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Nineteenth and twentieth centuries

Wenona is the smaller of the two communities on Deal Island, although the village is the site of the principal harbor. Separated from the main community of Deal Island by approximately a mile, Wenona is comprised of about fifty structures, a large majority of which were built during the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century. By the time of the 1877 county atlas there were fifty structures that defined Wenona, and the community steadily grew until the turn of the century when the population started to level off and later declined. The dwellings that define Wenona are similar to other watermen's communities. Following popular national styles, the houses tend towards smaller proportions than more standard examples found outside the water-oriented villages.

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

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Wenona, Maryland, is located at the end of MD State Road 363 at the tip of Deal Island, Somerset County, Maryland. The watermen's community activity is primarily centered around the Wenona harbor, the principal harbor for the island.

Largely known for the few skipjacks that are moored in the Wenona harbor, the community is also distinguished by the Brown Sailloft (S-), the only surviving sail-making structure to survive in Somerset County. The harbor area also includes the old J.S.C. Vetra Store, a few mid to late nineteenth century frame dwellings, and a handful of frame and concrete block crab shacks.

The older housing stock in Wenona is scattered along MD 363 and a U-shaped road approximately a half-mile from the harbor. Most houses are oriented to the road, but a few are set back with short entrance lanes.

The largest part of housing in Wenona dates from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century. Similar to other watermen's communities such as Rumbley and Frenchtown, the houses are relatively modest two-story, two- or three-bay frame structures with a side hall or center hall plan. Built on pier foundations, the weatherboarded houses are currently sheathed with a mixture of original siding as well as asphalt shingles and tiles. Attached to the back of many of the dwellings is a single-story service wing. Several houses retain mid nineteenth century features including paneled pilasters, decorative window and door lintels, fishscale shingles, or turned post porches.

The historic buildings that comprise Wenona include three-dozen dwellings, the Brown Sailloft, the Vetra Store. Perhaps the oldest house to remain in Wenona is the William Price house (S-47), located on the northeastern edge of the community. Docked at the harbor were four skipjacks including the CALEB W. JONES and the H.M. KRANTZ, as well as a collection of smaller and more modern bay craft. The only church in Wenona is of modern construction.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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: A B C D
and/or

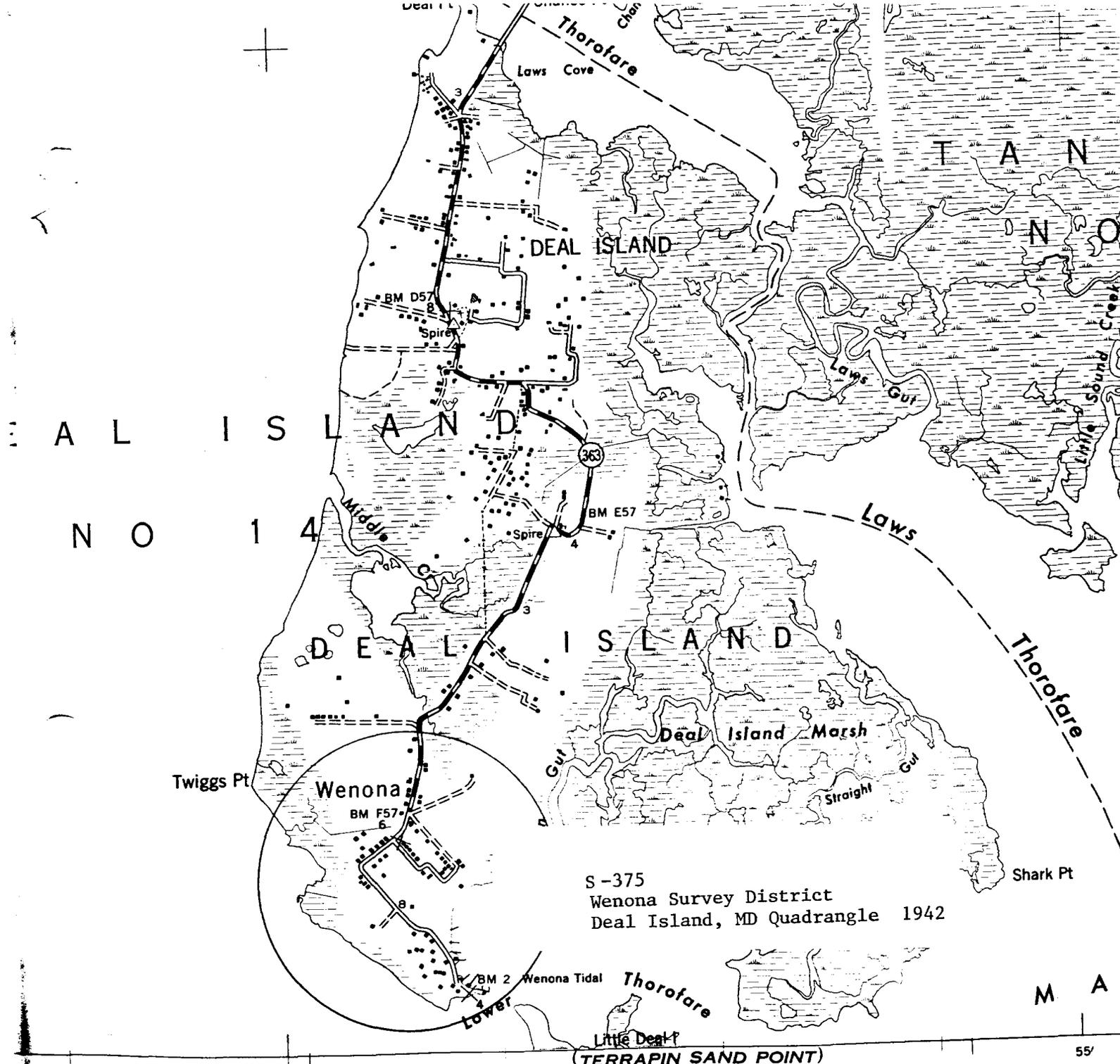
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

Significance

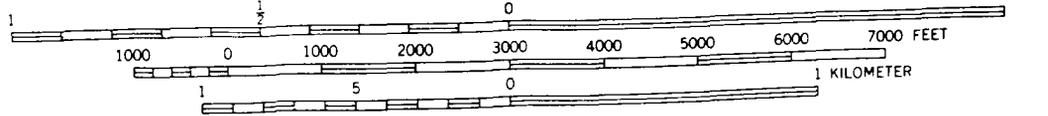
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57° 30'

55'

SCALE 1:24000



MAXIMUM GROUND ELEVATION 8 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

10,000-FOOT GRID TICKS, MARYLAND PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SHOWN IN BLACK
1000-METER GRID TICKS, UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR SYSTEM, ZONE 18, SHOWN IN BLUE

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East Elevation

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