

WI-157
First United Methodist Church Parsonage
Quantico
Private

1855

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: METHODIST PARSONAGE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-157

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION, 1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s): Parsonage

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-157

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common METHODIST PARSONAGE

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner of Main Street and not for publication
Cherry Walk Road

city, town Quantico vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

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 type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage |

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

name Trustees of the First United Methodist Church

street & number c/o Reverend William T. Sterling telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

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

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-157

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

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

The First United Methodist Church parsonage stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of Main Street and Cherry Walk Road in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, gable-front frame house, located next to the First United Methodist Church, faces northeast with the roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1855, the two-story side hall/parlor house is supported by a low brick foundation, and the weatherboard frame dwelling is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the single-pile front block is a two-story, two-room plan service wing which is extended farther west by a shed roofed addition.

The northeast (main) elevation of the parsonage is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and six-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. The four-panel front door is topped by a multi-pane transom. Sheltering the first floor is a turned post porch with a hip roof supported by turned posts. Between the posts is a row of decorative spindles. The second floor is illuminated by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows that also retain louvered shutters. Piercing the gable end is a multi-pane attic window.

The main block is only one room deep, and a single six-over-six sash window lights the first and second floors on the north and south sides. The window lintels have a shallow pediment, and louvered shutters remain on each opening.

The southwest (rear) elevation of the main block is largely covered by the two-story, three-bay service wing. An interior brick stack rises within the service wing and against the rear wall of the main house. The first and second floors of the rear wing are lighted by three six-over-six sash windows. A second chimney stack rises against the end wall of the service wing within the rear shed room.

The woodwork in the house parallels the design found in several other mid-nineteenth century Quantico houses. The unusual craftsmanship of the newel post is a signature feature shared by a handful of houses and probably points to the same master builder or carpenter.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1855 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

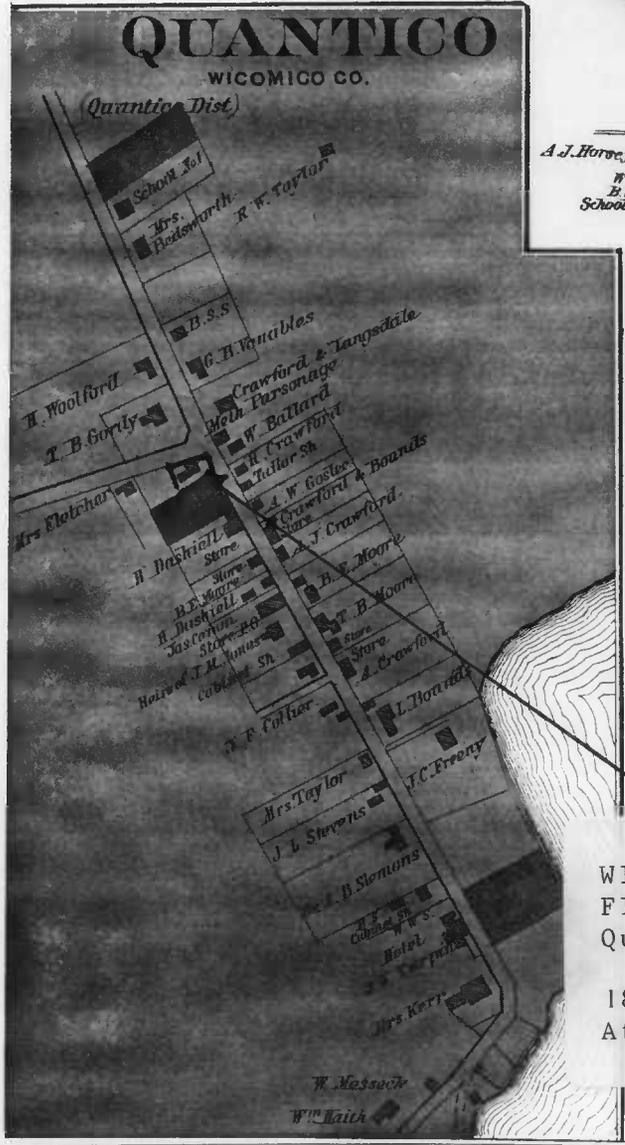
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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The well-preserved nature of this house and its important location at the intersection of Main Street and Cherry Walk Road qualify it as a Category A property, one that must be retained since it exhibits many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and contributes uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.



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 FIRST METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE
 Quantico, Maryland

1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
 Atlas

ARDELA SPRINGS

MARYLAND
SCALE 1:31680

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

WAR DEPARTMENT
ORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

75° 45' 1160000 FEET : HEBRON 4.4 MI.

3.7 MI (HEBRON) ROCKAWALKING 2.2 MI
HEBRON 5 MI 1180000 40'

1745000
YARDS

1744
1743
NANTICOKE 12.3 MI
ROYAL OAK 2.5 MI

4 Miles
3
2
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1742
1741
20'
1740
1740
PIRATES





