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P. D. Cottingham House
Snow Hill
Private

c. 1873

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: P. D. COTTINGHAM HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: W1-294

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL (URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic P. D. COTTINGHAM HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Church Street not for publication

city, town Snow Hill vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Worcester

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 James and Delores Bowden

street & number North Church Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 144

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 607

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-294

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.

The P. D. Cottingham house is located at North Church Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1873, the two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-and-a-half story service wing.

The southwest (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking replacement sash windows. The original double front door is fixed in a slightly projecting bay with flanking colored glass sidelights. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roof front porch supported by Tuscan columns on brick piers. A square baluster handrail stretches between the porch piers. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced six-over-nine sash windows trimmed with decorated lintels. Centered on the roof is a large cross gable pierced by a pointed arch attic window. The edge of the extended eave is trimmed with a decorative sawnwork. Highlighting the outside corners of the house are covered over pilasters.

The southeast gable end is marked by a pair of replacement windows on the first floor, however the old four-over-four sash windows remain on the second floor. To each side of the interior end brick chimney are small two-over-two attic windows. The chimney stack is finished with a corbelled cap.

The northwest gable end is finished in a similar manner with an interior end, corbelled cap brick chimney protruding through the roof.

The northeast (rear) elevation is largely covered by the two-and-a-half story rear wing. A gabled dormer is fixed on the north side.

The interior was not seen.

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
<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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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North Church Street
Snow Hill, Maryland
Chain of title

FWH 144/607 Madeline O. Watson, executrix of the
 estate of Sallie Elizabeth Landing
 Outten (died 11/4/1960)

to

6/5/1961 James L. Bowden
 Delores E. Bowden

 being all the same property that was
 acquired by Sallie E. Outten

 1) from Henry P. Walters, et al. trustess
 5/31/1955, EWR 83/5

 2) from Madeline O. Watson et al.
 8/21/1956 FWH 96/199

JEB 20/594 Harris S. Corddry, et al. Executors of
 the last will and testament of William
 D. Corddry

to

8/25/1944 Clemon W. Outten

FHP 25/430 Priscie P. Cottingham
 Annie Cottingham, heirs at law of Peter
 D. Cottingham, deceased

to

8/25/1906 William D. Corddry, Jr.
 \$2800.00

ITM 2/429 Ephraim K. Wilson
 George W. Covington, trustees

to

2/14/1873 Peter D. Cottingham

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P. D. COTTINGHAM HOUSE
Chain of title continued

Lot NO. 57 \$373.00

Whereas Samuel R. Johnson and Thomas J. Johnson did convey by deed dated 19 April 1869, GHR 3/596, ...the said Samuel and Thomas unto the said Ephraim K. Wilson and George W. Covington interest to sell the same for the benefit of their Creditors...

