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Theodore Disharoon House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880-90

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: THEODORE DISHARON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-180

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-180
Magi No.
DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THEODORE DISHAROON HOUSE

and/or common Couch-Horseman House

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street & number West side of Main Street ___ not for publication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

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

name James L. McNaughton

street & number P. O. Box 1992 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21803

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1048

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 771

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 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.

The Theodore Disharoon house, historically labeled as the Couch-Horseman house, stands on the west side of Main Street at the south end of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880-90, this two-story, center hall frame dwelling is supported by a low brick foundation and it is sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center six-panel door entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The windows have vinyl shutters. Rising through the center of the house is a single brick stove chimney that protrudes through the roof. A second stack on the north side of the hall has been removed below the roofline.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors.

The west side of the main block is partially covered by the story-and-a-half rear wing, which is extended on the south side by a shed roofed porch.

The interior was not seen.

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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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input 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.

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The house is classified under Category C, which identifies buildings where alterations should be considered carefully since it is a structure that adjoins a property listed in the A or B category and whose impact and potential impact as a contributor to the character of the district must be examined.

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

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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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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 10/8/93

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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Private

1048/771 Bufford Lee Vaughn, Jr.
 Linda C. Vaughn

to

10/17/1985 James C. McNaughton

AJS 970/291 Charles R. Smith, Jr.
 Lena B. Smith

to

2/19/1982 Bufford L. Vaughn, Jr.
 Linda C. Vaughn

AJS 883/192 R. Vaughn Horseman
 Stella A. Horseman

to

9/8/1977 Charles R. Smith, Jr.
 Lena B. Smith

JWTS 791/404 Emilyne T. Couch, Personal Representative
 of Elizabeth Horseman Couch

to

5/31/1973 R. Vaughn Horseman
 Stella A. Horseman

JWTS 352/170 Juanita M. Jones

to

11/5/1953 William Thomas Couch, Sr.
 Elizabeth Horseman Couch
 Assumption of mortgage made by William Thomas
 Couch, Sr. and Elizabeth Horseman Couch
 to Watson D. Micthell, 5/19/1949, JWTS 312/217

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THEODORE DISHAROON HOUSE
Quantico
Chain of title

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Mortgage
312/217

William T. Couch, Sr.
Elizabeth Couch

to

5/19/1949

Watson D. Mitchell

JCK 146/233

John B. Parsons Salisbury Home for the Aged

to

11/13/1926

William T. Couch, Sr.

Whereas Eliz. B. Disharoon, by deed dated
May 27, 1926 JCK 144/224

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Elizabeth B. Disharoon

to

5/27/1926

Salisbury Home for the Aged

JTT 9/296

Robert B. Tainter
Sallie F. Tainter

to

10/20/1892

Eliabeth B. Disharoon

part of the Quantico Hotel lot and was
purchased by Thomas B. Gordy from Levin
T. H. Irving

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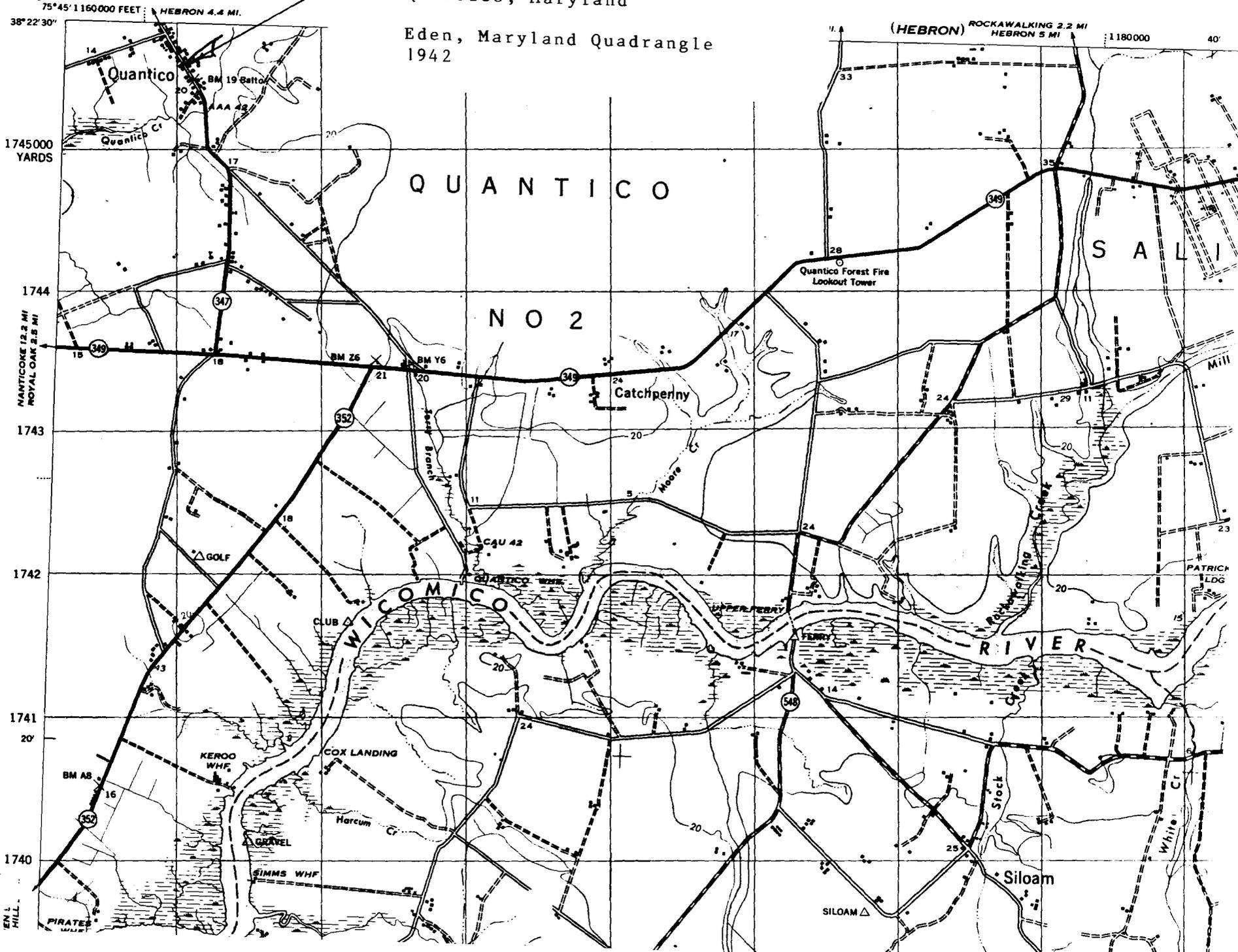
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICES OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



38° 22' 30"

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TREASURY DISBURSAL HOUSE

QUANTICO, WILMOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

EAST ELEVATION

10/93, PAUL TOWERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

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