

WI-183
Rena Venables House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880-90

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Rena Venables owned this property between 1900 and when she sold the house and lot in 1930. Her purchase of the property in December 1900 was executed for \$480, which would have included a plain sort of improvement such as the extant dwelling. A later owner, Addie Messick, held title to the property between 1955 and 1966.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: RENA VENABLES HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-183

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 INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-183

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic RENA VENABLES HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Quantico Road (Main Street) not for publication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 Frances Virginia Miller

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 828

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 83

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

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

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RENA VENABLES HOUSE
Quantico
Chain of title

828/83 James W. Taylor, Jr.

to

9/25/1974 Frances Virginia Miller

JWTS 626/91 Nelson C. Messick
Emma T. Messick, et al.

to

2/11/1966 James W. Taylor, Jr.

JWTS 398/114 W. Lynn Graham
Maude A. Graham

to

10/10/1955 Addie C. Messick
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

JWTS 292/497 Juanita M. Jones

to

10/28/1947 W. Lynn Graham
Maude A. Graham

292/496 W. Lynn Graham

to

10/28/1947 Juanita M. Jones

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Chain of title continued

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JWS 255/91	Laura L. Wailes
	to
8/26/1943	W. Lynn Graham
255/90	W. Lynn Graham
	to
8/26/1943	Laura L. Wailes
IDT 166/521	William Brady
	to
1/29/1931	W. Lynn Graham M. Kathleen Graham $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
IDT 164/570	Irena Venables
	to
10/17/1930	William W. Brady
JTT 32/466	Nathaniel P. Dashiell Lena Dashiell
	to
12/31/1900	Irena "Rena" Venables \$480.00 all that lot or piece of ground known as the Venables property- together with improvments



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RENA VENTURES ~~HOUSE~~

Quantico, Nicomac County, MD

WEST ELEVATION

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RENA VENASKE'S HOUSE

QUANTICO, WICOMICO COUNTY, MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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