

WI-203  
Green-Burton House  
Whitehaven  
Private

c. 1880

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: GREEN-BURTON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-203

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-203

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GREEN-BURTON HOUSE

and/or common THOMPSON HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 2705 Church Street  not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Wendy L. Thompson

street & number 2705 Church 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 1364 Map65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 701 P. 28

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

Survey No. WI-203

<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 Thompson house, historically identified as the Green-Burton house, stands at 2705 Church Street in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, ell-shaped frame dwelling faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story, ell-shaped frame dwelling is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is distinguished by plain weatherboard siding with plain pilasters trimming the corners of the structure. The medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Joining the house on the village lot is a single-story gable-roofed garage.

The Church Street elevation of the house is an uneven wall with the leg of the ell plan facing front. This gable-front principal facade contains a side entrance filled with a heavily molded four-panel door flanked by narrow three-light sidelights. An adjacent six-over-six sash window is flanked by early twentieth century board shutters. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows which are hung with board shutters as well. Fixed in the upper gable are small two-over-two sash windows that illuminate the attic. Rising between the pairs of windows is an interior end brick chimney featuring dentiled caps. The recessed portion of the west wall is defined by a secondary entrance and flanking six-over-six sash window, and the second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows as well.

The north gable end is a blind weatherboard wall with an interior end brick stack piercing the roofline. Extended eaves are finished with short returns at the base of the roof. The south wall, on the other hand, is two-bays deep with six-over-six sash windows on each floor.

The rear wall of the main block is covered on the first floor by shed roofed section that contains the kitchen. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and small two-over-two sash windows light the upper gable.

The interior was not seen.

A single-story garage covered by a medium sloped gable-front roof stands in the back yard. The rectangular frame structure is pierced by a single garage door and a side entrance on its west wall.

# 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: <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	

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

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Due to its unusual architectural character, this house deserves listing in Category B, which identifies properties that should be preserved since it contains a structure that exhibits good architectural details and represents a good example of architectural design and thereby supports the character of the district.

**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 9/29/94

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city or town Westover state MD 21871

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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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GREEN-BURTON HOUSE  
2705 Church Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
Chain of title

1364/701                    John Robert Shores  
                              Edna Shores Mandish

to

11/12/1993                Wendy L. Thompson

MSB 1261/639             Fletcher E. Shores  
                              Edna Shores Mandish

to

8/14/1951                Fletcher E. Shores  
                              Edna Shoers Mandish  
                              John Robert Shores

AJS 1944/556             Fletcher E. Shores

to

8/28/1985                Fletcher E. Shores  
                              Edna Shores Mandish

286/78                    Herman R. Kenney, et al.

to

3/20/1946                George Edward Shores  
                              Fletcher E. Shores

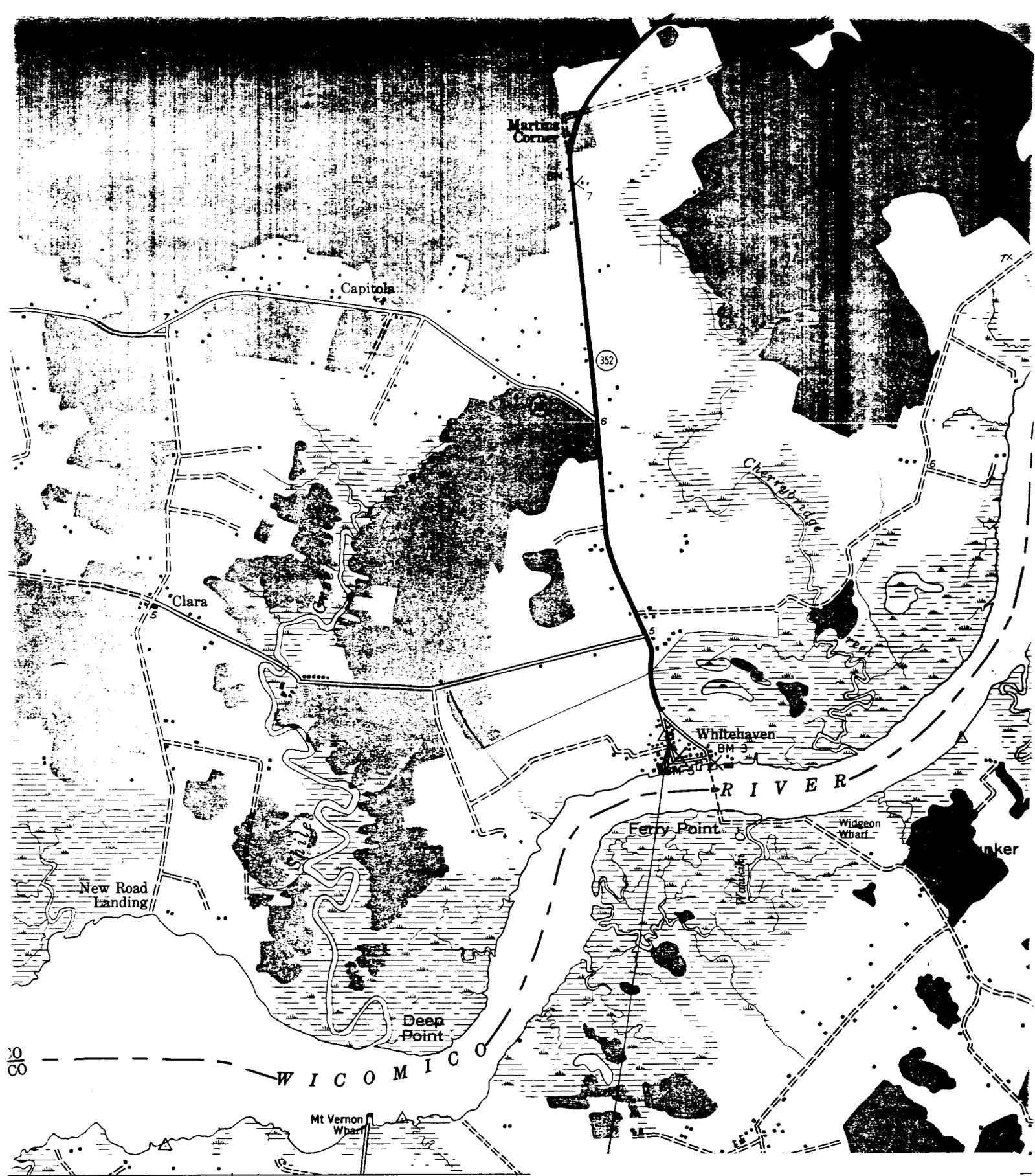
JWS 234/451             Edward S. Kenney

to

7/20/1941                Herman R. Kenney  
                              B. Palmer Kenney

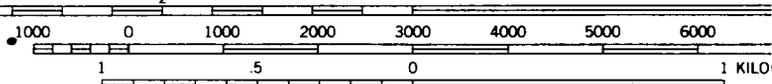






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GREEN-BURTON HOUSE  
2705 Church Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
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