

WO-300  
Henry White House  
Snow Hill  
Private

c. 1826

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HENRY WHITE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-300

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):           ARCHITECTURE
  
- 2) Geographic Orientation:           EASTERN SHORE
  
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
  AGRARIAN/INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION  
  1815-1870
  
- 4) Resource Type(s):                   SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HENRY WHITE HOUSE

and/or common ADKINS HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 101 West Federal Street  not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Mr. and Mrs. King Adkins

street &amp; number 101 West Federal Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 280

street &amp; number Worcester County Courthouse folio 624

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

Survey No. WO-300

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Henry White house, located at 101 West Federal Street, is a two-story, four-bay frame house that stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of West Federal and South Washington streets in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story dwelling faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1826, the two-story frame dwelling is supported by a common bond brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer aluminum siding. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with a boxed cornice and flush gable ends. Attached to the back of the house is a story-and-a-half rear wing that incorporates an early one-room kitchen as well as a large family room and utility room. When the current owners, King and Agnes Adkins, purchased this property the house was unrestored. Around 1970, the Adkins's remodeled the house.

The northwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The front door is sheltered by a hip roof porch dating from the renovation. While two windows pierce the wall to the right of the entrance, only a single window marks the wall to the left. The second floor is marked by four unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows also flanked by vinyl shutters.

The west gable end is a blind wall surface aside from attic vents that pierce the gable end on each side of an interior end brick chimney. The east end is marked by off-center sash windows. Interior architectural evidence indicates an exterior brick stack formerly rose against the east end.

The story-and-a-half rear wing is partially supported by a foundation of stone and brick. The relatively large amount of stone is unusual to the lower Eastern Shore and must have been brought in by ship due to the non-indigenous types of rock. Once again an exterior brick stack probably marked this gable end, but it has been destroyed.

The interior is finished with Federal style woodwork common to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. A Federal style stair with a slender newel post, acorn-shaped finials, rectangular balusters, and circular-profile handrail rises in the southeast corner. A six-panel door opens into the adjacent parlor to the west, while a second six-panel door provides access to the dining room to the east. Although there is a shift in floor levels between the hall and dining room, the woodwork in both sections indicates that the main house was built with a shorter story-and-a-half east end wing that was later raised to a two-story height that provided the even roofline. Differences in the woodwork of the second floor bedroom above the dining room and in the attic provide additional evidence of the former stepped profile. The original house also included a colonnade to the south of the dining room that joined the story-and-a-half kitchen. This arrangement was described by the current owners when they acquired the property in disrepair.

# 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
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		<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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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WO-300

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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/Worcester Co. date 3/30/90

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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ADKINS HOUSE  
101 Federal Street  
Chain of title

FWH 280/624 Willis Knepp and Anita J. his wife

to

5/20/1970 Agnes M. Adkins

FWH 223/380 James W. Hancock, Jr. and Ann C.  
his wife

to

9/25/1967 Willis Knepp and wife

CWN 35/384 Horace G. Payne and Nellie B. his wife

to

8/1/1950 James W. Hancock, Jr.

CWN 11/22 John C. and Brenda C. Clark

to

8/27/1946 Horace G. Payne

CWN 1/220 Helen B. Boone

to

2/6/1945 Brenda and John Clark

CWN 1/218 Brenda and John Clark

to

2/3/1945 Helen B. Boone

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Clara E. Collins  
(died intestate 10/27/1944)

to

niece, Brenda Collins Clark

Will Book  
T.D.P./376

Written  
2/ /1906  
Proved  
3/2/1907

Last will and testament of  
Sallie E. Collins

to

daughter, Clara E. Collins

ITM 8/20

Henry J. Brewington, Esther A. Brewington,  
formerly Esther A. Jones

to

8/24/1880

Sallie E. Collins

Will Book  
T.T./374

Proved  
2/28/1863

Last will and testament of  
Eli Clayville

to

daughter, Esther A. Jones

"I give and devise to my daughter Esther  
A. Jones the house and lot in the town  
of Snow Hill where she now resides being  
the same house & lot conveyed to me by  
Robert Nairne and wife and William H.  
Farrow and wife and Sally Howard, valued  
at \$800

EDM 7/154

Henry White of New Castle, Delaware

to

1/5/1856

Eli Clayville, et. al. Lot 75

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AS/231

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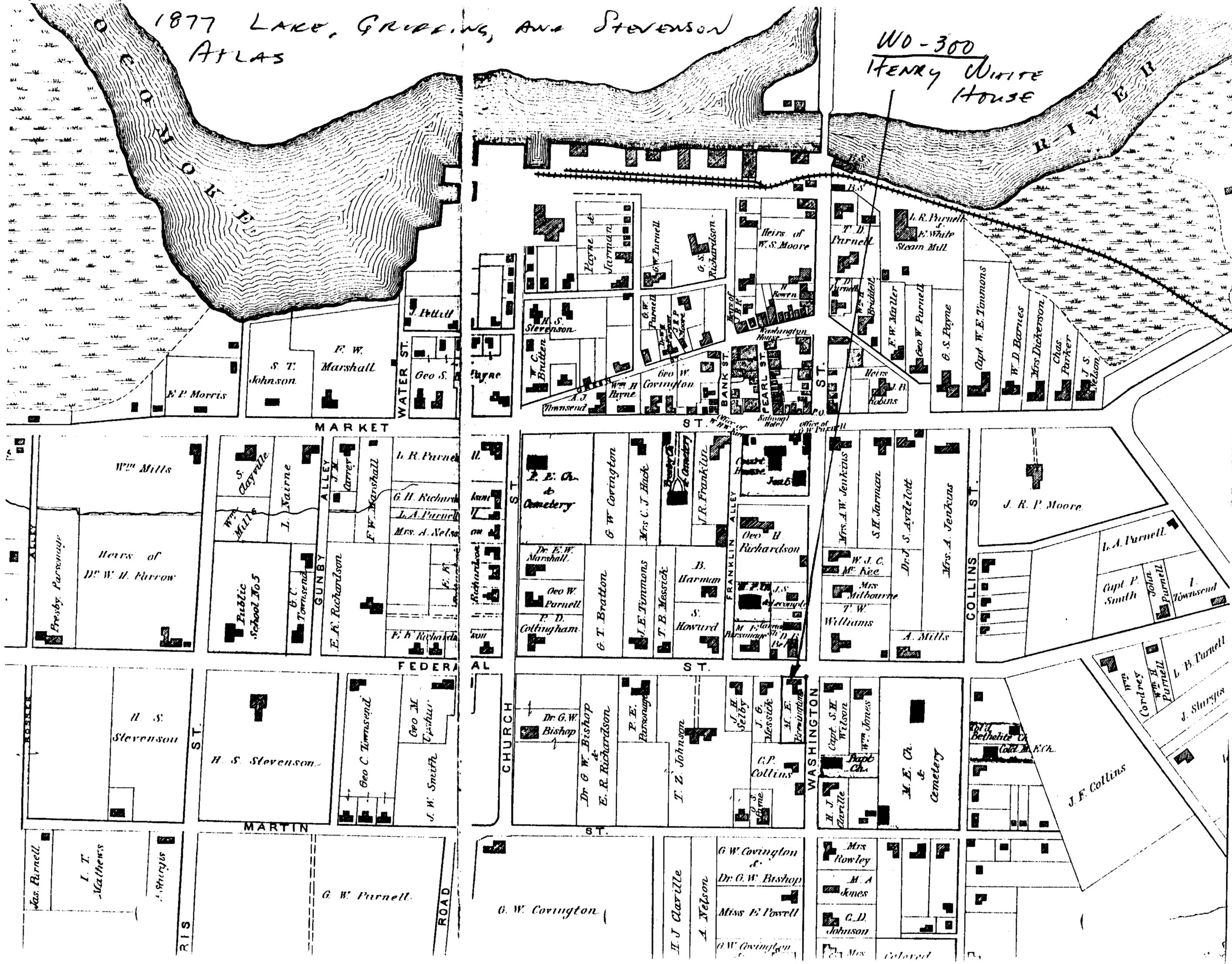
11/17/1826

Henry White

Cottinghams Discovery Enlarged, Givans  
Meadows, Lots of ground 75, 76 in Snow  
Hill, and Lot 73 except that part sold  
to trustees of Snow Hill Academy

1877 LAKE, GRIPPING, AND STEVENSON  
ATLAS

W0-300  
HENRY WHITE  
HOUSE



P O H O K E

R I V E R

Wm Mills  
S. Clayville  
J. Nairne  
Public School No 5  
B. C. Townsend  
E. F. Richardson  
F. W. Marshall  
L. R. Purnell  
G. H. Richards  
L. A. Purnell  
Mrs. A. Nelson  
E. F. Marshall  
F. H. Richards

H. S. Stevenson  
H. S. Stevenson  
Geo C. Townsend  
Geo M. Tyshu  
J. W. Smith

Mrs. Purnell  
L. T. Mathews  
J. Sturgis  
G. W. Purnell

E. E. O. & Cemetery  
G. W. Covington  
Mrs. C. J. Hack  
J. R. Franklon  
Geo H. Richardson  
B. Harman  
S. Howard  
Dr. E. W. Marshall  
Geo W. Purnell  
P. D. Cottingham  
G. T. Bratton  
J. E. Timmons  
J. B. Messick  
M. F. Garrison

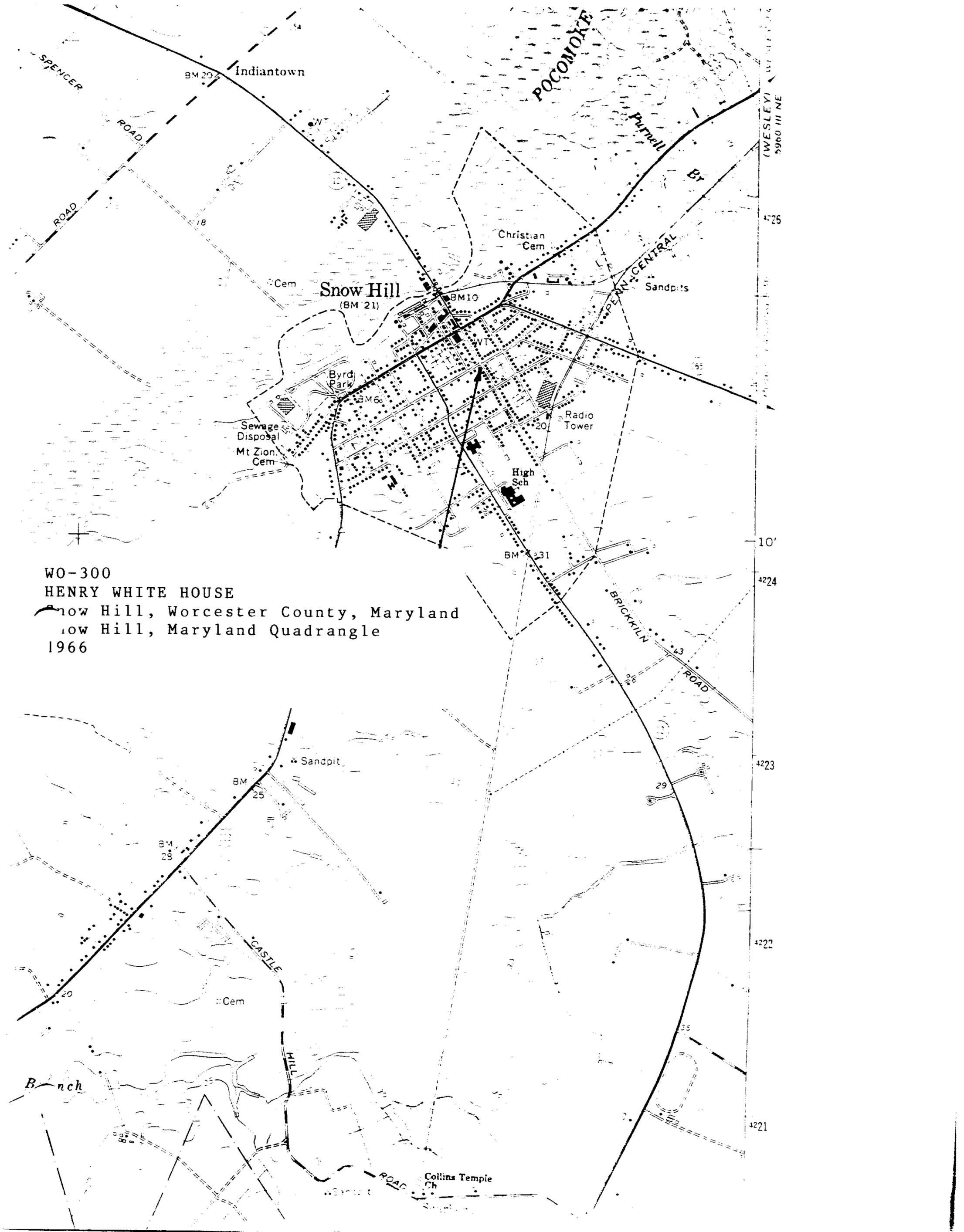
Dr. G. W. Bishop  
E. R. Richardson  
T. Z. Johnson  
F. E. Personage  
J. H. Selby  
J. G. Messick  
M. E. Hornington  
G. P. Collins

G. W. Covington  
H. J. Claville  
A. Nelson  
G. W. Covington  
Dr. G. W. Bishop  
Miss B. Powell  
G. W. Covington

Mrs. A. W. Jenkins  
S. H. Jarnoon  
Dr. J. S. Aydelott  
Mrs. A. Jenkins  
J. R. P. Moore  
L. A. Purnell  
Capt. P. Smith  
John Purnell  
I. Townsend

M. E. Ch. & Cemetery  
Bethel Ch.  
J. F. Collins  
J. Sturgis  
L. B. Purnell  
Cordrey  
W. H. Purnell

Mrs. Rowley  
M. A. Jones  
G. D. Johnson  
Mrs. Colored



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HENRY WHITE HOUSE

Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland

Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle

1966