

WI-192  
Woodland Anderson House  
Whitehaven  
Private

c. 1935-40

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-192

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Modern Period, 1930-Present
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-192

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE

and/or common BENNIE HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number 23836 River Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Whitehaven \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Bennie

street & number 23836 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1239 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 605 P. 37

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Bennie house, also known as the Woodland Anderson house, stands at 23836 River Street in Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the mid-to-late 1930s, this story-and-a-half, ell-shaped frame house rests on a low brick foundation which is partially excavated and pierced by three-light windows. The exterior is clad with plain weatherboards, and the steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with wood shingles.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with the gable-front of the main block serving as the entrance wall. Attached to the east side of the main block is a story-and-a-half wing that gives the house its ell shape. Extending slightly forward of the main gable roof is a slightly shorter gable roofed entrance vestibule which is partially built of stretcher bond brick accented with square concrete blocks. The partially glazed front door is flanked on the east side by a six-pane casement window, and the upper gable end is marked by six-over-one sash window. Rising through the entrance vestibule against the main block is a part interior, part exterior brick chimney stack with tapered sides and small concrete accent panels. The main block is lighted on the west side of the entrance by a triple set of six-over-one sash windows, and the east side wing is illuminated by a triple set of casement windows.

The east gable end of the wing is marked by a triple set of casement windows on the first floor, and a six-over-one sash window lights the second floor. The first floor and half-story above are divided by a wide eave that stretches across the gable end as an extension of the lower pitch of the main roof.

The west side of the house features a shed dormer that extends across the full length of the main block, and paired six-over-one sash windows pierce the dormer wall. The first floor features six-over-one sash windows as well.

The back of the ell-shaped house features a single-story shed roofed addition with a single-flue brick chimney rising through the shed roofed kitchen against the north wall of the main block. A paired set of six-over-one sash windows lights the second floor, and a small two-over-two sash window is fixed in the peak of the gable end.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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Due to the distinctive architectural nature of this house, it deserves listing in Category A, which identifies structures that must be retained since they are buildings that possess historic significance and/or exhibit many good architectural features of a particular style, and they contribute uniquely to the character of the historic district.



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WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE  
23836 River Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
Chain of title

1239/605                   Ralph F. Bennie  
                                  Lorna J. Bennie

to

12/10/1990               Ralph F. Bennie, Jr.  
                                  Bruce L. Bennie  
                                  Keith A. Bennie  
                                  Jennifer J. Duplechain  
                                  William B. Bennie

JWTS 709/364             John William West  
                                  Jane T. West

to

6/16/1970               Ralph F. Bennie  
                                  Lorna J. Bennie

JWTS 589/401            Elsie L. Anderson, widow

to

8/13/1964               John William West  
                                  Jane T. West

IDT 213/258             Emerson J. Taylor, et al.  
                                  Paul D. Mezick and Lydia C. Mezick

to

11/14/1938             Woodland A. Anderson  
                                  Elsie L. Anderson  
                                  "Leatherbury Property"

JCK 124/353             Elsie L. Anderson

to

1/20/1922               Woodland A. Anderson    Item 5

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Chain of title continued

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JCK 113/471

Woodland A. Anderson

to

9/5/1919

Elsie V. Anderson

EAT 62/280

Daniel J. Elliott  
Lottie E. Elliott

to

4/19/1906

Woodland A. Anderson  
\$1300 Lot No. 4 and Lot No. 7

JTT 34/228

William K. Leatherbury  
Lillian M. Leatherbury

to

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Daniel J. Elliott  
\$1200

JTT 19/146

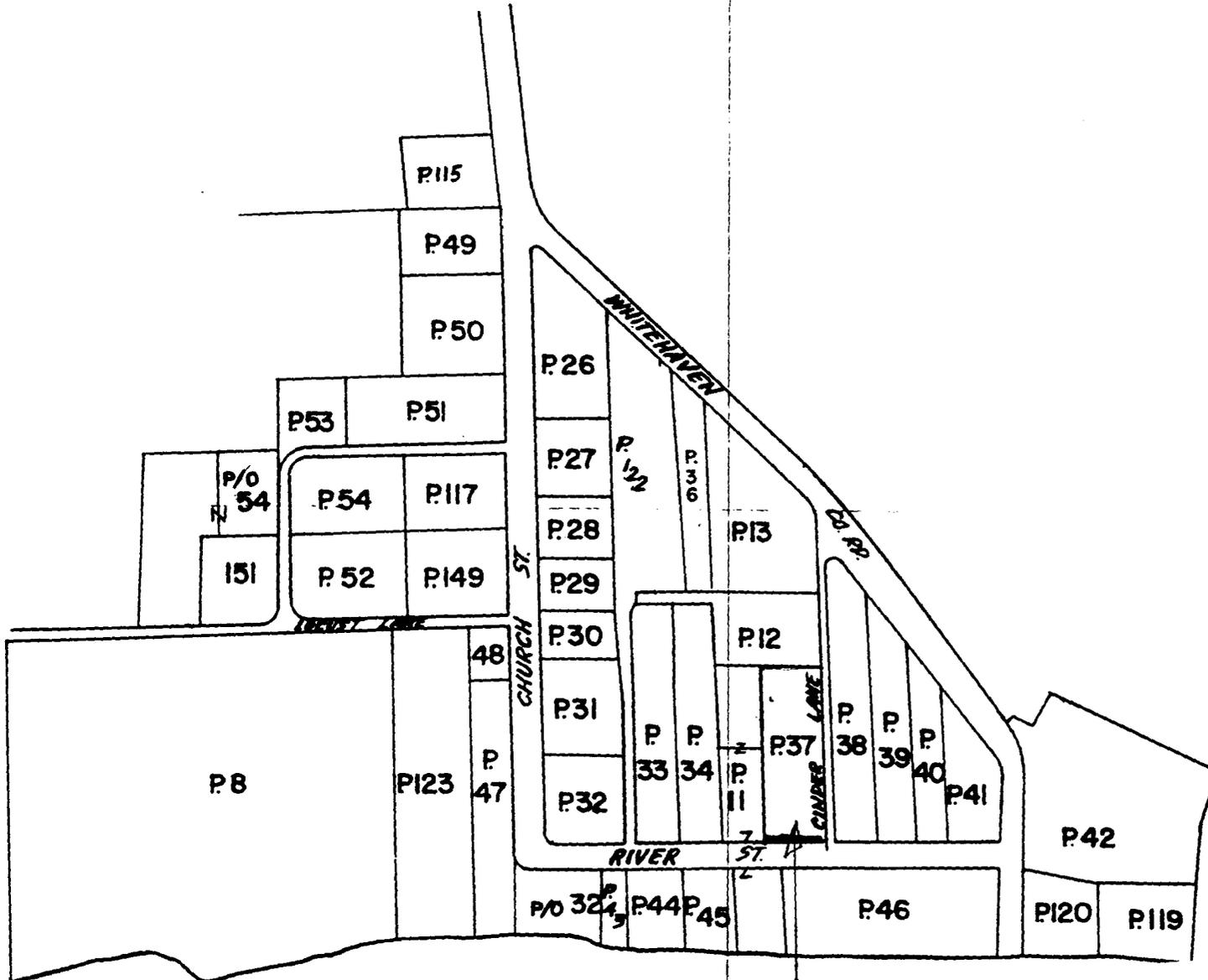
E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee

to

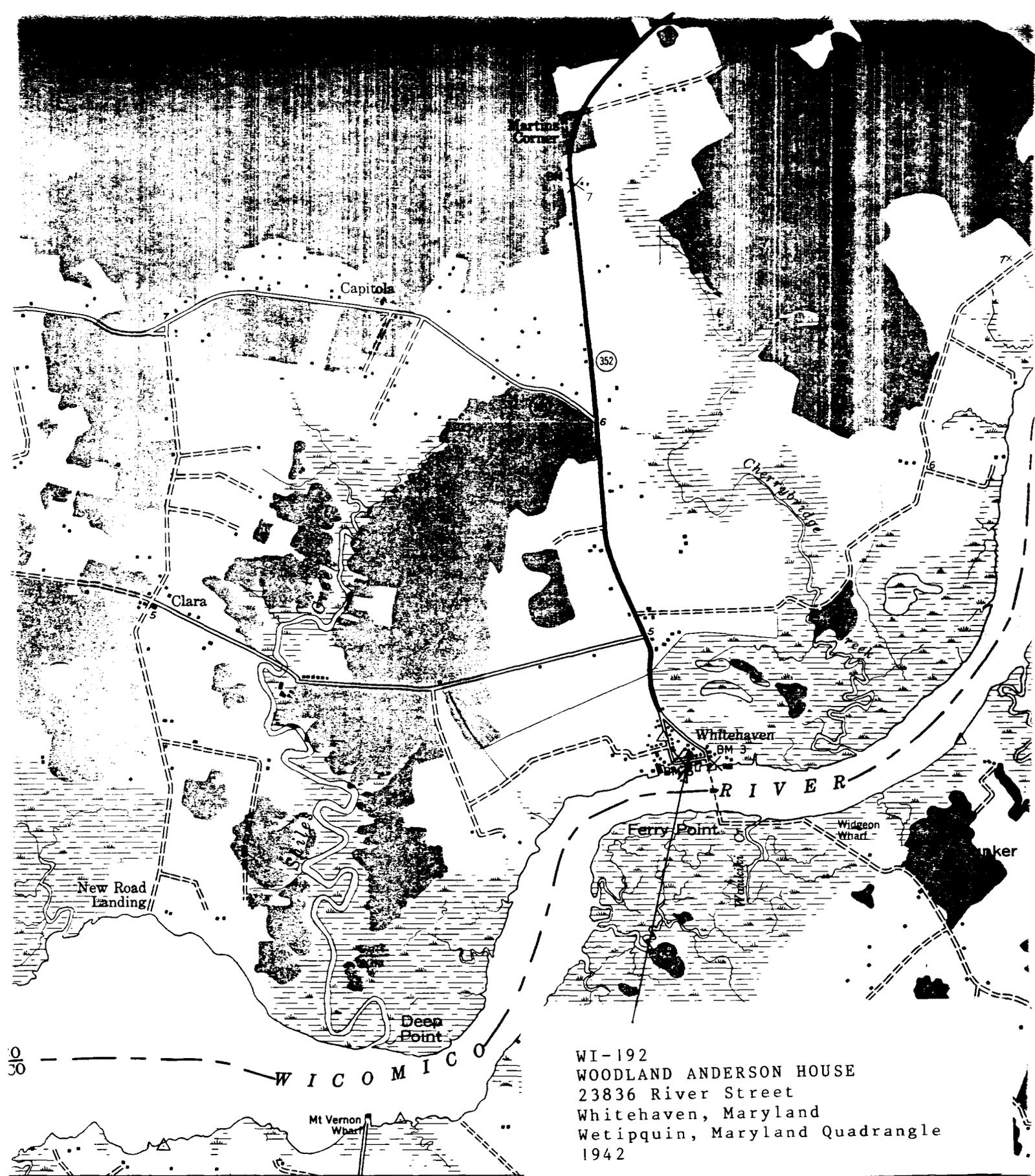
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William K. Leatherbury  
Circuit Court Case  
William K. Leatherbury et al. vs. Charles  
L. Leatherbury No. 1055 Equity Case-E.  
Stanley Toadvine was appointed to sell real  
estate to James L. Leatherbury

WHITEHAVEN  
SCALE 1"=200'



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Wicomico County Tax Map 65  
Parcel 37



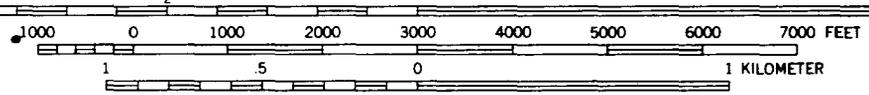
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 23836 River Street  
 Whitehaven, Maryland  
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1942

47°30'

PRINCESS ANNE 6.3 M

SCALE 1:24000

1 MILE *WI-192*



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

