

WI-366
Young's Purchase House
Mardela Springs
Private Museum

c. 1820-30

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-366

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Young's Purchase House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Railroad Avenue not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs 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"/> 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 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 J Howard and Louise Adkins

street & number 1010 Camden Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

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 type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move 1983
<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 Young's Purchase house is a two-story, two-bay, one-room plan dwelling that stands on the south side of Railroad Avenue on the northern edge of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. Moved to this site in the early 1980s, the house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1820-30, the two-story, one-room plan dwelling is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of plain and beaded weatherboards. The original beaded weatherboards are limited to a few boards under the cornice. A steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west gable end is a single-story shed roofed kitchen addition.

The north (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side entrance and an adjacent six-over-six sash window marking the first floor. The second floor is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that aligned with the first floor openings. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice. A few top weatherboards have a beaded edge.

The east gable end is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window on the southeast corner. Otherwise the gable end a plain weatherboard wall finished with a flush gable end. Covering a large part of the west end is the single-story shed roofed kitchen, which has a side entrance in the north wall. Piercing the gable end of the main block is a single flue brick chimney.

The south (rear) elevation is a two-bay wall with six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second floors. A series of beaded weatherboards survives above the second floor windows.

The house has been converted into a small museum. During renovation work horizontal board walls were found underneath layers of wallpaper. Evidence was found in the northeast corner for a ladder stair that originally served the house. A large patched section of horizontal board wall indicates the former location of a previous chimney stack. Currently the second floor is reached by wall of a steep staircase built against the west wall next to the stove chimney. A beaded board-and-batten door opens into the shed roofed kitchen. The second floor has been stripped of its lath and plaster ceiling, thereby exposing the rough sawn floor joists.

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
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<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: A B C D
and/or

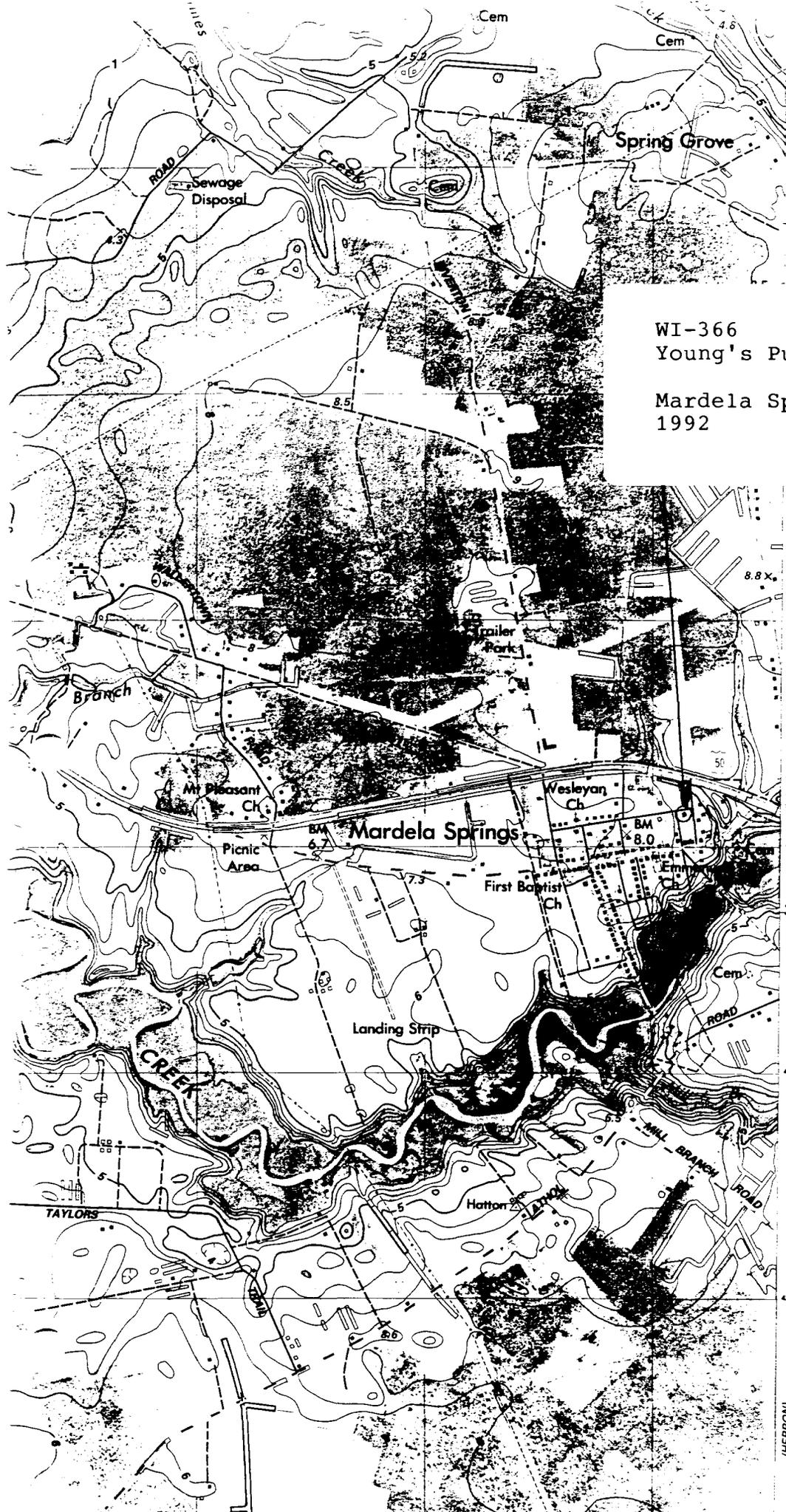
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

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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This house deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be preserved due to their architectural and historical interest. Few one-room plan houses have survived in relatively intact condition in Wicomico County.

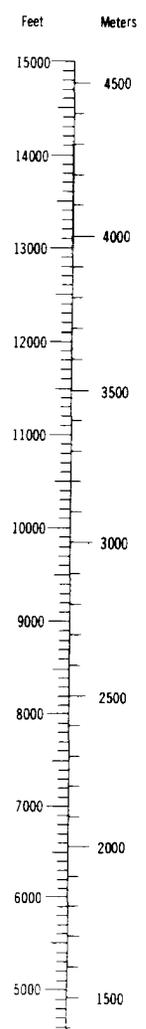


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Mardela Springs, Maryland Quadrangle
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