

WI-164
Disharoon Store
Quantico
Private

c. 1850, c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DISHAROON STORE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-164

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCIAL
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)
Industrial-Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
- 4) Resource Type(s): Store

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-164

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common DISHAROON STORE

2. Location

street & number West side of Main Street not for publication

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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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

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 21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 Disharoon store stands on the west side of Main Street in the heart of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame store faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating from two different periods, the two-story gable-front main store building was built around 1890-1910, while a c. 1850-60 single-story store building serves as a rear wing. Supported on a low brick foundation, the entire building is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The front section is covered by a medium to low pitched tin roof with exposed rafter feet, while the rear wing has a steeply pitched roof with boxed cornices and a flush gable end. Attached to the south side of the rear wing is a shed roofed porch.

The east (main) elevation of the store is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a recessed entrance and flanking eight-over-eight display windows protected by iron bars. The double front doors are partially glazed. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roofed porch covered with corrugated tin and resting on metal posts. The second floor of the store is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits open and the rafter feet exposed.

The north and south sides of the main block are marked by asymmetrically placed two-over-two sash windows protected by metal bars. The west side of the main building is largely covered by the older single-story rear wing. A single-flue brick stack rises through the rear wing against the back wall of the main store building.

The south wall of the rear wing, the former front, is a three-bay facade with a double-door entrance and flanking six-over-six shuttered windows. The partially glazed front doors are topped by a three-pane transom that has a single horizontal iron bar. The entrance is framed by a plain surround topped by a heavy crown molding. The windows to each side have closed flush panel shutters kept in place by diagonal metal bar keepers. On the right (east) end of the rear wing is a wide corner pilaster that rises to a boxed cornice trimmed with bold bed and crown moldings. An old red and white paint scheme remains intact across the south wall.

The interior of the store retains much of its original finishes, although the first floor of the main block has new sheet paneling installed over the old beaded board walls. During the process of installing the sheet paneling a large portion of the store shelving was removed. A section of a shelving remains in the northwest corner, partitioned off the main storeroom by a new walls. Centered in the room are large chamfered posts that support the second floor.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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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As the best preserved of the remaining store buildings in Quantico, this structure falls under Category A, and must be retained since it is a structure of historic significance and/or exhibiting many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.

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Quantico, Maryland
Description (continued)

The second floor of the front block is reached by a stair that rises against the south wall with entrance through an exterior door off the back porch. The walls and ceiling of the second floor are covered with narrow beaded, tongue-and-groove boards. Fixed along the stairwell is a reused section of early nineteenth century handrail. Centered in the room are two chamfered post support posts.

The interior of the rear section is largely intact with wide horizontal beaded boards covering much of the wall surfaces. Mid-to late nineteenth century shelving and long counters with paneled fronts also remain in place. Access to the second floor of the older store building is gained through a doorway on the second floor of the front section. Primarily used for storage space, the store loft has wide pine flooring and a common rafter roof. Gable end weatherboards on the east side are covered by the late nineteenth century section.

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Quantico
Chain of title

704/301

Herman F. Gordy

to

1/15/1970

Tony R. Sterling, Jr.
Margaret T. Sterling

and being part of the same land of which
Ethel D. Gordy died siezed and possessed
and which by her last will and testament
dated August 24, 1959, JAH 9/315 bequeathed
unto her husband Herman F. Gordy

JAH 9/315

Last will and bestament of Ethel Disharoon
Gordy

to

Written
8/24/1959

Herman F. Gordy

(will mentions father Elmer T. Disharoon)

ARDELA SPRINGS

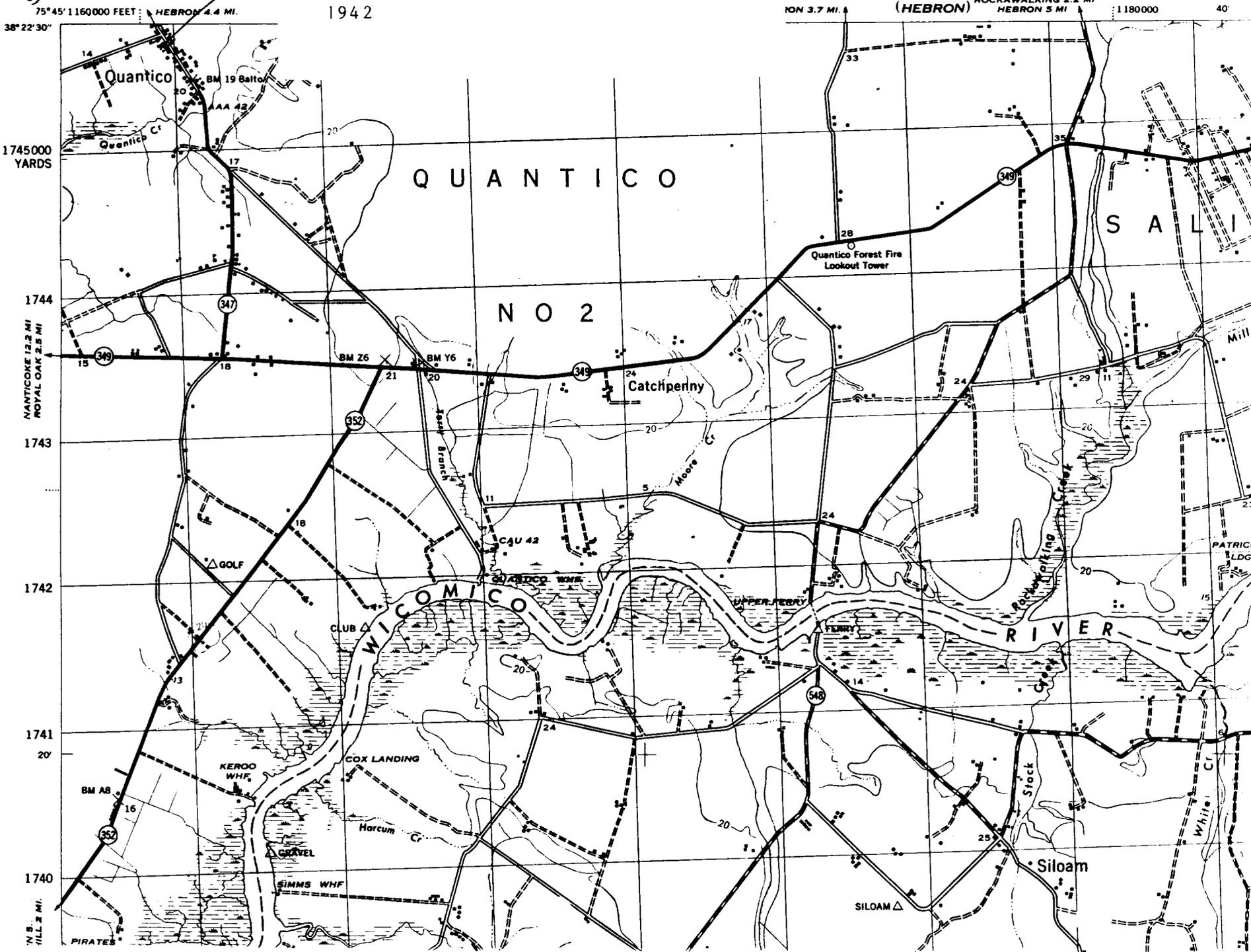
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SCALE 1:31680

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DISHARON STORE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle

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WAR DEPARTMENT
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY



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3
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ION 3.7 MI. (HEBRON) ROCKAWALKING 2.2 MI HEBRON 5 MI 1180000 40'

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YARDS
1744
1743
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NANTICOKE 12.2 MI
ROYAL OAK 2.5 MI
N 5
HILL 2 MI





