WO-39 c. 1875
Zadock G. W. Purnell House
Whaleyville
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WU-39

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):
   ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:
   EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
   INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE (1870-1930)

4) Resource Type(s):
   I. STANDING STRUCTURE

      A. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE

and/or common FOOKS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Wraley Road ___ not for publication

city, town Whaleyville ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	x 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 Thomas A. Sears, JR.

street & number 180 S. E. Crain Highway telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marboro state and zip code MD 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 504

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 266

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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
___ 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 Zadock G. W. Purnell house stands in the small village of Whaleyville in northwestern Worcester County. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story side hall/double-pile main block is supported on a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by one room service wing.

The west elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The front four-panel door is topped by a three-light transom. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roof porch with a rounded southwest corner. New square posts have replaced the former columns. A porch gable sheathed with fish-scale shingles highlights the entrance bay. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Rising through the center of the house is an interior brick chimney finished with a one-course cap.

The south side of the house is highlighted by a two-story, five-sided projecting pavilion sheathed with decorative fish-scale shingles. Three single-pane sash windows light each floor. The gabled roof is pierced by a small attic window.

The north side is detailed in a similar fashion with the addition of a single-story bay window.

Extending to the rear is a two-story, two-bay by one-room service wing. A center brick chimney rises through the roof.

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	___ 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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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	Worcester County	date	3/2/90
street & number	Worcester County Courthouse	telephone	301-632-1194
city or town	Snow Hill	state	MD 21863

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE
Whaleyville, Maryland
Chain of title

FWH 504/266	Elveda G. Rhodes
	to
12/5/1975	Thomas A. Sears, Jr. 180 S. E. Crain Highway Upper Marboro, MD 20772 "Hog Quarter" 2 acres
FWH 406/514	Dorothea Benzer Curcio
	to
7/31/1973	Elveda G. Rhodes
FWH 167/610	John Marcelli, et ux.
	to
7/12/1963	Albert F. Rhodes Elveda G. Rhodes
FWH 138/391	Florence Fooks Bailey, widow
	to
9/28/1960	John Marcelli, et ux.
FWH 130/326	Littleton D. Fooks, et ux.
	to
9/16/1959	Florence Fooks Bailey Littleton D. Fooks, Sr. died intestate in 1907 leaving wife Florence M. Fooks, now known as Florence Fooks Bailey,

Littleton D. Fooks and Elizabeth Fooks James by deed dated 10/31/1941 and recorded 11/4/1941 JEB 10/220 the said Elizabeth Fooks James and Thomas Henry James granted the above property to Littleton D. Fooks

FHP 26/149 — Maria C. Purnell, widow

to

11/10/1906 — Littleton D. Fooks

$700 "Hog Quarter"

ITM 4/331 — James S. Dale, and Levinia B. Dale, John B. Dale and Laura V. Dale, Charles S. Dale and Stansberry J. Wheatly and Rhoda J. Wheatly of Sussex Co., Delaware

to

12/8/1875 — Maria Catherine Purnell

2 acres, 1 rood, and 6 perches

WORCESTER COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD

Zadock G. W. Purnell married Mariah C. Whaley on 12/22/1858

1860 UNITED STATES CENSUS OF WORCESTER COUNTY

Zadock G. W. Purnell 33 M Farmer R.E. $8000 P.P. $5000
Kate W. Purnell 33 F

1870 UNITED STATES CENSUS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

Zadok Purnell 43 Farmer R.E. $10000 P.P.$500
Catherine Purnell 44 Keeping house
Virginia Purnell 6 F
Thomas Purnell 6 M
Rachell Purnell 72 F

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1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS

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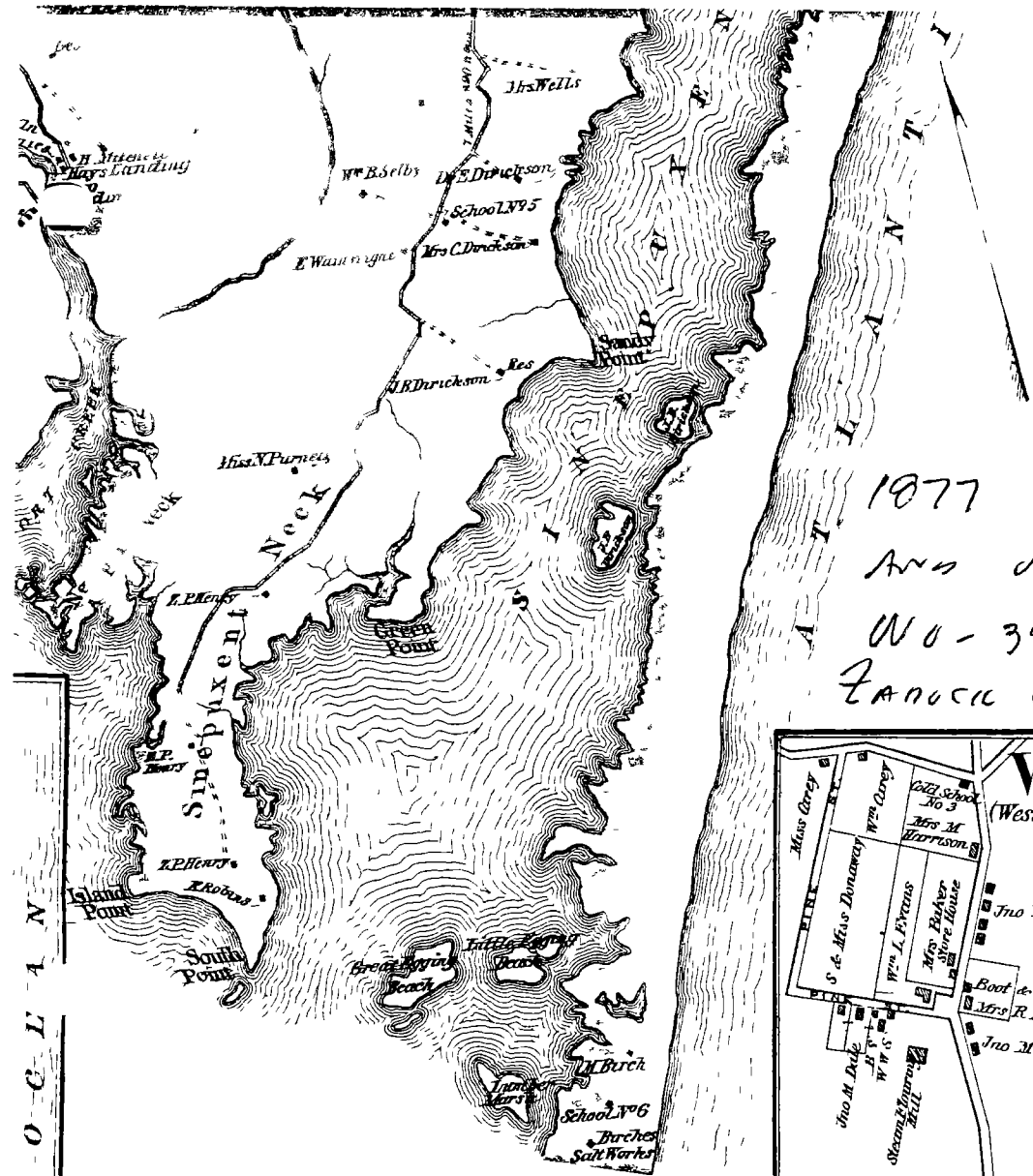
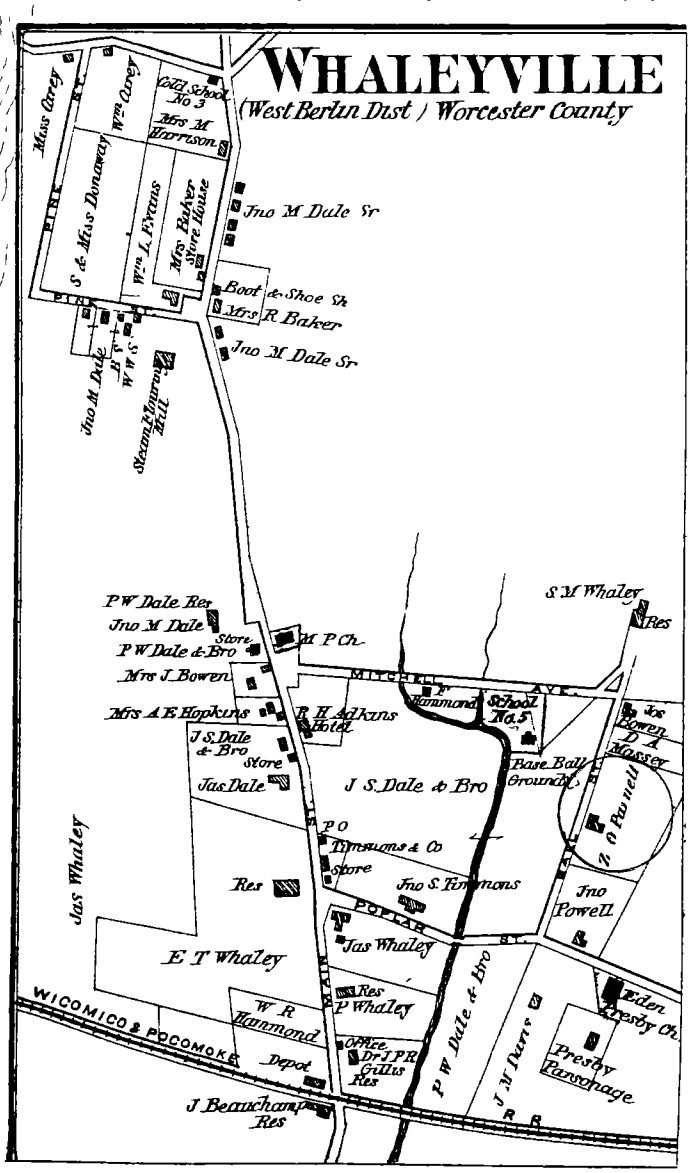
FRANCIS G. W. PURNELL HOUSE





OCEAN CITY BUSINESS REFERENCES.

J TRACY, Proprietor of Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City, also, of Peninsula House, Salisbury

SAM'L J MASSEY, Proprietor of Seaside House, Ocean City, Md Terms, two dollars per day, ten dollars per week, meals fifty cents each. Liberal arrangements made with families. First-class Bar, Bowling Alley and Livery Stable attached.

COFFIN & LYNCH, Proprietors of the Ocean House, Ocean City

WHALEYVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

JOHN P R GILLISS, Physician and Surgeon.

P W DALE & BRO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots Shoes, &c, &c.

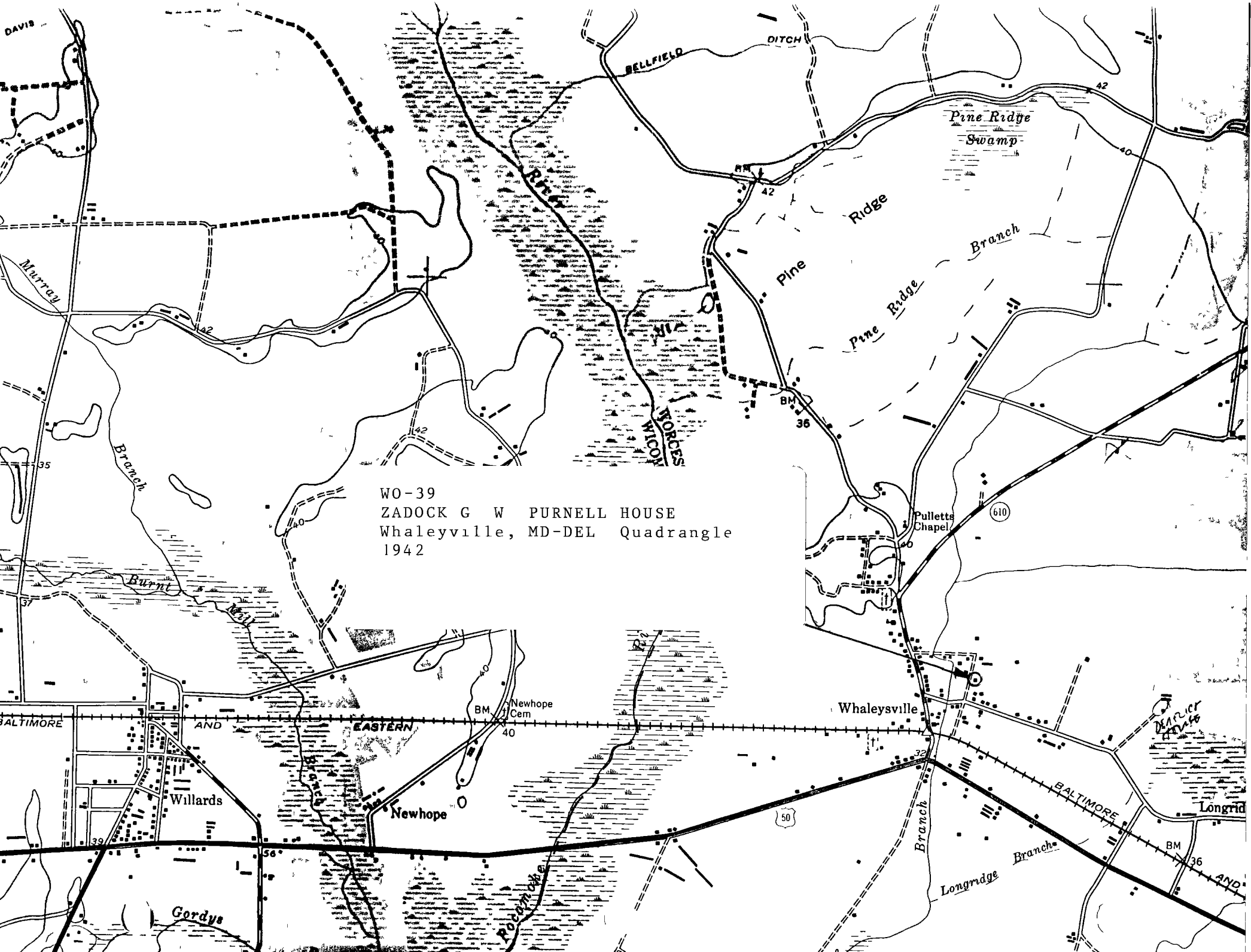
P WHALEY, Merchant and R R Agent.

E. T WHALEY, & CO, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and Notions.

JAMES WHALEY, Judge of the Orphans' Court.

LEANDER CLIFTON, Blacksmith. All work in his line done to order

J E. WHITAKER, Proprietor of Whaleyville Steam Saw Mills. Grinding, Sawing and Carding All work done in good order



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ZADOCK G W PURNELL HOUSE
Whaleyville, MD-DEL Quadrangle
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MARIA CATHARINE WITMER (1826 - 1915)

ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL 1827 - 1906