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James Phillips House
Venton vicinity
private

c.1880-1900

Located at the end of a long dirt farmlane, this two-story side hall/parlor frame house has been extensively reworked. The general form of the farmhouse has been maintained, but modern-sized sash windows and asbestos shingles disguise the age of the house.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic _____

and/or common James Phillips House

2. Location

street & number Dirt Lane West of Drawbridge Road not for publication

city, town Venton 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 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 James Philips

street & number Rt. 3 Box 488 telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code MD. 21853

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.

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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.

The James Philips house stands at the end of a dirt farm lane that intersects Drawbridge Road near Venton, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story side hall/parlor frame house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis. The Little Monie Creek forms the southern boundary to the property.

Built during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the asbestos clad frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation and covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. A two-story service wing extends to the rear, and a modern addition has been attached to the east gable end of the main block.

The north (main) facade is two bays across with a side entrance in the west bay and a large multi-pane window to the east. The second floor is lighted by two small replacement jalousie windows. The eaves to the roof are extended, and an off-center brick chimney protrudes through the roof.

The west gable end has a single six-over-six sash window lighting the second floor and attic. The eaves extend approximately a foot from the wall surface. The east gable end is covered on the first floor by a modern living room addition with a larger jalousie window.

The south side of the main block is fully covered by the two-story one-room plan wing which is detailed in the same manner as the main block. Six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors, and a narrow brick stack rises through the gable roof. Attached to the south side of the two-story wing is a story-and-a-half kitchen, and extending from the south side of the kitchen is a single-story section covered by a hip roof. The exterior details follow in the same manner as the rest of the house.

Inside, the house has been remodeled, but the side hall staircase remains intact. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The living room, dining room and kitchen have been reworked with modern materials.

8. Significance

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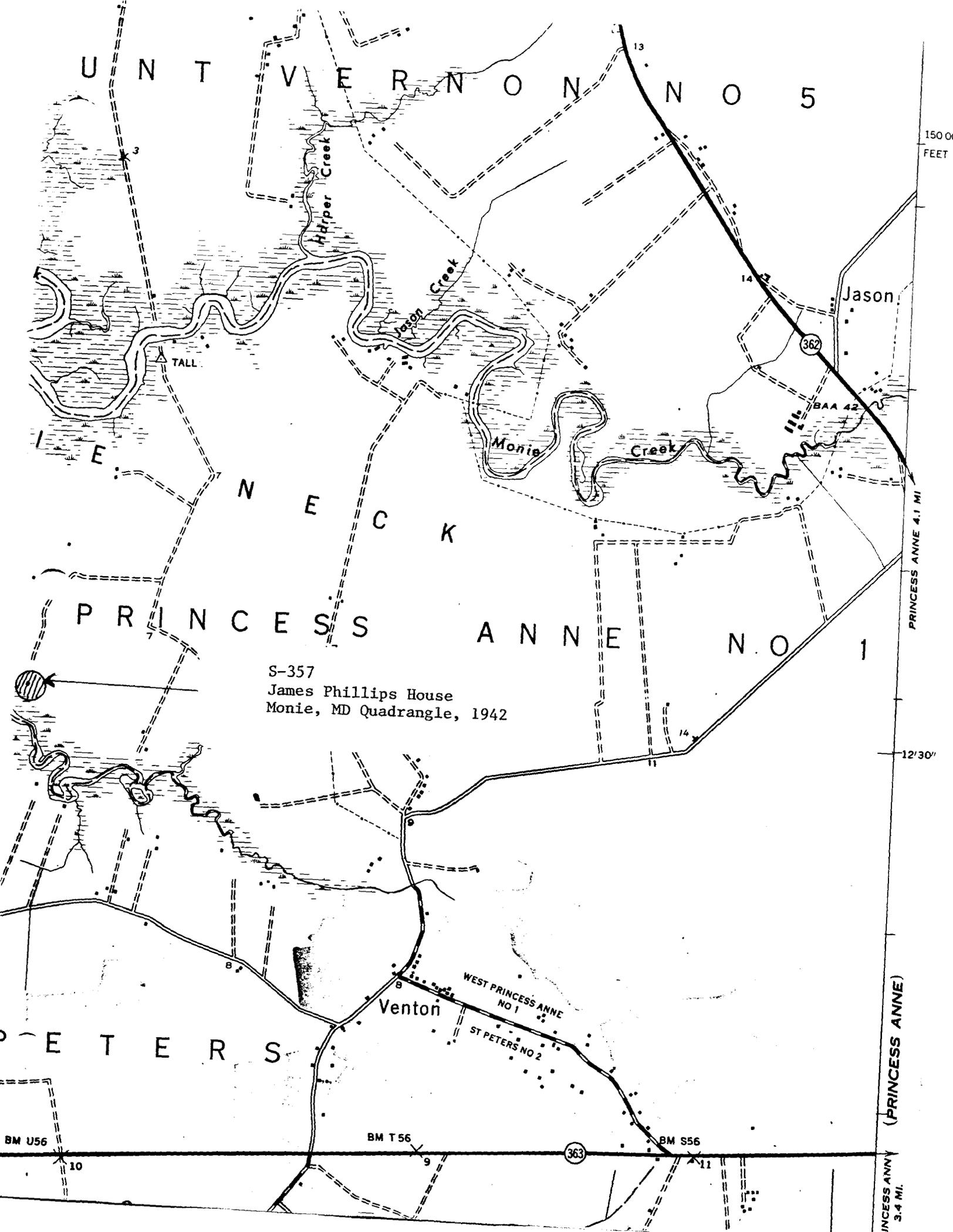
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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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 James Philips house is a remodeled two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling built during the late years of the nineteenth century. The general form of the farmhouse has been maintained, but alterations have been made to both the exterior and interior.



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PRINCESS ANNE NO 1

S-357
James Phillips House
Monie, MD Quadrangle, 1942

PETERS

1500
FEET

PRINCESS ANNE 4.1 MI

12'30"

PRINCESS ANNE (PRINCESS ANNE)

PRINCESS ANNE 3.4 MI.

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BAA 42

BM T56

BM S56

BM U56

Venton

WEST PRINCESS ANNE NO 1

ST PETERS NO 2

TALL

Jason

Monie

Creek

Harper Creek

Jason Creek

U N T V E R N O N

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North Elevation
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James Philips House
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Southwest Elevation
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