

WO-39  
Zadock G. W. Purnell House  
Whaleyville  
Private

c. 1875

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WV-39

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):

I. STANDING STRUCTURE

A. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-39

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE

and/or common FOOKS HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number Wraley 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 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 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 Thomas A. Sears, JR.

street &amp; number 180 S. E. Crain Highway telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code MD 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 504

street &amp; number Worcester County Courthouse folio 266

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

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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 Zadock G. W. Purnell house stands in the small village of Whaleyville in northwestern Worcester County. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story side hall/double-pile main block is supported on a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by one room service wing.

The west elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The front four-panel door is topped by a three-light transom. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roof porch with a rounded southwest corner. New square posts have replaced the former columns. A porch gable sheathed with fish-scale shingles highlights the entrance bay. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Rising through the center of the house is an interior brick chimney finished with a one-course cap.

The south side of the house is highlighted by a two-story, five-sided projecting pavilion sheathed with decorative fish-scale shingles. Three single-pane sash windows light each floor. The gabled roof is pierced by a small attic window.

The north side is detailed in a similar fashion with the addition of a single-story bay window.

Extending to the rear is a two-story, two-bay by one-room service wing. A center brick chimney rises through the roof.

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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ZADOCK G. W. PURNELL HOUSE  
Whaleyville, Maryland  
Chain of title

FWH 504/266

Elveda G. Rhodes

to

12/5/1975

Thomas A. Sears, Jr.  
180 S. E. Crain Highway  
Upper Marboro, MD 20772  
"Hog Quarter" 2 acres

FWH 406/514

Dorothea Benzer Curcio

to

7/31/1973

Elveda G. Rhodes

FWH 167/610

John Marcelli, et ux.

to

7/12/1963

Albert F. Rhodes  
Elveda G. Rhodes

FWH 138/391

Florence Fooks Bailey, widow

to

9/28/1960

John Marcelli, et ux.

FWH 130/326

Littleton D. Fooks, et ux.

to

9/16/1959

Florence Fooks Bailey  
Littleton D. Fooks, Sr. died intestate  
in 1907 leaving wife Florence M. Fooks,  
now known as Florence Fooks Bailey,

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Littleton D. Fooks and Elizabeth Fooks  
James by deed dated 10/31/1941 and  
recorded 11/4/1941 JEB 10/220 the said  
Elizabeth Fooks James and Thomas Henry  
James granted the above property to  
Littleton D. Fooks

FHP 26/149

Maria C. Purnell, widow

to

11/10/1906

Littleton D. Fooks  
\$700 "Hog Quarter"

ITM 4/331

James S. Dale, and Levinia B. Dale,  
John B. Dale and Laura V. Dale, Charles  
S. Dale and Stansberry J. Wheatly and  
Rhoda J. Wheatly of Sussex Co., Delaware

to

12/8/1875

Maria Catherine Purnell  
2 acres, 1 rood, and 6 perches

WORCESTER COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD

Zadock G. W. Purnell married Mariah C. Whaley on 12/22/1858

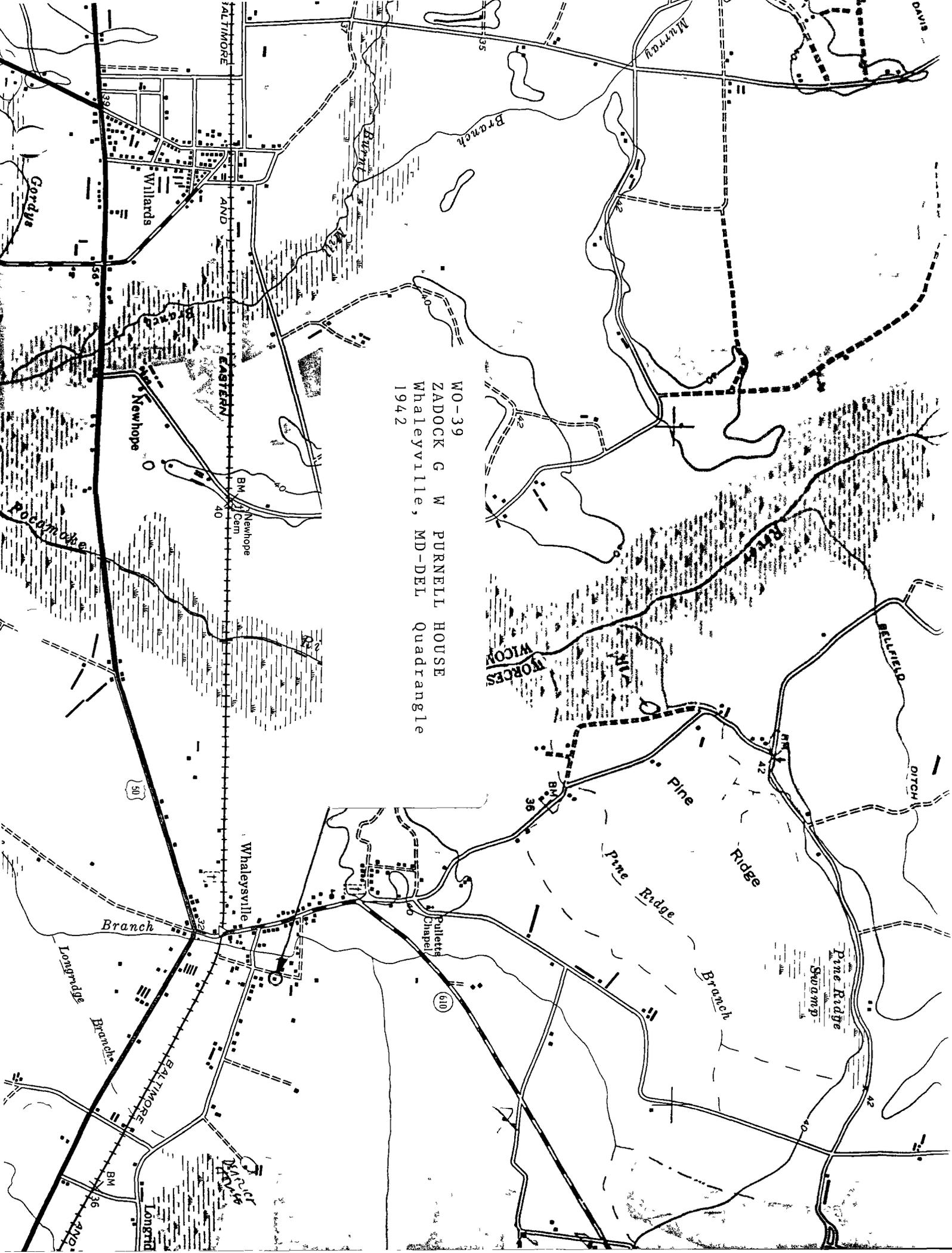
1860 UNITED STATES CENSUS OF WORCESTER COUNTY

Zadock G. W. Purnell 33 M Farmer R.E. \$8000 P.P. \$5000  
Kate W. Purnell 33 F

1870 UNITED STATES CENSUS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

Zadok Purnell 43 Farmer R.E. \$10000 P.P. \$500  
Catherine Purnell 44 Keeping house  
Virginia Purnell 6 F  
Thomas Purnell 6 M  
Rachell Purnell 72 F





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ZADOCK G W PURNELL HOUSE  
Whaleyville, MD-DEL  
1942  
Quadrangle

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MARIA CATHERINE Witney  
(1826 - 1915)

ZADOCK G. W. PUEWELL  
1827 - 1906