

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-3

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bennett's Adventure Dashiell's Lott

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Collins Wharf Road not for publicationcity, town Allen 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 Christoph M. Rechberg, et al. % Kent Creek Realty

street & number P. O. Box 52 telephone no.:

city, town Galena state and zip code MD 21635

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, p. 3
liber 996

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 321

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970 federal state county local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7. Description

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.

Dashiell's Lott, also known as Bennett's Adventure, is located on the south side of Collins Wharf Road west of the village of Allen in Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half gambrel roofed brick house, located at the end of a long tree-lined lane, is oriented toward Wicomico Creek. The main facade faces south with the roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1730-40, the story-and-a-half, center hall/single-pile brick house is laid in Flemish and common bond with a simple square edge watertable. The foundation wall is laid in English bond. Measuring approximately 50' across by 20" deep, the rectangular brick house is covered by a gambrel roof sheathed with slate. Attached to the east end is a frame hyphen and kitchen wing erected during the mid 20th century.

The south (main) elevation faces the creek, and it follows a five-bay fenestration with a center entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. The wall is laid in Flemish bond with a checkerboard glazed brick pattern. The six-panel front door is a replacement as are the twelve-over-twelve sash windows and their frames. The walls sections above and below the windows have been reworked with modern brick incompatible with the historic brickwork. Sheltering the front of the house is a mid 20th century screened in porch, which disguises a rebuilt modillion block cornice. Five gable roofed dormers light the second floor.

The west gable end is laid in three-course common bond with the base of the wall defined by a continuation of the watertable. A beltcourse is located at the second floor level. Centered in the wall is a gable roofed cellar entrance. Located to each side are four-over-two sash windows that are replacements. The brickwork around the window openings indicate that the window sizes have been altered. Piercing the gable end are four-over-two sash windows that have also been replaced. Rising through the gable end is wide brick chimney finished with a corbeled cap.

The north (rear) wall is five bays across with a center entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. Distinguishing the wall surfaces between the windows are interlocking diamond lozenges executed in glazed headers. The twelve-over-twelve sash windows are replacements. Sheltering the rear door is a gable roofed porch.

Attached to the east gable end is a mid 20th century single-story, frame hyphen covered with beaded weatherboards. The hyphen connects a story-and-a-half Flemish bond brick kitchen to the main house. The brick kitchen is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof marked by gable roofed dormers.

The interior retains a large portion of its mid 18th-century Georgian paneling. Raised-panel woodwork distinguishes the living room or parlor, which is enhanced with fluted pilasters on each side of a raised-panel overmantel. Six-panel door closets are located to each side of the chimney stack. A later Federal mantel surrounds the firebox.

The house is joined on the property by a mid 20th century barn complex, pool, and boathouse on the creek. A tenant house is located northwest of the main house.

8. Significance

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

One of a small collection of second quarter of the eighteenth century dwellings to remain standing in Wicomico County, this story-and-a-half Flemish and common bond brick house displays many distinctive architectural features indicating that it was one of the best built structures of its time. The 52" by 22" brick house was planned with a center passage and a single room to each side. The north and south walls are laid in Flemish bond with differing variations of glazed brick decoration popular during the mid eighteenth century. The river front features a regular pattern of glazed bricks executed in checkerboard design that was commonly found on other Georgian dwellings. The land approach, on the other hand, is distinguished by intersecting diamond-shaped glazed brick lozenges that mark the wall surfaces between the windows and centrally placed rear door. Inside, the center passage, parlor, and dining room boast raised-panel Georgian woodwork finishes that repeat classical interior design formulas found in other pre-Revolutionary War era houses. In the main parlor, tall fluted pilasters flank a raised-panel overmantel, and in each corner six-panel doors open into closets. During the mid twentieth century extensive work was conducted on the house, which included the replacement of all of the doors and windows and the reworking of the gambrel roof. Attached to the east gable end is a frame hyphen and Flemish bond brick kitchen that was erected during the late 1940s.

Historically identified as Dashiell's Lott and also known as Bennett's Adventure, this property is highly significant to the architectural history of Wicomico County. Although of somewhat larger dimensions than Pemberton Hall, Dashiell's Lott has many similar features and was probably erected during the decade between 1730 and 1740 by Colonel George Dashiell. In 1721, he purchased what was known as Bennett's Adventure from Bennett Scarborough of Accomack County, Virginia.¹ In 1734 Dashiell was issued a warrant of resurvey for "Dashiell's Lott," then encompassing 1740 acres on the north side of Wicomico Creek.² It is estimated that it was about this time that the brick dwelling was erected due to its similarities to

¹ Somerset County Land Record, IK 192, 2 October 1721.

² Somerset County Warrant of Resurvey, E. I. 1/237, 7 March 1734.

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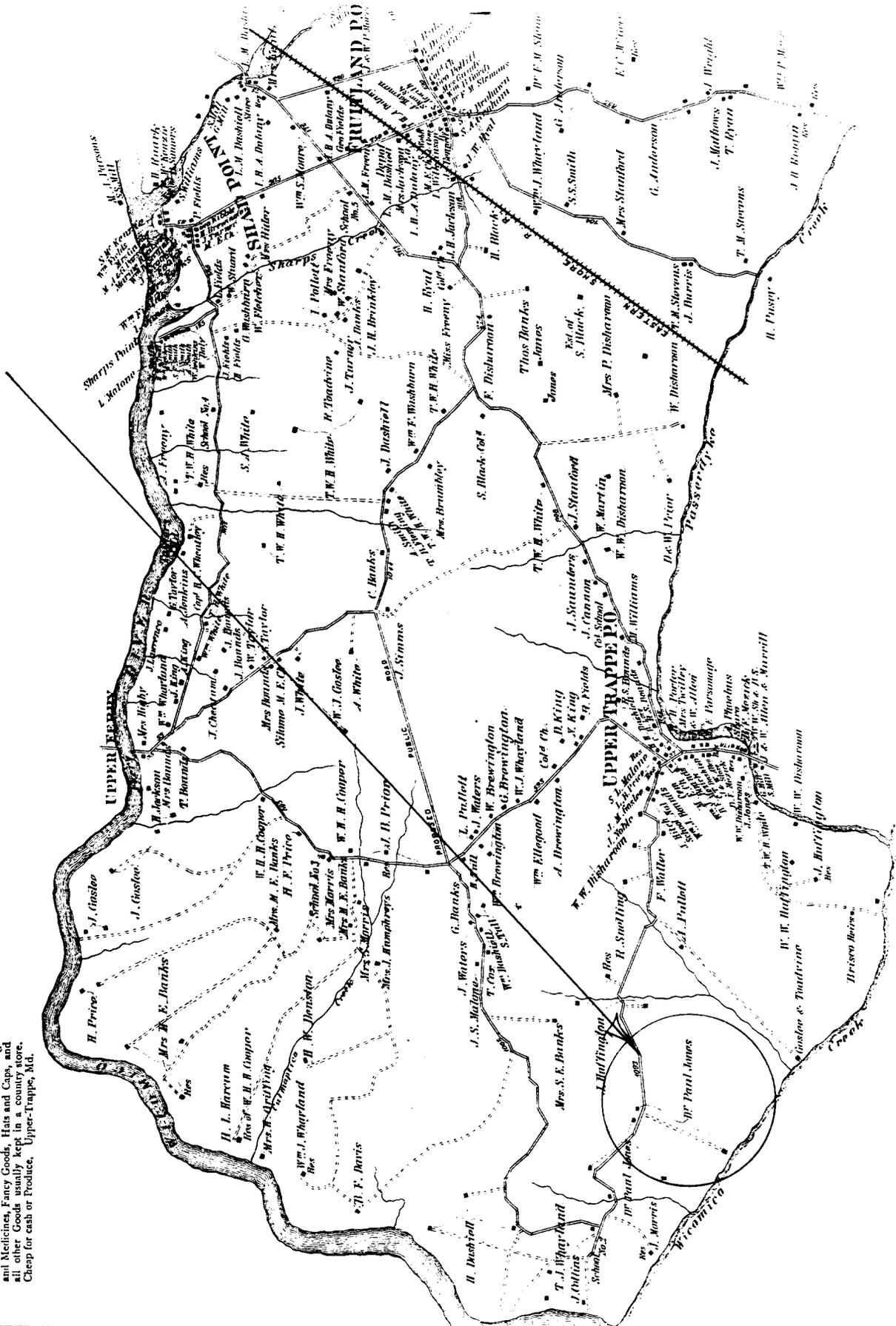
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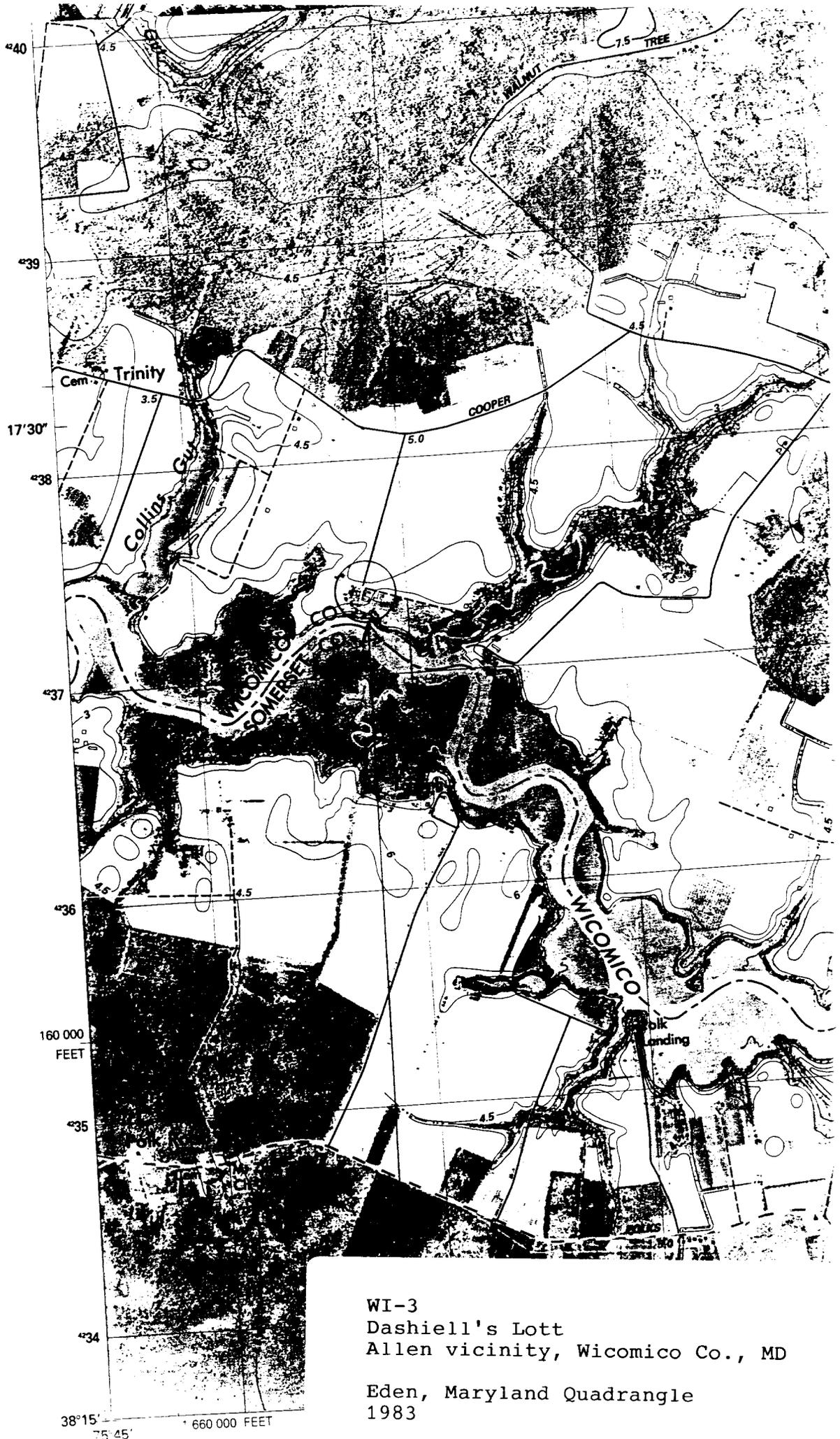
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 Dashiell's Lott
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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
 1983

38° 15' 38° 45'
 75° 45' 660 000 FEET



Bryan's Manor /
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North elevation

Michael Baume Jan. 1970