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Catlin Tenant House

Architectural Survey File

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Catlin Tenant House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1900-1910

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The property remained under Catlin family ownership until 1919 when Elizabeth A. G. Catlin's grandson, William G. Catlin, sold several lots and small houses that lined Locust Lane. Between 1919 and 1938 the tenant house was owned jointly by George H. Larmore and Woodland A. Anderson, who presumably rented the property like the Catlins. A long-time owner during the mid twentieth century was Calvert L. and Elizabeth R. Covington, who held title to the property between 1947 and 1965.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CATLIN TENANT HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-204

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-204

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CATLIN TENANT HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 23780 Locust Lane not for publication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 Thomas J. and Ann G. Murphy

street & number 6521 Divine Street telephone no.:

city, town McLean state and zip code VA. 22101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber795 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio377 P. 52

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

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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.

Historically identified as the Catlin tenant house, this story-and-a-half frame dwelling stands at 23780 Locust Lane in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The four-bay frame structure faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to around 1910, the story-and-half, four-bay frame dwelling is supported on a continuous brick foundation which has been partially stuccoed. The exterior of the rectangular house is clad with asbestos shingles, and the medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with the entrance fixed in the second bay from the right (east). The partially glazed door is flanked by six-over-six sash windows. The medium sloped gable roof is dominated by two large gabled dormers that interrupt the eave and are pierced by six-over-six sash windows. A single-flue brick chimney rises through the center of the house.

The gable ends are defined by single six-over-six sash windows which light the first and second floors. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended.

The north (rear) wall is partially covered by a single-story gable roof addition with a shed addition that extends the rear wing on its west side. An interior brick stove flue protrudes through the gable end.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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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This house falls into Category C, which identifies properties where alterations should be considered carefully since it is a structure that stands near another property listed in the A or B category and whose impact and potential modified impact as a contributor to the district must be examined.

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

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state MD 21871

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CATLIN TENANT HOUSE
23780 Locust Lane
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

795/377 Jack A. Ransbottom
 Mary L. Ransbottom

to

7/18/1973 Thomas J. Murphy
 Ann G. Murphy

JWTS 790/461 Emory C. Lentz, Elva M. Lentz,
 Grayson Allen Lentz

to

5/15/1973 Jack A. Ransbottom

JWTS 623/15 Vernon Robertson
 Myra E. Robertson

to

12/13/1965 Emory C. Lentz, et al.

JWTS 500/238 Calvert C. Covington

to

6/15/1960 Elizabeth R. Covington
 (sometimes known as Myra Elizabeth Covington)

JWTS 291/305 William Parks Young

to

7/21/1947 Calvert L. Covington
 Elizabeth R. Covington

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Chain of title continued

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IDT 206/136

Charles H. Truitt, Sheriff

to

2/28/1938

William Parks Young

Item #1 Circuit Court-in the case of Mary
L. Anderson vs. George H. Larmore,
Angie N. Larmore, Woodland A.
Anderson, and Elsie Anderson

JCK 114/262

William G. Catlin, et al.
Harriet D. Catlin

to

10/7/1919

George H. Larmore
Woodland A. Anderson
\$250.00

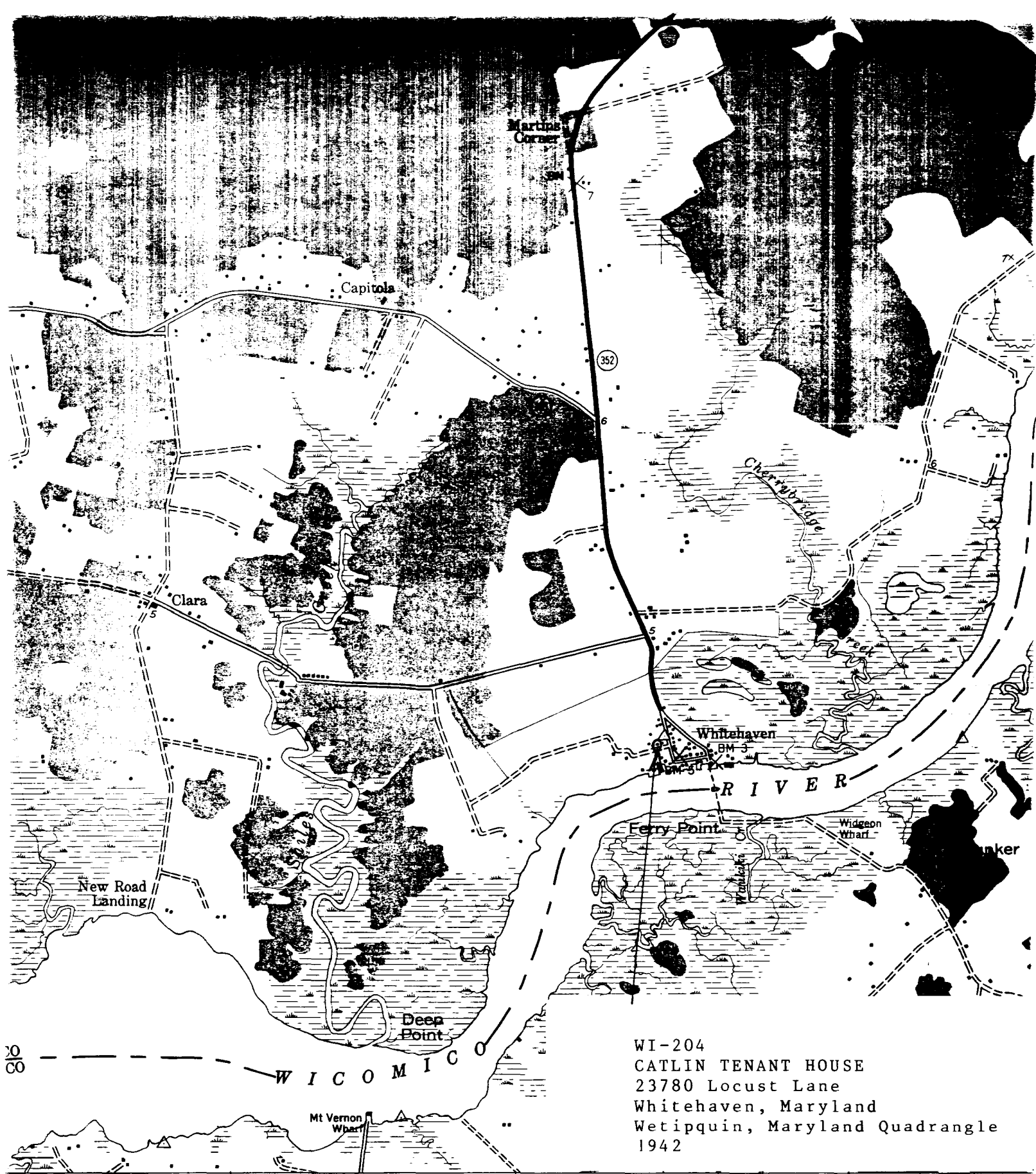
Will Book
LJG 1/358

Elizabeth A. G. Catlin

to

12/2/1908

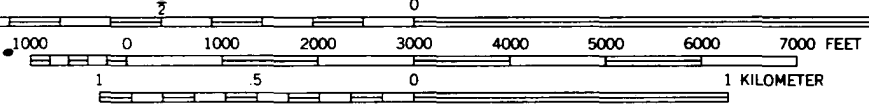
William J. Catlin
William G. Catlin
designated as the six houses and lots



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 CATLIN TENANT HOUSE
 23780 Locust Lane
 Whitehaven, Maryland
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
 1942

47'30" PRINCESS ANNE 6.3 M

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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