

WI-168
Taylor-Owens House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: TAYLOR-OWENS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-168

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL-URBAN DOMINANCE 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-168

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JANIE M. GORDY HOUSE

and/or common TAYLOR-OWENS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number NW corner of Main Street and Cherry Walk Road not for publication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	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 Howard S. Tingle

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 954

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 67

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

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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 Janie M. Gordy house, also identified as the Taylor-Owens house, stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main Street and Cherry Walk Road in the northern section of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland.

Built around 1880, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding over plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story service wing that creates an ell plan for the entire structure. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story outbuilding, a two-story garage, and a small cemetery with Bounds-Gordy family tombstones.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door is topped by a two-light transom. Louvered shutters flank each window opening. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story hip roof porch supported on turned posts. Decorative corner brackets from the porch have been removed. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows and the roof is marked by a center cross gable. The cross gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles and pierced by a pointed arch sash window. The eaves to the roof are extended with the decorated rafter feet exposed. Small turned medallions embellish the bargeboards. At the lower corners of the roof is a fan-shaped spindle decoration. Rising through the center of the house is a pair of corbelled cap brick chimneys.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. The upper gable ends are marked by pointed arch attic windows surrounded by a field of fishscale shingles. The bargeboards are embellished with the same medallion decorations.

The back wall of the front block is largely covered by the two-story service wing that is extended on the south side by a shed addition. The wing is finished with many of the same features as the front block. An interior brick stack pierces the gable end.

The interior of the house has been remodeled with the introduction of sheet paneling, however, much of the original late nineteenth century woodwork remains intact. The center stairhall retains a turned baluster stair, and Victorian mantels are found in the two front rooms. A second stair, enclosed behind a four-panel door, rises in the back room.

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
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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and/or	
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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.

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Due to its corner location and well preserved nature, this house is classified under Category A, which includes all structures that must be retained since they are of historic significance and/or exhibit many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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city or town Westover

state MD 21871

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JANIE M. GORDY HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title

954/67 Joseph Wayne Bailey
 Frances Smith Bailey
 Madlyn B. Parrott
 G. Edward Parrott

to

1/22/1981 Howard S. Tingle
 Delma J. Tingle

AJS 933/656 Marian Mae Bailey

to

12/18/1979 Joseph wayne Bailey, et al

AJS 890/150 Edward J. Parrott, et al.

to

12/14/1977 Joseph Loran Bailey
 Marian Mae Bailey

AJS 836/148 Joseph Loran Bailey
 Marian Mae Bailey

to

4/24/1975 Edward J. Parrott

JWTS 683/47 Irma Owens Ellis, et al., (Essie Virginia
 Horner, M. Brooks Horner, Elva May Dorman,
 William T. Dorman, Sr.

to

11/18/1968 Joseph Loran Bailey
 Marian Mae Bailey

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JANIE M. GORDY HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title continued

Somerset County
Will Book
JP 5/201

Last will and testament of
James Bounds, Sr.

to

7/13/1852

Janie M. Gordy nee Bounds

ARDELA SPRINGS

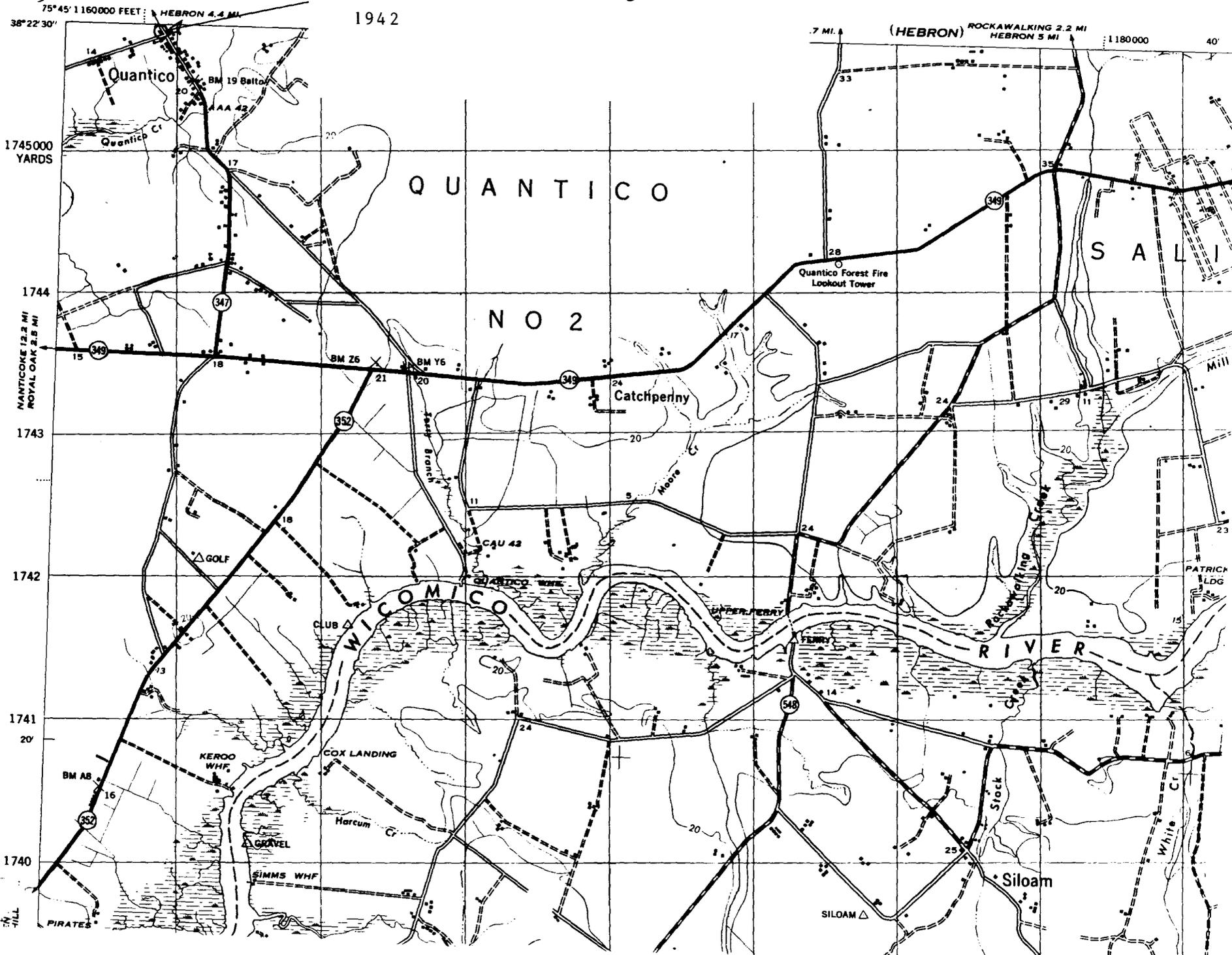
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TAYLOR-OWENS HOUSE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle

1942

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ORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY



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