

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Cissel House Survey Number: WI-337

Project: SHA--Road improvements (MD 347) Agency: Wicomico County

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Cissel House at 516 S. Main Street in Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland is not located in an historic district nor is it considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Cissel House is located on a 1.5-acre tract of land at the southeast intersection of Old Railroad Avenue and MD 347 (S. Main Street). The property is located across the road from the National Register-listed St Giles Plantation (WI-30), but is not included within the Register boundaries.

The two-story, five-bay frame dwelling was erected ca. 1920-1930 in a Dutch Colonial Revival style characterized by its gambrel roof and long shed-roof dormer. The house is clad with wood shingles and is surrounded on two of its four elevations by a one-story addition with larger sliding-glass doors. An enclosed porch, similarly with sliding glass doors, was added to the rear elevation. The building stands as a representative example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, but does not retain sufficient architectural integrity to qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C.

The property, known locally as the (Kay) Cissel house, for the previous owner who taught at the Hebron School across the road, is not known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, Jan. 1997

Kimberly Prothro Williams February 13, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter A. Kuntz 2/13/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Education/School Building

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI337

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cissel House

and/or common Kreit House

2. Location

street & number 516 S. Main Street not for publication

city, town Hebron vicinity of congressional district

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 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 Mr. and Mrs. John Kreit

street & number 516 S. Main Street telephone no. 546 2650

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Salisbury state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS 7.1 and 7.2

8. Significance

Survey No. WI337

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	UNKNOWN
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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI337

Personal communication with Mrs. Marion Kreit, June 1, 1996

1877 Atlas and other Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.5 acre

1:24,000

Quadrangle name Hebron

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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WI-337
Cissel House
Wicomico County

Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description

The Cissel house is situated to the rear on 1.5 acres of land bounded by S. Main Street (MD 347) on the southeast and Old Railroad Avenue on the southwest. The dwelling is located to the rear (northwest) of the parcel. The entrance and egress front on S. Main Street and form a deep curved drive to the dwelling. A two car garage sits in the northwest corner behind and to the northwest side of the house, accessed by an artery off the driveway.

The structure is a two story frame dwelling with a second story overhang, five bays wide and three bays deep. A continuous shed dormer pierces the end gabled roof across the principle facade. The house is sheathed with vinyl siding. Physical features identify the residence as Colonial Revival structure constructed ca. 1920-30. However, the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas indicated a structure near this site in 1877 which would predate the style of the existing house. (This earlier structure also appears to have been located closer to Main Street, and thus is no longer extant).

Later additions have altered the building form of the Cissel House; a two-story shed has filled in the ell and a one-story shed has been added to the rear elevation. The facade overhang has been enclosed as a porch. The porch extends beyond the original structure and wraps the southwest (side) elevation and a portion of the northwest (rear) elevation. The gabled roof extends over the porch and forms a low hipped roof over the first floor additions on the south and west elevations.

The facade of the house faces southeast. The porch is ground level and is permanently enclosed with five bays of double 3'x 6' aluminum sliding glass doors (continuing around the porch with five bays on the southwest elevation extension, two bays on the northwest elevation (rear) portion, and one bay on the northeast end of the porch). The floor of the porch is surfaced with bricks installed by Cissel, the previous owner. The bricks had been collected over a period of time from sites of old structures, i.e. chimneys, foundations, walls, razed in the town.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade, behind the center double sliding glass door. The door, a wooden 9-panel with a fixed center glass pane adorned with a spindle grill, is not original to the house. The door is raised one step above the porch floor. Most windows, excluding the enclosed porch alterations, are double-hung sash 9/1 with simple board enframements and dark green shutters. Shutters flank the entrance door as well. Window variations occur on the first floor elevations. The facade windows (not seen from the exterior) are taller and are grouped as a unit of three on either side of the door; 6/1 flank the larger center 9/1, and are also shuttered; a single 9-pane, non-shuttered window flank each side of the end fireplace of the north elevation and a double 12-pane horizontal non-shuttered window is on the south elevation. The 9/1 window configuration flank the chimney on the second story roof and additions.

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Continuation Sheet 7.2
Description

There are three brick chimneys, one chimney located on the north elevation and two interior chimneys; one located on interior of the "L" intersection of the gabled roof and the second in the rear of the structure, on the interior wall between the second and third bays. Eaves overhang slightly.

The garage is a one and one-half story, frame, two bay structure. The facade features double fixed 6-pane vertical windows with simple board enframements adorned with decorative shutters, centered over the sliding horizontal wooden garage doors. The structure is sided in horizontal clapboard (same as porch) and painted white with green shutters. The front gabled roof is surfaced in asphalt shingles.

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Continuation Sheet 8.1
Significance

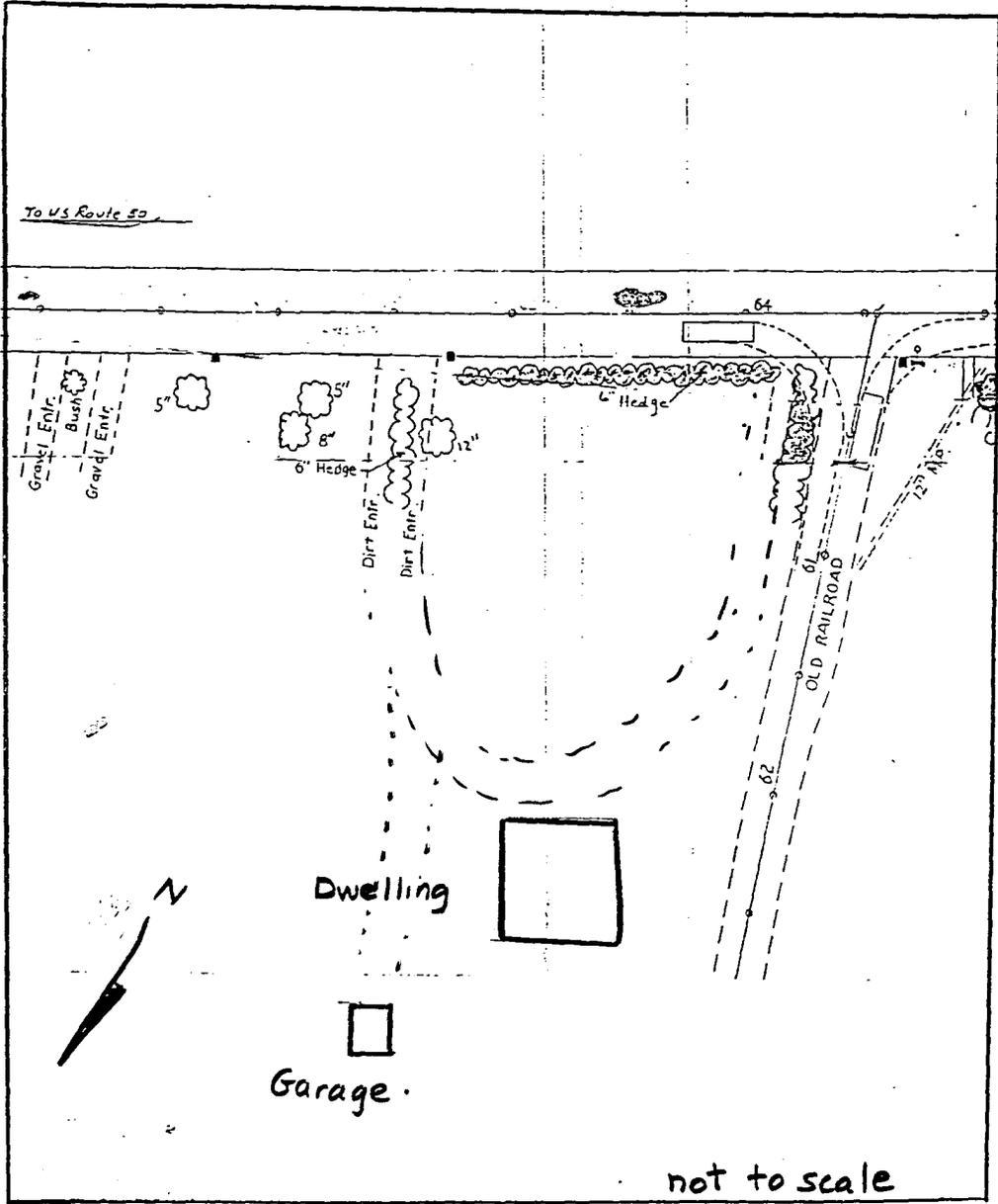
This dwelling is an example of the early Colonial Revival Style, ca. 1920-30. The consistent multi-pane upper sash hung above the lower sash of a single pane window configuration reflect the Craftsman and Prairie styles influence popular between 1905-20, and clearly defines the vernacular revival style period. The triple windows on the facade (covered from view by the porch enclosure) further identifies the house as Colonial Revival. The second-story overhang sub-type of this style (called Garrison Colonial) was popular after 1930.

Style and setback from the street distinguish this structure from houses in the general environs, which are mostly 20th century, two-story "I" houses or 20th century one-story cottages. The dwelling is known locally as the (Kay) Cissel house, for the previous owner who taught at the "new" school, which opened across the street (Old Railroad Avenue) in 1931. The school, originally named Hebron School, now Westside Intermediate School, is located on a parcel of land carved out of the St. Giles (MHT WI-30) property.

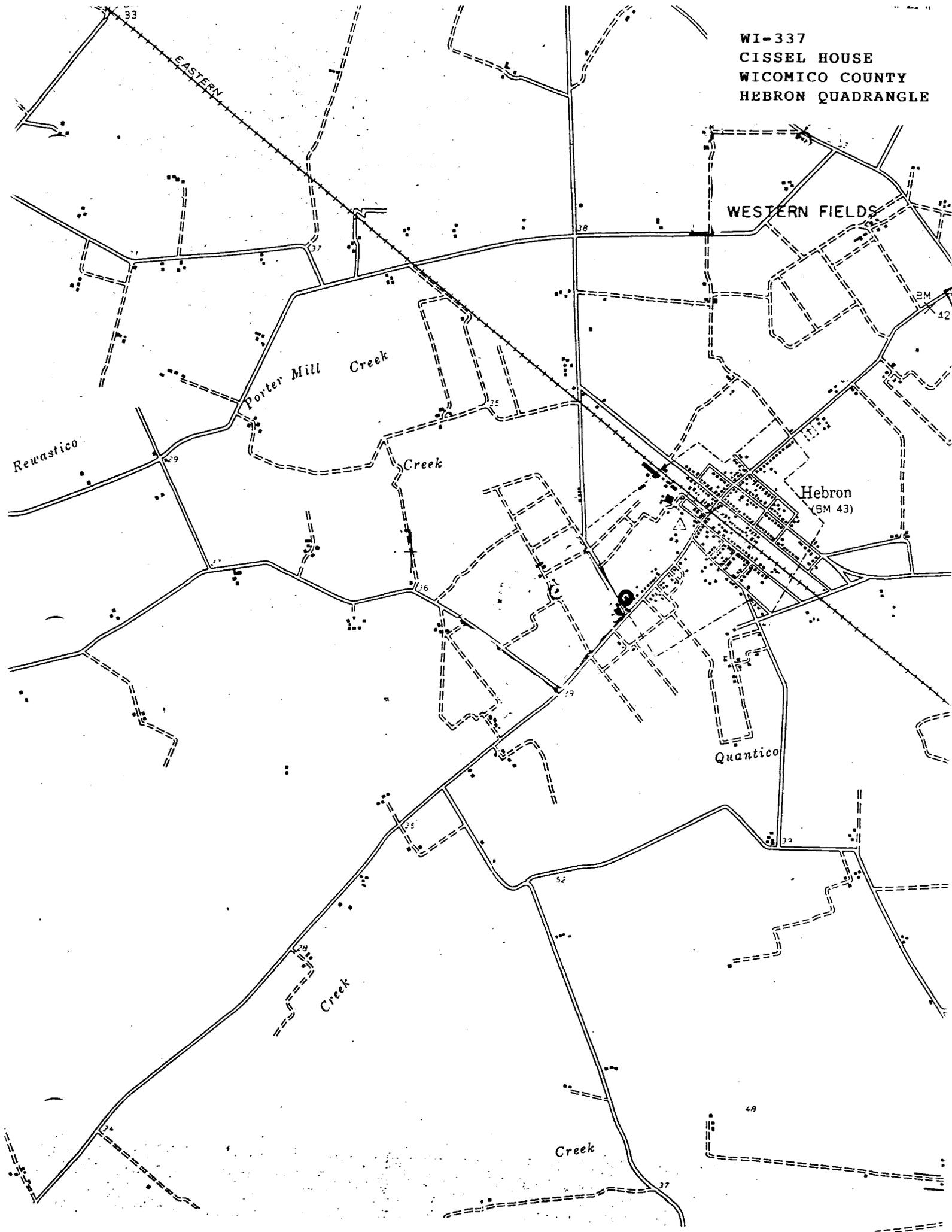
The structure has minor significance as a Colonial Revival Style dwelling which replaced the original structure owned by John E. Harris, as noted on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, 1877. Stephens Harris settled in the area and in 1811 purchased a 272 acre tract. Prior to his death in 1814 he built the plantation known as St. Giles* (WI-30) well to the west of an area which was settled about a century later with the coming of the railroad (and named Hebron). His son, John E. Harris, continued to farm the land and acquired additional acreage. This current structure, in the early Colonial Revival Style, has been compromised with additions and other modifications which negatively impact its integrity.

* According to Forman H. Chandler (Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland) "the origin of the name St. Giles comes from that of a church near Coventry, standing in a part of England from which many settlers emigrated to the section of the Eastern Shore surrounding the plantation....", p. 167.

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CISSEL HOUSE
SKETCH MAP



WI-337
CISSEL HOUSE
WICOMICO COUNTY
HEBRON QUADRANGLE









W-37

Central Avenue

Highway

W-37 (Highway)

2nd Street

1st Street

South Corner

3/12





W133¹¹⁷

Compass

Map

W. 133 (over)



