

WI-280
George W. Street House
Nanticoke
Private

c. 1905

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: George W. Street House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-280

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE 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-280

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George W. Street House

and/or common Robert Travers House

2. Location

street & number 20538 Nanticoke Road not for publication

city, town Nanticoke 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Leon V. Gue

street & number 20538 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town Nanticoke state and zip code Maryland 21840

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 63, P. 57
liber 957

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 114

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

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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 George W. Street house, and also known as the Robert Travers house or the Pruitt house, this two-and-a-half story, five-bay frame house stands at 20538 Nanticoke Road in the village of Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland. The center hall frame dwelling faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated by architectural details and land records to date around 1905, the two-and-a-half story, center hall/single-pile main block is extended to the rear by a two-story kitchen wing that has a shed roofed pantry on porch on the south side. The house is supported on a raised infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad uniformly with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Joining the house on the lot is a single story garage and a small outbuilding where a former owner shucked oysters.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a projecting center bay containing the entrance. A partially glazed front door is framed by a three-light transom and two-light sidelights. Pairs of one-over-one sash windows are located to each side and each window lintel has a slight crown molding. Sheltering the first floor is a turned post porch embellished with sawn corner brackets and a row of spindles under the eave. The decorated rafter ends are exposed. The second floor is marked by a paired set of one-over-one sash windows in the center bay and single one-over-one sash to each side. The window lintels have a small crown molding. Centered on the roof is a cross gable pierced by a pointed arch window. The eaves to the roof are extended and the decorated rafter ends are exposed.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with interior end brick stove chimney rising through the roof. The chimney stacks are finished with corbeled caps. One-over-one sash windows flank the chimneys on the first and second floors, and small one-over-one sash light the attic. The gable end is finished with an extended eave trimmed with a decorated bargeboard.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing that gives the house a tee shape. The kitchen is extended on its south side by a shed roof porch supported by turned posts and partially enclosed with an end pantry. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable roof.

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"/> 500-1599	<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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The house deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies properties that are distinguished by their architectural and/or historical interest.

1 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 44/289, 5/20/1905, Wicomico County Courthouse.

2 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 76/226, 5/2/1911, Wicomico County Courthouse.

3 Wicomico County Land Records, JCK 128/478, 1/8/1920 and JWTS 414/287, 9/11/1956, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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20538 Nanticoke Road
Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 63, Parcel 57

957/114 Myrtle Mae Pruitt

to

4/1/1981 Leon V. Gué
Martha B. Gué

JWTS 414/287 Adda H. Travers

to

9/11/1956 Arthur Stingles Pruitt
Myrtle Mae Pruitt, and which was devised by Robert E.
Travers to Adda H. Travers, SAH 4/587, 10/17/1953

JCK 128/478 James E. Yetter
Helen B. Yetter, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

to

1/8/1920 Robert E. Travers, Wicomico County

\$1,800

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EAT 76/226

Joseph L. Bailey, attorney

to

5/2/1911

James E. Yetter

Whereas at a public sale made 1/7/1911 as a result of a defaulted mortgage, grantor was the highest bidder, \$1327. Mortgage George W. Street and Elizabeth D. Street to Alice Davis, 5/13/1909, EAT 63/74

EAT 44/289

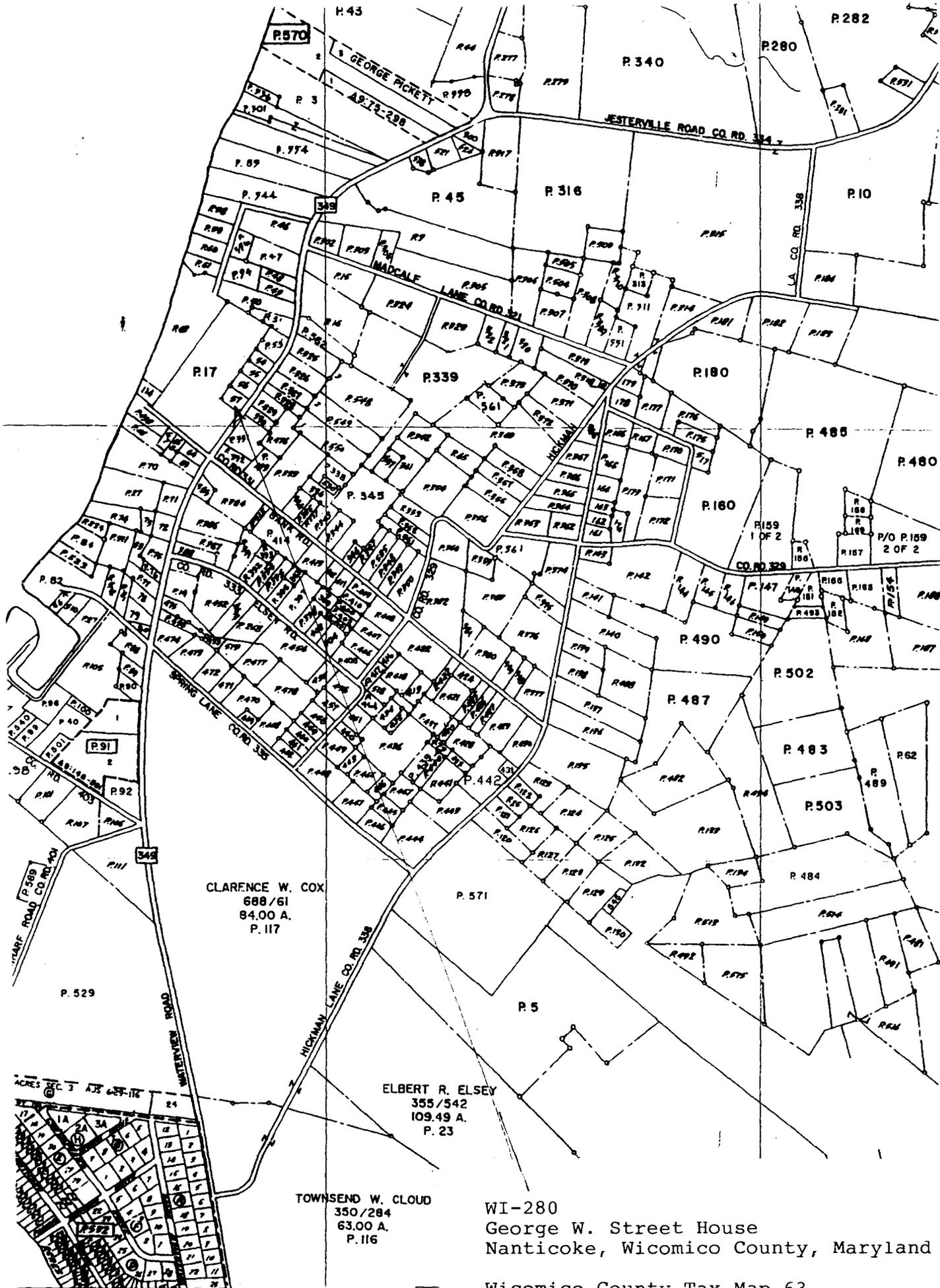
Edward S. S. Turner
Alice P. Turner

to

5/20/1905

George W. Street

\$250 This being lots number one and two of the land surveyed by Peter S. Shockley, 5/14/1898, for E. S. Turner

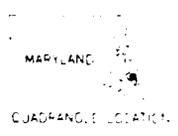
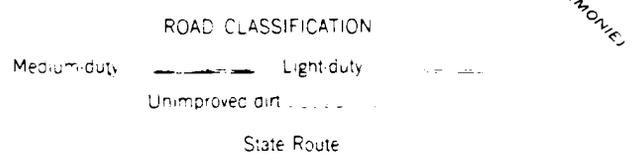
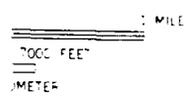
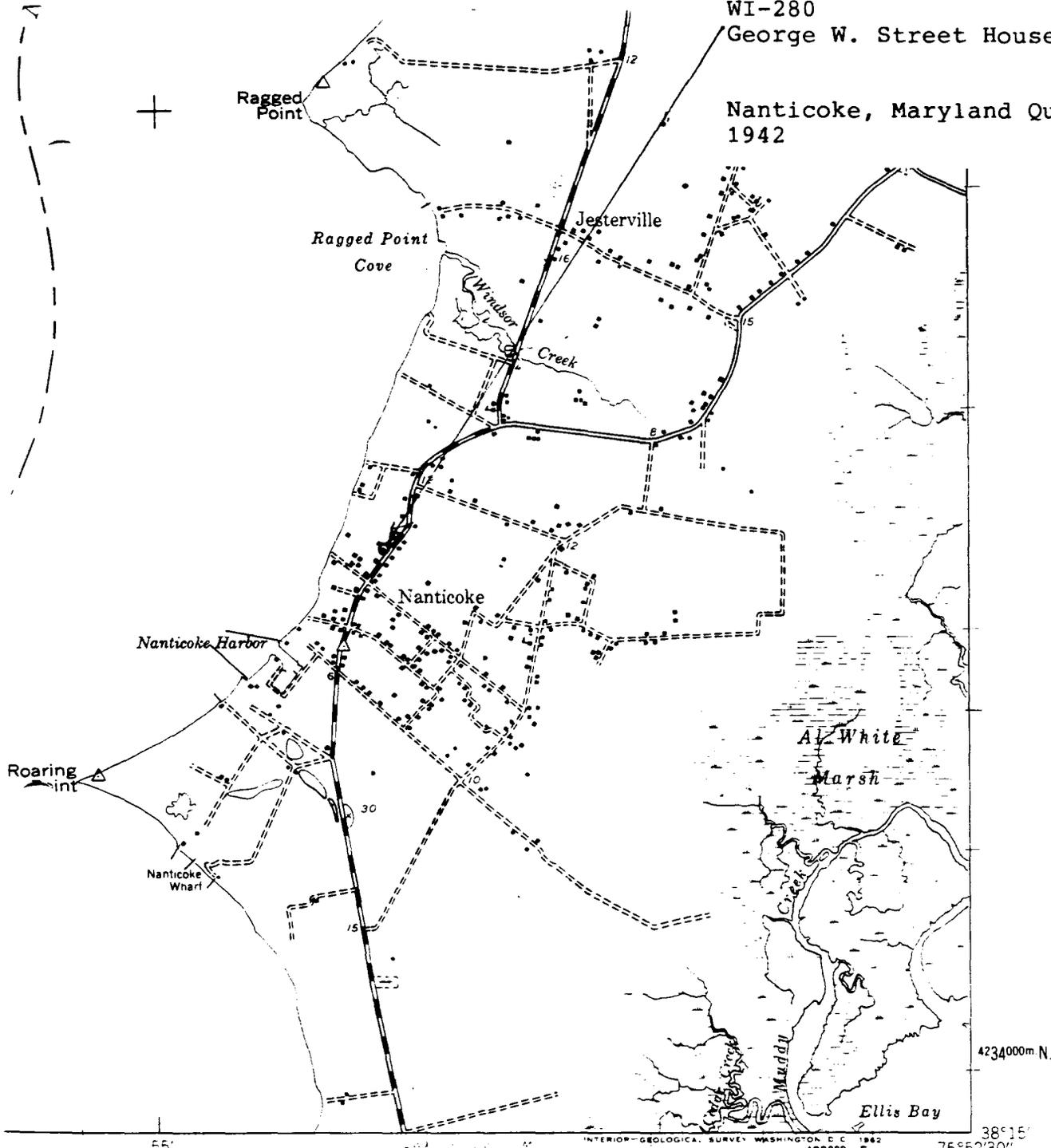


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Wicomico County Tax Map 63
 Parcel 57

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Nanticoke, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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SW/4 NANTICOKE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3815-W7552.5/7.5

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George W. Peck House

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