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Crawford-Collier House

Architectural Survey File

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The improvements recorded by the federal assessors also included a range of commercial buildings indicating the Crawford operated a tannery on the site. The tannery complex was described as:
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During Henry Crawford's tenure on the "Chelsea" land he financed construction of the two-story brick addition, estimated to date around 1810-15. In October 1819 Henry Crawford sold to John J. Davis his Quantico Mills property, transferred for $2,000. Between 1819 and 1840 the Crawford house along with three acres was bought and sold eight times and never held by one owner for more than five years. On November 6, 1840, the property was acquired by John F. Collier, in whose family the property remained until 1929. Listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as a carriagemaker, John F. Collier was grouped with his wife, Maranda W. Collier (1818-1869) and a large family with six young children. Since the Depression the Crawford-Collier house has been held by over a half-dozen different owners.
HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-23

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
   RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION
   1680-1815

4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
1. Name  (indicate preferred name)

CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number  West side of Main Street  

city, town  Quantico  vicinity of  congressional district  First

state  Maryland  county  Wicomico

3. Classification

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

name  Robin Waters

street & number  P. O. Box 73  

city, town  Quantico  state and zip code  MD  21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Wicomico County Clerk of Court  liber 1296

street & number  Wicomico County Courthouse  folio 384

city, town  Salisbury  state  MD  21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date  Maryland Historical Trust  federal  x  state  county  local

epository for survey records  1972

city, town  Crownsville  state  MD  21032
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The Crawford-Collier house is located on the west side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-part brick house faces south with gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in two principal stages, the two-story, four-bay hall/parlor main block is an early nineteenth century (c. 1815) addition to a late eighteenth century (c. 1780-90) story-and-a-half brick house that originally followed a room-behind-room plan. Most of the house is covered with a coat of stucco that has been scored to imitate ashlar construction. Flemish bond brick walls are exposed on the west end of each section. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west gable end of the eighteenth century section is a single-story wood shingled frame addition dating to the turn of the twentieth century.

The south side of the late eighteenth century section is a two-bay elevation marked by nine-over-six sash windows that light the first floor. A bulkhead entrance allows access to the cellar, which is entered through a segmental arched opening. The basement level of the house is defined by a watertable that has been covered with stucco. The watertable is interrupted between the two windows indicating the probable location of a former door. At the east end of the eighteenth century section the watertable extends beyond the apparent end of the earlier section, indicating that the west wall of the c. 1815 addition was built atop the east wall of the story-and-a-half house. Since the west gable ends of both sections were left unstuccoed, it is evident there is a clear size difference between the bricks in the two parts of the house. The older section was built with larger, less uniform bricks indicating its earlier date.

The south wall of the early nineteenth century addition is an uneven four-bay elevation with an off-center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. A small gabled porch shelters the six-panel door entrance. The second floor is lighted by a series of unevenly spaced windows, and it is clear a center window has been moved to the left of its original location. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings.

The east gable end of the house is a symmetrical facade with pairs of single-pane sash windows flanking an interior end brick chimney stack. The attic is lighted by a pair of sash windows as well. The top of the stack has been rebuilt with a corbelled cap that follows closely the profile of the west end chimney. The gable end eaves to the roof have been extended.

The north side of the two-story, early nineteenth century section is an uneven four-bay elevation as well with the entrance located off-center in the third bay from the east corner of the house. A gable roofed porch shelters this entrance.

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This structure falls in Category A, which signifies that it must be retained, since it is a structure of historic significance and/or exhibits many good architectural features representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant
date 9/11/93

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

city or town Westover
state MD 21871

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The interior of the house retains much of its original woodwork, especially in the c. 1815 two-story main block. The first floor is divided into two rooms with the stair located in the northwest corner of the hall. The dog-leg stair rises in its original position, however the staircase has been reworked, probably around 1940. Large square newel and landing posts and slender rectangular balusters support a Civil War era molded handrail. The hall is fitted with flat-panel wainscoting. Thumb molded backband surrounds frame the doorways which have six-panel Federal doors.

The parlor or living room is dominated by a chimney stack that rises in the center of the east wall. A Federal mantel with fine reeded frieze blocks and a molded surround frames the firebox. A small off-center cupboard with a flat-panel door is located in the chimney breast above the mantel. The windows have been reworked with plain surrounds.

The second floor of the main block is divided into three bedrooms. Federal mantels and six-panel doors remain in two rooms. Access to the attic is gained through a movable panel in the ceiling of the hall closet. The unfinished attic is divided into two rooms with an off-center vertical board wall fastened to a collar beam with double-struck nails. A vertical board door is hung on long wooden hinges that swing on wooden pintles; and both features are fastened with double-struck nails.

The interior of the earlier section has been modified at various times. Originally designed with a room-behind-room plan, the first floor has been consolidated into one room with a large fireplace framed by an early nineteenth century Federal mantel. The evidence in the cellar, however, indicates that there were two fireplaces originally with a corner hearth in the south room. The interior of the second floor bedroom has been reworked with little historic woodwork extant.
CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland

Chain of title

1296/384  Michael G. Waters
          Robin I. Waters
          to
6/8/1992  Robin I. Waters

MSB 1189/837  Ellen Johnson Davis
          to
8/22/1987  Michael G. Waters
          Robin I. Waters

AJS 1060/146  Clinton A. Kirwan
              Iris P. Horne
              to
3/12/1986  Ellen Johnson Davis

AJS 997/450  William P. Payne
              Lorraine K. Payne
              to
9/15/1983  Clinton K. Kirwan
$30,000.00

AJS 975/744  Susan B. Porter, attorney for Henry
              A. Briele and Russell C. Dashiell, Jr.
              to
7/12/1982  William P. Payne
              Lorraine K. Payne
$27,600.00
AJS 932/239 Helen M. Gordy
  to
11/14/1979 Henry A. Briele

JWTS 308/179 Lydia Grier Phillips
  H. Lay Phillips
  to
10/28/1948 Helen M. Gordy
  Herman F. Gordy

JWTS 269/311 William T. Byrd
  Minnie E. Byrd
  to
3/22/1945 Lydia Grier Phillips
  15 acres

  to
6/5/1929 William T. Byrd
  15 acres

SPT 2/349 John F. Collier
  to
3/6/1877 Mary Ella Collier
  $2,000.00 (and that upon the death of
Mary Ella Collier, intestate, the property descended unto Maude Collier Phillips and Daniel M. Collier as her only children with courtesy rights to her surviving husband, Velarius F. Collier

15 acres....where the said John F. Collier am now living containing fifteen acres of land more or less the same being situated on the south side of the Main Street running through the Town of Quantico and comprising all the property I the said John F. Collier own on the south side of said street except the house and lot adjoining now rented to John W. Turpin & where the said John W. Turpin is now living...

Somerset Co. Land Record
LH 417
11/6/1840
Benjamin J. Dashiell to
John F. Collier
$2,000.00

Somerset Co. Land Record
GH 8/285
1/26/1836
Samuel T. Moore and wife, Ann M. Moore to
Benjamin J. Dashiell
$650.00 "Chelsia" 1 acre
west side of county road that leads through the village of Quantico

Somerset Co. Land Record
GH 7/284
2/21/1834
William H. Acworth Ellen Acworth to
Samuel T. Moore
$1,000.00 "Chelsea" 3 acres
Somerset Co. Land Rec.  
GH 6/489  
John J. Davis  
Mary Davis  
to  
10/2/1832  
William H. Acworth  
$800  
3 acres  
"Chelsea"

Somerset County  
Land Record  
GH 4/131  
Benjamin J. Dashiell and wife  
to  
11/3/1827  
John J. Davis  
$12,000  
"Chelsea"  
3 acres

Somerset County  
Land Record  
GH 1/184  
William Roach  
to  
12/30/1822  
Benjamin J. Dashiell  
$2,175.00  
part of Chelsea in the village  
of Quantico  
3 acres

Somerset County  
Land Record  
JD 7/120  
John J. Davis  
to  
10/17/1821  
William Roach  
$2,000.  
part of Chelsea  
3 acres

Somerset County  
Land Record  
JD 5/157  
Henry Crawford  
to  
10/7/1819  
John J. Davis  
$2,000.  
part of Chelsea  
3 acres  
part of Bowerhill  
26½ acres
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CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE
Quantico, Maryland
Chain of title continued

Somerset Co.
Land Record
T/606

Edward Austin to

3/19/1811
Henry Crawford
$700.00 Bowerhill
Beginning at a marked post standing on the west side of the county road leading from Gailes (sic) Mills on the head of Quantico creek to Edward Austin's mills on the head of Rewastico Creek

Matthew Kemp to

1/24/1798
Henry Crawford
£22.10 Chelsey 3 acres
west side of the main road leading from Henry Gailes mill on Quantico Branch to William Winder's mill on Rewastico Branch

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment
Rewastico Hundred
Henry Crawford
Slave Assessment - 1

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Somerset County Land Record Bond
I/538

11/16/1782

Samuel King
Mary King

Matthew Kemp
£500.0.0
two tracts - "Chelsea"
"Monmouth"
The Crawford-Collins House is a 2 story, 8 bay long, brick house with a 1 1/2 story wing. The entire structure is covered with a coat of stucco. It is perpendicular to the street. The windows have box sash and some have louvered shutters. A tall chimney is constructed with both gables of the 2-story part and one on the outside wall of the kitchen wing. There are 2 windows on the street gable on each story and attic. An overhanging eave indicates later remodeling. Beyond the wing is an enclosed front porch of 20th Century date. The south entrance door is covered by a small portico.

The house appears to be of the late 18th or early 19th Century date, though closer examination is needed to determine the definite period.

Mrs 3/2/71
2 story stucco on brick
4 bays long & 2 deep (1 ran)
+ 1/2 story wing + enclosed porch

1/1 50 hp -

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WICOMICO CO.
(Quantico Dist)

CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE
1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas
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Southwest Indian River Lagoon

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SOUTH ELEVATION
9/93, PAUL TOMATI
PHOTOGRAPHER
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