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Webster house
East New Market
private

c. 1860

The Webster house, located on the east side of South Main Street, is a two-story side hall/parlor house finished with standard Victorian era finishes. The bracketed front porch, the large two-over-four sash windows, and the sidelighted front entrance are typical features for houses erected during the middle years of the nineteenth century. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story two-room plan service wing finished with similar Civil War period features.

The house is named for J. R. Webster, who evidently financed construction of the dwelling. He is also located on the 1877 East New Market town map on this site.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WEBSTER HOUSE

and/or common WILLIAMSON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number South Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town East New Market ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

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 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 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 _____

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of County Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21813

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. D-663

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 Webster house stands on the east side of South Main Street in the center of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay side hall/parlor house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1860, the two-story frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-room plan service wing that is extended farther east by a single-story one-room plan section.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking two-over-four sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by three-light sidelights and topped by a five-light transom. The glass is etched. Stretching across the first floor is a Victorian porch with decorative corner brackets. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows. The cornice is boxed.

The south gable end is pierced by two-over-two sash windows flanked by louvered shutters, and the attic is illuminated by a pair of four-pane lights to either side of an interior end brick stack. The eaves are slightly extended.

Aside from the small four-pane attic windows, the north gable end of the front block is a plain wall of aluminum siding. The east side of the front block is largely covered by the two-story service wing. On the north wall of the wing, a two-story, three-side bay window protrudes with two-over-two or single-pane sash windows. A brick chimney rises through the center of the service wing. The south side is covered on the first floor by a partially enclosed shed-roofed addition. Six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. The service wing is extended farther east by a single-story one-room plan addition.

The interior of the front block has been modified with the removal of the hall partition to make one large front room. The stair, rising against the north wall, is distinguished by a turned newel post with a center octagonal, tapered shaft, turned balusters, and a oval-profile handrail. The stringer has a beaded corner. Opening into the stair closet below is a four-panel door. A mid nineteenth-century style mantel of simple pilasters, a plain frieze, and a thick shelf is fixed against the south wall.

The dining room directly behind the parlor is fitted with ^asimilar mantel and four-panel doors. The rest of the interior was unseen.

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"/> 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
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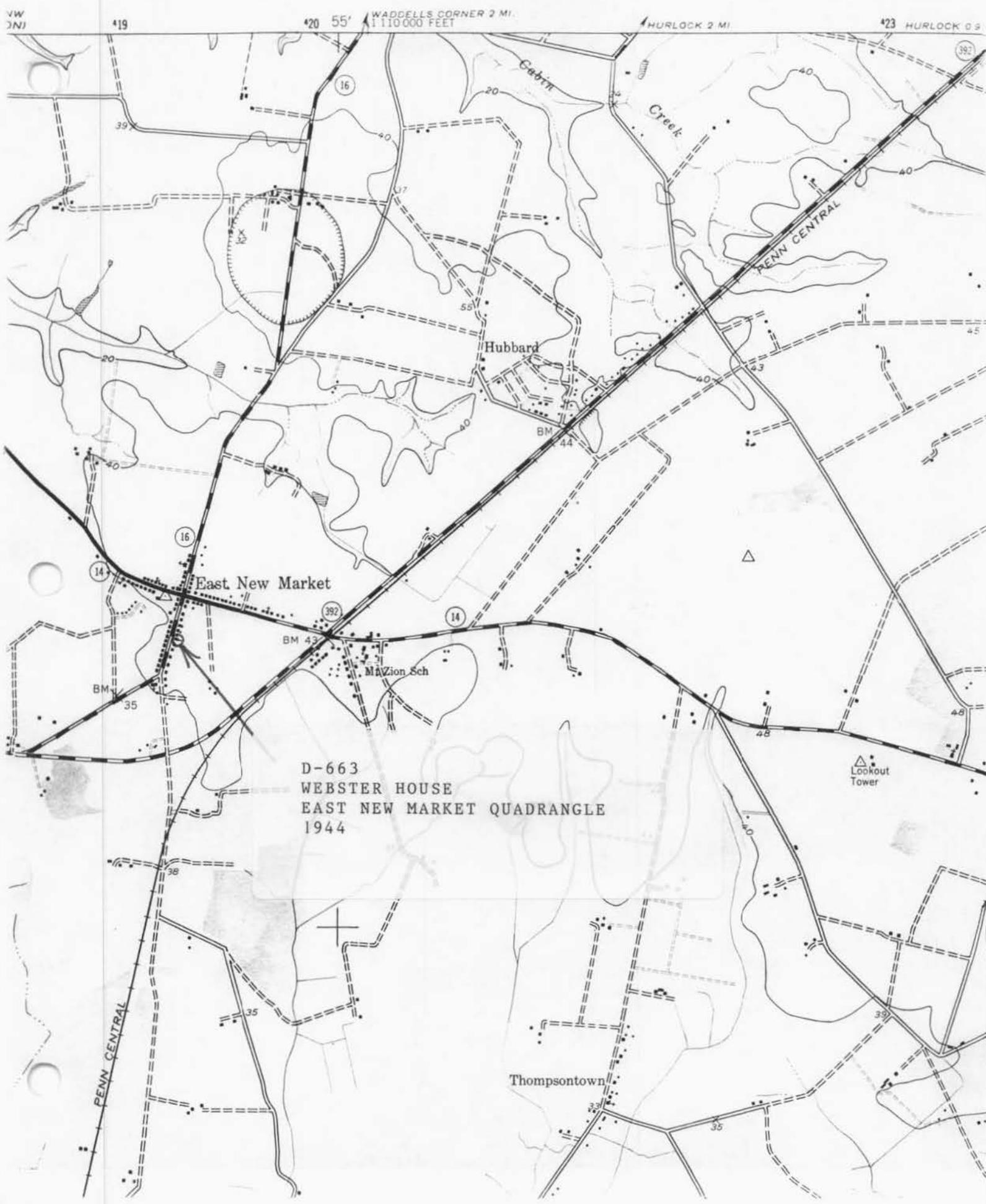
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Webster house stands on the east side of South Main Street in the core of the East New Market historic district. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame house is a standard architectural form for the Civil War era, and mid nineteenth-century finishes remain essentially intact within the house. Period exterior features include the Victorian porch, the long two-over-four first floor sash windows, and the sidelighted front entrance. Similar to many other houses from the same period, a two-story, two-room plan service wing extends to the rear.

The house is named for J. R. Webster who appears on the the 1877 East New Market atlas map at this location. .

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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

West elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

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WEBSTER HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southwest elevation

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