

WI-380
Double Mills House
Mardela Springs vicinity
Private

c. 1860-70

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Double Mills House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-380

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-380
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Double Mills House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side of MD Route 54 not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

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

name Richard W. Wright

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 9, P. 61
liber 665

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 429

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1978 federal state county local

depository 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

The two-story, three-bay frame house at Double Mills (WI-42) was used as a miller's residence. Located south of Barren Creek Road (MD Route 540), the house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating around 1860-70, the two-story, three-bay dwelling was erected in two stages beginning with the two-story, one-room plan east end. Supported on a brick pier foundation, the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house is abandoned and slowly deteriorating. It stands north of the mill on a slight ridge above Mockingbird Pond.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a distinct seam in the weatherboards between the second and third bays from the east corner. A center door opening was clearly shifted westward and centered on the lengthened wall when the single bay west end addition was attached around 1890-1900. Another distinct seam in the weatherboards to the right of the entrance indicates its former location under the second floor window. The flanking window openings, now completely open, formerly contained six-over-six sash windows. Remaining in the entrance is a four-panel door with a two-light transom. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with a beveled crown molding.

The east gable end retains a portion of a corbeled base brick chimney stack, which was intact twenty years ago. The gable end is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The west gable end features an interior end brick chimney and a flush gable end. The first floor is defined by a door in the north bay and a six-over-six sash window in the south bay. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows to each side of the interior stack.

Attached to the back of the house is a collapsed single-story, one-room plan kitchen wing that had an interior end stove chimney and a steeply pitched gable roof. A side door and six-over-six sash window marked the west side.

The interior is very plain with sawn lath and mature cut nails. A staircase is fixed between the two rooms without a center passage.

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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input 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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Although deteriorated the house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings of historical and architectural merit.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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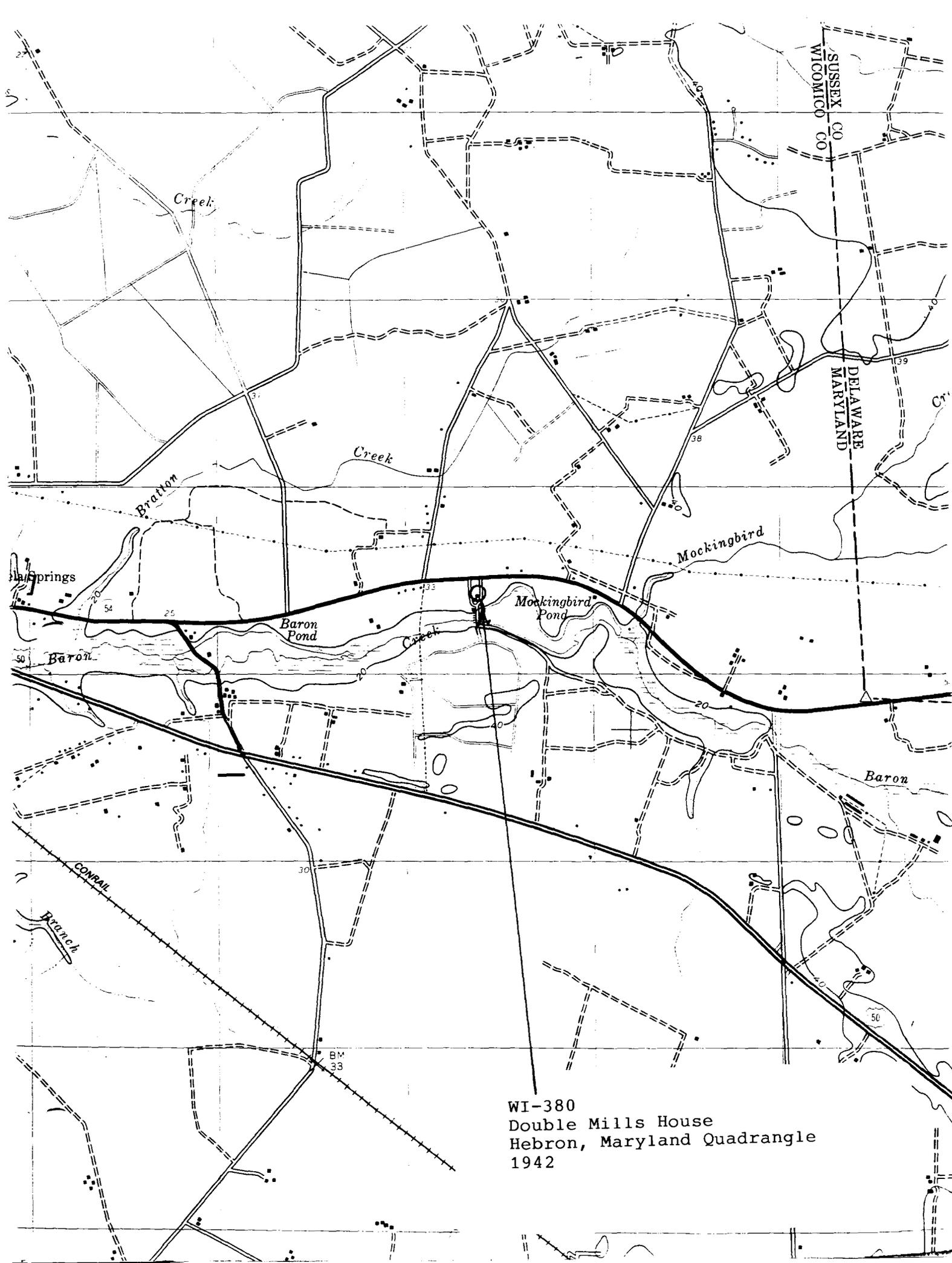
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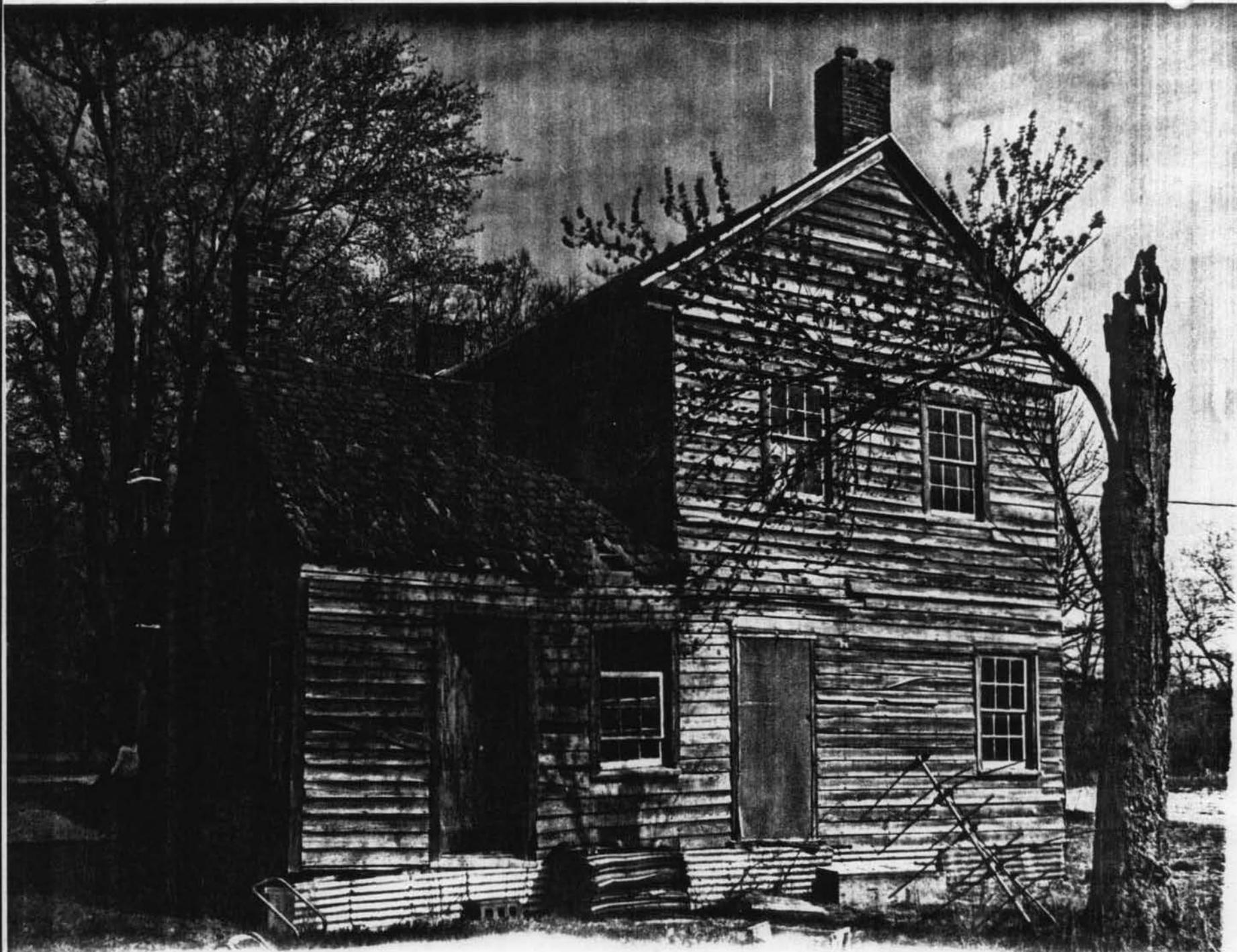
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WI-380
Double Mills House
Hebron, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



WI-360 house at ...

WI-380



Wi-42
380 House at Double Mills

1978



WL-700

DOUBLE WINGS HOUSE

MADEIRA SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI C., MISS.

SOUTH ELEVATION

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WI-300

DOUBLE DECK HOUSE
MARNELA SPRINGS, WICOMICO C. MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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