

WI-213
Whayland House and Store
Allen
Private

c. 1890-1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Whayland Store Property

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-213

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Commerce
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
 Store

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-213

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whayland Store Property

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3284 Allen Road not for publication

city, town Allen 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 Francis J Thompson

street & number 3284 Allen Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66 P. 23
liber 740

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 91

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-213

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 Whayland Store property is located at 3284 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story house and store structure faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1890-1910, this combination house and store consists of a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling extended on its south side by a two-story gable-front frame store building. The large ell-shaped structure is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is largely clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation of the two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is partially glazed, and the flanking window openings retain shutter hooks, although the shutters have been removed. The first floor is fully sheltered by a single-story turned post front porch. The second floor is defined by three two-over-two sash windows symmetrically placed across the front wall. Centered on the roof is a cross gable sheathed with fishscale shingles. The attic is lighted by a two-over-two sash window. The edges of the roof are finished with an extended and open eave with small decorative brackets located at the principal corners. Rising through the roof is a pair of single flue brick stove chimney finished with corbelled caps.

The north gable end of the house is marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor. The gable end is covered with fishscale shingles, and a two-over-two sash window lights the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with the extended eave.

The south gable end, on the other hand, is fully covered by the two-story, gable-front store, which has a gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The commercial front faces the road, where a recessed double door entrance is flanked by large glass display windows. The front doors retain late nineteenth century hardware, and the opening is topped by a two-pane transom. The adjacent shop windows rest on a paneled knee wall, and the inside corners are trimmed with narrow columns. A porch has been removed recently from the store elevation in the wake of widening the adjacent road. The second floor is lighted by a pair of evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the gable end is marked by a single two-over-two sash light. The gable end is sheathed with a layer of fishscale shingles. Like the house, the store is trimmed with extended eaves, corner bracket supports. The exposed rafter ends have a decorative sawn finish. Rising through the center of the store section is a single flue brick stove chimney.

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
<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 checked="" 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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The Whayland house and store fall into *Category B*, which identifies properties that should be preserved since they exhibit some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development style, and which also support the character of the village.

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

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/23/95
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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 100 COMMUNITY PLACE
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600

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Whayland Store Property
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

JWTS 740/91 Lavern and Nell P. Springer

to

8/16/1971 Francis J. Thompson
Wilma L. Thompson
1 acre

JWTS 719/338 Mildred Whayland Gilliss
Harry Gilliss

to

9/28/1970 Lavern and Nell P. Springer

JWTS 309/390 Carroll E. Bounds
Irene A. Bounds

to

3/22/1949 Mildred Whayland Gilliss
Harry Gilliss

JWTS 309/388 Mildred Whayland Gilliss
Harry Gilliss

to

3/22/1949 Carroll E. Bounds

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Chain of title continued

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JCK 107/456 Joseph L. Bailey, attorney

to

3/1/1917

Louis Alonzo Whayland

Whereas at a public sale as a result of
of a mortgage from Kirby A. W. Hitch and
Mary E. Hitch to Joseph H. Wimbrow,
7/9/1915 EAT 96/372 which default
occurred

EAT 94/64

William E. Messick
Minnie E. Messick

to

10/3/1914

Kirby A. W. Hitch
"Main Street" 1 acre

JTT 34/208

Benjamin F. Messick and wife and
Harry T. Messick

to

8/15/1900

William F. Messick
Minnie E. Messick
\$1,400.

JTT 24/45

John H. Waller, Trustee

to

12/20/1898

Benjamin F. Messick
\$1,575. trustee for the benefit of
creditors of Ernest W. Whayland,
an insolvent debtor

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Chain of title continued

JTT 11/2

James L. Dashiell and wife
Mary E. J. Dashiell

to

2/1/1893

Ernest W. Whayland

1 acre \$500.00

"Dashiell's Store House Lot"

Will Book

Harry J. Dashiell

to

James L. Dashiell



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Whayland Store Property
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Eden. Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42° 30'

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)
5860 II NW
SCALE 1:24 000

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY

40'

'42



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WITAYANAN Street Property

ALLEN, Wisconsin County, Wisconsin

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

11/95. PAUL TOWN, Wisconsin

NEC. / NW. Historical Town

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Michigan State University
ALLEN, WILSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SOUTHWEST CORNER

1/75, PAID TO THE STATE, PAID TO THE STATE

NEG. PAID TO THE STATE, PAID TO THE STATE

2/2