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## James Martin House (Mumford House, Mason House)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name MARTIN, JAMES, HOUSE

other names/site number Mumford House -- WO-112

2. Location

street & number 207 Ironshire Street N/A  not for publication

city or town Snow Hill N/A  vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Worcester code 047 zip code 21863

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register.

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determined eligible for the National Register

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determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COLONIAL/Georgian

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Weatherboard  
roof Asphalt  
other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

The James Martin house is 1½-story gambrel roofed frame dwelling with a transverse passage, double-pile plan erected around 1790 on a high ridge of land within the current corporate limits of the town of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The exterior is partially clad with original beaded weatherboards and the first floor rooms are lighted by a combination of nine-over-nine and twelve-over-twelve sash windows. Attached to the east side of the house is a mid-nineteenth century two-story porch. Extending from the west side is a one-story service wing comprising a former hyphen and kitchen wing that was remodeled during the 1940s and again in the 1960s. The interior retains a large percentage of its original woodwork including several raised-panel overmantels and raised six-panel doors hung on wrought hinges. Exposed beaded joists remain in place on the second floor.

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Worcester County  
MarylandSection number 7 Page 2**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The James Martin House stands at 207 Ironshire Street in the southern residential district of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The 1½-story, gambrel-roofed frame house faces northwest, and the principal roof is oriented on a northwest/southwest axis.

Built around 1790, the 1½-story, transverse hall plan frame house is supported by a Flemish bond foundation that has been excavated in order to provide a cellar. The house is sheathed with a combination of original beaded weatherboards, plain mid-nineteenth century weatherboards, and replacement beading siding. Most of the original siding is found on the northwest and southwest sides. The modified gambrel roof is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles. Attached to the northeast side is a mid-nineteenth century two-story, shed-roofed porch. Extending from the southwest side of the house is a single-story wing that was reworked during the 1940s and later in the 1960s. The original configuration of the service wing followed the regional stepped form with a short single story hyphen that joined the one-room plan kitchen to the main block. During the 1940s, the roof of the hyphen was raised to a level consistent with the kitchen roof, and a shed dormer was stretched across the southeast side.

The northwest (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a center, raised nine-panel front door sheltered by a single-bay, gable roof porch. Flanking the front entrance are nine-over-nine sash windows fitted with louvered shutters. The second floor is marked by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. The uppermost gambrel end is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window, and the eave is flush and fitted with a narrow bargeboard. The foundation wall is pierced by small cellar grills with vertical, diamond-cross-sectioned bars. The asymmetry of the gambrel end elevation results from the addition of the mid-nineteenth century side porch.

The northeast side elevation is three bays across and it is fully sheltered by the two-story porch supported on large square posts. The plain weatherboards on this side of the house date from when the porch was attached and the east side of the gambrel roof

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was reworked. Piercing the first floor wall is a side entrance in the northernmost bay and two nine-over-nine sash windows to the south. The windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The second floor is defined in much the same manner with a side entrance providing access to the porch and two adjacent six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. Two four-pane windows pierce the top of the end wall to light the attic. A bulkhead entrance permits access to the cellar.

The southwest side elevation is partially covered by the 1½-story kitchen wing, which is three bays across by one room deep. The portion of the gambrel roof house that is uncovered by the wing is defined by a single twelve-over-twelve sash window on the first floor, and a pair of gabled dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows mark the roof. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. This side elevation retains its original beaded weatherboards.

A large exterior brick chimney rises on the southwest gable end of the kitchen wing. The off-center stack narrows toward the top with smooth weatherings at two points of transition. The northwest side of the wing is pierced by an off-center door, flanked on the right by a six-over-six sash window. A smaller, squarish window pierces the wall to the left. The southeast wall of the wing is defined by a recessed rear entrance to the kitchen along with a sliding door entrance to the former kitchen space which is now used as a family room. The shed dormer features a pair of windows with louvered shutters.

The interior retains a large percentage of its original late eighteenth century woodwork, although modifications have been made to the floor plan, main staircase, and service wing during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. During the mid-twentieth century the transverse hall, which originally extended across the front of the house, was partitioned at the southwest end to create a larger dining room and at the same time allow for a hall closet. An early nineteenth century staircase rising in the northeast corner of the transverse hall apparently replaced the eighteenth century stair. The closed stringer stair is distinguished by a slender Federal newel post, a circular profile handrail, and a series of rectangular balusters. The triangular area beneath the

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stringer is finished with wide beaded edge boards, and a beaded board-and-batten door under the first landing provides access to the cellar stair. The hall also features a beaded baseboard molding, chair rail, and ogee profile door surrounds. Raised six-panel doors hung on HL hinges open into the parlor and dining room.

The parlor, a squarish room measuring 16'10" by 16'2", features a corner fireplace highlighted by a raised-panel overmantel. One large center panel is flanked by long rectangular panels on each side. A large bolection molding, probably dating from the mid-twentieth century restoration, frames the firebox. Fixed between the bolection molding and the raised-panel overmantel is a separate mantel shelf. The room also features a molded chair rail, beaded baseboard, and a later cornice. Ogee profile surrounds frame the nine-over-nine sash windows.

The adjacent dining room is a much narrower space than the parlor, measuring 11'6" across by 16'10" deep. The room is served by a corner fireplace that has a raised-panel overmantel consisting of four vertical panels topped by a long horizontal panel. The rebuilt firebox is framed by a later molded surround, and a separate mantel shelf stretches across the chimney breast. The dining room has beaded baseboard and chair rail moldings as well as a later cornice. Mid-twentieth century bookshelves were built into the north end of the room to each side of the nine-over-over sash window.

The second floor is divided in much the same way as the first floor with two bedrooms served by a transverse hall. At the west end of the hall is a third bedroom, and an adjacent bathroom has been introduced. The second floor is distinguished by exposed, beaded floor joists, and raised six-panel doors are framed by ogee molded surrounds. The southwest bedroom is the only room on the second floor, within the main house, that has a fireplace, and the chimney breast is finished with a raised-panel overmantel. Chair rail and beaded baseboard moldings finish the other rooms.

The interior of the former hyphen has been remodeled as the kitchen, and the former kitchen now serves as a family room. A date brick inscribed "1968" is set in the hearth of the six-foot wide fireplace. The second floor of the former kitchen is a simply

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finished bedroom with early nineteenth century chair rail. A molded surround frames a small fireplace. The bedroom also is fitted with built-in closets and a separate bathroom.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1790-1944

**Significant Dates**

1790

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 7  
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Worcester County Library, Snow Hill, MD

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815

Agricultural/Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Architecture/Landscape  
Planning

Architecture/Community

Known Design Source: Unknown

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**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:**

The James Martin House, a gambrel-roofed timber frame dwelling constructed ca. 1790, is significant under Criterion C as an example of a type of vernacular domestic architecture which occurred in small numbers in the lower Eastern Shore region during the eighteenth century. The James Martin House is the only remaining example of this form in Worcester County, and one of only three known examples in the lower Eastern Shore region. The other two examples, Pemberton Hall (WI-1) and Bryan's Manor (WI-3), are brick buildings constructed in the mid-eighteenth century; the James Martin House is the only timber frame example to survive. The interior follows a transverse hall plan, a room disposition that became popular in the region during the post-Revolutionary War era, and the interior displays superior craftsmanship in its extensive raised paneling.

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MarylandSection number 8 Page 8**RESOURCE HISTORY:**

Martin family ownership of portions of the Snow Hill tract dates as early as 1720, and family property holdings increased over the course of the eighteenth century. On March 3, 1764, Thomas Martin, John Rosse, William Allen, and Thomas Dashiehl, representatives of the estate of John Martin, deceased, transferred to James Martin around 400 acres described as "all that part of the af'd tract of land called Snow Hill which lyeth to the eastward and southward of the Lotts layed out and surveyed for the Town of Snow Hill". When Snow Hill was resurveyed in 1793, James Martin sold a portion of his plantation to the inhabitants of Worcester County in order to lay out "Martin's Alley".

"Martin's Alley" (now Martin Street) bordered James Martin's plantation, which at the time encompassed several hundred acres on the southwest side of Snow Hill. His newly built house with its gambrel front oriented northwest was situated atop a small knoll that provided a handsome prospect of town to the north. The entrance lane from Martin's Alley also would have provided the most expedient access to the town center.

Colonel James Martin died in 1810, and in his will he directed that his real estate be sold by his executors, his nephew Dr. John S. Martin, and son-in-law Robert Smith. Two years later, following the death of Robert Smith, the land was sold to James Dawes of Baltimore County for \$1,580. Dawes owned the plantation for only two years when it was transferred to Isaac P. Smith (1785-1847), who held title to the land until his death. The property fell to Isaac's son Alexander, a resident of Philadelphia, who sold it to Denard Williams (1801-1855), a town attorney. In the wake of the court settlement and the division of the Williams estate holdings, the "Smith farm and Gallows Hill", as it was described, was bought by George C. Townsend in 1858.

During the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century the property was the residence of the family of William C. Mumford. After Mumford's death in 1879, his wife Eleanor continued to reside in the house for a few years more until a court settlement in 1882 forced division and auction of the farm. After the turn of the century, the old Martin house was purchased by William J. Shockley

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in 1907, and he and his wife occupied the house until he died in 1913, after which she retained title until 1918.

John L. Mason bought the property in 1925 and bequeathed it to his children the following year. The Mason heirs held the property jointly until March 1941 when Ralph L. Mason acquired the other siblings' interests in the house and lot. Ralph L. Mason transferred the property to his sister, Florence H. Mason a year later. It was during the ownership of Florence H. Mason that the house was partially renovated; the entrance hall was modified and the hyphen roof was raised. Florence Mason was a single woman who took great interest in the historic significance of the house. She followed with close attention the restoration work at Williamsburg and restored and modified the house accordingly. The bolection moldings around the fireplaces, the parlor and dining room cornices, and the remodeled hyphen were accomplished during her ownership. After Florence Mason's death in 1966, her heirs sold the house to John M. and Amy O. Mason, who held it until the early 1970s. Since then the house and lot have changed several times, most recently in 1986 when the current owners acquired title. The Leitches have undertaken sensitive alterations and repairs to the two-hundred-year-old dwelling.

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** approximately .45 acre  
USGS quad: Snow Hill, MD

**UTM References**  
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 11  
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** SEE CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 11  
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian  
organization Private Consultant date 29 December 1993  
street & number P.O. Box 5 telephone (410) 651-1094  
city or town Westover state MD zip code 21871

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Leitch  
street & number 207 Ironshire Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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**BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:**

Located on the southeasterly side of Ironshire Street and the northeasterly side of and binding on Stevenson Street, now known as Mumford Street, beginning for the same at a hub settled in the ground at the point of intersection of the southeasterly line of Ironshire Street with the northeasterly line of Stevenson Street, (1) by and with the southeasterly side of said Ironshire Street North 58 degrees 54 minutes, East 111.6 feet to a post settled in the ground at the westerly corner of the land now or formerly owned by Lloyd F. Trader, (2) thence by and with the southwesterly line of said Trader land South 32 degrees East 189.1 feet to a post settled in the ground on the northwesterly side of Wilson's Alley (3) thence by and with said Wilson's Alley South 58 degrees 20 minutes West 117.7 feet to a hub, (4) thence by and with said Stevenson Street North 30 degrees 9 minutes 190.32 feet to the place of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:**

The nominated property, approximately one-half acre, comprises the resource within the domestic yard which constitutes its historic setting. Boundaries are defined by existing street and driveway and current property lines.

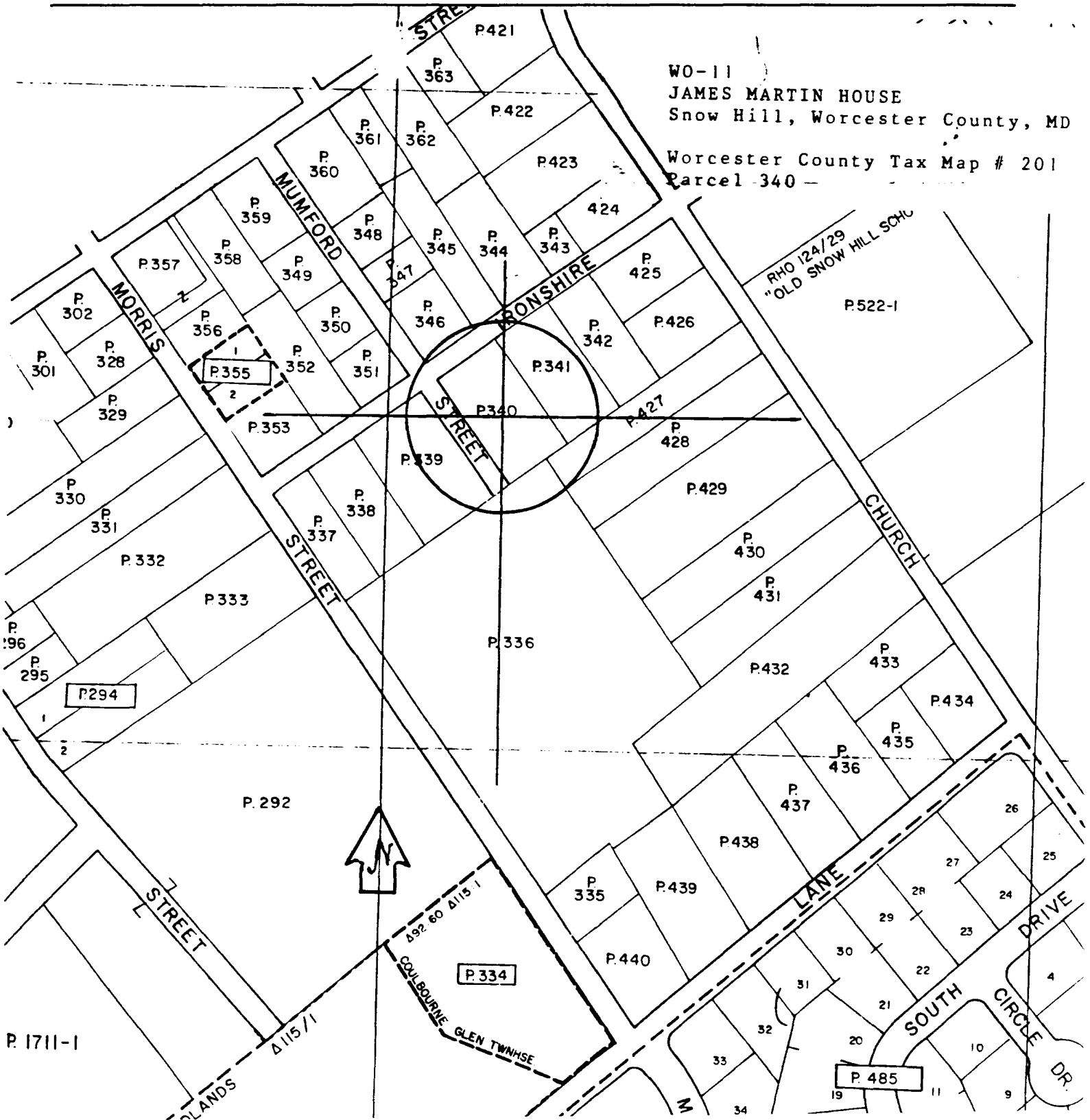
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Parcel 340



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NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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JAMES MARION HOUSE  
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER COUNTY, MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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DINING ROOM MANTEL

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PHOTOGRAPHER

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JAMES MARTIN House  
SNOW Hill, WORCESTER Co., MD.

SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM

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JAMES MARTIN HOUSE  
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO., MD.

PARLOR FIREPLACE

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JAMES MARSH HOUSE

Snow Hill, WINCHESTER CO, MD.

NORTHWEST WALL AND WINDOW

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~~PHOTOGRAPHER~~

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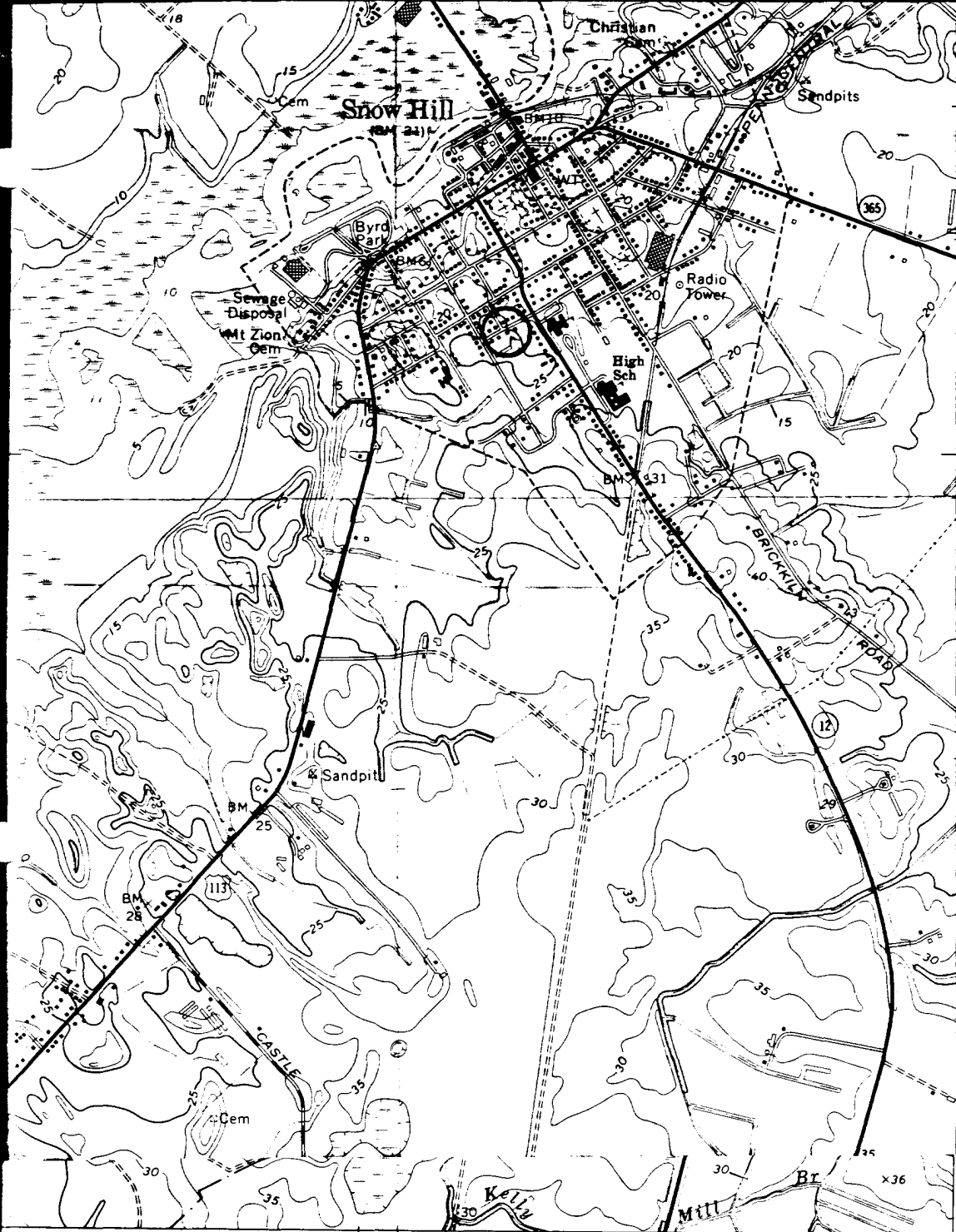
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

<p>1. STATE <i>Maryland</i>          COUNTY <i>Worcester</i>          TOWN <i>Snow Hill</i> VICINITY          STREET NO. <i>207 W</i> <i>Ironshire St.</i></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i>          PRESENT OWNER <i>John M Mason</i>          PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i>          NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY          INVENTORY <i>WO-112</i></p> <p>2. NAME <i>Mumford House</i>  <i>(Mason House)</i>          DATE OR PERIOD <i>c. 1790</i>          STYLE <i>Federal</i>          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>NO</i></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unique in Worcester County is the Mumford House, Snow Hill. Its Ironshire Street facade is its gable, but the gable of a gambrel roof dwelling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is built on a brick foundation. The sides are covered with white clapboard. Its central door is very plain and is covered by an "A" roof porch with a bench on each side. The door has nine recessed panels. The two windows on this facade have nine over nine sash; the three above on the second story and the one in the attic have six over six sash; all have green louvered shutters. One window on the west side has twelve over twelve sash.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(continued on reverse side)</p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered <i>NO</i>    Interior    Exterior <i>good</i></p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  <i>Forman, H.C., Early Manor &amp; Plantation Houses of Maryland, 1934. p. _____</i></p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <i>Michael Bourne</i>  <i>Maryland Historical Trust</i></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <i>WDC, 1969</i></p>

On the east side of the house is a two-story screened porch, unusual for a gambrel roof house; out the west side is a kitchen wing, three bays long with new fireplace on its west gable.

A single end board survives on the northwest corner of the main block. A large brick chimney stands on the gable opposite the southwest facade. The dormers in the west roof have "A" roof, six over six sash. Apparently the "A" roof is later than the dormers. The wood shingle roof is painted green.

A huge sycamore tree stands beside the house.



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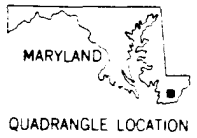
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**SNOW HILL, MD.**  
 NW/4 SNOW HILL 15' QUADRANGLE  
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