, that is to say, Beginning at the forks of the Road leading from the Lower Ferry to Nanticoke Point and from said Ferry to Wetipquin Thence South 69 degrees East 73 perches by and with the branch of Manojetors Creek* thence from the aforesaid fork North 7 degrees West 236 perches to the stone bounder thence South 7 degrees East 7 perches thence West 112 perches until it intercepts the eighth line of the Resurvey called Woodvine Lott, Thence round by and with the said Resurvey to the Interception of the said line from the forks of the road **and also** all that land lying at the Lower Ferry Together with the Lot and houses wherein the said Thomas Jones now lives and agreeable to the division this day agreed upon and which Division is hereto annexed." Conveyed to Jones on folio 90 is "the Lott on which the said Thomas Jones now lives with all the high Land adjoining toit which descended to the said Priscilla...from her father...as also an Island opposite the said Lott in the Marsh and also one half of the marsh between the said Lott and Manningeteers Creek*." (* Maningettoes Creek also spelled "Manojetors," or "Manoniotors" is now known as Cherry Bridge Creek. See Clayton Torrence, Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland 1935. (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1966) 148.)

Grantor: State of Maryland
Grantee: Thomas Jones, his wife Anne Dashiell, Ichabod Dashiell, and his wife Priscilla.
Record: Patented Certificate of Survey, Somerset County #2572.
(Located at Hall or Records, Annapolis, MD.)
Date: December 20, 1801
Description: This patent consists of the resurvey of Rice Land, patented July 2, 1649 by Nicholas Rice being 1000 acres more or less, Timber Grove, patented June 18, 1726 by Nicholas Evans being 100 acres more or less, Troy, patented by John Evans on March 21, 1680 being 50 acres more or less, Lifford, patented by John Evans on November 22, 1737 being 100 acres more or less, Finiss, patented by John Evans on October 25, 1762 being 181 acres more or less, Dormon Improvement, patented by Captain Thomas Gillis on August 10, 1746 being 40 acres more or less, Gilliss' Care, patented by Captain Thomas Gillis on August 10, 1745 being 22 acres more or less, and Fox Hall, patented by John Evans on September 22, 1658 being 50 acres more or less. All of these tracts were resurveyed to account for their true acreage and configuration in 1801 which had changed considerably since their original date of patent. Two vacant tracts of land, one consisting of 87 acres, and one along the edge

of the Wicomico River consisting of 10 acres, were added to this resurvey. The entire tract was renamed "Woodvine Lott ... situate, lying, and being in Somerset County and on the North side of Wicomico River and on the west side of Manojetors Creek...Beginning at a marked cedar post standing on the North side of said river about two poles from the warf and is also first bounder of a tract of land called Might Have Had More, from thence running north...being 676 3/4 acres more or less." Improvements on this property consisted of one frame house, 16 feet by 24 feet worth $40, one log house, one log meat house, one log corn house, a garden, and fence rails. Within Woodvine Lott, the White Haven Hotel property is located on the tract of land formerly known as Rice Land.

Testator: Levin Dashiell, Sr.
Devisee: Priscilla Evans and Anna Evans, sisters.
Record: Somerset Testamentary Record, Liber E.B. 17, folio 349
Date: August 16, 1792. Probated on January 13, 1795.
Description: "Item 2: I give and devise unto my son-in-law John Evans the Plantation whereon he now lives for and during his natural life, and the life of his wife and in case his wife should survive him, then I give and devise the said plantation to his said wife for and during her natural life and after the death of the aforesaid John Evans and his wife (my daughter) I give and devise the aforesaid Tract of land to Thomas Evans son of John Evans and his heirs and assigns for ever. And in case of the death of my Grandson Thomas Evans without issue I give and devise the Tract of Land given to Thomas Evans unto his two sisters Ann Evans and Priscilla Evans to them and their heirs and assigns forever." There are no date of death records for either John Evans, his wife Anne, or his son Thomas. They must have been deceased by 1801, however, since the property had already passed to Anne and Priscilla Evans by that time.

Grantor: Henry Jackson and John Stewart, Merchants, surviving partners of Levin Gale.
Grantee: Levin Dashiell, Sr.
Record: Somerset Land Record, Liber I, Folio 388 -.
Date: July 10, 1792
Description: Levin Dashiell, Sr., John Evans' father-in-law, pays Jackson and Stewart 641 pounds, 16 shillings, 4 pence, the sum of Evans' indebtedness to the merchants plus legal interest as per the Mortgage Deed in Liber H, folio 244 -. As a result of payment, Levin Dashiell Sr. becomes possessed of all those tracts of land "on the north side of the Wicomico River near the Lower ferry in Somerset County known by the following names, Rice Land, Timber Grove, Troy."

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Grantor: John Evans, Gentleman, commonly called John Evans of Nicholas.
Grantee: Levin Gale, Henry Jackson, and John Stewart, Merchants.
Record: Somerset Land Record, Liber H, folio 244 -.
Date: March 24, 1787
Description: This is a Mortgage Deed of that land "lying and being on the North side of Wicomico River near the Lower ferry in Somerset County...known by the following names to wit Rice Land, Timber Grove, and Troy." Here John Evans conveys his property to Gale, Jackson, and Stewart for 502 pounds, 12 shillings current money with the stipulation that once he is able to repay them this sum plus legal interest the deed becomes null and void and John Evans is restored as sole owner of the property.

Testator: Nicholas Evans
Devisee: John Evans
Record: Somerset Testamentary Record, Liber E.B. 9, folio 89.
Date: April 8, 1723. Probated on May 20, 1723.
Description: "My land lying on the Easternmost side of Taylor's Creek on the westernmost side of Manoniotors Creek..I give and Bequeath unto my son John Evans being part of Rice Land to him, and the next lawful male heir to inherit forever..." (Although "Taylor's Creek" occasionally appears in these descriptions as a boundary marker, it's not clear where Taylor's Creek is located, if it still exists. Taylor's Creek is identified as an early name for Cherry Bridge Creek by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Augustine in the Whitehaven Historic Sites Survey, but they give no reference for the source of this information. The 1801 Certificate of Survey plat shows clearly that the creek called "Maningettoes" is the creek we call Cherry Bridge today. Since Taylor's Creek and Maningettoes Creek are used as two different boundary markers in the description above, they cannot be the same body of water. Further, this description shows that Taylor's Creek is located to the west of Maningettoes, or Cherry Bridge, Creek. Perhaps Taylor's Creek is the gut between Shiles Creek and Cherry Bridge Creek, which runs next to Bolton.)

Testator: John Evans, Planter
Devisee: Nicholas Evans
Record: Somerset Testamentary Record, Liber E.B.5, folio 187.
Date: May 6, 1686. Probated on July 12, 1686.
Description: At this point the chain of title becomes difficult to follow. Nicholas Evans is the eldest son and receives one third of John Evans' personal estate. He does not receive any real property. John Evans, the youngest son, receives "the one moyety or half of a tract or parcel of Land called "Sidney" the other moyety belonging to Richard Crockett." There is no mention of "Rice Land" in John Evans' will. There are also no records of Nicholas Evans' purchase of the property. (Although a deed exists between Edward Harris of Bristol, Mariner and Lawfull attorney of Howell Jones of Treverthin in the County of Monmouth in the Dominion of Wales, Yoeman, grantor, and Nicholas

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Evans, grantee, for "a parcel of Rice land being 640 acres more or less," the description of this property locates it "on the east side of a Creek commonly called Marenjettoes Creek." Somerset Land Records, Liber CD, folio 10. This title is concerned only with that parcel of Rice land located on the west side of the said creek.) Yet, in the Rent Rolls of 1663-1723 Rice Land is described as a 1000 acre tract in Manny Hundred rented for one pound sterling per annum which was "Surveyed Sept. 8, 1663 for Nicholas Rice on the northern most side of Wicomico River on the East side of Taylor's Creek possessed by Captain Nicholas Evans to whom it descended by the oath of his father John Evans who was possessed with the right." (Maryland Historical Society Collection: Calvert Papers, MS. 174, p. 21. A bound copy of this document is located at the Eastern Shore Archives in Salisbury, MD.) When and under what circumstances John Evans' oath was given remains unclear.

Testator: Nicholas Rice
Devisee: John Evans
Record: Somerset Testamentary Record, Liber E.B.5, folio 136.
Date: January 5, 1677. Probated on March 15, 1677.
Description: "I give and bequeath all the rest of my personal estate that is to say goods, cattle, chattels, moveable, and immoveable, moneys, debts, bills, bonds together with all my servants, rights, priviledges...to Richard Crockett and John Evans to be equally divided."

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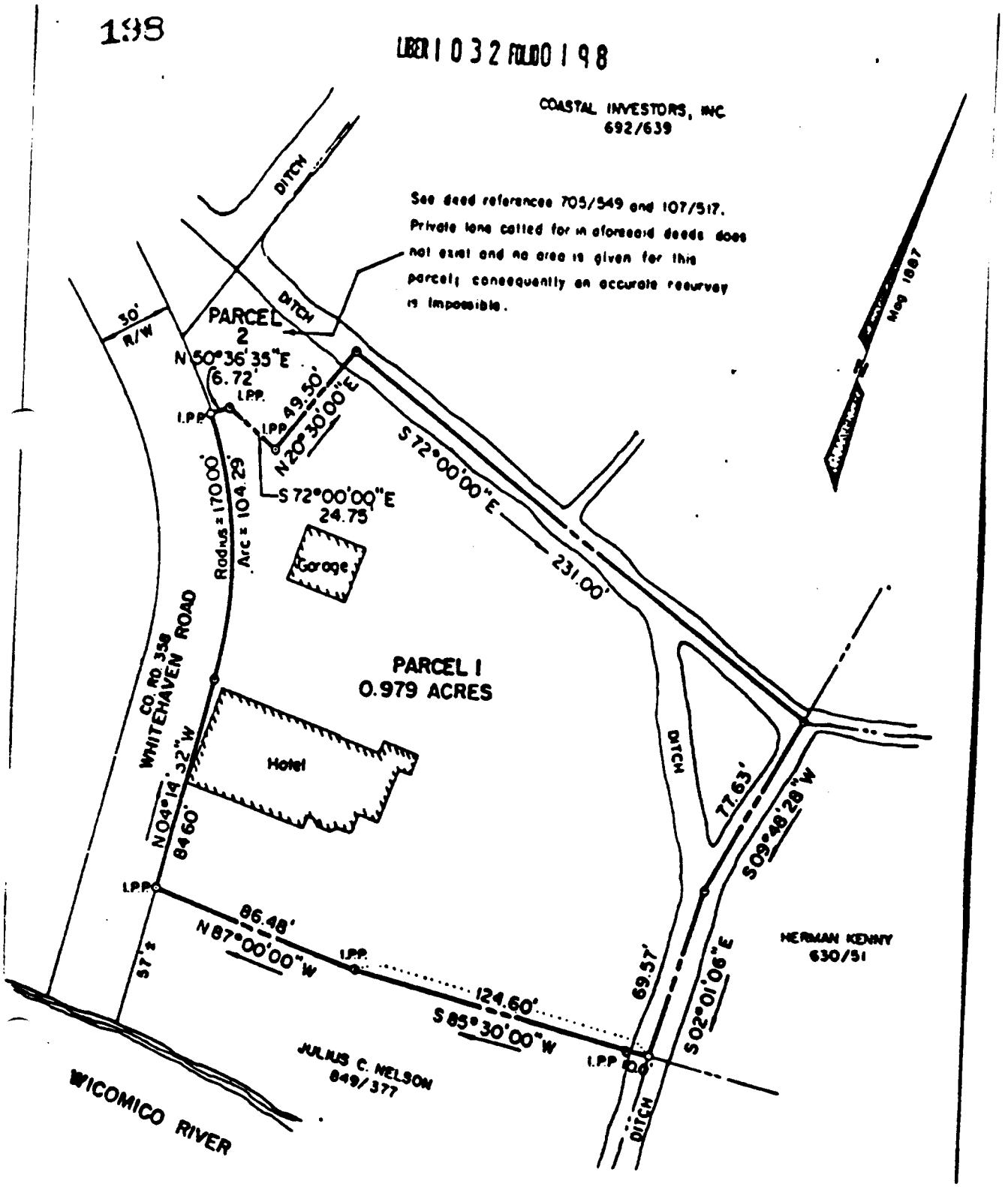
Property Survey for William Gates, March 18, 1985.
Parcel 1 includes the White Haven Hotel property.
Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 1032, folio 198.



Historic Map
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Tyaskin District of An Illustrated Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester Counties, Maryland (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, 1877). Here, Ware Winright is the owner of two structures, a dwelling and a store, which were later joined to form the core of the White Haven Hotel.

TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

W. J. CATLIN, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm. P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

W. D. HEATH, Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Tobacco, Liquors, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

NOAH J. TILGHMAN, Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills," Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Hominy, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.

J. H. B. HORNER, Owner of the fine Sloop "James Wesley." All kinds of freighting done to and from any point on the "Chesapeake Bay," or its tributaries. Especial Attention to the purchase and freighting of Oysters. Res. and P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

J. W. WINGATE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Confectionery, Wines, Whiskies, Brandies and Rum, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store, at Whitehaven.

WARE WINRIGHT, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, &c., and all goods usually kept in a country store: Whitehaven P. O.

W. G. & J. Q. TILGHMAN, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Cutlery, Tobacco, Cigars, Notions, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

JOHN WILLING AND CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions and all articles usually kept in a country store. Nanticoke P. O.

S. A. LANGRALL, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store. Store near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

JNO. TURNER AND SON, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, &c. Nanticoke, Md.

J. A. CONNAWAY, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Res. near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

J. H. ELLIOTT, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Extracts, Patent Medicines, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a first class country store. Store at Green Hill.

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First Floor Plan
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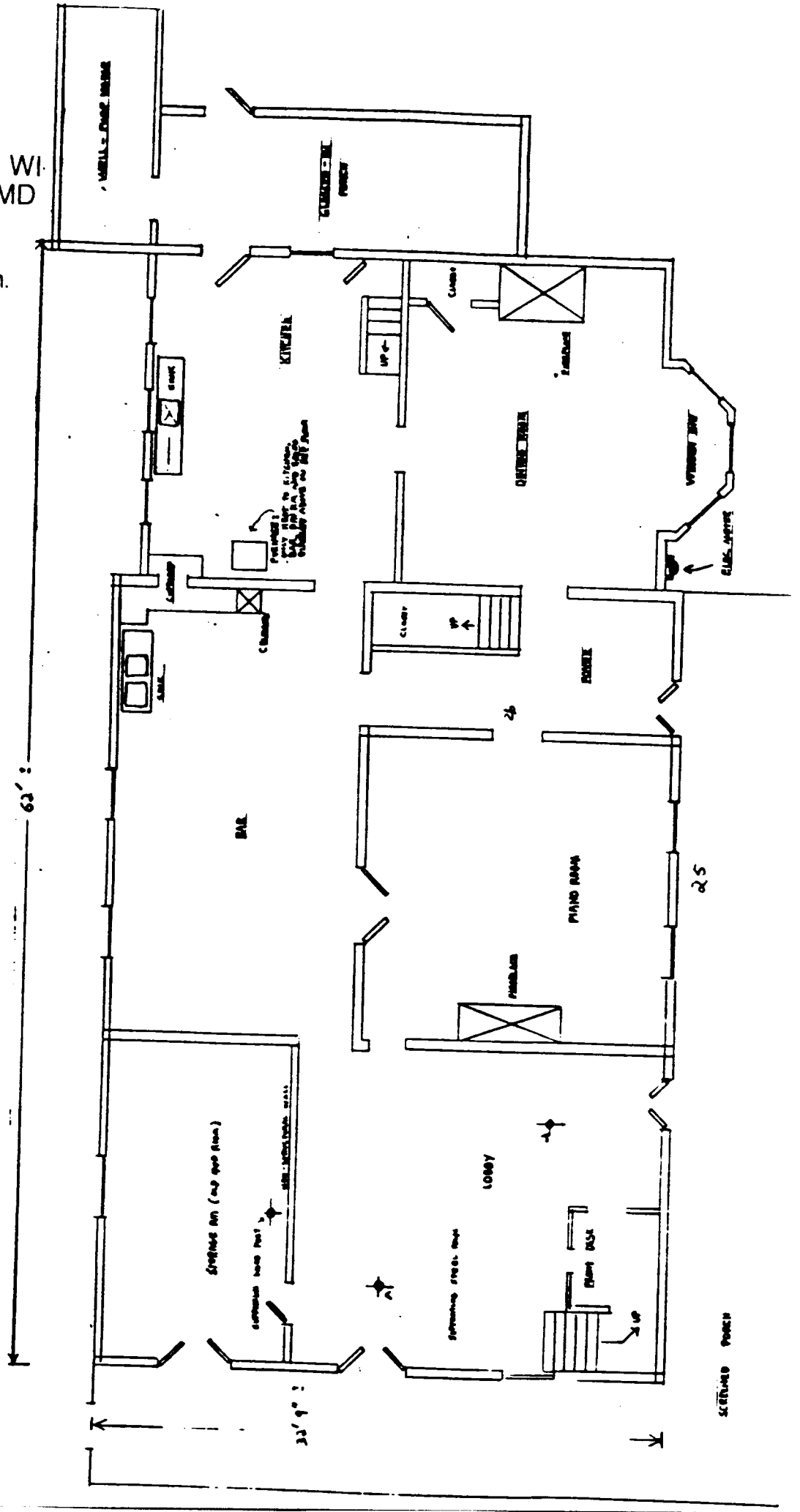

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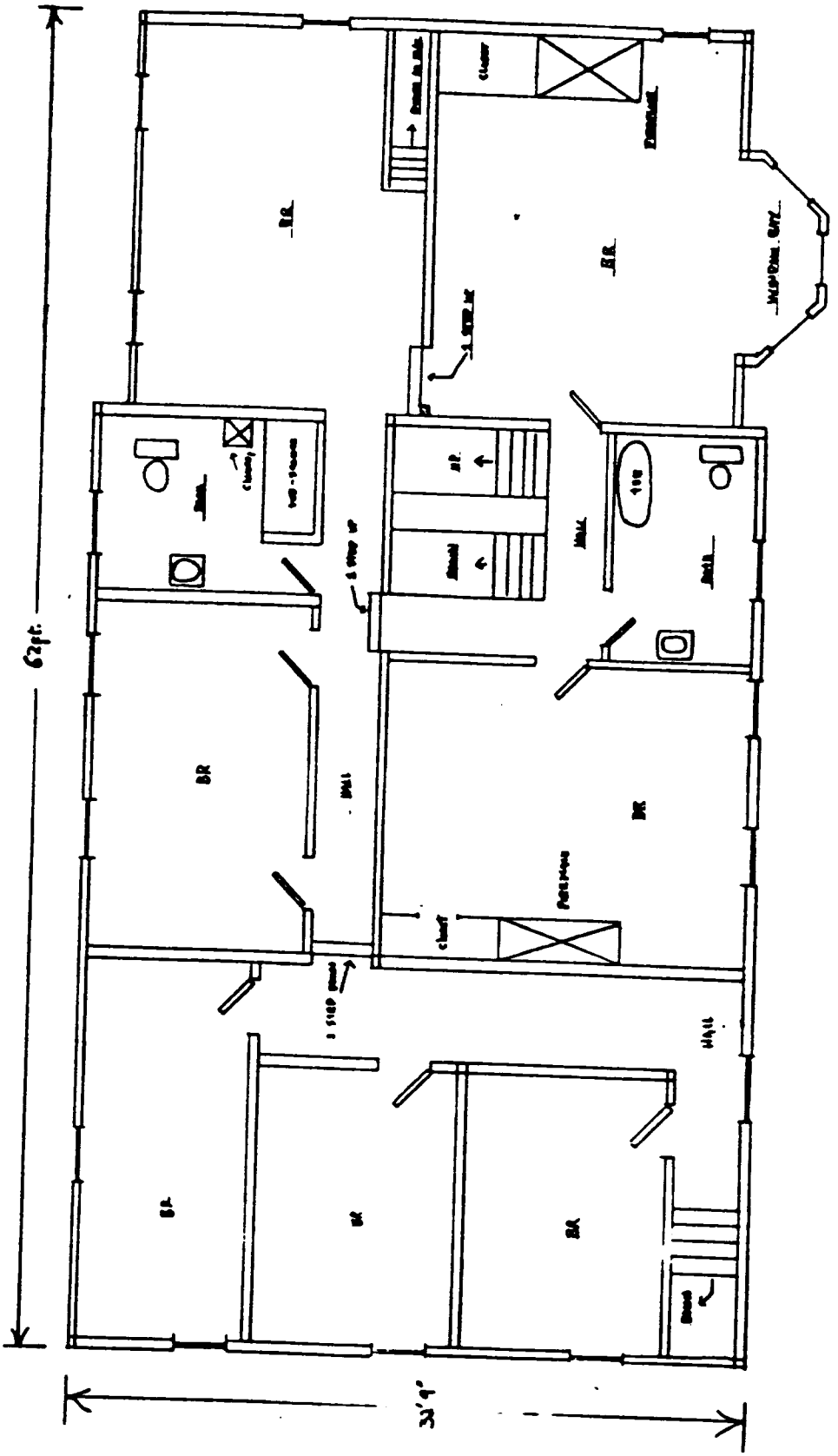

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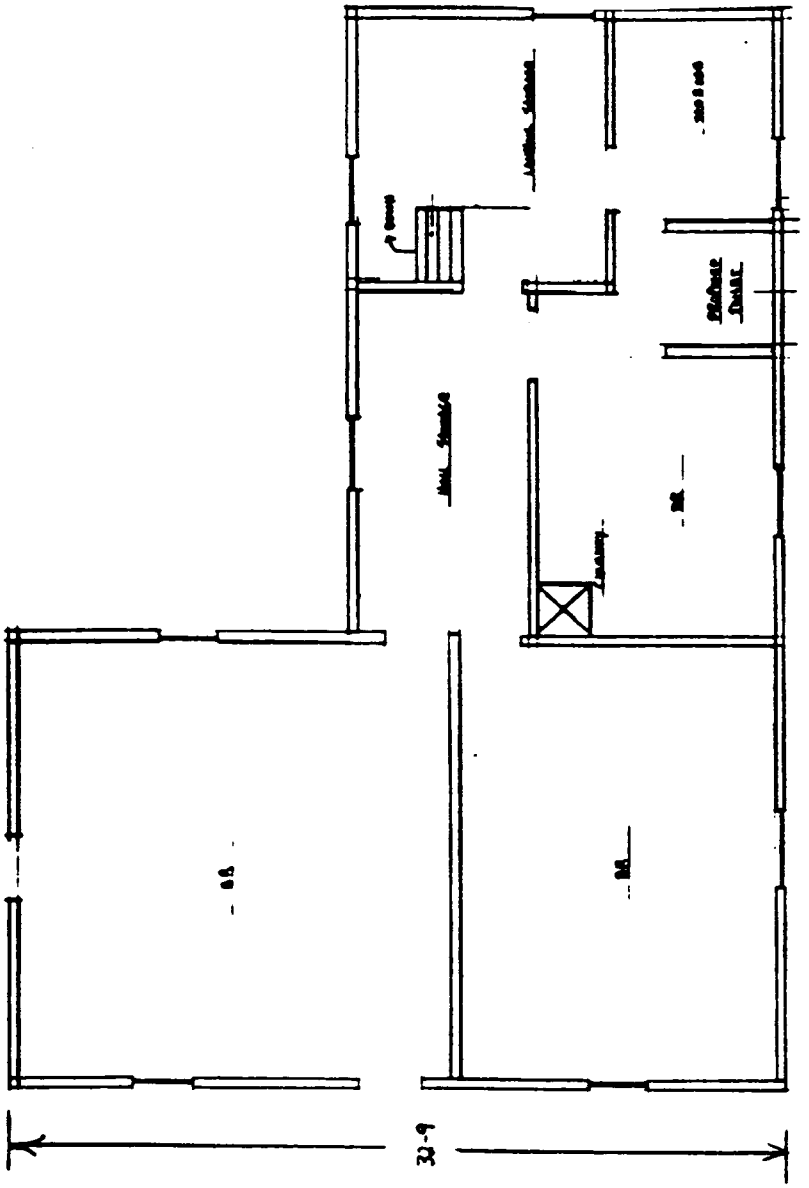

Locational Map
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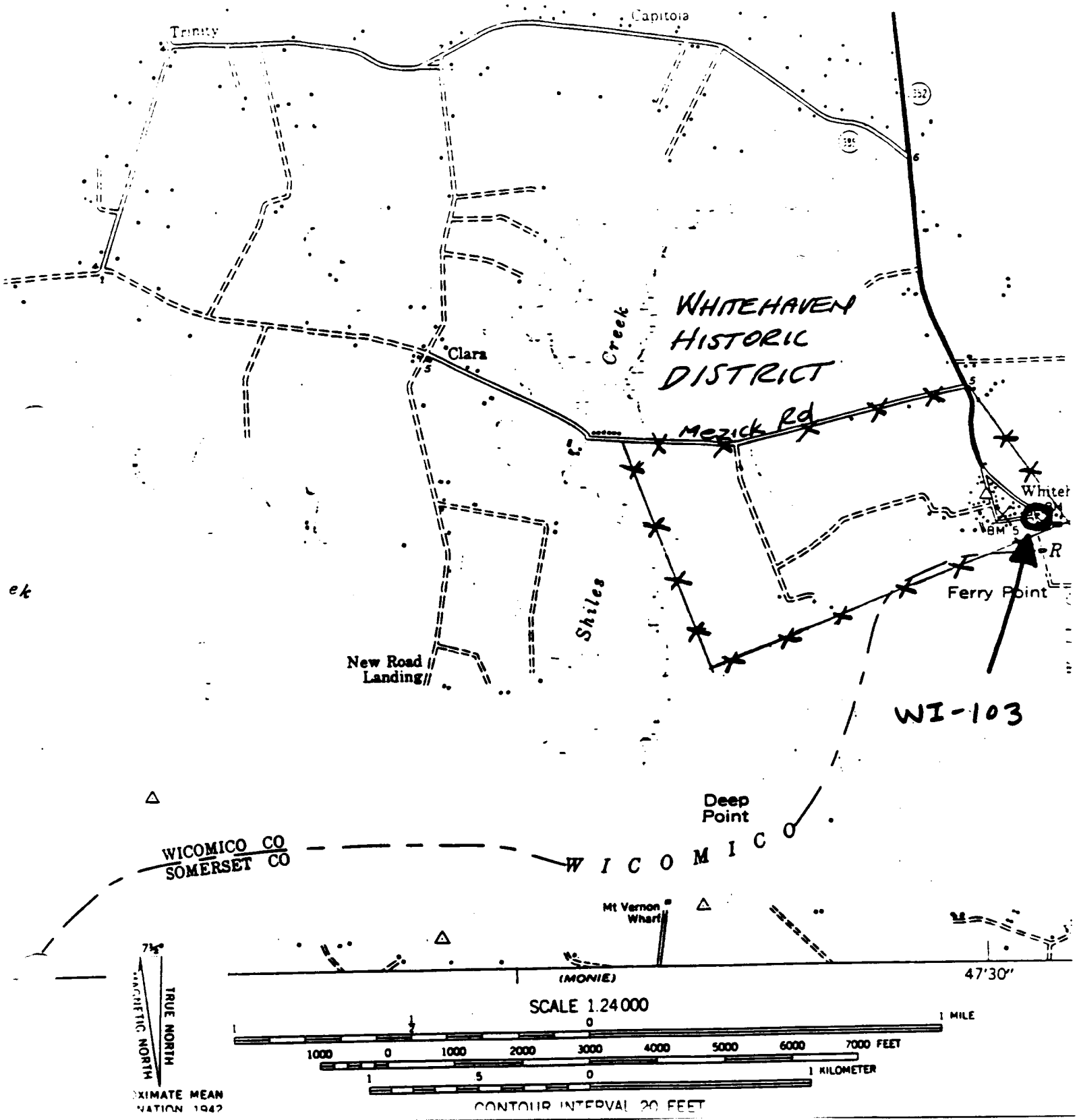
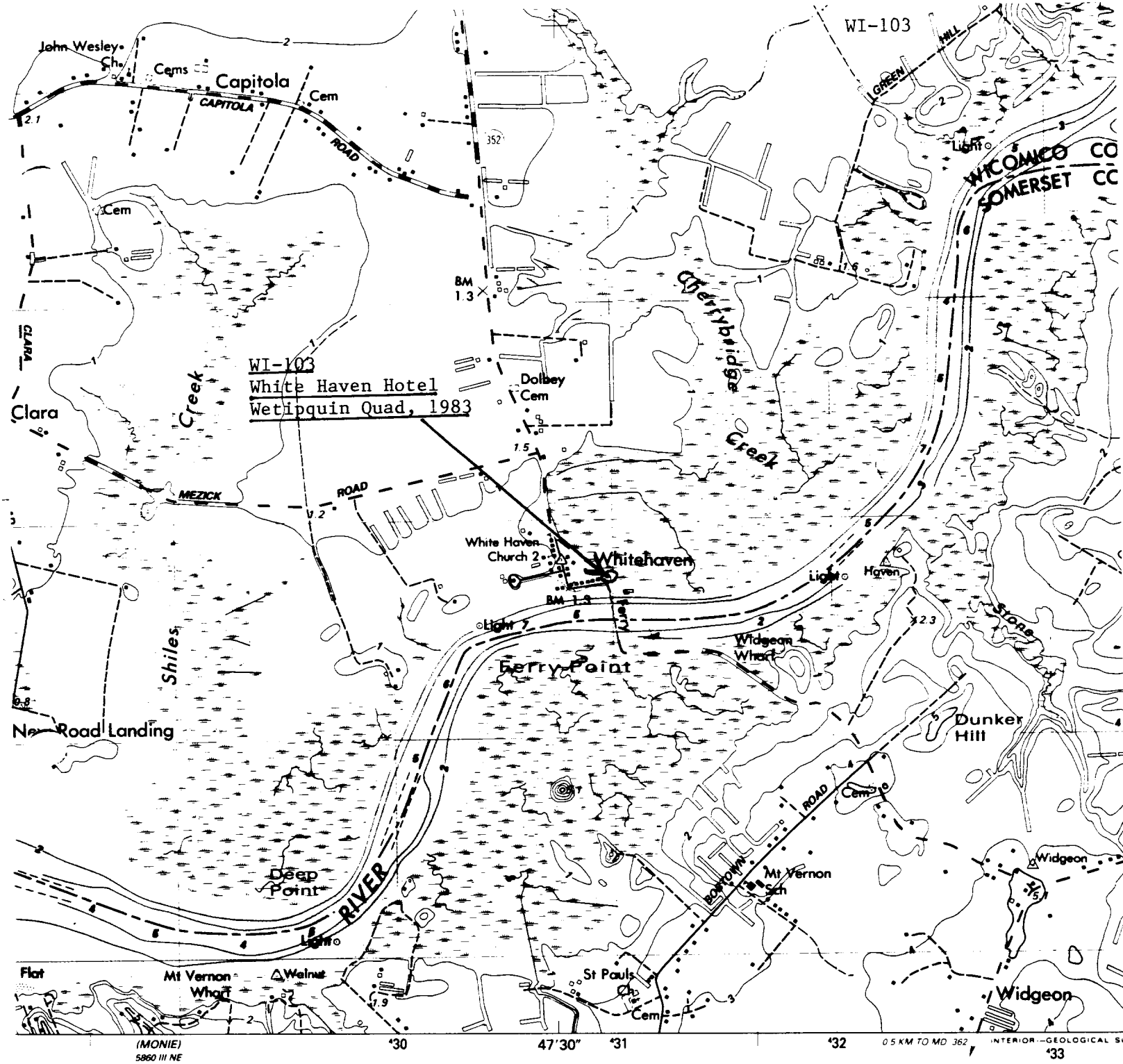
1942 USGS Map, Wetipquin Quadrangle. Scale 1:24,000





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