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### Captain Marcellus Jones House (Dorsz House, Horsey House)

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the 1850 U. S. census with Hezekiah W. C. Jones, a 26-year old sailor, along with Thomas Bell, aged 16, and Mary Porter, aged 60.

However, by the mid 1850s the property was out of Jones family control since it was sold by George R. Dennis to George Price in February 1855. In addition to the house and lot the plantation known as "Bolton" was included in the transfer. A deed between Dennis and Price was not recorded due to outstanding debts owed on the property. With George Price's death the mortgaged lands were involved in a Chancery Court case in order to reach an equitable settlement of the estate.

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The corner lot, which extended back to the county road and contained one and three-quarters of an acre, was subdivided during the late nineteenth century in order to provide building lots for new houses along what was then known as Locust Street. One of the long-time owners of the house and lot was the Dolbey (also Dolby) family, who first acquired interest in the property in 1874. On December 30, 1889, William H. Dolbey purchased the old Jones-Price house and maintained ownership until his death in 1945 when the property was passed to his wife Mildred W. Dolbey, who retained title to the house and lot for another seven years.

#### HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource	Name: DORSZ HOUSE	
MHT Inve	ntory Number: WI-187	<del></del>
MARYLAND	COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRE	ESERVATION PLAN DATA:
1)	Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture
2)	Geographic Orientation:	Eastern Shore
3)	Chronological/Development	Period(s):
		Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815
4)	Resource Type(s):	Single-family dweling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

# MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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and/or common	DORSZ HOUSE			
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	23812 River	Street		not for publication
city, town	Whitehaven	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	Wicomico	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district: building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered x not applicable	Status  X occupied  unoccupied  work in progress  Accessible  X yes: restricted  yes: unrestricted  no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	ty (give names a	nd mailing addresses	of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Corilla B. Do	rsz		
street & number	3820 Ingomar	Street, N.W.	telephone no	.:
city, town	Washington, D	. C. state	and zip code	20015
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Description	on	
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city, town	Salisbury_		state	MD 21801
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dorsz house, historically known as the Captain Marcellus Jones house, stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of River and Church streets in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story side hall/double-pile frame dwelling faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dated to 1811-12, the two-story, three-bay, double-pile main house is supported on a raised common bond brick foundation, and the exterior is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the early nineteenth century main block is a mid nineteenth two-story service wing. A rusticated concrete block wall extends across the front of the lot along River Street.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation partially covered by a Tuscan columned front porch that shelters the first floor and extends around the east gable end as well. The front wall of the three-course common bond foundation is pierced by grilled cellar windows with diamond cross-sectioned bars. Alternate bars are iron in contrast to wood. The main entrance to the house is located in the west end bay and it is sheltered by the Tuscan columned porch, which has been enclosed. Single-pane sash fill the first floor window openings, and three single-pane sash windows light the second floor. The window openings are framed with an ovolo molded backband.

The west gable end of the main block has a symmetrical fenestration with two single-pane sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Ovolo molded backbands trim the window surrounds, which have a beaded inside edge as well. A large cellar opening pierces the foundation wall, and a vertical board door provides access. Piercing the upper gable end is a six-over-six sash window. The gable end is finished with a slightly extended eave.

The east gable end is sheltered on the first floor by the Tuscan columned porch, which shelters single-pane sash windows on the first floor. Single-pane sash windows light the second floor as well and each window opening is trimmed with an ovolo backband. Rising through the gable end is a pair of interior brick chimney stacks.

The north (rear) wall is partially covered by the two-story, two-bay by one-room service wing, which is pierced by two-over-two sash windows. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end. Extending northward from the service wing is a low single-story addition that appears to connect a small frame outbuilding. A single-story garage is also located on the lot.

The interior was not seen.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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WI-187 Captain Marcellus Jones House 23812 River Street Whitehaven, Maryland Chain of title

582/318

C. Melvin Caddell Adele Dolbey Caddell

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4/16/1964

Edmund J. Dorsz Corilla B. Dorsz

JWTS 342/183

Mildred W. Dolbey

tο

7/7/1952

C. Melvin Caddell Adele Dolbey Caddell

FMS 6/132

William K. Leatherbury Lillian M. Leatherbury

tο

12/30/1889

William H. Dolbey and which was conveyed to the said Mildred W. Dolbey by the said William H. Dolbey by the third item of a deed dated 12/19/1945, JWTS 273/307 \$1050.00

SPT 4/260

Stephen W. Dolbey Henrietta Dolbey

tο

8/17/1881

William K. Leatherbury \$800.00 2 acres all that lot of ground lying between the lot of Captain Zacchius Taylor on the east and the lot of Mrs. Dolly Palmer on the west the same being situated in the village of White Haven on the north side of the Wicomico River WI-187 Captain Marcellus Jones House Chain of title continued Page 2

SPT 1/277

Priscilla V. Marshall (whereas Charles T. Marshall deceased in his last will and testament authorized and empowered his wife the said Priscilla V. Marshall to sell and coney his real estate recorded in SCL 5/289)

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11/2/1874

Noah J. Tilghman, George H. Robertson, John W. Wingate, Ware Wainright, Joseph S. Webster, Ernest Riall, Stephen W. Dolbey

all that house and lot in the town of White Haven whereon Elias W. Taylor now resides and which is more fully described by survey in a plat marked no. 3 in the proceedings in No. 435 Chancery Docket of Somerset County

Somerset County Land Record LW 10/655

John W. Crisfield, Trustee

tο

7/24/1867

Charles T. Marshall

purchased by auction as a result of Chancery case to settle a equity case between Sarah R. Price, complainant and Georgeanna Price Defendant...to be sold the real estate of George Price, deceased....

Somerset County Land Record LW 10/318-19

George R. Dennis, Frederick County

tο

2/20/1867

John W. Crisfield,

Whereas the said George R. Dennis on or about the 23rd of February 1855 sold to George Price, late of Somerset County, deceased allthat farm in Somerset County called Bolton...and also the house and lot

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in the village of White Haven which formerly belonged to Marcellus Jones and the said George Price agreed to pay for the said land....

Somerset County Land Record JP 1/246

Samuel Holbrook, Executor of Matilda L. Hyland

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8/18/1813

Marcellus Jones

\$1700 ...a certain lott of ground situate being and lying in Somerset County on the north side of Wicomico River at a place formerly called the Lower ferry now known by the name of White Haven it being a lott of ground lately possessed adn occupied by the said Matilda L. Hyland deceased adjoining a lott of ground formerly sold to George Aires and by said Aires to Thomas Jones and by him transferred to Alexander Stewart...

Somerset County Land Record 10/5/1813

Lazarus Horsey

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10/5/1813

Marcellus Jones

\$200 a certain lott of ground...on the north side of Wicomico River at a place called the Lower ferry now known by the name of White Haven, it being a lott of ground lately possessed by said Lazarus Horsey adjoining a lot of ground formerly sold to George Aires and by the said Aires to Thomas Jones and by him transferred to Alexander

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Stewart...Beginning at the westermost side of the last described lott at the corner of the Garden lately possessed and occupied by Matilda L. Hyland, and sold by Samuel Holbrook, exec. of the said Matilda L. Hyland to the above named Marcellus Jones and running thence with the back line of said garden for the breadth ninety feet and nine inches from thence north eleven degrees west by and with the divisional line as now enclosed by George Robertson lott continuing with the said fence until it intersects the county road that leads to the ferry wharf, and by and with the said road until it intersects a line of the aforesaid Lott of Ground that belonged to Alexander Stewart

Somerset County Land Record U/313

Lazarus Horsey

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8/8/1812

Matilda Lucus Hyland

\$1800.00

a house and lott situated and lying in Somerset County on Wicomico on the north side of said river, formerly called the Lower ferry, now known and distinguished by the name of White Haven it being a house lott sold by George Robertson to said Lazarus Horsey

Somerset County Land Record U/174

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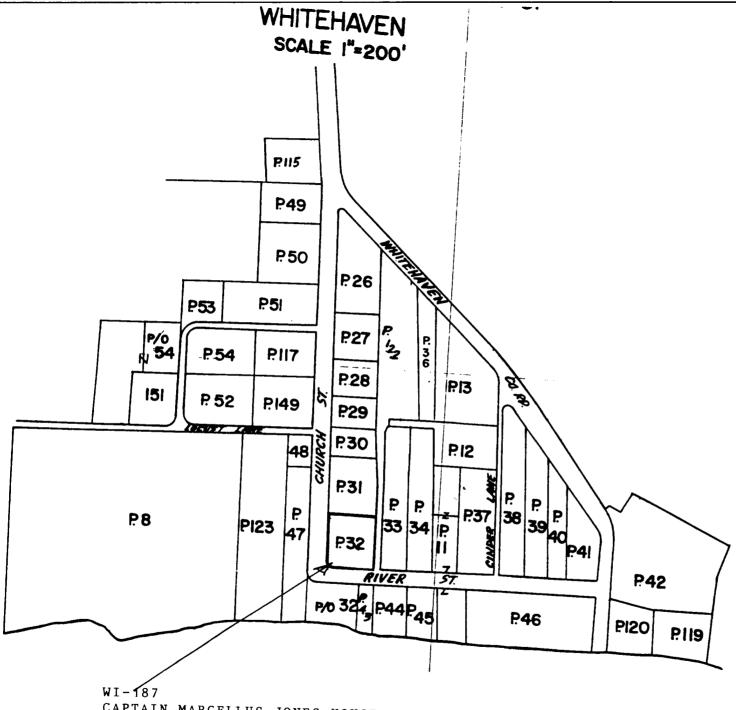
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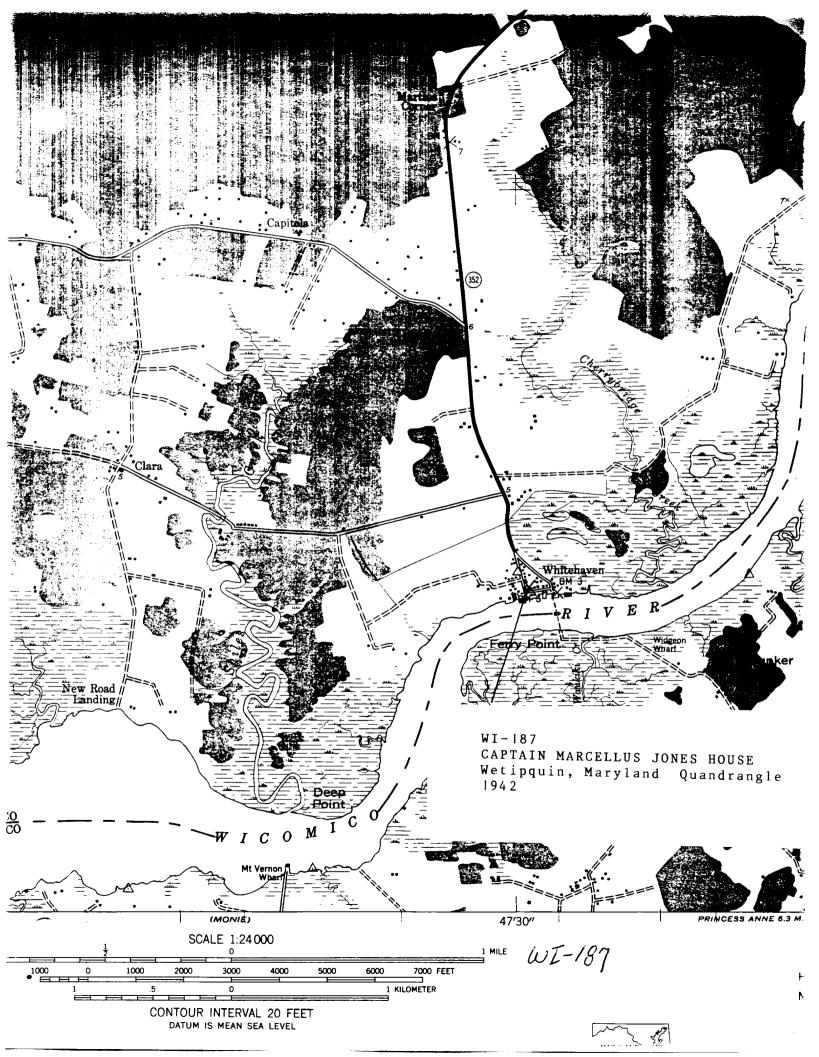
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