

WI-3
Dashiell's Lott
(Bennett's Adventure)
Allen vicinity
Private

c. 1730-40

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Dashiell's Lott

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-3

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE 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

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-3

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bennett's Adventure Dashiell's Lott

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Collins Wharf Road not for publication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 Christoph M. Rechberg, et al. % Kent Creek Realty

street & number P. O. Box 52 telephone no.:

city, town Galena state and zip code MD 21635

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, p. 3
liber 996

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 321

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Hitoric Properties

date 1970 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

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 _____
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Dashiell's Lott, also known as Bennett's Adventure, is located on the south side of Collins Wharf Road west of the village of Allen in Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half gambrel roofed brick house, located at the end of a long tree-lined lane, is oriented toward Wicomico Creek. The main facade faces south with the roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1730-40, the story-and-a-half, center hall/single-pile brick house is laid in Flemish and common bond with a simple square edge watertable. The foundation wall is laid in English bond. Measuring approximately 50' across by 20" deep, the rectangular brick house is covered by a gambrel roof sheathed with slate. Attached to the east end is a frame hyphen and kitchen wing erected during the mid 20th century.

The south (main) elevation faces the creek, and its follows a five-bay fenestration with a center entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. The wall is laid in Flemish bond with a checkerboard glazed brick pattern. The six-panel front door is a replacement as are the twelve-over-twelve sash windows and their frames. The walls sections above and below the windows have been reworked with modern brick incompatible with the historic brickwork. Sheltering the front of the house is a mid 20th century screened in porch, which disguises a rebuilt modillion block cornice. Five gable roofed dormers light the second floor.

The west gable end is laid in three-course common bond with the base of the wall defined by a continuation of the watertable. A beltcourse is located at the second floor level. Centered in the wall is a gable roofed cellar entrance. Located to each side are four-over-two sash windows that are replacements. The brickwork around the window openings indicate that the window sizes have been altered. Piercing the gable end are four-over-two sash windows that have also been replaced. Rising through the gable end is wide brick chimney finished with a corbeled cap.

The north (rear) wall is five bays across with a center entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows. Distinguishing the wall surfaces between the windows are interlocking diamond lozenges executed in glazed headers. The twelve-over-twelve sash windows are replacements. Sheltering the rear door is a gable roofed porch.

Attached to the east gable end is a mid 20th century single-story, frame hyphen covered with beaded weatherboards. The hyphen connects a story-and-a-half Flemish bond brick kitchen to the main house. The brick kitchen is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof marked by gable roofed dormers.

The interior retains a large portion of its mid 18th-century Georgian paneling. Raised-panel woodwork distinguishes the living room or parlor, which is enhanced with fluted pilasters on each side of a raised-panel overmantel. Six-panel door closets are located to each side of the chimney stack. A later Federal mantel surrounds the firebox.

The house is joined on the property by a mid 20th century barn complex, pool, and boathouse on the creek. A tenant house is located northwest of the main house.

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
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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³ Somerset County Estate Evaluation of the property of Colonel George Dashiell, A/49-50, 12 April 1749.

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⁷ Somerset County Register of Wills, EB 9/282, Proved 14 November 1748.

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⁸ Somerset County Land Record, J/212 28 May 1791.

⁹ Federal Direct Tax Assessment for Somerset County (1798), Wicomico Hundred, Particular List of Dwelling Houses, Alexander Stewart.

¹⁰ Wicomico County Register of Wills, WB 1/61, proved 30 November 1870.

¹¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 49/397, 13 June 1906.

¹² Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 114/250, 5 November 1919.

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Chain of title

Map 66, Parcel 3

996/321 Philip H. Banks
 Barbara C. Banks

to

8/25/1983 Christopher M. Rechberg
 Humbertus Rechberg
 Thomas Rechburg

“Dr. Paul Jones Farm”
“Dashiell's Lott”
“Security”
“Steven's Conquest”

Surveyed for Charles J. Bryan per survey plat dated
3/17/1944, W. Ballard Miles JWS 257/117

A J S 900/40 Michael Thomas Horner
 Martha F. Horner

to

6/15/1978 Philip H. Banks
 Barbara C. Banks

A J S 819/486 Charles J. Bryan
 Gladys E. Bryan

to

4/9/1974 Michael Thomas Horner
 Martha F. Horner

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JWS 257/108 Jane S. Dallas, widow

to

3/18/1949 Charles J. Bryan
Gladys E. Bryan

JCK 114/250 Albert Nelson and Esther N. Nelson, Township of Upper
Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey

to

11/5/1919 David Dallas, Ardmore, Pennsylvania

\$10,000 (the said David Dallas departed this life July 11,
1935) Will filed JAH 1/32, said property devised
unto Jane S. Dallas

JCK 103/559 Nelson, Dye, McCabe Company

to

6/8/1917 Albert Nelson

EAT 81/444 Frederick Hemminger
Elizabeth Hemminger

to

12/20/1912 Nelson, Dye, McCabe Company

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EAT 62/199 William P. Woolston and wife
Mary I. Woolston

to

3/20/1909 Frederick Hemminger
Elizabeth Hemminger, Henry County, Ohio

\$9,000 "Robert Jones Home Farm"

EAT 49/397 Virginia E. Jones

to

6/13/1906 William P. Woolston

\$6,500

FMS 3/126 George Paul Jones, Somerset County

to

1/14/1888 Virginia E. Jones

"Dashiell's Lott" 300 acres

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Will Book
WB 1/61

Last Will and Testament of Robert Jones of George

to

Written
5/28/1868
Proved
11/30/1870

3rd I give and devise unto my son George Paul Jones, in trust, for the use and benefit of my son Robert H. Jones, and to take, use and apply the rents, issues and profits thereof to the use and benefit of my son Robert H. Jones, all that part or portion of my farm on Wicomico Creek, where the said Robert now lives, commonly known as the "Home Farm," usually and commonly known as "The Westfield" and embracing the dwelling house

1810

Estate of Colonel Alexander Stewart sold at auction and purchased by George Jones of Robert

1798 Federal Direct
Tax Assessment

Alexander Stewart-owner

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Somerset County
Land Record
J/212

Colonel George Dashiell

to

5/28/1791

Colonel John Stewart

Mortgage
H/525

Colonel George Dashiell

to

12/18/1789

William McBryde

L1000 paid by McBryde to George Dashiell, and for further consideration of making effectual & complete payment by George Dashiell to Wm Bryde (to the effect of certain bond interest

Dashiell's Lott-220 acres which includes that part of the tract where the Mansion House in which said George Dashiell now lives

Somerset County
Chancery Record
#1569

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Viewing of the land of George Dashiell
(See xeroxed copy of original description)

4/12/1749

Somerset County
Land Record
EB 9/282

Last Will and Testament of Colonel George Dashiell

to

Proved
11/14/1748

I give to my youngest son George Dashiell the plantation
whereon I now live

Somerset County Record
E. I. 1/237

Warrant of Resurvey of Bennett's Adventure
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Somerset County
Land Record
JK 192

Bennett Scarborough of Accomack County, Virginia
(one of the sons of Colonel Charles Scarborough, dec'd
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to

10/2/1721

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L350 "Bennett's Adventure" 2500 acres

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Somerset County
Judgments 1717-1721
Folio 91

Survey for George Dashiell a tract called
Bennett's Adventure

6/11/1720

Liber 8/488

Patent to Richard Bennett, Sr.

6/7/1665

Bennett's Adventure 2500 acres

on the north side of Wicomico Creek--Beginning
at a marked pine dividing it from the land of Richard
Stevens--to a marked pine by Wicomico Bridge--up
South side of Pashundick Creek--to a marked pine
dividing it from land of Richard Stevens

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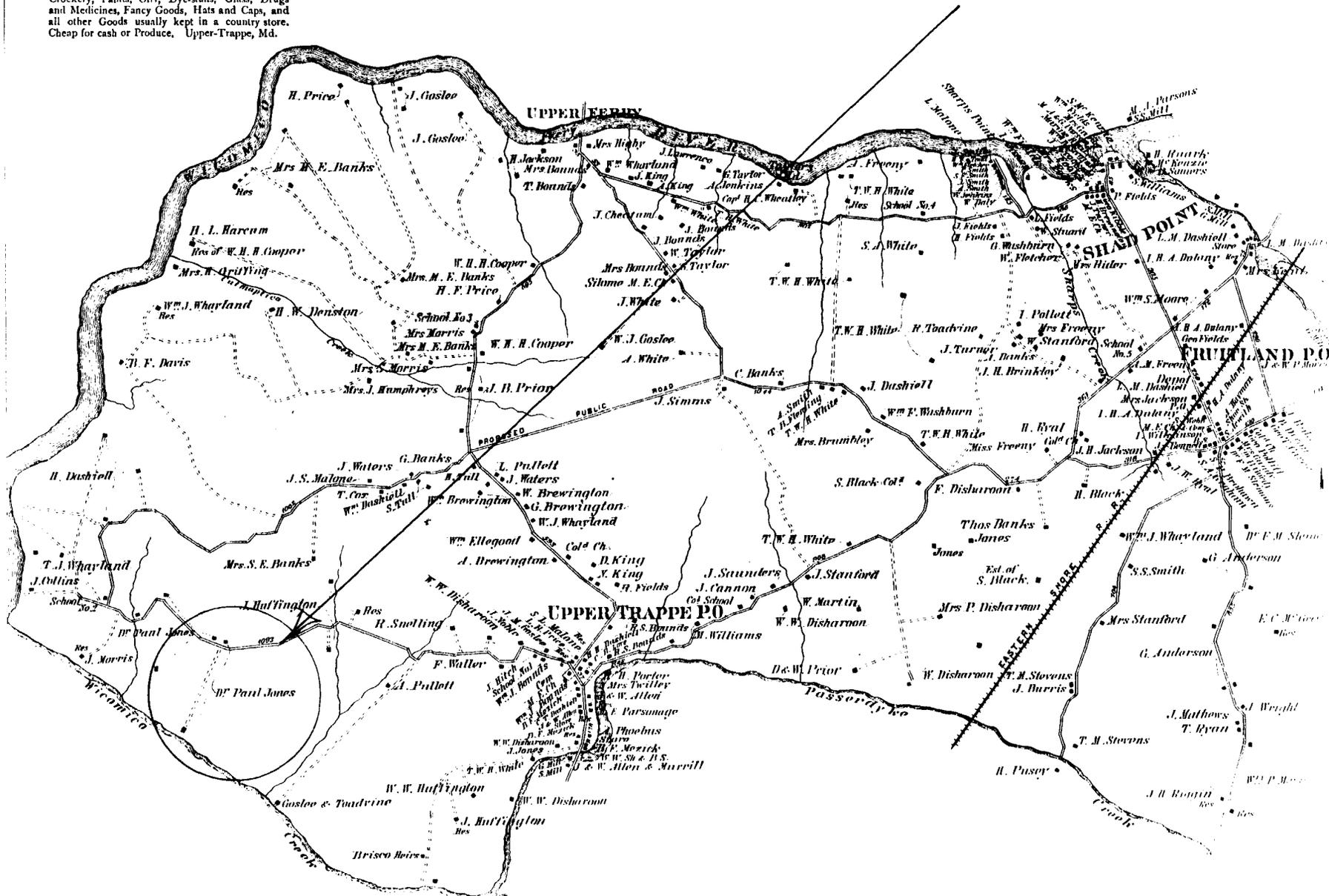
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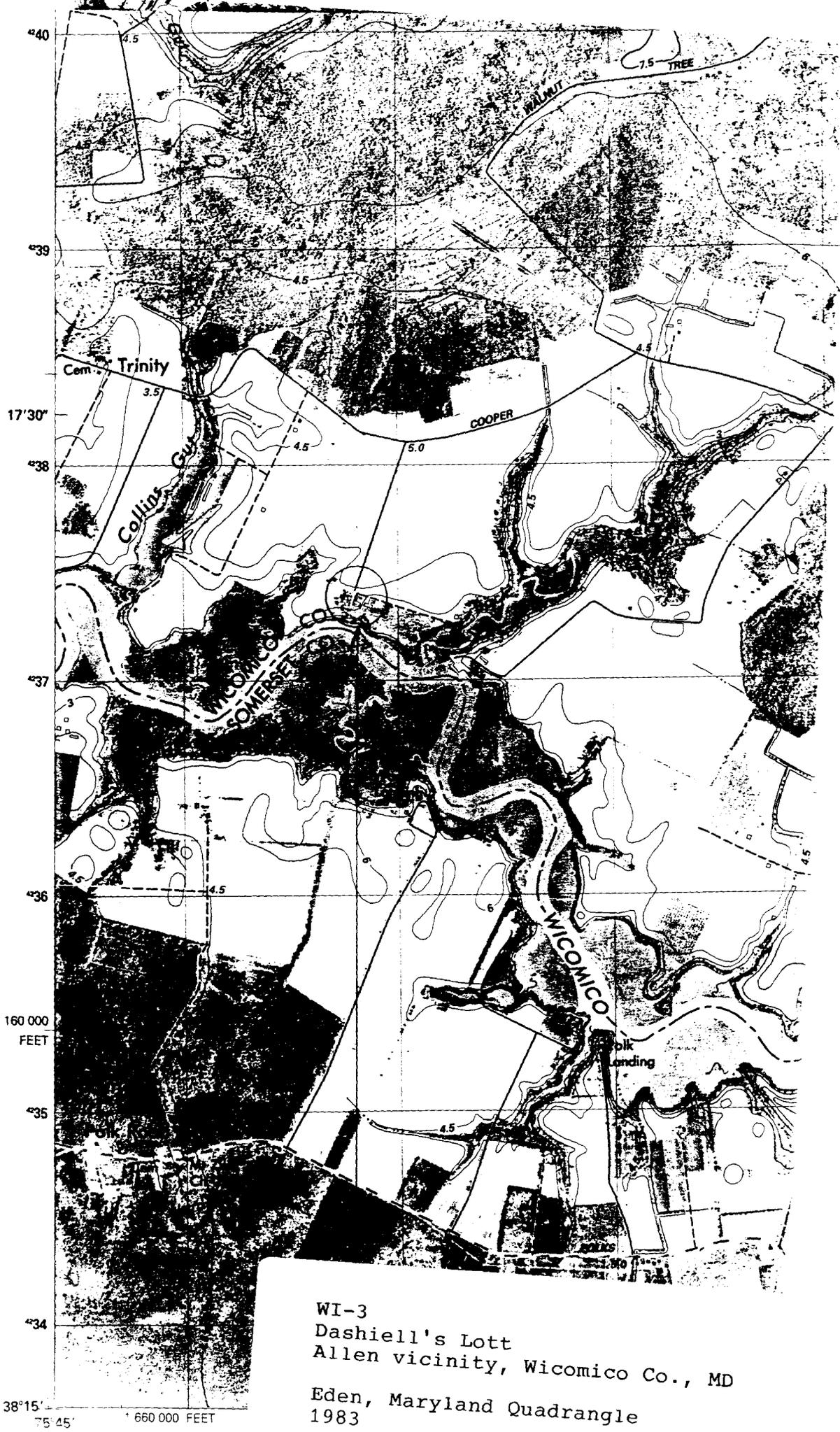
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Dist. No. 7
WIGOMICO CO.

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Dashiell's Lott
Allen vicinity, Wicomico Co., MD

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bennett's Adventure (Bennett's Manor)

AND/OR COMMON

Dr. Paul Jones Farm. Westfield. Dashielle's Lot.

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Clifford Cooper Road, 3 miles west of Allen

CITY, TOWN

Allen

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Wicomico

CODE
045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY		OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
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				<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas Horner

STREET & NUMBER

Cooper Road, P. O. Box 151

CITY, TOWN

Allen

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Wicomico County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the north bank of Wicomico Creek three miles west of Allen on Clifford Cooper Road is Bennett's Adventure. This gambrel roof house is one and one half stories, five bays wide and two deep. It is built of brick laid in English bond. On the north side is a central doorway with a pedimented portico supported by square fluted columns. There is a twelve over twelve light window with three panel shutters in each of the remaining four bays. Between the windows glazed headers form interlocking diamonds. Above the door and the end bays are tall, narrow, pedimented dormers with nine over six sash windows. There is a modillion cornice along the slate roof. The house also has a brick watertable. The original segmental arches over the windows have been replaced by twentieth-century brickwork.

The west end has two windows on the first story, each with four over two sash and two panel shutters. Between these windows is a small, projecting, pedimented entrance. There is a two course belt between the first and second stories. In the gambrel are two windows also with four over two sash and two panel shutters. There is an inside end chimney in both the east and west ends. The common bond on this end has three courses of stretchers to every one of headers.

The south, or river, side has a screened porch which extends across the first story to within approximately three feet of the east end and has a railing along the roof edge. The brick that was visible was laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers and whitewashed to approximately the ceiling line of the present porch. There are five pedimented dormers on this side.

The east gambrel is identical to the west, a one-story hyphen connects the one and one half story wing with a gambrel roof, to the main block. Both the wing and hyphen are twentieth-century additions. The hyphen is one bay wide and is covered with beaded clapboard. Along the edge of the gable roof is a dentil cornice. The wing is two bays wide, and constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. There is a six over six sash window in each bay on the north and south sides with a six over six light dormer directly above each window. There is a screened porch across the east end of the wing.

Bennett's Adventure is a two-room plan with central hall. The west room has full paneling on two sides. Fluted pilasters flank the mantelpiece which has dentil molding on the soffit of the mantel shelf. Closets flank the fireplace. The central hall is paneled on three sides.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bennett's Adventure¹ gains architectural significance from the interlocking diamond patterns in the brickwork and the original paneling in the west room and central hall, and historical significance from its association with one of the governors of the Virginia colony and with the prominent Dashiell family of Maryland.

In 1665 Major Richard Bennett patented a tract called Bennett's Adventure, 2500 acres on the north side of Wicomico Creek. It was one of the few grants issued in what later became Somerset County that contained the required acreage to become a manor.²

Richard Bennett had emigrated to the Virginia colony after the massacre of 1622 to take charge of the plantation of Edward Bennett. A moderate Puritan, he joined the Puritan colony in Maryland for a short time in 1649, at a time when religious persecution in Virginia discouraged Puritan settlement. After his return to Virginia, he became very active in the affairs of the colony, serving as a Major General in the Virginia militia and holding the offices of Justice of the Peace, Burgess and Councilor. In 1652 when the first General Assembly met at Jamestown after the fall of the royal government, Bennett was appointed Governor, holding the office until 1655 when he became the agent for the Virginia colony in England.

¹Bennett's Adventure was renamed Bryan's Manor by its circa 1935-1974 owner, Charles J. Bryan. The new owner, Mr. Thomas Horner, is again calling the house Bennett's Adventure. Other names the house has gone by in the past are Westfield and the Dr. Paul Jones Farm.

²"Lord Baltimore desired to establish . . . a landholding aristocracy after the pattern of feudal England. He offered to constitute manors for his chief tenants with the trappings of a medieval fief Some few manors were actually laid out . . . but feudalism never flourished The land holding pattern from the earliest years was . . . the smaller plantation unit." Morris L. Radoff, The Old Line State (Baltimore: Twentieth Century Printing Company, Inc., 1971), p. 14.

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8. Significance, continued

In 1721 George Dashiell (1690-1748) bought the land from one of Richard Bennett's grandchildren and had it resurveyed and patented for 1740 acres under the name of Dashiell's Lot. The patent, issued in 1734, mentions "a marked pine standing west from the aforesaid Dashiell dwelling house,"³ and additional research on the chain of ownership indicates that the house referred to (which was probably erected by George Dashiell), is the one now standing.

Dashiell, a wealthy planter, was a member of the Lower House of the Assembly in 1724, 1745, and 1746. He attained the rank of Colonel in the Maryland militia by 1736.

In 1791 John Stewart, a Colonel in the Salisbury Battalion during the Revolution, acquired the property. Ownership passed to his son, Alexander Stewart, who is listed in the 1798 tax record as the owner and occupant of a house on the north side of Wicomico Creek:

a dwelling house of brick with a cellar 52 feet by 22 feet -- one story. Hip'd roof with an ell of wood one story 17 by 20 feet with six windows 64 inches by 36 inches Seven ditto 54 inches by 28 inches Seven ditto 34 inches by 20 inches. In the L three windows 64 inches by 28 inches two ditto 44 inches by 28 inches inside out of repair of the whole (except two rooms) Cook house 16 by 16 feet of wood with two windows 34 inches by 28 inches. One ditto 44 inches by 28. Milk house 11 by 13 feet, Smoke House 16 by 12 feet, Poultry house 12 X 10 feet, carriage House 18 by 15 feet, Erected on 2 acres of land. The whole valued at 1200 dollars.⁴

Bennett's Adventure is now situated in Wicomico County, which was erected by the Assembly in 1867, from sections of both Somerset and Worcester Counties.

³Somerset County Patent Records, Liber EI#1/237, March 7, 1734. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

⁴Federal Direct Tax of 1798 for Somerset County, Wicomico Hundred. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

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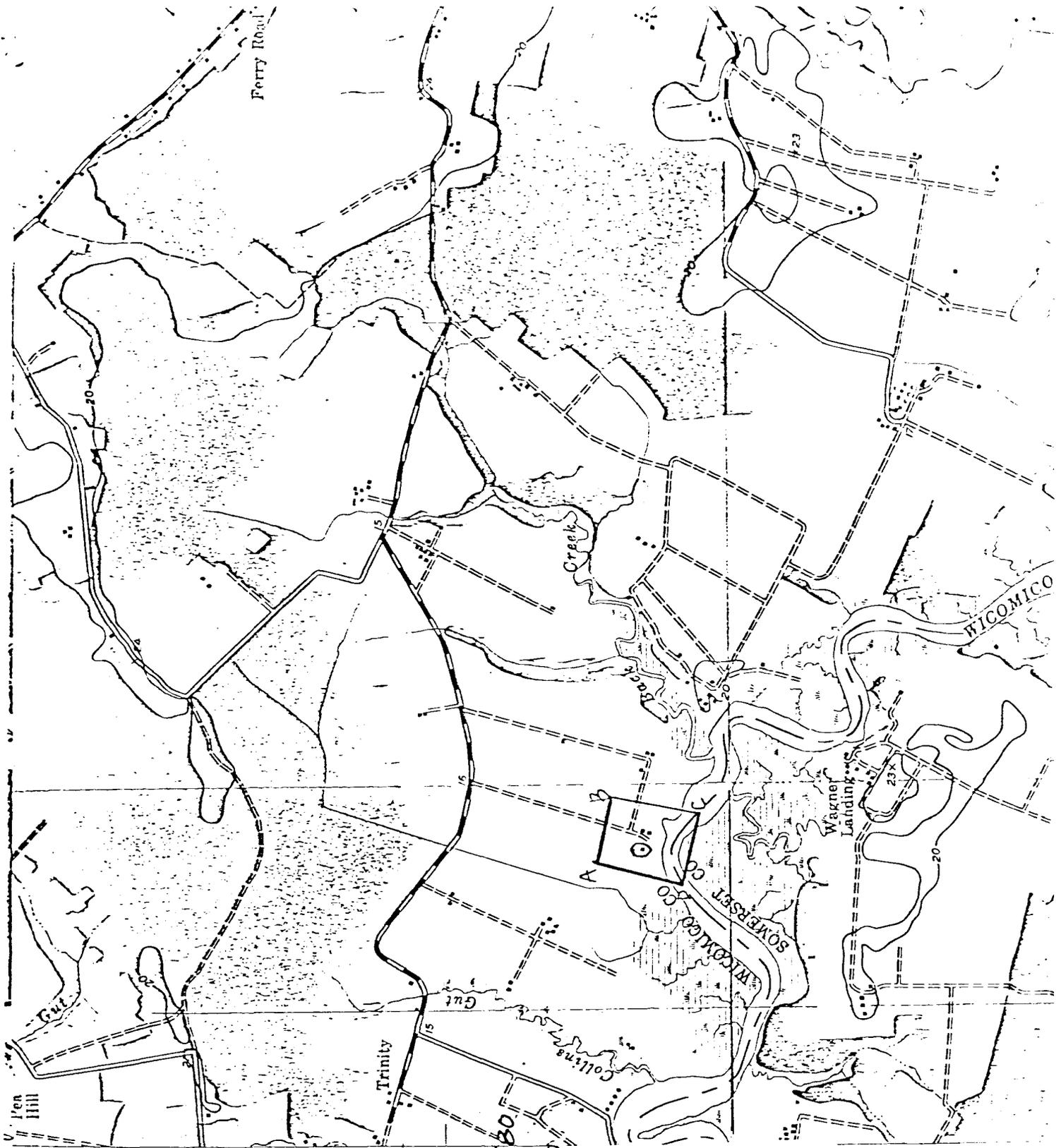
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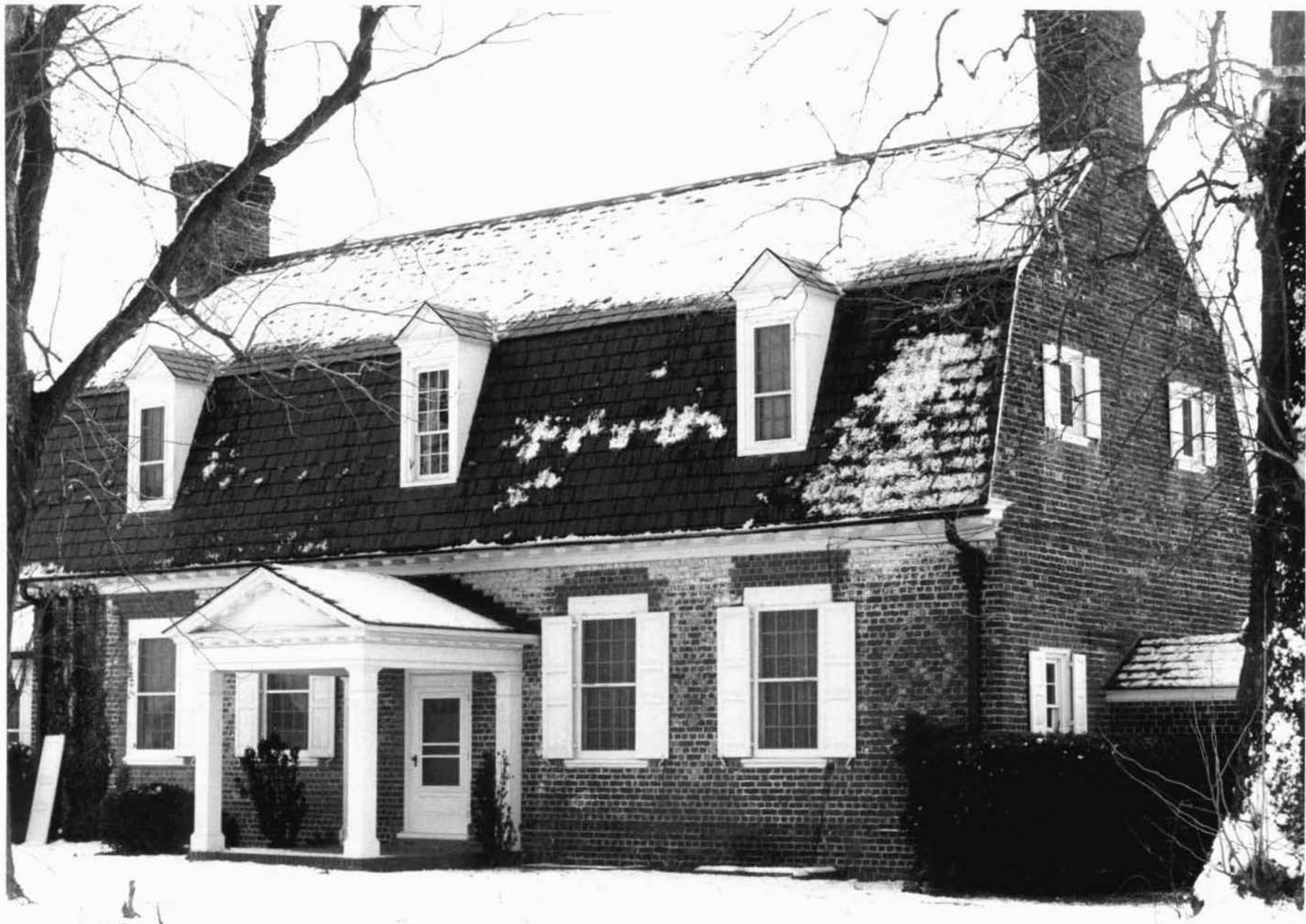
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North elevation

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