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Estelle Collier House
Quantico
Private

c. 1883

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-171

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Development Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINACE, 1870-1930

4) Resource Type(s): SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE

and/or common

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street & number West side of Main Street ___ not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Jim McDonald

street & number Riverside Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1009

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 100

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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
x good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Estelle Collier house is located on the west side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1883, the center hall/single-pile frame structure is supported on brick piers and it is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The molded four-panel front door and the adjacent windows with louvered shutters are sheltered by a hip roof front porch supported on turned posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and centered on the roof is a cross gable.

The north and south sides of the main block are marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and pointed arch windows light the upper gable end. The eaves to the roof are extended with returns at the base. Rising through the center of the house are a pair of brick chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The one-room plan kitchen wing is a story-and-a-half structure lighted by six-over-six sash windows on the first floor and small two-over-two windows on the second floor. Attached to the south side of the kitchen is a shed addition that encloses a bathroom and utility room.

The interior is finished with fourth quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. The stair has heavily turned newel posts and turned balusters that support a molded handrail which rises in a continuous line to the second floor. Opening into the adjacent rooms are four-panel doors framed by plain surrounds. Victorian mantels remain in the downstairs rooms.

The kitchen has been remodeled with the introduction of an pass-through opening in the dining room/kitchen wall. Remaining in the kitchen is an original enclosed stair that rises behind a board and batten door.

The second floor is plainly finished.

8. Significance

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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	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

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

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

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

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Due to its relatively intact condition, this house falls under Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since the structure exhibits some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of the district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

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

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant **date** 9/12/93

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city or town Westover **state** MD 21871

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ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title

1009/100	Russell A. Jones Ann G. Jones
	to
4/9/1984	James S. McDonald Katherine B. McDonald
AJS 949/502	Beverly Smith Ferrar Ervin Lee Smith
	to
10/10/1980	Russell A. Jones Ann G. Jones
AJS 927/682	India B. Smith, Personal Representative of the estate of William Gordon Byrd
	to
9/11/1979	Beverly Smtih Ferrar Ervin Lee Smith
683/80	Charles E. Hearne, Jr. et al. Attorneys and Agents
	to
12/3/1968	William Gordon Byrd
JWTS 582/465	Marcus W. Acworth Audrey C. Acworth
	to
4/16/1964	Calvin Leonard Darby

582/240	Kathryn Taylor Conway, et al.
	to
4/13/1964	Marcus W. Acworth Audrey C. Acworth
JWTS 276/520	Bounds Phillips, et al
	to
8/17/1944	Nellie Taylor
	Nellie Taylor by her last will and testament dated 11/22/1962, JAH 7/542 devised property to Kathryn Taylor Conway, Bernice Taylor Anderson, Pauline Taylor Hughes. Whereas Estelle Collier did under her last will and testament dated 7/3/1931, Will Book JAH 1/559, devised hereinafter described real estate to Bounds Phillips adn Virginia Phillips
SPT 6/246	Velarius F. Collier Ella Collier
	to
10/22/1883	Estelle Collier
	$100.00

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ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

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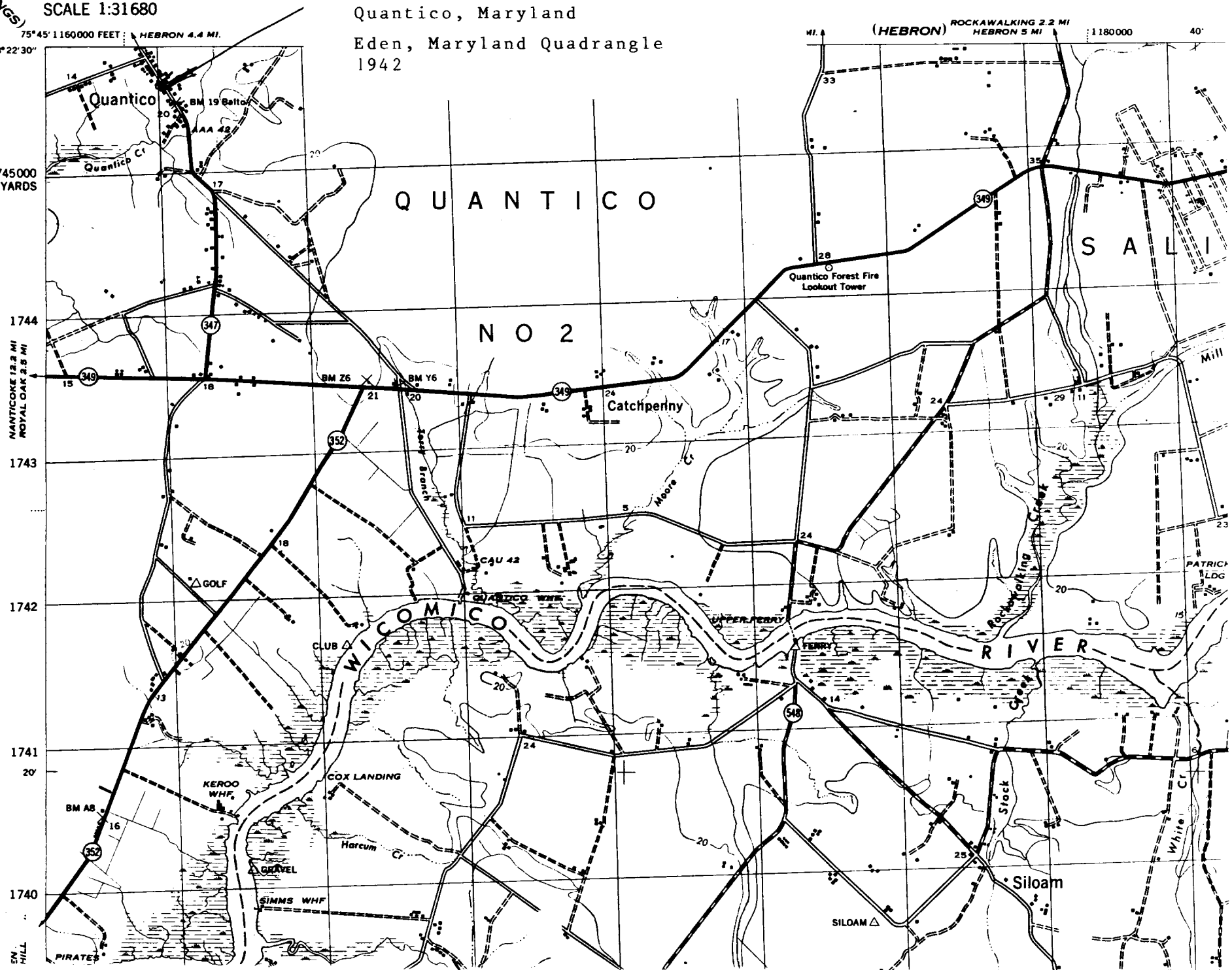

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