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John William Webster House
Dames Quarter
private

c. 1885

The John William Webster house is a modest two-story, two-bay frame house estimated to date to the late years of the nineteenth century. Construction of the side hall/parlor dwelling is credited to John William and Mary Ann Elizabeth Young Webster during their ownership of the lot. Mary Ann, called Annie in the land records, purchased the property in 1884, and the couple presumably erected the house during the following few years. The rear service wing follows the traditional stepped form with a short, single story hyphen and a slightly taller one-room kitchen. Standing next to the kitchen is a stilted dairy. In more recent years the house was occupied by Oliver O. and Minnie J. Webster who purchased the property in 1912.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Oliver C. Webster House, John William Webster House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hideaway Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Dames Quarter ___ 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	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 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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County 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

pository 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 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.

Oliver O. Webster house description

The Oliver O. Webster house stands in the community of Dames Quarter off Hodson White Road. The two-story frame house faces southwest with the principal gable oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Supported by a brick pier foundation, the c. ¹⁸⁶⁵~~1860~~ side hall/parlor frame house is sheathed with asbestos shingles and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the rear elevation is a single-story two-bay hyphen that connects the slightly taller single-story kitchen. Accompanying the house is a stilted frame dairy and a chicken house.

The southwest (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a four-panel door in the north bay and an adjacent two-over-two sash window to the south. The second floor is lighted by two evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The steeply pitched roof has exposed rafter feet, and, small Victorian brackets decorate the lower outside corners.

The northeast (rear) elevation is partially covered by a single-story two-bay hyphen covered with wood shingles. The south side of the hyphen is pierced by a four-panel door and an adjacent two-over-two sash window. The north side is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. Like the house the rafter feet of the medium pitched roof are exposed.

The connected kitchen is a slightly taller single-story, one room plan structure extended to the northwest by a shed addition. The kitchen is sheathed with wood shingles and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The rafter feet are exposed. A brick stove stack formerly rose against the northeast gable end, and the southeast side is pierced by a two-over-two sash window.

The stilted dairy stands immediately south of the kitchen. Four square posts support a weatherboarded box covered by a shed roof. The front of the dairy is pierced by a board door, and the lateral sides are pierced by louvered openings. The interior is fitted with shelves.

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
<input 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 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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Oliver O. Webster house is a turn of the century side hall/parlor frame house located in the water-oriented community of Dames Quarter. The modest two-bay house is trimmed with simple eave brackets. Attached to the main block is a stepped service wing with a single-story hyphen and one-room kitchen. The stilted dairy is one of a few to survive on county properties.



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Oliver O. Webster House
Deal Island, Maryland Quadrangle
1972

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Great Shoals Light
12

Franks Island

DAMES QUARTER

DAMES QUARTER C.P.

DAMES QUARTER MARSH

DEAL ISLAND

STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

12'30"
4229

4228

4227

(MONIE)
5860 III NE

PRINCESS ANNE 13 MI.

4225

10'

4224



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Oliver O. Webster House

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Stilted dairy, south elevation

6/86 Paul Touart photographer

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Oliver O. Webster House

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East elevation of kitchen

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