

WI-183
Rena Venables House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880-90

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Rena Venables owned this property between 1900 and when she sold the house and lot in 1930. Her purchase of the property in December 1900 was executed for \$480, which would have included a plain sort of improvement such as the extant dwelling. A later owner, Addie Messick, held title to the property between 1955 and 1966.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: RENA VENABLES HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-183

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE,
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic RENA VENABLES HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Quantico Road (Main Street) ___ not for publication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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name Frances Virginia Miller

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 828

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 83

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

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-183

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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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The property is classified under Category C, which identifies structures where alterations should be considered carefully since it adjoins a property in the A or B category and whose impact and potential modified impact as a contributor to the character of the district must be examined.

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RENA VENABLES HOUSE
Quantico
Chain of title

828/83 James W. Taylor, Jr.

to

9/25/1974 Frances Virginia Miller

JWTS 626/91 Nelson C. Messick
Emma T. Messick, et al.

to

2/11/1966 James W. Taylor, Jr.

JWTS 398/114 W. Lynn Graham
Maude A. Graham

to

10/10/1955 Addie C. Messick
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

JWTS 292/497 Juanita M. Jones

to

10/28/1947 W. Lynn Graham
Maude A. Graham

292/496 W. Lynn Graham

to

10/28/1947 Juanita M. Jones

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Chain of title continued

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JWS 255/91 Laura L. Wailes

to

8/26/1943 W. Lynn Graham

255/90 W. Lynn Graham

to

8/26/1943 Laura L. Wailes

IDT 166/521 William Brady

to

1/29/1931 W. Lynn Graham
M. Kathleen Graham
½ acre

IDT 164/570 Irena Venables

to

10/17/1930 William W. Brady

JTT 32/466 Nathaniel P. Dashiell
Lena Dashiell

to

12/31/1900 Irena "Rena" Venables
\$480.00 all that lot or piece of ground
known as the Venables property-
together with improvments

75°45'
38°22'30"

HEBRON 4.4 MI.

436000m E

437

438 | 42'30"

439

5860 1 NW
(HEBRON)

4247000m N

4246

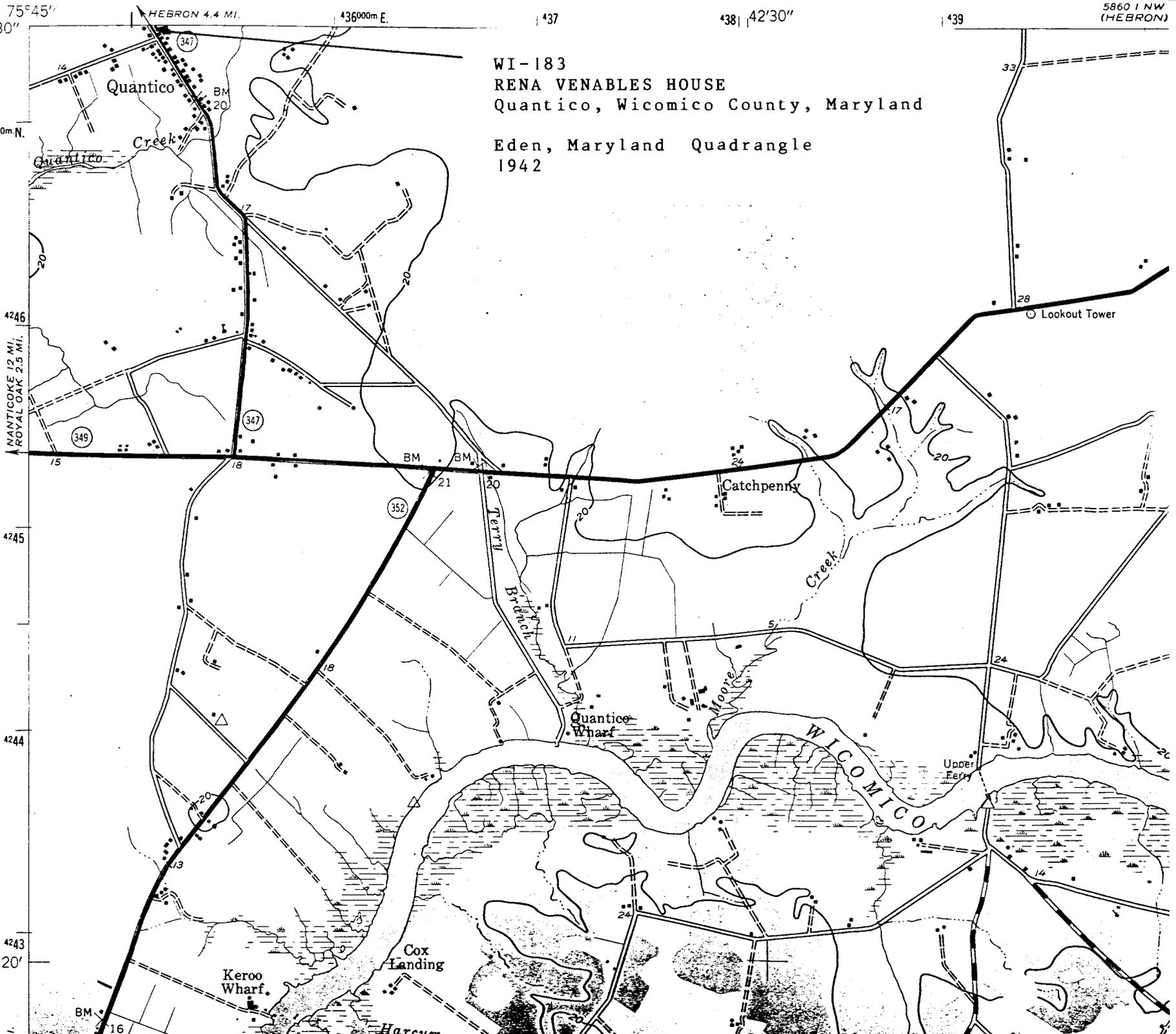
4245

4244

4243

20'

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 RENA VENABLES HOUSE
 Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
 1942

NANTICOKE 12 MI.
 ROYAL OAK 2.5 MI.

Quantico
 Creek

Catchpenny

Quantico
 Wharf

Keroo
 Wharf

Cox
 Landing

Lookout Tower

WICOMICO

Upper
 Ferry

BM

BM

BM

349

347

352

15

18

21

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24

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13

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24

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28

33

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REAR VIEW OF HOUSE

QUANTICO, MICHIGAN COUNTY, MD

WIFE ELEVATION

10/93, PAUL TOWERS, ~~PAUL TOWERS~~

NEG. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



MI-183

RENA VERABLES HOUSE

QUANICO, MICHIGAN COUNTY, MD.

SOUTHWEST CORNER

10/93, PAUL TOWNE, PRESIDENT

NEC / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST