

WI-200
Adolphus J. White House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ADOLPHUS J. WHITE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-200

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-200

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ADOLPHUS J. WHITE HOUSE

and/or common Mannix House

2. Location

street & number 2724 Church Street not for publication

city, town Whitehaven 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John M. and Carol A. Mannix

street & number 708 Twinbrook Parkway telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code MD 20851

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 967 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 117 P. 51

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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 Adolphus J. White house, known also as the Mannix house, stands at 2724 Church Street in the village of Whitehaven, 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.

Dating from around 1890, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof has a centered cross gable. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story one-bay by one-room kitchen wing extended by shed additions and served by an interior end brick stove chimney.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. A partially glazed front door is trimmend with a shallow Colonial pediment, and the windows are flanked by nailed-on louvered shutters. The second floor is marked by evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows and the cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two attic window that is framed by a field of fishscale shingles. The eaves to the roof are extended and the rafter feet are exposed.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors and a third window illuminating the attic. The gable ends are covered with fishscale shingles.

The interior was not viewed.

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
<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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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This house falls into Category C, which identifies buildings where alterations should be considered carefully since it is a property that adjoins another structure classified in the A or B category and whose impact and potential modified impact must be examined carefully.

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ADOLPHUS J. WHITE HOUSE
2724 Church Street
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

967/117 Thomas P. Heidenberger
 Michele Heidenberger

to

11/9/1981 John M. and Carol A. Mannix

901/742 Mary J. White

to

6/28/1978 Thomas P. Heidenberger

JWTS 726/194 Earl M. White, Jr., Ruth M. White, James
 R. White, and Sarah M. White, et al.

to

11/20/1970 Mary J. White
 which property upon the death of said
 Adolphus J. White intestate on or about
 12/28/1934

JDT 157/426 Fred A. Moore, et ux.

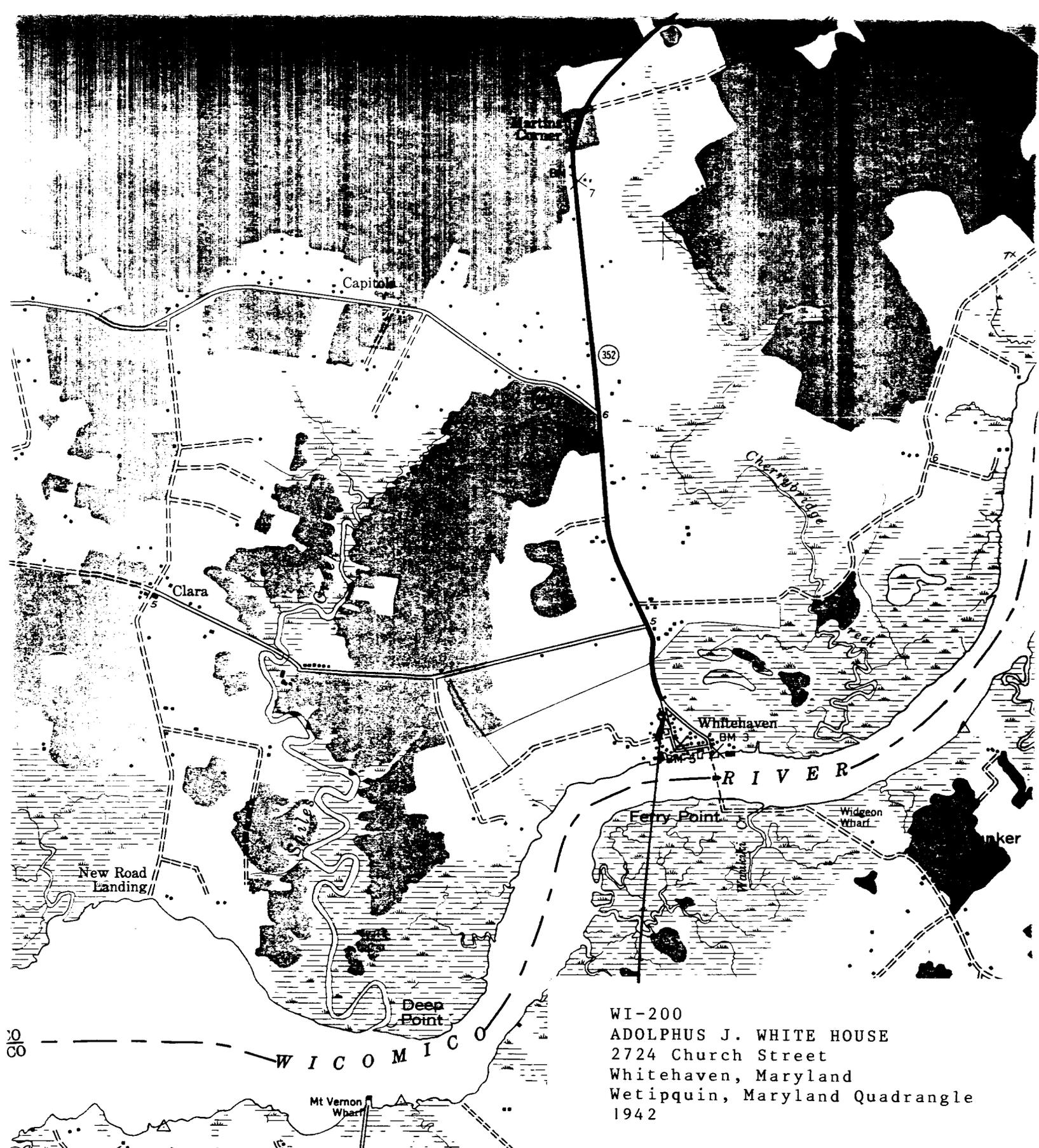
to

4/1/1924 Adolphus J. White

JCK 112/314 Ella A. Melson
 Thomas A. Melson

to

3/22/1919 Frederick A. Moore \$1000.00



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 ADOLPHUS J. WHITE HOUSE
 2724 Church Street
 Whitehaven, Maryland
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
 1942

