WI-213 c. 1890-1900
Whayland House and Store
Allen
Private

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retained the property and maintained the business until 1914 when they transferred it to Kirby A. W. Hitch. As the result of a defaulted mortgage executed by the Hitches to Joseph H. Wimbrow, the house and store were sold at public auction. Louis Alonzo Whayland acquired the property at public auction in 1917, and he operated the store for over thirty years. The property remained in Whayland-Gilliss family hands until 1970.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Whayland Store Property

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-213

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
   Commerce

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
   Store

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DOE ___yes ___no

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Whayland Store Property

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: 3284 Allen Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Allen ___ 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	X 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: Francis J Thompson

street & number: 3284 Allen Road telephone no.:

city, town: Allen state and zip code: Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66 P. 23 liber 740

street & number: Wicomico County Courthouse folio 91

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

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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 Whayland Store property is located at 3284 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story house and store structure faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1890-1910, this combination house and store consists of a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling extended on its south side by a two-story gable-front frame store building. The large ell-shaped structure is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is largely clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation of the two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is partially glazed, and the flanking window openings retain shutter hooks, although the shutters have been removed. The firsts floor is fully sheltered by a single-story turned post front porch. The second floor is defined by three two-over-two sash windows symmetrically placed across the front wall. Centered on the roof is a cross gable sheathed with fishscale shingles. The attic is lighted by a two-over-two sash window. The edges of the roof are finished with an extended and open eave with small decorative brackets located at the principal corners. Rising through the roof is a pair of single flue brick stove chimney finished with corbelled caps.

The north gable end of the house is marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor. The gable end is covered with fishscale shingles, and a two-over-two sash windows lights the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with the extended eave.

The south gable end, on the other hand, is fully covered by the two-story, gable-front store, which has a gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The commercial front faces the road, where a recessed double door entrance is flanked by large glass display windows. The front doors retain late nineteenth century hardware, and the opening is topped by a two-pane transom. The adjacent shop windows rests on a paneled knee wall, and the inside corners are trimmed with narrow columns. A porch has been removed recently from the store elevation in the wake of widening the adjacent road. The second floor is lighted by a pair of evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the gable end is marked by a single two-over-two sash light. The gable end is sheathed with a layer of fishscale shingles. Like the house, the store is trimmed with extended eaves, corner bracket supports. The exposed rafter ends have a decorative sawn finish. Rising through the center of the store section is a single flue brick stove chimney.

The interior was not seen.

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	_x_ 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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The Whayland house and store fall into *Category B*, which identifies properties that should be preserved since they exhibit some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development style, and which also support the character of the village.

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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/23/95
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Whayland Store Property
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

JWTS 740/91	Lavern and Nell P. Springer
	to
8/16/1971	Francis J. Thompson Wilma L. Thompson 1 acre
JWTS 719/338	Mildred Whayland Gilliss Harry Gilliss
	to
9/28/1970	Lavern and Nell P. Springer
JWTS 309/390	Carroll E. Bounds Irene A. Bounds
	to
3/22/1949	Mildred Whayland Gilliss Harry Gilliss
JWTS 309/388	Mildred Whayland Gilliss Harry Gilliss
	to
3/22/1949	Carroll E. Bounds

JCK 107/456	Joseph L. Bailey, attorney
	to
3/1/1917	Louis Alonzo Whayland
	Whereas at a public sale as a result of of a mortgage from Kirby A. W. Hitch and Mary E. Hitch to Joseph H. Wimbrow, 7/9/1915 EAT 96/372 which default occurred
EAT 94/64	William E. Messick Minnie E. Messick
	to
10/3/1914	Kirby A. W. Hitch
	"Main Street" 1 acre
JTT 34/208	Benjamin F. Messick and wife and Harry T. Messick
	to
8/15/1900	William F. Messick Minnie E. Messick
	$1,400.
JTT 24/45	John H. Waller, Trustee
	to
12/20/1898	Benjamin F. Messick
	$1,575. trustee for the benefit of creditors of Ernest W. Whayland, an insolvent debtor

JTT 11/2	James L. Dashiell and wife Mary E. J. Dashiell
	to
2/1/1893	Ernest W. Whayland 1 acre $500.00 "Dashiell's Store House Lot"
Will Book	Harry J. Dashiell
	to
	James L. Dashiell

**ISTRICT BUSINESS REF-
ERENCES.**

L. WEBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Glassware, Ready-made Clothing, Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. Merc[illegible]se usually kept in a country land,

[illegible], D[illegible] in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

NY AND SONS, General Dealers pers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits es. Also dealers in all kinds of Mer-xted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

N, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groce-Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Nuts, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs s, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and ods usually kept in a country store. h or Produce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

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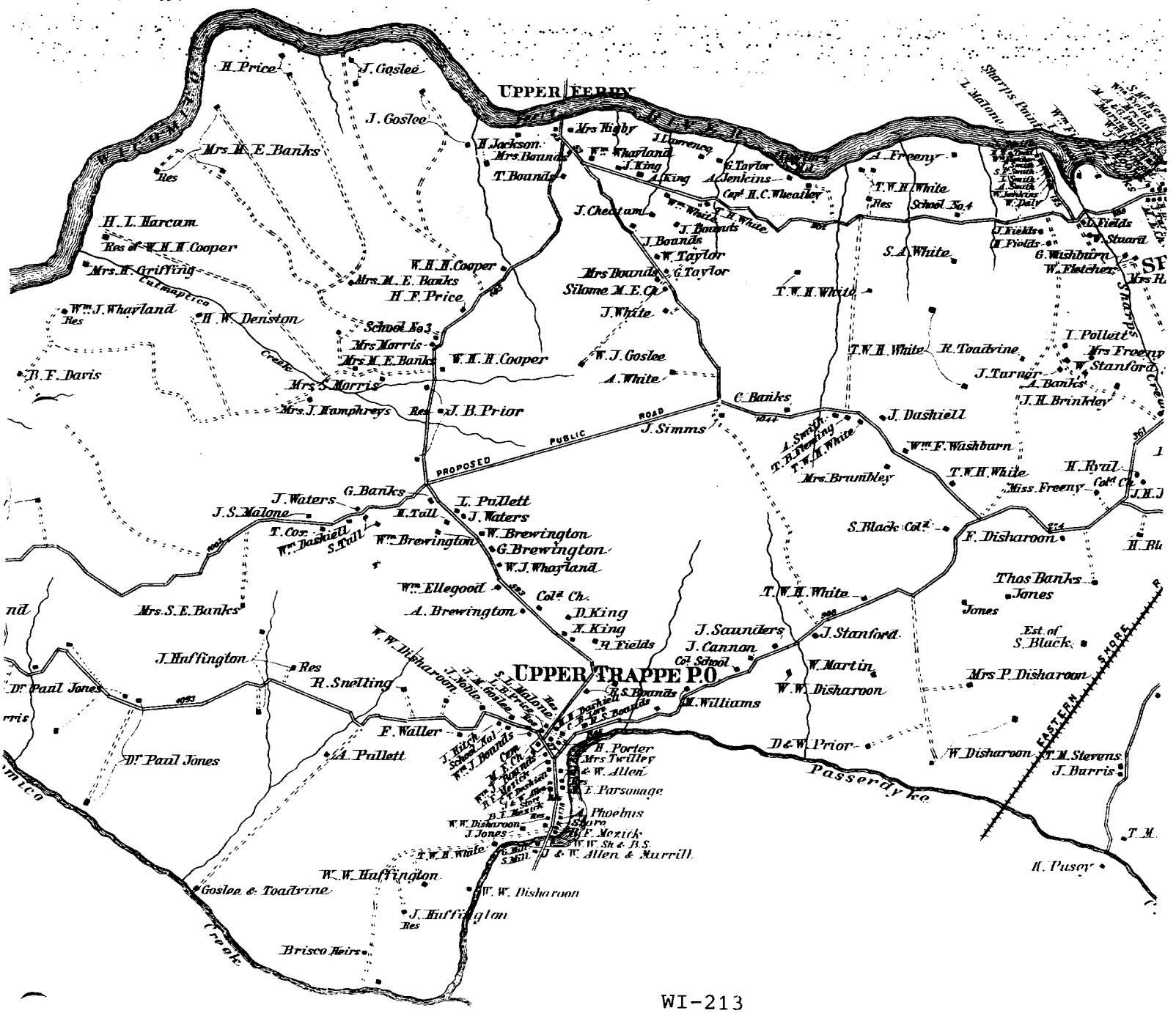

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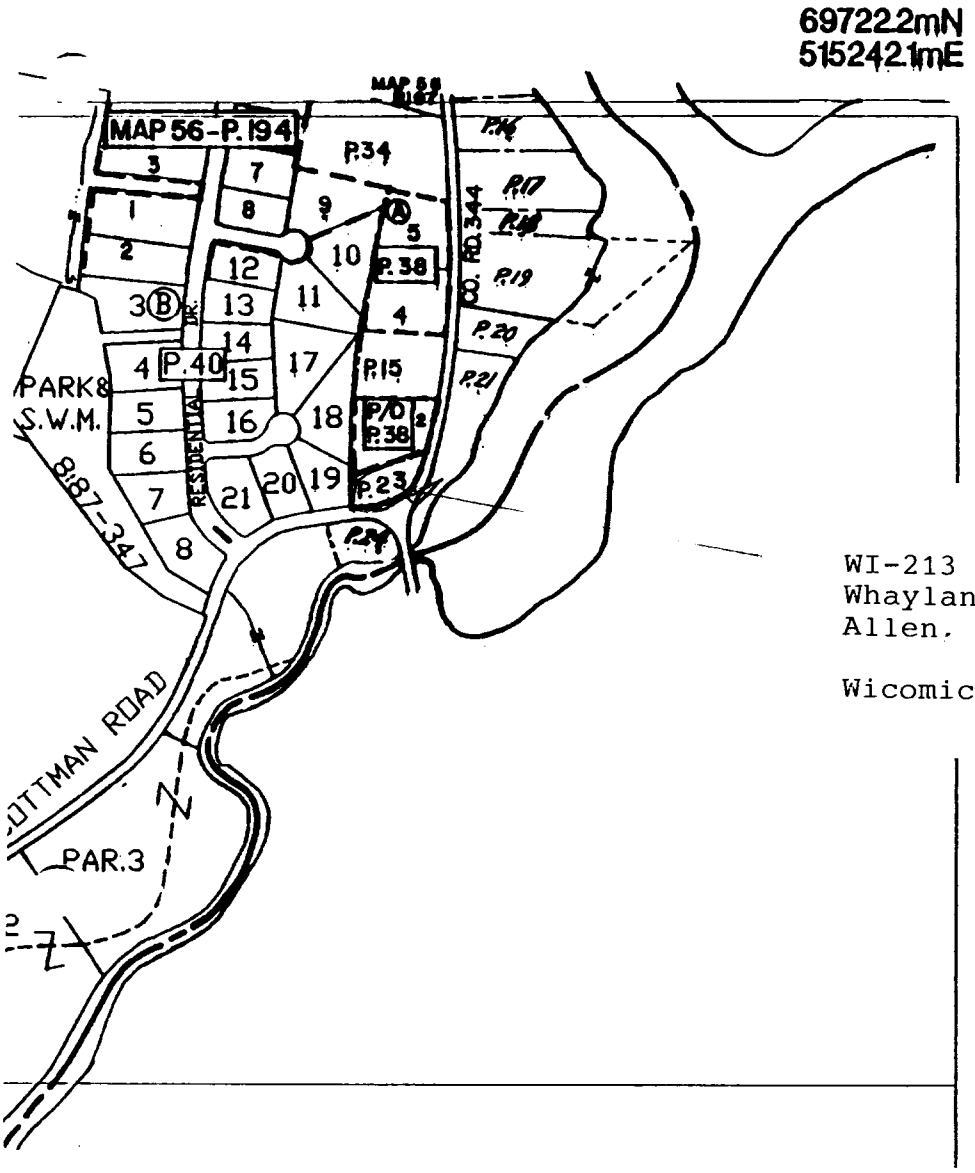
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Wicomico County Tax Map 66
Parcel 23

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Whayland Store Property
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42'30" 39 (PRINCESS ANNE) 5860 II NW 40' 42

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Whaylan State Property

Allen, Wrenshall County, Wisconsin

Northeast Elevation

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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