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Hill House

**Architectural Survey File**

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HILL HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-158

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
   AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION 1815-1870

4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
1. Name (indicate preferred name)

name

2. Location

street & number Main Street

city, town Quantico

state Maryland

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John McDonald

street & number

city, town

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

| repository for survey records |

| city, town | state |
8. Significance

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Due its well preserved condition this property should be classified under Category B, which identifies a property that should be preserved since it is a structure exhibiting some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of the district.
The adjacent parlor is plainly finished. A pair of French doors pierce the back parlor wall to provide access to the dining room.

The former dining room, now used as a living room, features a mid-nineteenth century mantel and beaded board wainscoting. The kitchen to the rear has been remodeled to serve modern needs. A corner winder stair remains in the northwest corner of the room.

The second floor bedrooms have remained essentially unchanged with mid-nineteenth century mantels and two-panel Greek Revival doors.
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HILL HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title

1186/497
Robert Overton
Jessie Overton
to
7/17/1989
John Warwick McDonald, guardian of the person and of the property of Sean Martin McDonald
Land conveyed unto Levin Robert Overton and Jesse Overton by two deeds—
1.) from Eula L. Overton Hill dated 9/7/1971 JWTS 740/412
2.) from Edward M. Hill dated 8/17/1988 MSB 1154/252

JWTS 740/412
Eula L. Overton Hill
to
9/7/1971
Levin Robert Overton
Jessie Overton

IDT 201/142
William W. Brady
to
2/3/1937
Levin E. Overton
Eula L. Overton

JCK 138/29
Marietta D. Mariner
Walter S. Mariner
to
2/19/1925
William W. Brady
Last will and testament of Clara Dashiell Disharoon to

Marietta E. Dashiell (married name-Marietta Dashiell Mariner)

Ray H. Disharoon Sadie E. Disharoon of Baltimore City to

Clara D. Disharoon

James M. Jones Lizie A. Jones to

Ray H. Disharoon Stella H. Disharoon $1,000

George W. Messick Leah A. Messick to

James M. Jones

being the same land that Ann E. Gordy bought of John F. Collier February 18, 1878

James M. Jones, trustee to sell the lands of Anne E. Gordy to
10/31/1885 George Messick

Decree of Orphans Court, 11/25/1884
in the case of Victoria Evans vs. Levin
S. Gordy, William Purnell Gordy, Thomas
B. Gordy, et al.

the same lot that was formerly the property
of Mrs. Anne E. Gordy, now deceased, and
which was conveyed to said Martha M. Gordy
by deed from Levin S. Gordy

SPT 5/299 Levin S. Gordy, et al

to

11/14/1882 Martha Gordy

$875

2/487 John F. Collier

to

2/18/1878 Ann E. Gordy

$600
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Quantico Dist.

HILL HOUSE
Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland

1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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HILL HOUSE
Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland
Northeast elevation
4/92, Paul Touart, photographer
Negative/MD Historical Trust
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HILL HOUSE
Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland
North elevation
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