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Wye Plantation
Carmichael vicinity
Private

1747
demolished 1971

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The house was unusually large and handsomely finished for the period, and was a clear reflection of the wealth and status of its builder. The 1-1/2 story, double pile form of the house is relatively unusual in this region, as are the jerkin head gambrel roof and hipped roof dormers. The interior of the main house consisted of a variation of the Georgian plan in which the rooms on the south or water facade were larger than the north rooms. A fully developed service wing with covered passage extended from the east gable end.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wye Plantation

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wye Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Arthur Houghton

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21658

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: **WHC 7A**

Folio #: **168**

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		demolished 1971		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The early brick house known as Wye Plantation was demolished in 1971 and a modern house was constructed on the site. The following description of Wye Plantation was prepared by Michael O. Bourne in 1968. This description, one photograph by Francis Benjamin Johnston, and the measured plan published by H.C. Forman in 1934 in Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland comprise the only known professional documentation of the building. The house has been the subject of newspaper articles over the years and has been photographed on several occasions. Among the most useful photographs uncovered thus far are Dr. Forman's work in the early 1930's, a photograph from the mid-1930's taken by Francis Benjamin Johnston (Library of Congress files), and a series of photographs in the possession of Arthur Houghton.

Description

Wye Plantation is a 1-1/2 story brick building overlooking the Wye River. It has a gambrel roof with jerkin head. It is five bays long and two bays deep and has an eight bay "A" roof 1-1/2 story

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

service wing to the east. There is a molded water table on three sides and the brick is laid in Flemish bond. Above the windows are flat arches of gauged brick. On the second floor of the west gable are segmental arches. There are also segmental arches above the doors and windows of the service wing. The sash is six-over-six for the most part, some are two-over-two. The dormers have hipped roofs. The chimneys are nearly square, located in each gable end of the main section. There are two other chimneys in the service wing. The brickwork of the wing is badly in need of repair.

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"/> 10-1499	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	Queen Anne's County Historical Society	DATE 1/23/84
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Centreville	STATE Maryland

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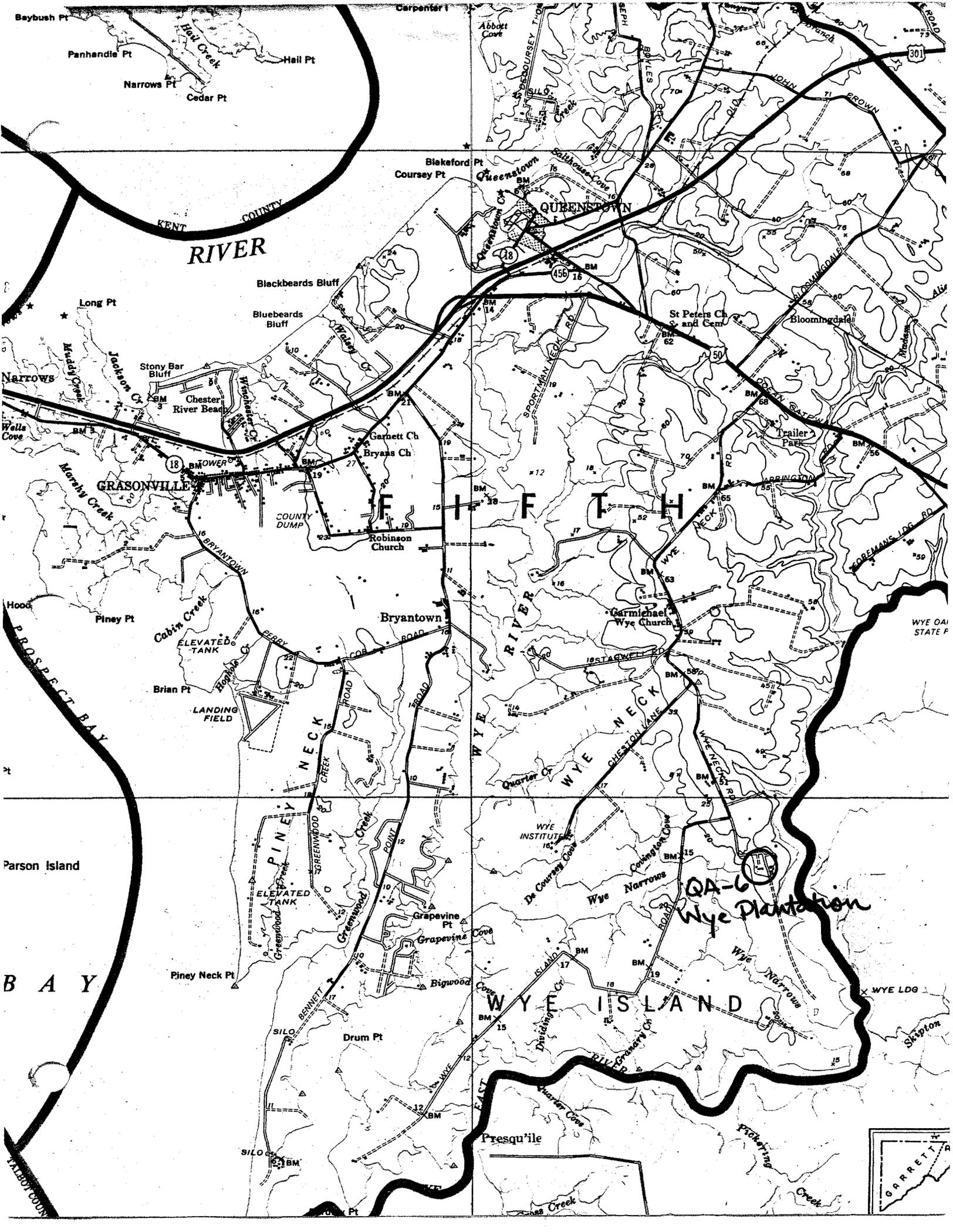
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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RIVER

QUEENSTOWN

GRASONVILLE

F I F T H

BRYANTOWN

WYE RIVER

WYE NECK

WYE ISLAND

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Wye Plantation

Presqu'ile





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Wye Plantation
Queenstown vicinity
Michael Bourne, 1968
View from Southwest



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Photograph, American, 20th Century

Johnston, Frances Benjamin

WYE PLANTATION or PACA HOUSE
Queen Anne's County Maryland

Built in 1747 by William Paca

Museum Purchase
38.44

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WILLIAM FACA

1845 - 1928

SIGNED THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE 1776

GOVERNOR MARYLAND
1845 - 1848

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original William Paca
monument at Wye

Plantation

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"WYE PLANTATION"



HOME OF WILLIAM PACA, SIGNER
OF THE DECLARATION OF INDE-
PENDENCE AND TWICE GOVER-
NOR OF MARYLAND. BORN AT CHIL-
BURY HALL, HARFORD COUNTY
1740, DIED AND LIES BURIED
HERE, 1799. THE UNUSUAL HOUSE
PROBABLY DATES ABOUT 1740.

STATE ROAD COMMISSION

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Wye Plantation

Historical Marker

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