

WI-188
Taylor-White House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1850-60

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for \$1525. The grantee, Samuel E. White, retained ownership through the balance of the nineteenth century and until 1918 when the property was transferred to Woodland A. Anderson, in whose family the house and lot remained until 1924.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: TAYLOR-WHITE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-188

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION
1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

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

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-188

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic TAYLOR-WHITE HOUSE

and/or common PEACOCK HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 23820 River Street not for publication

city, town Whitehaven 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 Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Peacock

street & number 23826 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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 Taylor-White house, commonly called the Peacock house, stands at 23820 River Street in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to the mid-nineteenth century (c. 1850-60), the two-story gable-front frame dwelling is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with aluminum siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the gable-front main block is a two-story, two-bay by one room rear wing.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with the first floor sheltered by a shed roofed porch highlighted by turned posts and decorative corner brackets. The front door has been replaced, and the adjacent windows have been substituted for a modern sliding door. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and a single six-over-six sash window pierces the upper gable. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended and boxed, and covered over pilasters trim the corner of the main block. Rising through the north gable end of the main house is an interior end brick chimney.

The east and west sides of the house are defined by six-over-six sash windows, and the back (north) wall is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay by one-room kitchen wing. There is a side door entrance on the south wall of the kitchen wing, and a single-story shed roofed section extends from the back wall.

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
<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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Due to the altered condition of this frame house, the property falls into Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since they are structures exhibiting good architectural details and represent a good example of architectural development and style and support the character of the historic 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 date 9/14/94

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

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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TAYLOR-WHITE HOUSE
23820 River Street
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

1029/810 Ted M. Crockett
 Janet L. Crockett

to

2/8/1985 Calvin D. Peacock
 Susan L. Peacock
 Lots 1 and 2

AJS 986/384 Ted M. Crockett

to

4/2/1982 Ted M. Crockett
 Janet F. Crockett

AJS 856/283 Hamilton P. LeCompte, Jr.

to

5/19/1976 Ted M. Crockett

JWTS 569/401 M. Vance Dolbey
 Ruth K. Dolbey

to

9/16/1963 Hamilton P. LeCompte, Jr.
 Ruth R. LeCompte

JWTS 357/586 Claude R. Willing, et al.

to

7/27/1953 M. Vance Dolbey
 Ruth K. Dolbey

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No. 6 All that tract of land in the town of White Haven adjoining the lands of Susie Bloodsworth et al. being the same land that conveyed to Woodland Anderson by Samuel E. White 8/2/1918 JCK 109/250

JCK 8/2/1918

Samuel E. White

to

8/2/1918

Woodland A. Anderson

FMS 3/290

Zachariah H. Taylor
Eliza E. Taylor

to

4/30/1888

Samuel E. White

\$1525 all that house and lot where these grantors now reside and also all that house and lot where the said Zachariah W. Taylor now carries on the Mercantile business with the wharf thereto attached and belonging on the Wicomico River and in said town of White Haven

SPT 4/310

John White

to

10/4/1881

Zachariah H. Taylor
John W. Wingate

\$300 all that lot of ground with improvements thereon and wharf situated in front of said lot in Tyaskin at White Haven in the State and County aforesaid extending from the county road on the north to the Wicomico River on the South bounding thereon and from a lot of ground belonging to said John W. Wingate on the east to a lot of ground owned by Will Leatherbury on the west...

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Robert F. Bratten, Trustee to sell the
land of Edward J. Elliott

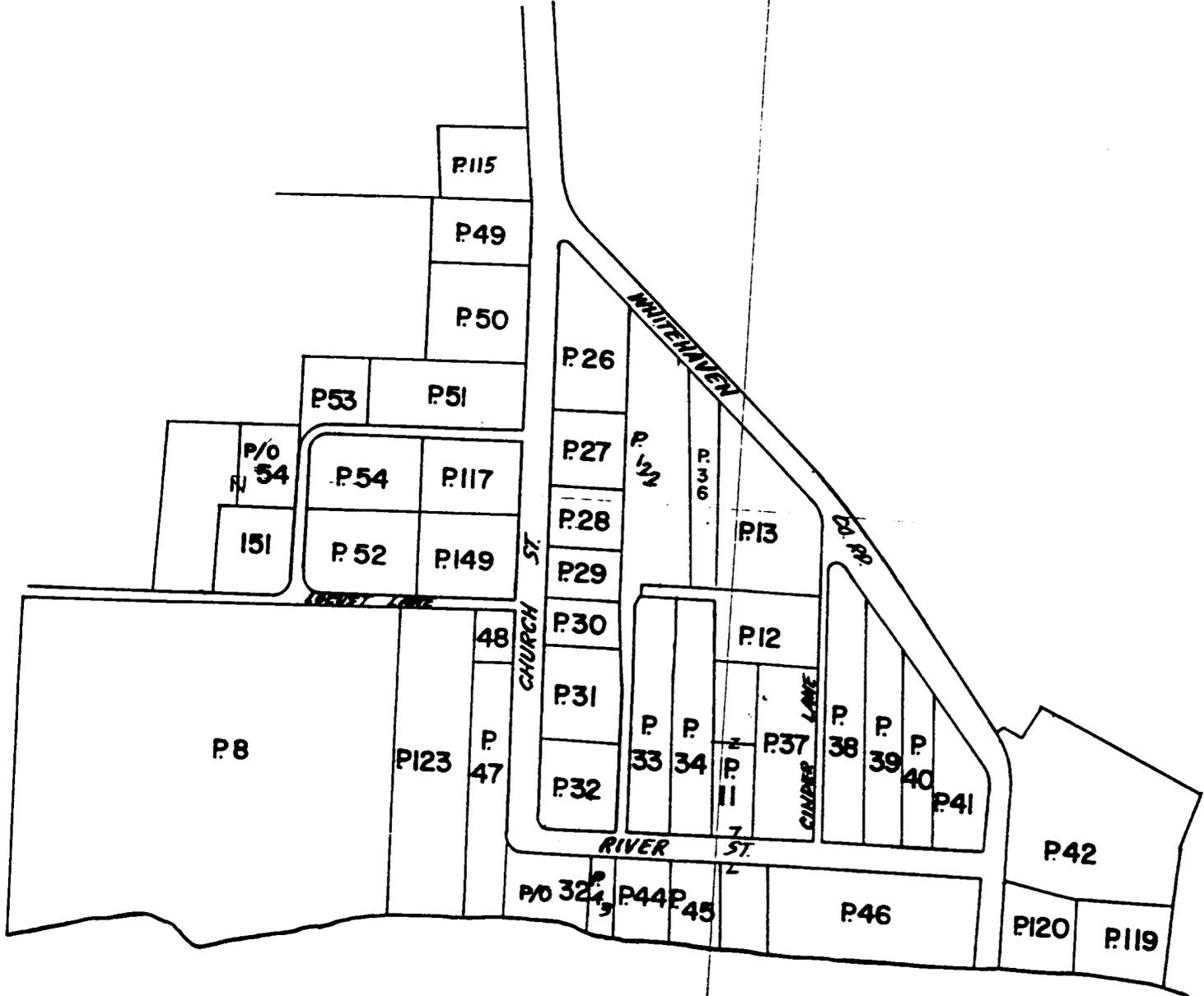
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5/1/1888

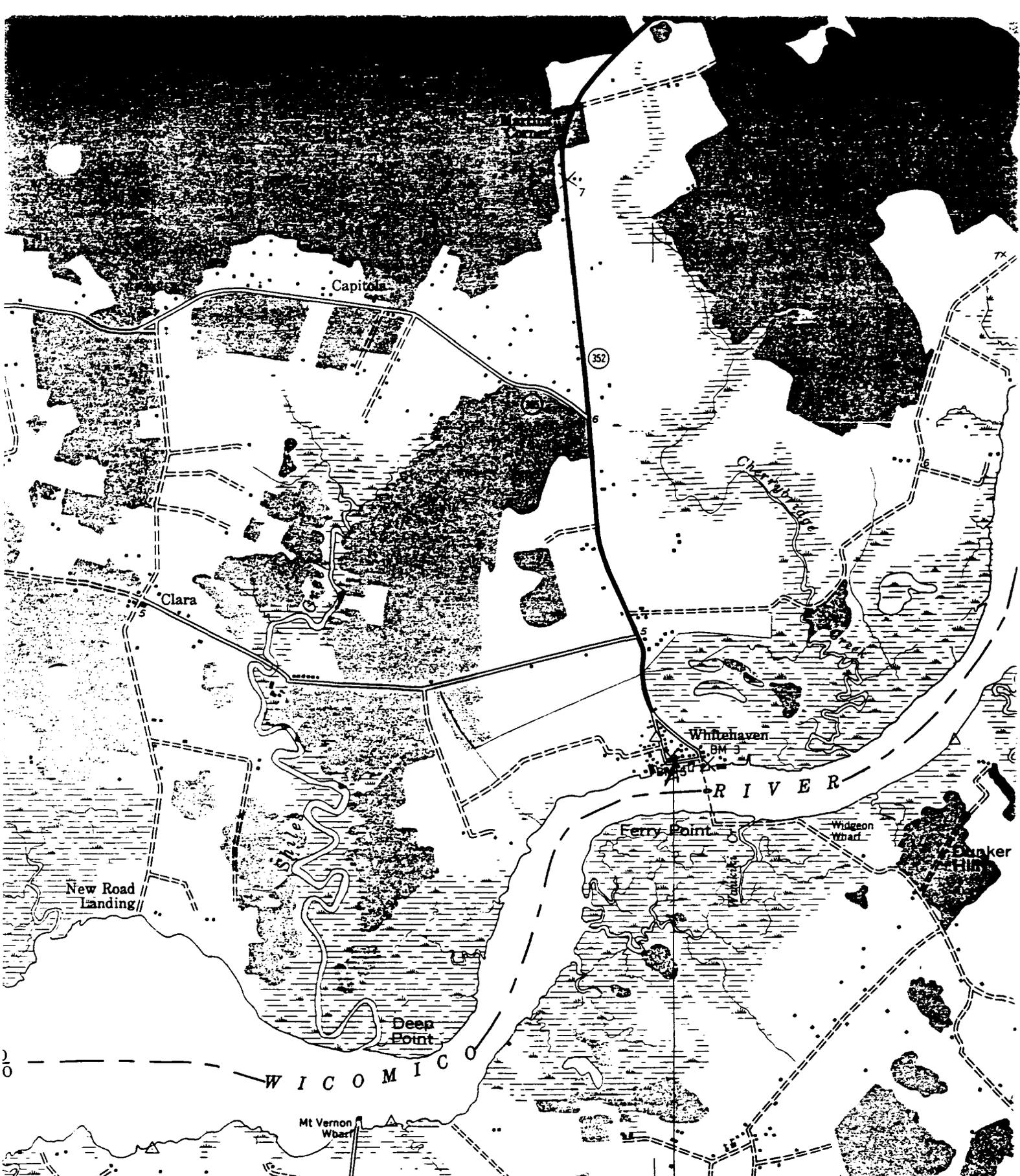
Zachariah Taylor

\$105 all that house and lot situate in
in the town of White Haven in said
Wicomico County which is laid down
as Lot No. two (2) in the plat &
survey filed with said Trustees
report containing 2 3/16 acres

WHITEHAVEN
SCALE 1"=200'



W1-188 Taylor-White House
Wicomico Co. Tax Map 65
Parcel 33



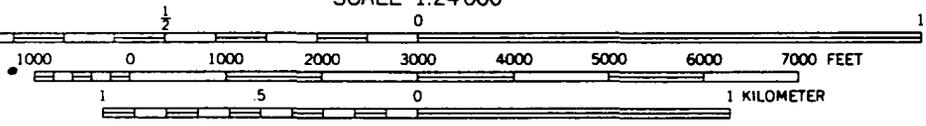
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PRINCESS ANNE 6.3

SCALE 1:24 000

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Taylor - White House
 Washington, D.C. 1942

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

