

S-159  
John C. White House  
Near Upper Fairmount  
Private

c. 1850-1860

Standing within a few yards of the Manokin River is this large two-story frame house, which dates to the mid-19th century. The simply detailed square house rests on a high brick basement and is trimmed with corner pilasters.

Despite the c. 1860 date for this dwelling, the property was previously used as a commercial property for several decades. In July of 1821 Littleton D. Maddox and Henry Maddox are recorded as the grantors of a half-acre of Maddox's Island, commonly known as the "warehouse lot." In 1865, John C. White and Tubman S. Parks bought the Maddox Island property from George and Sophronia A. Landon. John C. White is listed on the county Atlas patron list as a sailor from Richmond, Virginia, who settled in Somerset County around 1859.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John C. White House

and/or common Catlin Property

## 2. Location

street & number Maddox Island Road  not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

## 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 checked="" 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 Viola Meredith

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Maryland 21867

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Register of Deeds liber S.F.D 53

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 450

city, town Princess Anne, state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-159

<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 "John C. White House" stands on Maddox Island within twenty yards of the south shore of the Manokin River. Facing in a northeasterly direction, the roof follows a northwest to southeast axis. The nearest town is Upper Fairmount.

The large two-story, mortise and tenon frame is three bays across by two rooms deep. Resting on a high common bond brick foundation, the weatherboarded frame is covered by a medium sloped asphalt shingle roof.

The northeast (water) facade has a center entrance which is covered by a one bay gabled porch. The heavily molded four-panel door is surrounded by a four-light transom and single pane sidelights. Two over two sash occupy the remaining openings on the first and second floors. Each window has louvered shutters. The raised basement is pierced by diamond cross-sectioned bar windows. Corner pilasters define each corner and visually support a simple box cornice with extended eaves.

The southeast gable end has an exterior brick chimney which was added after the two interior brick stacks were removed.

Access to the brick paved cellar is provided on the northwest wall and reveals whitewashed floor joists, and a pair of corner supports are located against the northwest end wall.

The interior of the house, not seen at the initial visit, was described as partially remodeled by the present owner.

# 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
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<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 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 type="checkbox"/> local	

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

John C. White 1877 (Sailor)

2 acres - From Richmond, Virginia - Settled in 1859

Oyster House located on point

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In 1865, John C. White and Tubman S. Parks bought the Maddox Island property from George and Sophronia A. Landon. (LW 9/403) John C. White is listed on the County atlas patron list as a sailor from Richmond, Virginia, who settled in Somerset County around 1859. In addition to the dwelling, an oyster house was located on the property in 1877.



CHAIN OF TITLE

John C. White House

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S.F.D 53/450

William R. Landon and Virginia L.

to

March 18, 1910

William F. Catlin and Clara B., Viola Meredith

2 acres -

LW 17/558

John C. White  
Westly A. White

to

2/2/1878

William R. Landon

LW 9/402

George H. Landon  
Sophronia A. Landon

to

11/7/1865

John C. White  
Tubman S. Parks

\$1,300- "all that lot or parcel of ground situated  
in Somerset County called Maddox Island adjoining  
lands of H. S. Maddox"

LW 8/255

Jesse B. Fitzgerald  
Sally Fitzgerald

to

Sophronia A. Landon

Maddox's Island - described in particular in a  
deed from William S. Dix, trustee to Julia Colbert  
dated 11/17/1857 decree of circuit court in the  
case of Jesse B. Fitzgerald vs. William S. Dix,  
Julia Colbert, admin. of Whittington W. Colbert

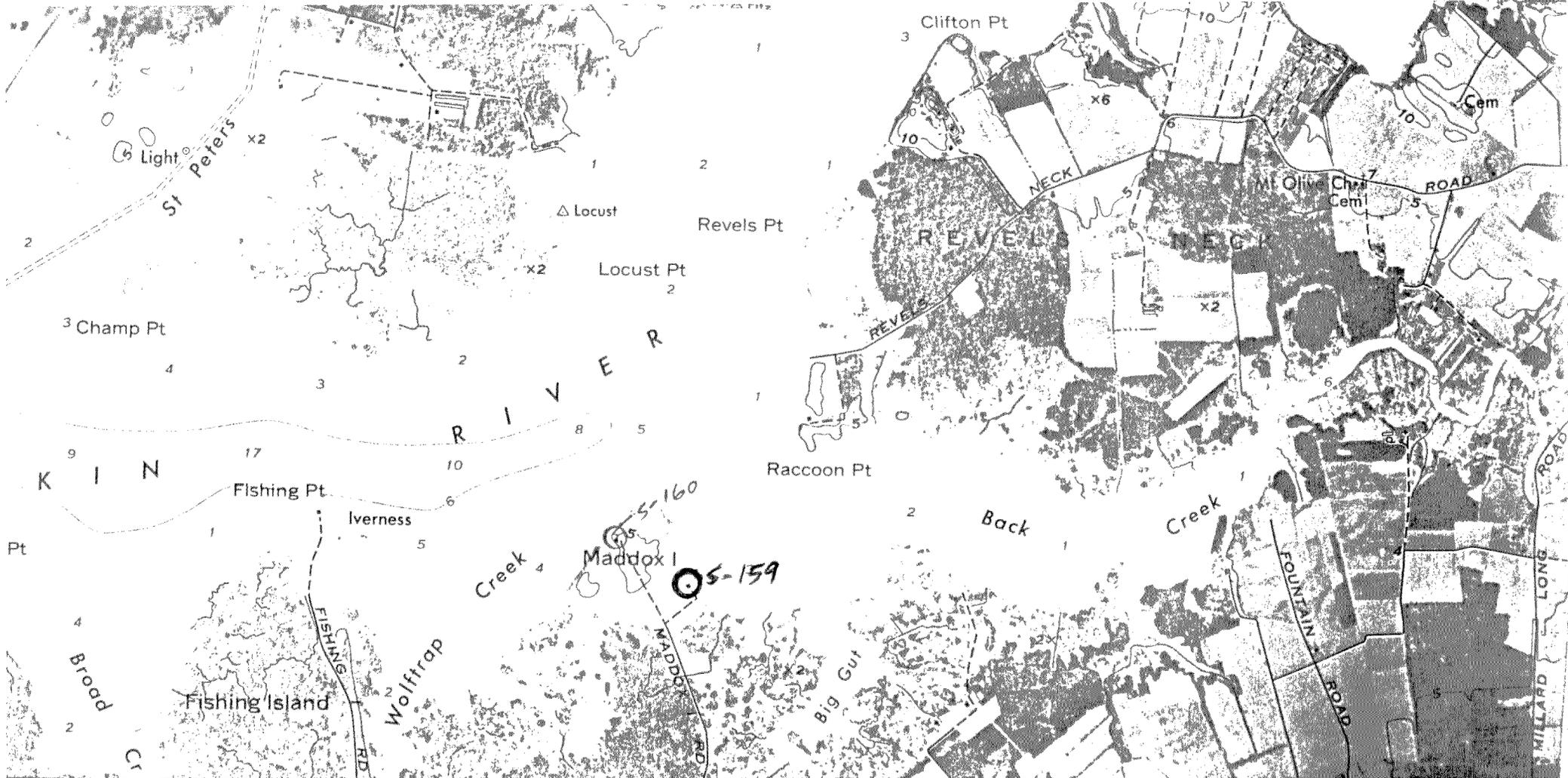
JD 6/529  
7/6/1821

Littleton D. Maddox  
Henry Maddox

to

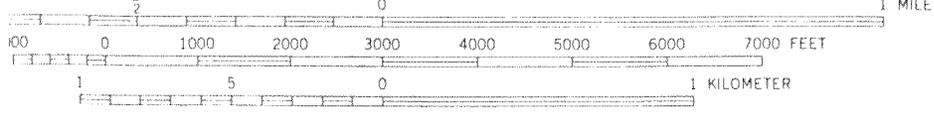
Jesse B. Fitzgerald

\$950.00 half acre of land on Maddox's Island  
called the ware house lot.

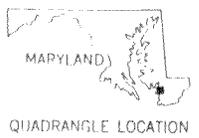


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SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	—————	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	—————
Secondary highway, hard surface	-----	Unimproved road	-----
Trails	-----	Interstate Route	⊖
		U. S. Route	⊖
		State Route	⊖

MONIE, MD.  
 N3807.5—W7545.7 5

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South Elevation

10/83 Paul Touart

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East Elevation

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Front Door - North Elevation  
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Upper Fairmount vicinity, Somerset Co., MD.

South elevation

10/83, Paul Touart, Photographer

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