

WI-161  
Bounds-Brown House  
Quantico  
Private

c. 1838, c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name:           BOUNDS-BROWN HOUSE          

MHT Inventory Number:           WI-161          

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):   ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:   EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Development Period(s):

AGRICULTURAL/INDUSTRIAL   INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE,  
TRANSITION, 1815-1870       1870-1930

4) Resource Type(s):       Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-161

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BOUNDS-BROWN HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number East side of Main Street  not for publication

city, town Quantico  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

### 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Timothy and Lynn Brown

street & number P. O. Box 98 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1247

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 597

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

Historically identified as the Bounds-Brown house, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house stands on the east side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating from several different periods, the two-and-a-half story main block is comprised of two early- to mid-nineteenth century structures that were pushed together and later remodeled in Victorian taste around the turn of the twentieth century. Supported on a low brick foundation, the building is sheathed with vinyl siding, and the steeply pitched cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) elevation is a slightly uneven three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking eight-over-eight replacement windows. The replacement front door features four-light sidelights. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed, turned post porch with exposed rafter ends. The second floor is lighted by three single-pane sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two sash. The cross gable is sheathed with a layer of fishscale shingles. The eaves to the roof are extended with the end rafters exposed and finished with a decorated end.

The gable ends are largely alike with single window openings on the first and second floors. A louvered opening is fixed in the gable end. The gable end eaves are extended with the end rafters exposed and the decorated rafter feet are supported by a small horizontal beams.

The back of the main block is largely covered by a two-story kitchen wing. Structural evidence found in the roof of the kitchen wing indicates it was a single-story structure that was later raised to its current two-story height.

The interior of the house was remodeled during the same period when the exterior was redone. Surviving original interior features include a turned baluster stair with a large turned newel post. The stair rises against a beaded board wall which was uncovered during the renovation work. Uncovered at the same time was a small piece of a Princess Anne newspaper dated to 1839. Several two-panel Greek Revival doors remain in the house as well. During the renovation of the house and the removal of the asbestos shingles, some of the original beaded weatherboards were removed and saved. Mature cut nails were found throughout the house.

# 8. Significance

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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:  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.

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Due to the early date of this house and its contributing nature to the historic district, the property is listed under Category B, which identifies buildings that should be preserved, since it is a structure exhibits good architectural details representative of local architectural development and style.



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### The Bounds-Brown House

In the quaint village of Quantico in Wicomico County, Maryland, stands the Bounds-Brown house, located mid-way through the town on the northeasterly side of Maryland route #347 or Main Street.<sup>1</sup> Built in the late 1830's, it neighbors several houses constructed around the same time.

The chain of title owners of this property is quite lengthy since ownership changed every few years.<sup>2</sup> The 1877 Atlas shows the lot as being owned by B. E. Moore, borne out by the chain of title.<sup>3</sup> Several owners during the nineteenth century were doctors, giving prominence to Quantico as a desirable place to live.<sup>4</sup> Lengthy and in-depth research would be necessary to establish the positions of these owners in the community.

Dating a house from the land records is often difficult: most deeds mention only the land--rarely any improvements--as changing hands. Fortunately, several earlier deeds for the property here concerned mentioned house and lot, frequently stating who was in residence at the time.<sup>5</sup> The earliest such deed, dated 11/10/1841, is for a house and lot from John Austin to James Bounds, Sr., price \$1250.<sup>6</sup> The preceding deed was dated 9/3/1838 and was described as land only from Edwin and Harriet Dashiell to John Austin, price \$60.<sup>7</sup> The current owners, Tim and Lynn Brown, while renovating their home, found newspapers dating 1839. This supports the land-record information and is logical: a lot bought in the fall of 1838 on which a house was constructed in late 1838/early 1839.

A rare find in the Hall of Records in Annapolis confirms this conclusion. In an assessment book of 1830-1837 for Quantico District, Dr. John Austin sold a house

and lot, assessed \* for \$400, circa 1838 to Dr. James Bounds; the deed itself was not recorded until 1841, perhaps after the purchase price was paid.<sup>8</sup> Austin had paid only \$60 for the lot in 1838.<sup>9</sup> Thus, the house was probably built by Austin for Bounds. Austin was an early "developer"--he was assessed for at least 6 lots in Quantico between 1830 and 1837.<sup>10</sup>

Information on the adjoining dwellings is also found in said assessment book. Tax on the house and lot to the north, assessed to the heirs of Dr. Thomas Garretson, was to be paid by Purnell B. Carey. To the south, William H. Collier was assessed. The title chains for these adjoining lots in fact show these owners during that time period.<sup>11</sup>

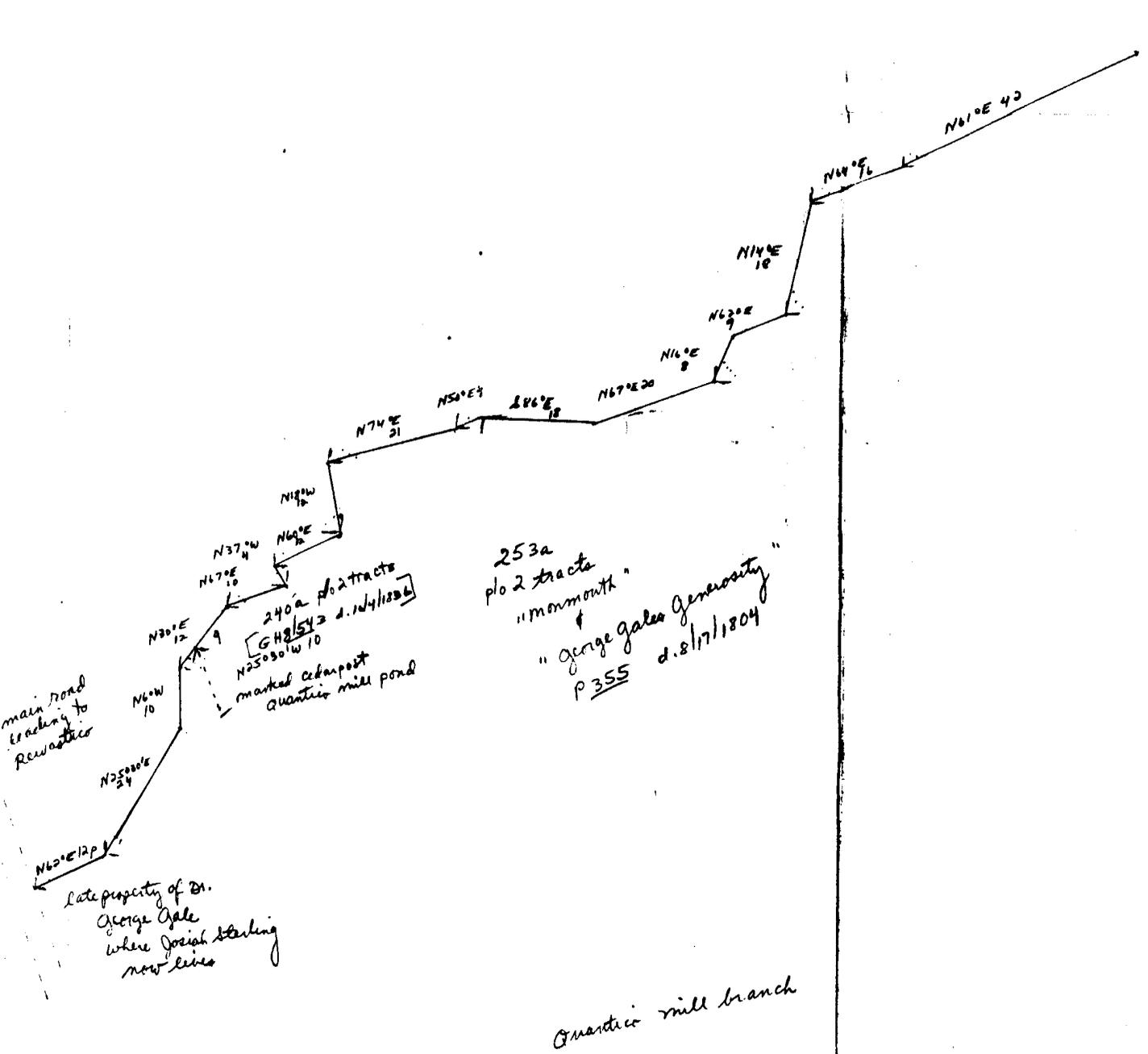
Research on these dwelling houses adjoining Bounds-Brown to the north and to the south also bears out this construction time-frame. Both lots had houses by the 1840's and were described as lots only, prior.<sup>12</sup> The nearby St. Philip's Episcopal Church has a sign in front stating the original construction date as 1845; obviously, the church was built to serve a growing community--the nearest Episcopal church being St. Paul's at Spring Hill past Hebron, over 5 miles away.

Evidence exists for settlement in this areas as early as 4/6/1784 when the road is described as being the main road from Quantico Mill to Rewastico Mill.<sup>13</sup> In the "History of Quantico", a compilation in 1985 of articles on Quantico, one source states that one of the earliest Maryland post offices was established in Quantico on 1/1/1808 during the administration of Thomas Jefferson.

\* The assessment is only a portion of the full value.

Lots were being sold as early as 1818 in "the village of Quantico Mills." <sup>14</sup> Many of these early village lots were carved from a tract entitled "George Gale's Generosity", patented 7/6/1788 from a resurvey of parts of "Wrington" (originally sold in 1673 to Samuel Syms) and of "Chelsea" (originally sold in 1673 to Charles Hutchings) and of 4 acres vacant land. <sup>15</sup>

The village of Quantico was declared an historic district by the Wicomico County Council in 1991. Endorsed by a clear majority of property owners within the village, the district designation has encouraged restoration and stabilization of homes by the owners. The Bounds-Brown house is a fine example of restoration which stands as a testament to the revitalization of this early, nineteenth-century village.



division fence between [William Hopkins]  
 John Hopkins  
 +  
 late Captain  
 Henry Gale

253a  
 p/o 2 tracts  
 "Mormon"  
 +  
 "George Gale's Generosity"  
 P 355 d. 8/17/1804

Quarries mill branch

1/2" = 8 perches

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IC #D/333 Certificate

d. 4/6/1784

291 1/2a

Captain Henry Gale

"George Gales

"Generosity"

S 42°15'W/199p

Main Road from  
Quantic Mill -  
to Rewastico Mill

S 29° E

81 p

S 23° 30' W/16

S 43° W/15 p

CHAIN OF TITLE

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Timothy F. Brown

Lynna M. Brown

present - 2/19/91

1247/597

Timothy F. Brown

Patricia A. Brown Gil

3/26/91 + 2/18/87 + 6/2/89 + 2/2/89

1093/869 + 1124/839 d 1190/157

10ft strip  
for location

Sandra L. Burke Miller

Sandra L. Burke

2/18/87 - 3/4/80

940/180

William K. Burke

Sandra L. Burke

3/24/80 - 10/13/72

773/214

William D. S. Shanett, p.s.

of Gestude A. Ingram

10/18/72 - 1/7/72

death of Gestude A. Ingram #1314 estate

Gestude A. Ingram

Walter T. Ingram

10/18/72 - 2/16/66 + 11/-/71

624/446 + death of Walter T. Ingram #10225 estate

Charles O. Hughes

Stella B. Hughes

2/16/66 - 8/2/65

619/98

John Marcelli

Rene Marcelli

10/22/65 - 12/16/63

575/486

Charles O. Hughes

Stella B. Hughes

12/23/63 - 8/27/63

569/199

Clarence O. Bailey  
Emma E. Bailey  
10/12/20 - 2/10/21  
12/555

John D. Ouston  
8/15/21 - 9/20/19  
114/15

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Martha S. Collier  
10/3/19 - 12/4/17  
107/378

Clara D. Disharoon  
12/4/17 - 10/15/15 estate opened  
death of W. Scott Disharoon LWT-JWD/1101 #

W. Scott Disharoon  
by 10/15/15 (death) - 2/17/1908  
57/332

William F. Fletcher  
3/11/1908 - 3/5/1887  
FM 82/292

Benjamin E. Moore  
Kate Moore  
Thomas Lorenzo Moore  
Anna Moore  
George M. Moore  
Rollinson (Rollie) Moore  
Virginia Moore  
5/1/1887 - c. 1871  
death of George Moore

George Moore  
Anna M. Moore  
c. 1871 - 2/19/1859  
+ 46/116

(D) John W. Taylor  
Mary W. Taylor  
4/4/1859 - 5/16/1855 + 6/7/1855  
LW 4/151 + LW 4/150, piece of lot from Gales - 10 ft strip

(D) James Mc Fountain (e) or Fountain  
Virginia Fountain (e) or Fountain  
10/3/55 - 4/13/1855  
LW 4/549

James Bounds  
Mary Bounds  
7/24/1856 - 9/26/1846  
WP 2/300

James Bounds, Sr.  
11/16/1847 - 11/10/1841  
LH 727

Dr. John Austin  
Jane Austin  
11/24/1841 - 9/3/1838  
GH 9/497

Edwin Daehill  
Harriet Daehill  
10/23/1838 - 11/3/1836  
G.H. 8486

John Rider  
Eleanor Rider  
11/30/1836 -

John French Crockett  
Mildred K. Crockett  
First of F.S. & L. Assn. Holders mtg. 563/545  
9/5/63 - 2/3/58  
447/200

J. Edgar Harney  
Velma F. Harney  
4/16/58 - 2/3/58  
447/198 Ex 323/399

Jay French  
Clara P. French  
James Maxwell French  
Estelle S. French  
Walter Elmer French  
Pearl T. French  
George David Crockett  
Mary Jane Crockett  
John French Crockett  
Mildred K. Crockett  
Mabel C. Elliott  
Elijah R. Elliott, Jr.  
Albert Austin Crockett  
Lelah M. Crockett  
4/16/58 - 11/18/56  
death of Carrie A. French #4483 estate

Carrie A. French  
Elizabeth L. French  
4/16/58 - 5/1/50 + 12/30/51  
317/84 + death of Elizabeth L. French #3976 estate

Walter E. French  
Pearl T. French  
5/1/50 - 4/6/44  
257/30

Mary Elizabeth French  
4/6/44 - 4/17/36  
195/36

Harlan L. Graham  
Hilda Bounds Graham  
4/18/36 - 10/1/30  
164/535

## Footnotes

- 1 1247/597 d. 3/19/1991.
- 2 Chain of title.
- 3 1877 Atlas.
- 4 LW6/116 d. 2/19/1859 Dr. McFontain; LW4/150 d. 6/7/1855 Dr. Taylor; WP2/300 d. 9/26/1846 Dr. Austin.
- 5 FMS2/292 d. 3/5/1887 Moore; LW6/116 d. 2/19/1859 Moore; LW4/151 d. 5/16/1855 Fountin; LH4/549 d. 4/13/1855 Bounds; WP2/300 D. 9/26/1846 Bounds; LH727 d. 11/10/1841 Bounds.
- 6 LH727 d. 11/10/1841.
- 7 GH9/497 d. 9/3/1838.
- 8 1830-1837 Quantico District Assessment Book; LH727 d. 11/10/1841.
- 9 GH9/497 D. 9/3/1838.
- 10 1830-1837 Quantico District Assessment Book.
- 11 WPL/112 d. 10/6/1845; GH9/488 d. 9/15/1838.
- 12 WP4/277 d. 12/15/1848 & GH9/488 d. 9/15/1838 house and lot to north; WPL/401 d. 9/9/1846 & WPL/112 d. 10/6/1845 house and lot to south.
- 13 M295 d. 9/22/1800; P355 d. 8/17/1804; JD2/71 d. 7/19/1816; 1C#D/333 d. 4/6/1784 Certificate in Hall of Records.
- 14 JD3/230 d. 3/13/1818.
- 15 1C#D/333 d. 4/6/1784 Certificate in Hall of Records.

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County of New York, County, NY

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No  Times -



