

WI-69  
Dr. Slemons House  
Quantico  
Private

c. 1860

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The house was built for Dr. Albert B. Slemons and his wife Elizabeth H. Ker, who married on December 13, 1858. The lot of land on which the house was erected was purchased in 1860 from Elizabeth's parents, Samuel and Lousia Ker, who resided next door. The house was presumably built around the time that the lot was acquired, although the rear wing may incorporate the timber frame of a slightly older structure. Albert and Elizabeth Slemons sold the property back to Louisa Ker in 1883, and Louisa Ker transferred ownership to Sallie E. Davis in 1898. The house and lot remained in Sallie Davis's hands until her death in 1940, after which it was sold to Sadie H. Taylor. The property remained in the Taylor family until the current owner purchased the house in 1988.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DR. SLEMONS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-69

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Dr. SLEMONS HOUSE  
Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Description continued

The hall doorways are finished with shallow pedimented surrounds that frame four-panel doors with ogee inset moldings. The north room, or parlor, features a Greek Revival mantel that frames the fireplace, and shallow pedimented surrounds trim the window and door openings.

On the south side of the hall is the dining room, which is finished in a similar fashion. The Greek Revival mantel retains a old layer of decorative graining. Plain Greek Revival pilasters support a plain frieze under a board mantel shelf. Shallow pedimented surrounds frame the original window and door openings. A later glazed door in the northwest corner opens into the rear hall.

The second floor of the front block is finished in similar fashion with wide board surrounds framing doors and windows. Greek Revival mantels remain in place in both bedrooms. The unfinished attic is entered through a board-and-batten door.

The interior of the rear wing has been reworked on the first and second floor. A Greek Revival mantel remains in the kitchen with the exposed tie beams.

Survey No. WI-69

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. SLEMONS HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 6470 Main Street  not for publication

city, town Quantico  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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Michael S. Deem

street & number P. O. Box 2 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

### 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 21802

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1972  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

The Dr. Slemons house is located at 6470 Main Street in Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1860, the two-story, center hall frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. Trimming the corners of the house are wide paneled pilasters that rise to boxed cornices. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story wing, the frame of which may be somewhat older.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and large six six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters to each side. The four-panel front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a large multi-pane transom overhead. Trimming the outside edge of the entrance windows is a wide paneled surround with plain corner blocks. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with interior end brick chimney stacks flanked by six-over-six sash windows on each floor. The window openings have louvered shutters, and the gable ends are trimmed with a molded bargeboards. Lighting the attic are squarish four-pane windows.

The rear (west) elevation of the front block is partially covered by the story-and-a-half rear wing. Evidence found during the renovation of the first floor suggests that the frame of the rear wing predates the 1860s building program of the front block. When the old plaster ceiling in the kitchen was removed, whitewashed tie beams and floor boards were found. In the northeast corner a spliced beam and patched flooring was also found, leading the carpenter to believe that there had been a stair in the corner of the current kitchen which was later removed. When the front section was added around 1860 the rear wing was reworked with new trim. Rising against the west gable end of the kitchen wing is an exterior brick chimney with a fireplace facing outward into the open. It is highly likely that another section formerly extended from the back of the current kitchen, served by this wide cooking fireplace. A single story shed roofed section extends from the south side of the kitchen wing. Siding and windows on the kitchen wing have been renewed.

The interior of the front block has changed little since the mid nineteenth century. Rising in the center hall is a four-flight staircase that remains open to the attic. A bold turned newel post and smooth tapering balusters support a handrail that ramps upward before the landing posts. Below the stringer, the triangular area is treated in a distinctive ashlar-style of woodwork common to several houses in Quantico as well as in Princess Anne, in Somerset County.

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# 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
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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: <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.

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Due to the high integrity and unusual architectural character of this house it deserves a listing in Category A, which identifies a structure that must be retained since it historically significant and/or exhibits many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.





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DR. SLEMONS HOUSE  
Quantico, Maryland  
Chain of title continued

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JWS 261/160

Josephine McInerney, et al

to

5/29/1944

Sadie H. Taylor

bounded on the north by the Protestant  
Episcopal Church, and used for the purpose  
of a rectory

SPT 5/402

Albert B. Slemons  
Elizabeth H. Slemons

to

5/16/1883

Louisa A. Ker

\$1,000.00

and being the same property which was  
conveyed unto Sallie E. Davis by the said  
Louisa A. Ker, 10/21/1898, JTT 22/460  
(Sallie E. Davis died intestate during the  
year 1940, with property descending to  
Josephine McInerney, et al.

LW 6/590

Samuel and Louisa Ker

to

4/25/1860

Elizabeth H. Slemons

Albert B. Slemons married Elizabeth H. Ker, December 13, 1858



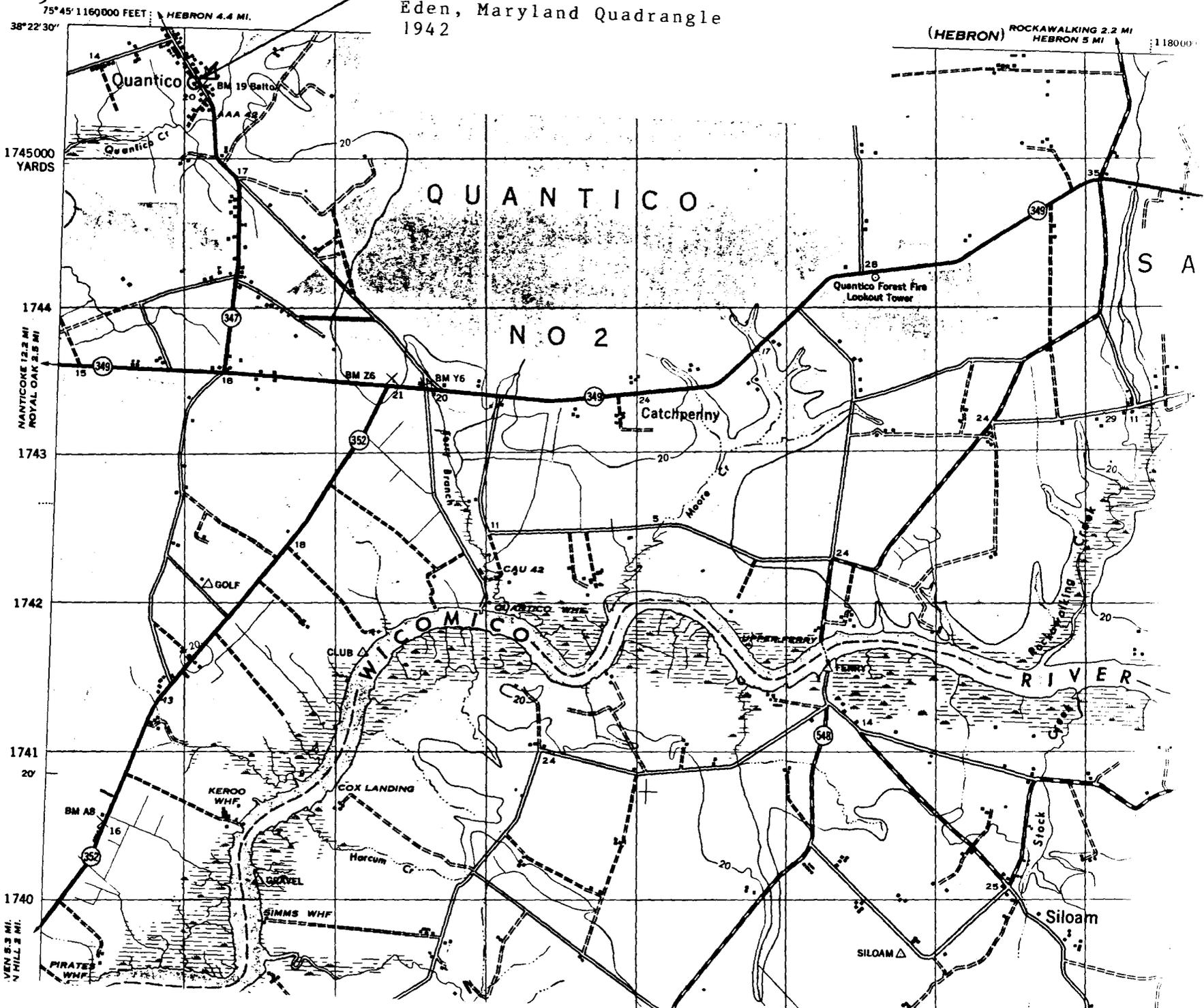
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MARYLAND

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WI-69  
DR. SLEMONS HOUSE  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY



1745000 YARDS

1744

1743

1742

1741

1740

VEN 5.3 MI  
HILL 3 MI

75°45' 116000 FEET

HEBRON 4.4 MI

(HEBRON) ROCKAWALKING 2.2 MI  
HEBRON 5 MI

118000'











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CA: 2000-2001

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9/03 PAUL TOWN, 100-1000

NEC/MD 11/03/04



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DR. SWANSON'S OFFICE

QUANTICO, VIRGINIA CO., N.P.

9/93, PINE TOWN, VIRGINIA -  
WEST VIRGINIA

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