

WI-171  
Estelle Collier House  
Quantico  
Private

c. 1883

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-171

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-171  
Magi No.  
DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number West side of Main Street \_\_\_ not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Jim McDonald

street & number Riverside Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1009

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 100

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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<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.

The Estelle Collier house is located on the west side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1883, the center hall/single-pile frame structure is supported on brick piers and it is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The molded four-panel front door and the adjacent windows with louvered shutters are sheltered by a hip roof front porch supported on turned posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and centered on the roof is a cross gable.

The north and south sides of the main block are marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and pointed arch windows light the upper gable end. The eaves to the roof are extended with returns at the base. Rising through the center of the house are a pair of brick chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The one-room plan kitchen wing is a story-and-a-half structure lighted by six-over-six sash windows on the first floor and small two-over-two windows on the second floor. Attached to the south side of the kitchen is a shed addition that encloses a bathroom and utility room.

The interior is finished with fourth quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. The stair has heavily turned newel posts and turned balusters that support a molded handrail which rises in a continuous line to the second floor. Opening into the adjacent rooms are four-panel doors framed by plain surrounds. Victorian mantels remain in the downstairs rooms.

The kitchen has been remodeled with the introduction of an pass-through opening in the dining room/kitchen wall. Remaining in the kitchen is an original enclosed stair that rises behind a board and batten door.

The second floor is plainly finished.

# 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 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 relatively intact condition, this house falls under Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since the structure exhibits some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of 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

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant

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city or town Westover

state MD 21871

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 301-516-2400

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ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE  
Quantico, Maryland  
Chain of title

1009/100

Russell A. Jones  
Ann G. Jones

to

4/9/1984

James S. McDonald  
Katherine B. McDonald

AJS 949/502

Beverly Smith Ferrar  
Ervin Lee Smith

to

10/10/1980

Russell A. Jones  
Ann G. Jones

AJS 927/682

India B. Smith, Personal Representative  
of the estate of William Gordon Byrd

to

9/11/1979

Beverly Smtih Ferrar  
Ervin Lee Smith

683/80

Charles E. Hearne, Jr. et al.  
Attorneys and Agents

to

12/3/1968

William Gordon Byrd

JWTS 582/465

Marcus W. Acworth  
Audrey C. Acworth

to

4/16/1964

Calvin Leonard Darby

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Chain of title continued

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582/240

Kathryn Taylor Conway, et al.

to

4/13/1964

Marcus W. Acworth  
Audrey C. Acworth

JWTS 276/520

Bounds Phillips, et al

to

8/17/1944

Nellie Taylor

Nellie Taylor by her last will and testament dated 11/22/1962, JAH 7/542 devised property to Kathryn Taylor Conway, Bernice Taylor Anderson, Pauline Taylor Hughes.

Whereas Estelle Collier did under her last will and testament dated 7/3/1931, Will Book JAH 1/559, devised hereinafter described real estate to Bounds Phillips adn Virginia Phillips

SPT 6/246

Velarius F. Collier  
Ella Collier

to

10/22/1883

Estelle Collier  
\$100.00

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ARDELA SPRINGS

MARYLAND

SCALE 1:31680

75° 45' 1 160000 FEET HEBRON 4.4 MI.

38° 22' 30"

1745000 YARDS

1744

NANTICOKE 12.2 MI  
ROYAL OAK 2.5 MI

1743

1742

1741

1740

EN. HILL

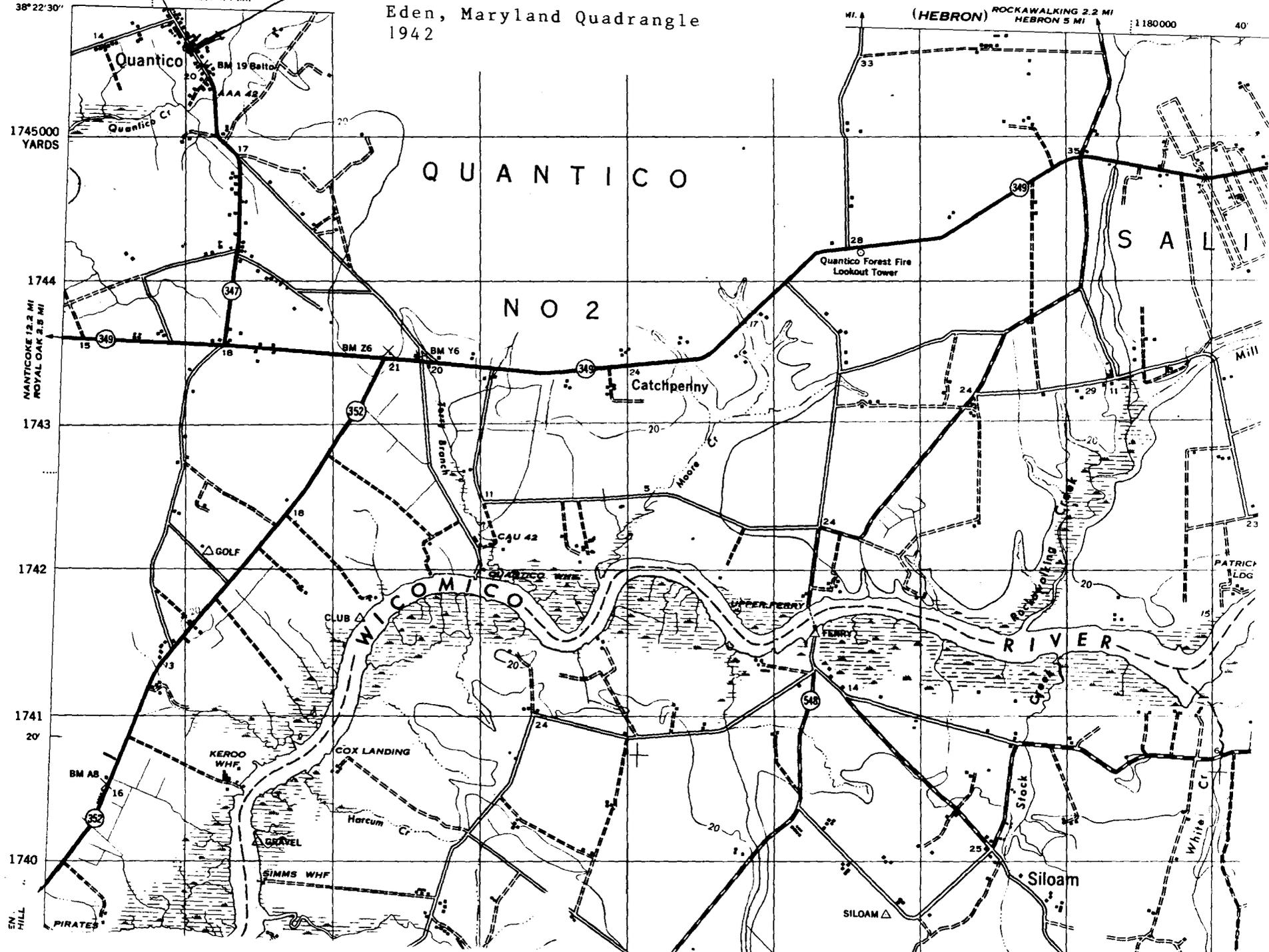
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ESTELLE COLLIER HOUSE  
Quantico, Maryland  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

MI. (HEBRON) ROCKAWALKING 2.2 MI  
HEBRON 5 MI 1:180000 40'





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Estimate Charles [unclear]

2000 [unclear] Co., MD.

2000 [unclear]

1/93, Paul Towson [unclear]  
Neg. / MD. Historical Trust