

WI-182
William Gilliss House
Quantico
Private

c. 1925-30

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WI-182

MHT Inventory Number: WILLIAM GILLISS HOUSE

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-182

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIAM GILLISS 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street & number East side of Main Street not for publication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 | 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 David L. Downing

street & number P. O. Box 112 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 866

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 516

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 William Gilliss house is located on the east side of Main Street in the village of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame dwelling faces west with the gambrel roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date to around 1925-30, this story-and-a-half center hall frame house rests on a continuous common bond brick foundation, and the structure is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The gambrel roof, with shed dormers running across the front and back, is covered with asphalt shingles. Single-story porches extended from each end. Standing to the back of the house is a row of frame outbuildings including a two-door garage.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-one sash windows. The glazed front door is sheltered by a single-bay gable roofed stoop supported by paneled posts. The flanking windows are triple sets of six-over-one sash. Lighting the second floor and piercing the shed dormer are eight-over-one sash windows.

Extending from the south side of a single-story porch that is partially screened in and partially enclosed. A partially glazed door provides access to the porch and six-over-one sash windows light the second floor.

The north side features a single-story porch as well with a set of double glazed doors opening onto the porch. Six-over-one-sash windows light the second floor, and small quarter round windows illuminate the attic.

A single-story kitchen wing extends to the rear. The interior was not seen.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input checked="" 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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Since this structure is an intact example of Colonial Revival design, the building should be listed under Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since they contain structures exhibiting some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and at the same time support the character of the district.



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QUANTICO, WICOMICO CO., MD.

WEST ELEVATION

10/93, PAUL TOWNSET, PHOTOGRAPHER

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