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Whittington-Long House
Crisfield
private

c. 1870

Standing on the south side of Main Street in uptown Crisfield, the Whittington-Long house is one of the earliest and most prominent houses to remain standing in the central business district. The two-story ell-shaped main house is dominated by a colossal Tuscan columned portico. The enclosed front porch and the brick flower shop were added around 1924.

The original owner of this Main Street house is not exactly clear, but the house appears to have been built around 1870 with reference to an improvement on "Lot No.9" in a transfer of land between William Roach, Thomas J. Dixon, William F. Veasey, grantors, and Harriet A. Whittington, grantee. The one-half acre lot,

"purchased by the said Veasey of said Roach and Dixon, but not heretofore conveyed, which said lot is shown as Lot No. 9 upon the plat of said Roach and Dixon, together with all the improvements thereon,"

was sold in May of 1872 to Harriet Whittington for \$1,500. (LW13/431). This large sum for a one-half acre lot suggests the property had been improved at the time of transfer. Harriet and her husband, Isaac T. Whittington, lived in the house until 1899 when the property was sold to George W. Long (OTB 26/96). George W. Long occupied the property until 1911, when the court-appointed heirs sold the house and lot to Alida Woodland (59/458). The current owners, the Corbins, purchased the property from Alida Woodland in March of 1938 (JMT 115/529).

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 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.

Whittington - Long House Description

The Whittington-Long house is located at 315 West Main Street in the center of downtown Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The c. 1870 two-story frame house faces north with the principal roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and covered with narrow weatherboard siding. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Projecting from the front of the house is a colossal Tuscan columned gable-front portico and to the rear is an ell-plan service wing. Twin brick chimneys rise from the main block to flank the center hall. In 1924 a single-story brick flower shop was attached to the northeast corner of the frame house, and the first floor porch was enclosed.

The north three-bay elevation is dominated by the colossal two-story Tuscan columned portico. Fishscale shingles cover the tympanum, which is pierced by a small square single-pane window. The first floor of the house is totally covered with the enclosed shed roof porch and the brick flower shop. The second floor has a sidelighted entrance that once opened onto a second floor porch. The door is framed by a fluted surround with bullseye corner blocks. Located to each side is a single 6/6 sash window. The base of the roof is finished with a simple board soffit. The flower shop is a flat-roofed rectangular brick building with large display windows and a parapet roof. The parapet front has a shallow pointed arch.

The east side elevation is two bays deep with six over six sash windows on each floor. A narrow brick chimney stack rises from the south end of the service wing. Attached to the south and west sides of the rear wing are early to mid twentieth century additions.

The interior has been generally remodeled in the last sixty years, but some Victorian period woodwork including a turned newel post and turned balusters survive intact.

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
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Whittington-Long house is one of the earliest and most prominent nineteenth century houses to remain in central downtown Crisfield. The two-story Tuscan column-ed portico dominates the otherwise plain center hall frame house. The c. 1924 brick flower shop and enclosed shed porch obscure the first floor elevation and significantly compromise the nineteenth century dwelling.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The original owner of this Main Street house is not clear, but the house appears to have been built c. 1870 with reference to an improvement on "Lot No. 9" in a transfer of land between William Roach, Thomas J. Dixon, and William F. Veasey, grantors and Harriet A. Whittington, grantee. The one-half acre lot, "purchased by the said Veasey of said Roach and Dixon, but not heretofore conveyed, which said lot is shown as Lot No. 9 upon the plat of said Roach and Dixon, together with all improvements thereon," was sold in May of 1872 to Harriet Whittington for \$1,500.00 (LW 13/431). This large sum for a one-half acre lot suggests the property had been improved at this time. Harriet and her husband, Isaac T. Whittington, lived in the house until 1899 when the property was sold to George W. Long (OTB 26/96). George W. Long occupied the property until 1911, when the court-appointed heirs sold the house and lot to Alida Woodland (59/458). The Corbins purchased the property from Alida Woodland in March of 1938 (JMT 115/529).

Clinton and Ruth Corbin
315 Main Street
Crisfield, Maryland 21817

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Map 3, Grid 28, Parcel 18
Imps Lot 78 x 159

to Corbin from Alida Woodland JMT 115/529

JMT 115/529 Alida Woodland of Carteret County, North Carolina
to
3/23/1938 Clinton and Ruth Corbin
South Side of Main Street

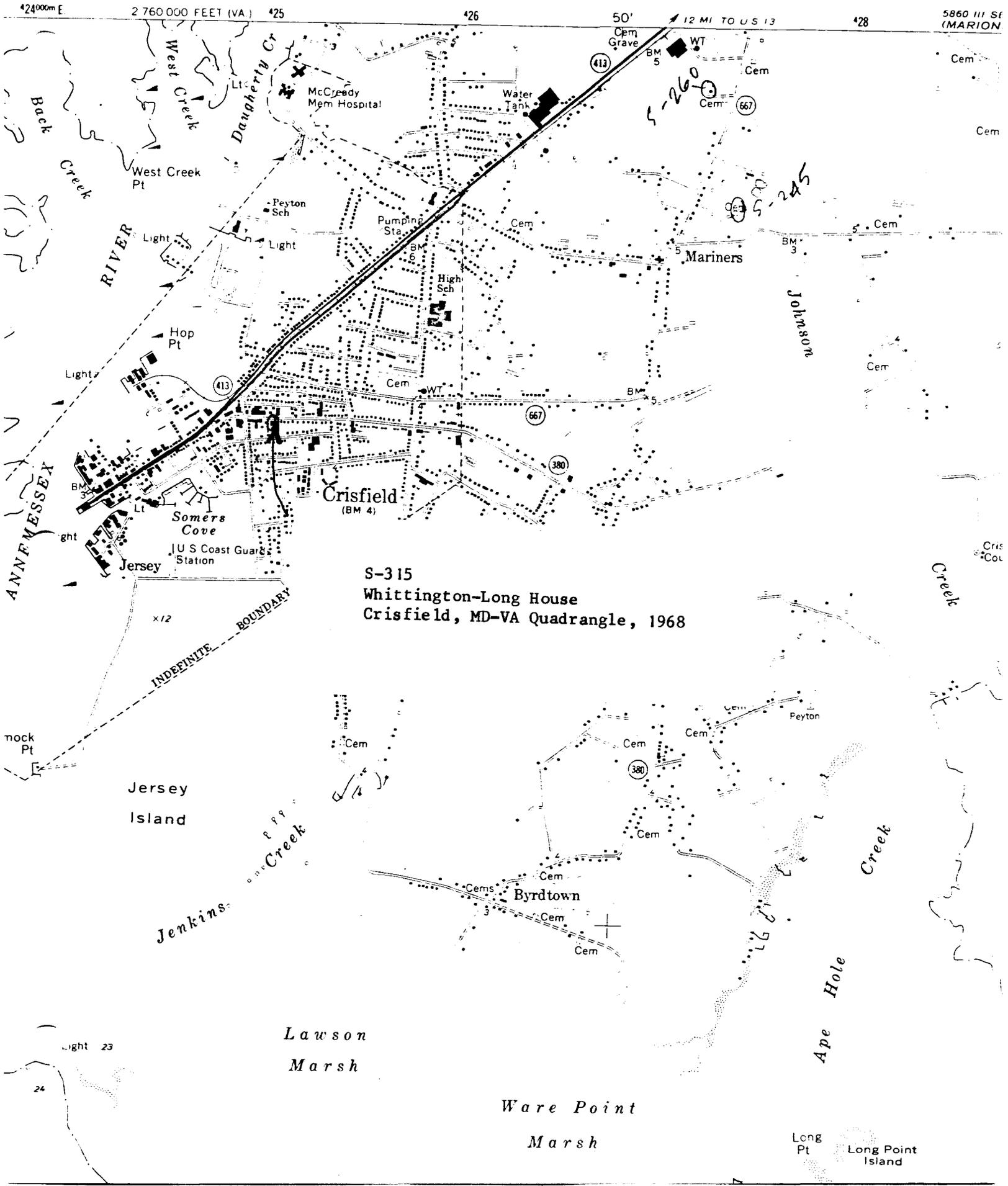
59/458 Henry L.D. Stanford, et al
Clarence P. Lankford
to
12/5/1911 Alida Woodland
Decree of Circuit Court
Miles and Stanford-Attorneys vs. Frank P. Long, Administrator
of George W. Long, deceased. No. 2528 Chancery Docket
being land of which George W. Long, late of Somerset County
died seized.

O.T.B. 26/96 Isaac T. Whittington
Harriet A. Whittington
8/5/1899 Subject to the dower interests of Eliza J. Long
to
George W. Long
"Adjoining the lot of John H. Holland on the east and the lot
of Fred A. Gunby on the west.

LW 13/431 William Roach and wife
Thomas J. Dixon and wife
5/30/1872 William F. Veasey
to
Harriet A. Whittington
\$1500.00 - all that lot or parcel at Crisfield containing one
half acre of land purchased by the said Veasey of
said Roach and Dixon, but not heretofore conveyed,
which said lot is shown as Lot No. 9 upon the plat
of said Roach and Dixon, together with all the im-
provements thereon.

1877 Atlas L.T. Whittington

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Whittington-Long House
Crisfield, MD-VA Quadrangle, 1968

Lawson
Marsh

Ware Point
Marsh

Long
Pt Long Point
Island



Whittington - Long House
Crisfield, Somerset County
North Elevation
7/85 Photographer - Paul Touart
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Whittington - Long House
Crisfield, Somerset County
Northeast Elevation
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