

S-285  
William Whittington House  
Hopewell vicinity  
private

c. 1880-1890

This Hopewell vicinity farm has been in the Whittington family since the third quarter of the nineteenth century when George Edward Whittington, a local blacksmith, lived on the site. Although a portion of the house is thought to date from his ownership, the major changes and additions were made by William L. Whittington, who farmed the property and also operated a local canning business in Hopewell. The farm has passed to William's son, Julian and his wife, Kathryn. The large, rambling two-story center hall dwelling has been enlarged and embellished with the addition of two-and one-story porches. Dominating the front of the house is a two-story colossal columned portico with a single story Tuscan columned porch that wraps around three sides of the house.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Whittington House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Old Crisfield-Marion Road (115 667)  not for publication

city, town Hopewell  vicinity of congressional district First

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 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 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 Julian and Kathryn Whittington

street & number Rt. 2 Route 667 telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-285

<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 William L. Whittington house stands at the intersection of the Old Crisfield-Marion Road and the Jacksonville Road near Hopewell, Somerset County, Maryland. The large two-story T-shaped frame house faces northwest with the principal gable on a northeast/southwest axis. Accompanying the house is a small frame smokehouse and a frame garage.

The large c. 1880-1890 T-shaped frame house along with its additions rest on a raised common bond brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of aluminum and asbestos siding. The main block is covered with asbestos, while the rear sections are sheathed with aluminum. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt, while the front cornice is trimmed with brackets. A colossal two-story gabled portico extends from the front of the house, and the first floor is covered with a single-story porch that is partially screened in.

The northwest (main) elevation is five bays across with a center entrance flanked by two over two sash windows with louvered shutters. The second floor is marked by a center porch door and flanking window openings. The two-story gabled portico extends farthest from the house and is supported by large Tuscan columns. The gable-front pediment is pierced by a single-pane pointed arch sash window. A wraparound porch encircles the first floor of the front block. It is distinguished by Tuscan columns and a turned-post balustrade. Twin chimneys rise from the center of the main block and are finished with corbelled caps.

Each gable end has a single two over two sash window on each floor while the attic is lighted by a pointed arch sash window with corresponding pointed shutters. The eaves are slightly extended but left undecorated.

Extending to the rear is a large two-story service wing that has been enlarged with gabled or shed additions. An identical brick chimney rises from the center of the wing. Attached to the north side is a two-story one room plan section surrounded on the first floor by an enclosed porch. The second floor is lighted by narrow single-pane sash, and the north face of the second floor is marked by three slender Tuscan columns. The gable is pierced by a pointed arch window.

The south side of the service wing is largely covered by one or two-story shed roofed additions, while the roof is marked by a cross-gable. The east end of the wing was also enlarged by a two-story shed roofed section that contains the rear entrance. A brick stove stack rises against the east wall.

Standing directly behind the house is a small frame outbuilding with a large common bond brick chimney. The square frame structure rests on a brick pier foundation and is covered with aluminum. A glazed door pierces the north wall and a small window is located on the west wall. The interior has been reworked since it was no longer used as a smokehouse. A board and batten garage is located directly east of the smokehouse.

# 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		

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.

The William Whittington house is a traditional two-story center hall farmhouse that has been enlarged and embellished in a number of ways. Unlike most farmhouses from the period, the additions nearly doubled the space of the original structure and the Colonial Revival porches significantly add to a grander exterior appearance. The house largely dates from the last decades of the nineteenth century, while the porches were built during the early twentieth century.

### History and Support

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## 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
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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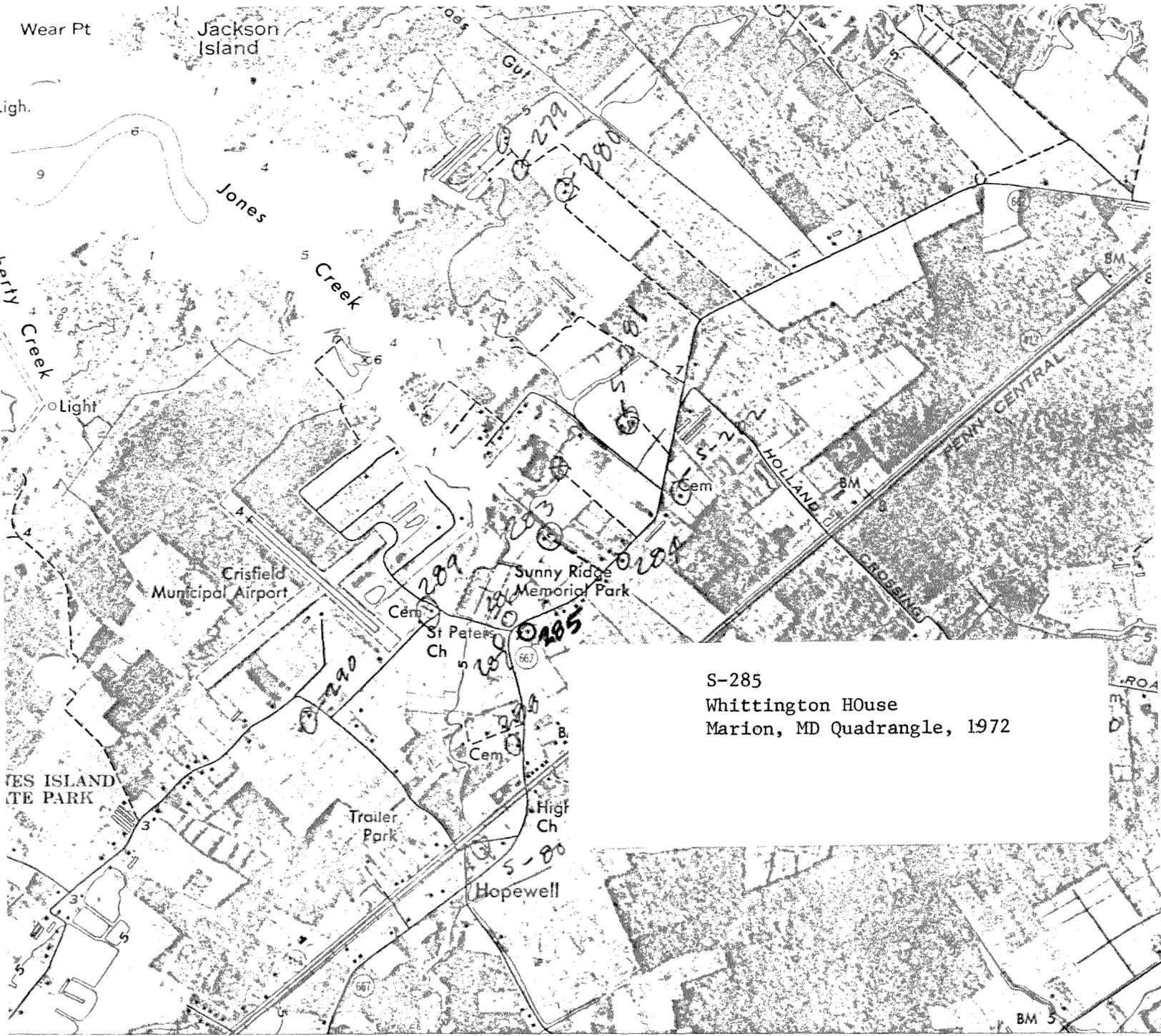
city or town Princess Anne

state Md. 21853

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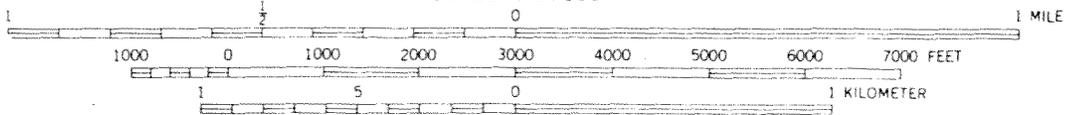
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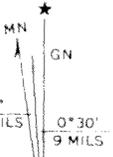
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Whittington House  
Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972

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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET



1972 MAGNETIC NORTH  
AT CENTER OF SHEET

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QUADRANGLE



Whittington House S-285  
Near Hopewell, Somerset County  
Northwest Elevation  
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North Elevation  
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Outbuilding-Northeast Elevation  
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