

WO-33  
Peter Whaley, Jr. House  
Whaleyville  
Private

c. 1860

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Peter Whaley Sr. House

MHT Inventory Number: WU-33

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION  
(1815-1870)

4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. VILLAGE DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-33

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic PETER WHALEY, JR. HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11062 Shepards Crossing Road  not for publicationcity, town Whaleyville  vicinity of congressional district First

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	<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 Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Williams

street &amp; number Route 1 Box 208 telephone no.:

city, town Whaleyville state and zip code MD 21872

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 430

street &amp; number Worcester County Courthouse folio 321

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 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

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Peter Whaley, Jr. house stands on the east side of Shepards Crossing Road in the center of Whaleyville, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/double-pile frame house faces west with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1860, the two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the building is largely sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Trimming the corners of the main block are paneled pilasters, and brackets embellish the eave. Rising through the center of the house is a large corbelled cap brick chimney. A story-and-a-half frame kitchen wing extends to the rear.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The double-leaf paneled front doors are framed by three light sidelights. To the left of the entrance are large-size six-over-six sash windows. Stretching across the first floor and extending around to the south side is a tapered post hip roof porch supported on brick plinths. In contrast to the rest of the house, the exterior wall under the front porch is sheathed with flush weatherboards. The second floor is marked by three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows that are highlighted with bracketed hoods and louvered shutters.

The south side is a four-bay elevation with a combination of six-over-six sash windows and a partially glazed side door. The end bay of the porch is enclosed. Lighting the second floor are four six-over-six sash windows that have bracketed lintels and shutters as well.

The north side of the main block is treated similarly without the porch. However, in contrast to the other two sides the first floor openings--three six-over-six sash windows and a side door--are topped by bracketed lintels also. The second floor is treated the same way as the south side with four shuttered six-over-six sash windows.

The story-and-a-half frame kitchen appears contemporary with the main house. A cross gable marks the south roof, and a bracketed eave extends around the perimeter of the gable roof. A enclosed shed room extends off the east end.

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/ humanitarian
<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:  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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## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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PETER WHALEY, JR. HOUSE  
Whaleyville, Maryland  
Chain of title

430/321                      John H. Lewis, partner of Jennie Baker Lewis  
to

3/12/1974                    Warren A. Williams, Lana Rae, his wife  
\$20,000     Homeplace of Jennie C. Lewis  
1.3. acres

BB 37/92                     John L. Sanford, Jr. and Elizabeth D.  
to

8/31/1938                    John H. Lewis, and Jennie C. his wife  
Item 1. house and lot in Whaleyville  
formerly occupied by Dr. Ira C. Tyndall  
now homeplace of JOHN H. Lewis

BB 37/90                     John H. Lewis, Jennie C. his wife  
to

8/31/1938                    John L. Sanford, Jr.

SMC 55/135                   Franklin Upshur, assignee of Job Truitt  
and Sallie Martha Truitt  
to

5/15/1926                    John L. Sanford, Jr.  
#2305

ODC 42/377                   Franklin Upshur, assignee  
to

3/23/1922                    Job Truitt, and Sallie Martha Truitt  
#2200

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ODC 28/487 Charles A. Holland and wife Abbie White  
Holland

to

12/1/1917 Job Truitt and Martha Truitt

FHP 27/587 Mattie C. Taylor and Calvin B. Taylor

to

6/3/1907 Charles A. Holland and Abbie White Holland  
\$2000

FHP 27/586 Calvin B. Taylor

to

6/3/1907 Mattie C. Taylor  
\$1200

FHP 19/309 Ira C. Tyndall

to

9/21/1903 Calvin B. Taylor

FHP 19/302 Ann C. Whaley, Peter Whaley, husband

to

9/11/1903 Ira C. Tyndall \$2000.00  
on east side of public road leading through  
Whaleyville to the ~~east side of public road~~  
railroad depot property where Peter Whaley  
family resides...

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GHR 3/587                    Seth M. Whaley and Isabell Whaley

to

2/15/1869                  Ann C. Whaley  
all that house and lot  
\$1200.00

GHR 3/19                    John.S. Timmons, Mary E. Timmons and  
Zadok G. W. Purnell, Maria C. his wife

to

6/13/1867                  Seth M. Whaley  
House and lot              \$1000

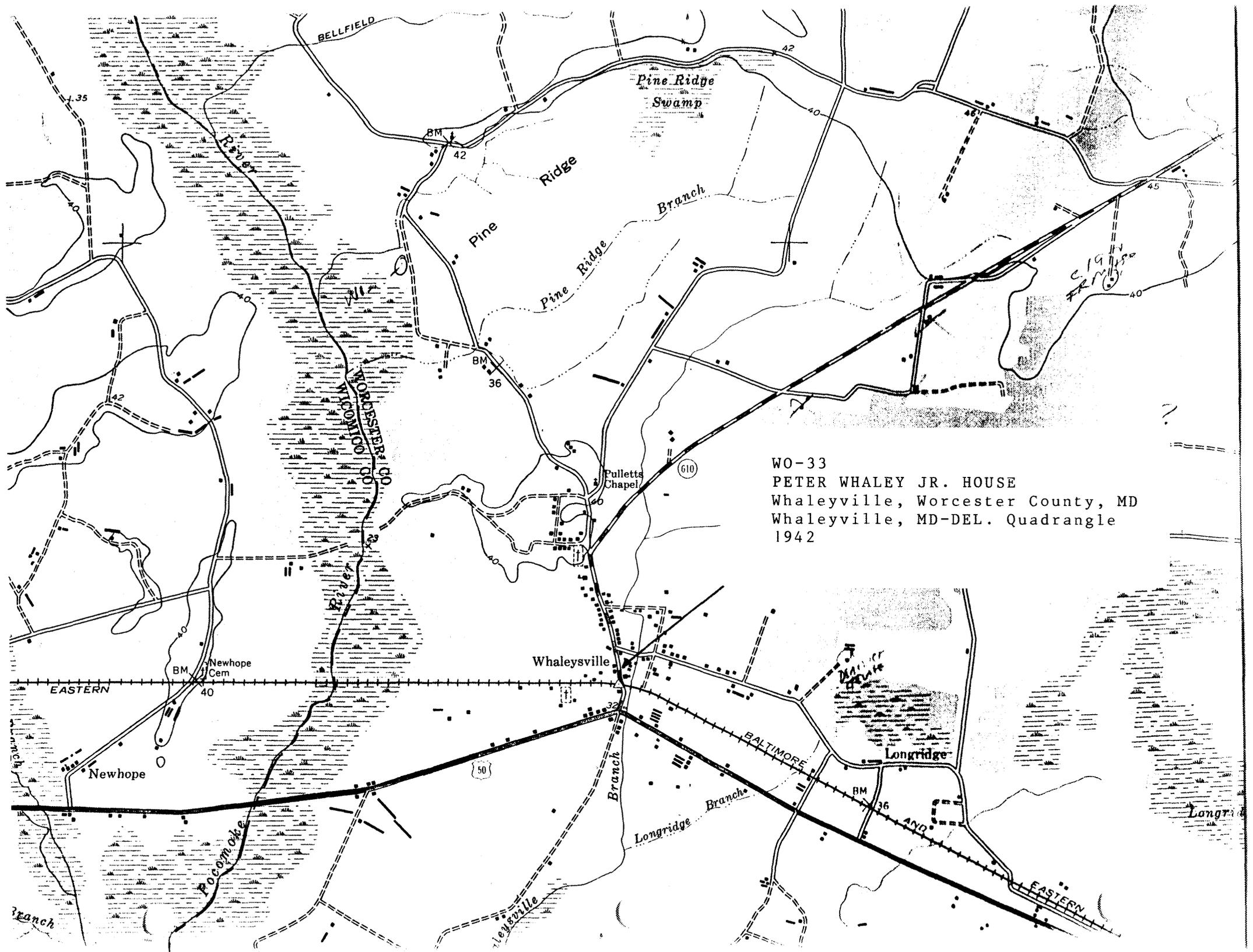
T.T. 8/304                  Last will and testament of  
Peter Whaley, Sr. (1779-1860)

Written  
3/7/1857  
Proved  
8/1/1860

First item: to wife Elizabeth the following negroes, to wit....all my household and kitchen furniture... and the sum of \$4000 also the farm which I purchased of Elam Evans and the house an lot on which I now reside, to her heirs and assigns forever...

Second: to son Edward Thomas Whaley the following negroes....all the lands which I purchased of Dr. P. R. Gilliss and John Hamblin, executors of James Hull, deceased, ...the house and lot in Whaleyville adjoining that at present occupied by John S. Timmons...





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PETER WHALEY JR. HOUSE  
Whaleyville, Worcester County, MD  
Whaleyville, MD-DEL. Quadrangle  
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