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Thomas Holiday Hicks House, (Governor Hicks House, Jeremiah Colston House)

Architectural Survey File

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Thomas Holiday Hicks House
Vienna
c. 1823
Private

While the most famous resident of this two-story, side hall/double pile frame house on Water Street is Thomas Holiday Hicks, the 31st governor of Maryland (1858-1862), it was built for Jeremiah Colston shortly after his acquisition of this corner lot in February 1823. The beautifully carved front entrance surround is one of the best examples of neoclassical gougework carpentry in Vienna; it is especially distinctive for its fan-shaped sunburst design over the three-pane door transom and the oval medallions fixed above the fluted pilasters. Now covered with vinyl siding, the body of the house retains its original beaded weatherboards underneath, and two dominant common bond brick chimneys rise on the southwest gable end. The interior has survived with much of its original Federal style woodwork as well.

Thomas Holiday Hicks purchased this Water Street property from Jeremiah and Jane Colston in January 1833 for \$2,250, a sum that well reflects the value of this prominent frame dwelling, its associated outbuildings and fenced garden. Reflecting the change in value of the property over the course of ten years is the price recorded in the land transfer dated February 1823 when half of lot 36 and half of 37 were sold to Jeremiah Colston for \$400. During his nine-year residency of this Water Street property, Thomas Holiday Hicks was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1836, having served previously in 1829-30. In 1838 he was appointed the Dorchester County Register of Wills, a post in which he served until his election as governor in 1858. As governor,

Hicks is credited with keeping Maryland out of the Confederacy, in spite of his strong personal sympathies that sided with the south and an anti-abolitionist stance.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Jeremiah Colston House

other Thomas Holiday Hicks House

2. Location

street and number 121 Water Street not for publication

city, town Vienna vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Mrs. Bruce M. Jones

street and number 121 Water Street, Box 217 telephone

city, town Vienna state MD zip code 21869

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 526 folio 122

city, town Cambridge tax map 500 tax parcel 171 tax ID number 3-038114

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory**

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Historically associated with Thomas Holiday Hicks, the 31st governor of Maryland, and also known as the Jeremiah Colston house, this two-story, three-bay, side hall, double-pile frame dwelling, built around stands at 121 Water Street at the northeast corner of the intersection of Water and Church streets in the center of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. Supported on an common bond brick foundation, the house is sheathed with beaded vinyl siding that covers original beaded weatherboards, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a story-and-a-half service wing. The interior is finished with well-detailed Federal woodwork executed with a high level of decorative gougework and carving.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Associated with the prominent Maryland governor Thomas Holiday Hicks who held title to this property 1833 and 1841,¹ this two-story, three-bay side hall parlor frame dwelling was erected for Jeremiah Colston around 1823. The main block is supported by an early nineteenth brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, and the exterior is clad with beaded vinyl siding that covers original beaded weatherboards. The walls rise to a steeply pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Extending the house to the rear is a story-and-a-half, three-bay by one room kitchen wing.

The southeast main elevation is a three-bay façade with a side entrance and flanking window openings fitted with replacement six-over-six sash windows. The Federal style six-panel front door is framed by an original gabled pediment that frames a gabled pediment, which is visually supported by fluted pilasters. Defining the rectangular blocks above the pilasters are neoclassical carved ovals framed by rope molded edges. The face of the pediment is enriched with a sunburst shaped gougework arch, which is centered atop a three-light transom. The edge of the gable front pediment to the entrance surround is embellished as well with vertical gougework and rope moldings. The adjacent window openings are fitted with replacement sash but originally had nine-over-six sash windows. A former front porch was removed, while the poured concrete base remains with a black iron railing. The second floor is defined by an uneven fenestration of three six-over-six replacement windows. The cornice above the second floor windows, now covered in vinyl, is reported to have Federal gougework carving.

The southwest gable end elevation that faces Church Street is dominated by a pair of common bond brick chimney stacks that have corbelled shoulders at the second floor level and banded chimney tops. An asymmetrical fenestration of replacement sash windows pierce the gable end wall including the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with a vinyl sheathed bargeboard.

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 13/64-65, January 3, 1833, Dorchester County Courthouse, and Dorchester County Land Record, ER 18/551, August 26, 1841, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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The northeast gable end is defined by a pair of replacement sash windows on each floor, as well as a bulkhead entrance that provides access to the cellar. The original windows included nine-over-six sash windows on the first floor, and six-over-six sash windows on the second and third floor levels. The gable end is finished flush with a molded bargeboard covered with vinyl.

Offset to the rear is a story-and-a-half service wing that is three bays across by one room deep. Off center gable roof dormers mark the east and west roof slopes. The wing, like the house, is sheathed with beaded vinyl siding and is covered by an asphalt shingle roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The former residence of Thomas Holiday Hicks (1798-1865), also known as the Jeremiah Colston house, stands prominently on the corner of Church and Water streets facing the Nanticoke River. Built around 1823, the side hall, double pile plan frame dwelling was built in a superior manner with a high level of intricately carved Federal style exterior and interior woodwork, particularly the front entrance surround which is enriched with an abundance of intricate carving including oval medallions and rope moldings. Dominating the southwest gable end is a pair of exterior common bond brick chimney stacks.

Thomas Holiday Hicks purchased this Water Street property from Jeremiah and Jane Colston in January 1833 for \$2,250, a sum that well reflects the value of this prominent frame dwelling, its associated outbuildings and garden.² Reflecting the change in the value of the property over the course of 10 years is the land transfer dated February 1823 when half of lot 36 and half of lot 37 were sold to Jeremiah Colston for \$400.³ During his nine-year residency of the Water Street property, Thomas Holiday Hicks was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1836, having served previously in 1829-30. In 1838 he was appointed the Dorchester County Register of Wills, a post in which he served until he was elected governor in 1858. As the 31st governor of the state of Maryland, he is credited with keeping Maryland out of the Confederacy despite his southern sympathies about slavery and Emancipation.

² *Ibid.*

³ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 9/38, February 28, 1823, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In a decree passed in the April 1821 term of the Dorchester County court, John C. Henry, trustee was empowered to sell the real estate of minor Isaac Nevitt Steele of Annapolis half of lots 36 and 37 in Vienna. Seven years later, in June 1830, the water lot descending to the Nanticoke River was acquired by Jeremiah Colston from the estate of Robert Dennis, deceased.⁴ During his ownership, Jeremiah Colston improved his property with a well built two-story frame house enriched with delicate Federal woodwork and heated by two large exterior brick chimneys. In 1833, potentially due to ill health, Jeremiah Colston and his wife Jane transferred ownership of their house and water front property to Thomas Holiday Hicks for the significant sum of \$2,250.

Thomas Holiday Hicks retained ownership of the Water Street house and waterfront acreage across the street for nine years, ultimately selling "all those lots or parts of lots of land and parcels lying in the town of Vienna and partly adjoining the said town...together with the dwelling house, store house, office, outhouses, and garden fences and improvements (except the house known as the Vienna Academy), as also the large new wharf and granary thereon situated on the east side of Water Street, ...and projecting out and running into the Nanticoke River."⁵ Thomas H. Hicks sold the well improved town lots to Henry Wilcox for \$3,250.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 13/64-65, January 3, 1833, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 18/551, August 26, 1841, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Jeremiah Colston House. also known as
Thomas Holiday Hicks House
121 Water Street
Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland

Chain of title

Map 500, Parcel 172

MLB 526/122

Barbara J. Fearson

to

5.14.2003

Bruce M. Jones

\$190,000

MLB 338/442

William A. Fearson, Jr. and Barbara J. Fearson

to

2.23.1996

Barbara J. Fearson

PLC 228/6

Joseph F. Baker, Personal Representative of the Estate
of Ruth Shockley Baker

to

9.7.1983

William A. Fearson, Jr. and Barbara J. Fearson

(also mentioned in a deed from Emily Wainwright to John
W. T. Webb, CL 27/636, "dower interests"

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CL 26/504

James A. Higgins, Trustee

to

4.15.1902

John W. T. Webb
Decree of Circuit Court, 5.21.1900, in the case of William J.
Willing vs. Mary A. Collier, No. 2285, in Chancery, Lots, 1, 2 & 3
\$1,600

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RSM 66/438

Everitt M. Layton and Eulah C. Layton

to

7.20.1948

Joseph Lewis Baker and Ruth Shockley Baker

(Upon the death of Laura J. Layton, dated 11.3.1921, Last Will
and Testament, RPS 3/32)

WHM 9/637

T. Sangston Insley and Everitt M. Layton, Trustees

to

1.8.1921

Laura J. Layton

WLR 4/638

John W.T. Webb and Annie V. Webb

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CL 4/558

Thomas Higgins and Catherine Higgins

to

11.16.1882

Jesse Wainwright

\$2,000 All that dwelling house, lot and wharf and granary and other improvements where Captain Francis Higgins resided at the time of his death

CL 4/458

Charles E. Hayward, Trustee

to

11.3.1882

Thomas Higgins

\$1,000 Decree of Circuit Court, Thomas Higgins, complainant and Sadie Higgins, et al, defendants

FJH 6/225

Martina A. Woodside and James S. Woodside

to

10.12.1865

Francis Higgins

\$2,750 All that dwelling house and lot of land with store house, wharf and Granary and other the improvements thereon, situated in the Town Vienna and at present occupied by the said Francis Higgins it being a portion of the property which the said Martina A. Woodside inherited from her father Henry Wilcox...

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FJH 5/166

Martina A. Wilcox

to

4.3.1862

Francis Higgins

\$250 5 acres, 1 rood, and 27 square perches

ER 16/456

Thomas Byrn and Louisa his wife

to

3.31.1838

Thomas Holiday Hicks

No consideration identified

Being part of the Lot of ground purchased by Thomas Byrn at a sale of the estate of William C. V. Dashiell by the sheriff ...Beginning at the corner of Thomas H. Hicks lot on which he now resides and which he purchased of the late Jeremiah Colston, on Water Street, running & binding with Water Street in a North East direction until it comes to the corner of the shoe shop at present in the occupancy of Samuel Keys (?) thence westward by binding with the south side of said shop until it intersects the plank fence enclosing the said Thomas H. Hicks' garden, in which is enclosed a part of the ground now conveyed and intended to be conveyed, thence running North easterly to the corner of the said Thomas H. Hicks' garden as now enclosed, thence westwardly by a straight line binding with the paled or plank fence by which said Thomas H. Hicks' Garden is now enclosed until it intersects with the line of Dr. Jackson's Lot at or near his Stables, thence South with Dr. Jackson's lines until it intersects Thomas H. Hicks' lot as above stated

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ER 18/551

Thomas Holiday Hicks

to

8.26.1841

Henry Wilcox

\$3250 all those lots or parts of lots of land and parcels lying in the town of Vienna and partly adjoining the said town of Vienna together with the dwelling house, store house, office, outhouses, and garden fences and improvements except that house known as the Vienna Academy which now stands on one of the said lots as also the large new wharf and granary thereon situated on the east side of Water Street in the said town and projecting out and running into the Nanticoke River

ER 15/179

Henry Page, Trustee

to

12.21.1835

Thomas Holiday Hicks

Decree of Chancery Court, 10.13.1834, Sale of property of Jeremiah Colston, Lots No 1 & 4 of Nanticoke Manor, 556 acres

ER 13/64-65

Jeremiah Colston and Jane, his wife

to

1.3.1833

Thomas Holiday Hicks

\$2250 "all them Lots, or parts of Lots of ground lying and being in Dorchester County aforesaid and in the Town of Vienna that is to say all that Lot or part of a Lot or parcel of Ground

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that was heretofore to wit on the twenty eighth day of February 1823 conveyed by John C. Henry trustee appointed to sell and dispose of a part of the real estate of Isaac Nevitt Steele for his benefit to the said Jeremiah Colston... which said Lots or lot of ground is at present occupied Ebenezer Owens now tenant, which said Lot is to run from the outer part of the Garden of the said Ebenezer Owens with a straight line on each side to the front street of Nanticoke, And also all that water lot lying and being in the said Town of Vienna which was heretofore to wit on the fifth day of June in the year 1830 sold by Thomas Hayward Trustee appointed by Dorchester County Court to sell and dispose of a part of the real estate of Robert Dennis, deceased, for the payment of certain Legacies in the last will and testament of the said Robert Dennis, mentioned, to the said Jeremiah Colston....

ER 9/38

John C. Henry, Trustee

to

2.28.1823

Jeremiah Colston

\$400 Decree of Dorchester Court, April term, 1821, empowered to sell real property belonging to Isaac Nevitt Steele of Annapolis, minor, half of Lot 37 & half of Lot 36 adjoining as laid down on the original plat of Vienna Town

Groceries, Hats, Caps, B
 Queensware, &c., and all
 kept in a first class country
OLIVER S. RICHARD
 Contractor and Builder. I
 try done with neatness ;
 taken at all times.
JESSE C. RICHARDSO
 tractor and Builder. All
 done with neatness and d
 at all times.
T. A. WILLIS, Dealer in
 Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes,
 Country Produce taken in
 at Williams' Road near C
POWELL & NETTLEY
 Mill on "Big Blackwater
 cut to order. Custom wo
 done.
THOMAS KING CAE
 Surgeon. All calls pro
 in Church Creek.
W. A. VANE, Ship Carpe

VIENNA

DORCHESTER CO.



VIENNA BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- HITCH & BRO'S.**, Practical Carriage and Harness makers. Manufacturers of all kinds of Carriage work. We have on hand a good stock of Carriages of our own manufacture. We do Trimming, Repairing, Painting, and all kinds of Carriage work. Shop on Race street.
- C. B. BOSTON**, Wheelwright and Undertaker. Wheelwrighting in all its Branches, I Manufacture from the Lightest Buggy to Road Wagons, Repairing done and Solicited, also Undertaking in all its Branches. Shop on Race street.
- THOMAS HIGGINS & SON**, Merchants and Millers. General Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Meal and Flour, Lumber of all kinds, Flooring, Peach and Grape Boxes.
- DR. S. S. EWELL**, Physician and Surgeon, will Practice in Dorchester and Wicomico counties, Md. All calls promptly attended to Day and Night. Office on Race street.
- DR. EUGENE HODEON**, Physician and Surgeon.
- J. H. VANE**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Willow and Woodenware, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles, Drugs, Medicines, Notions, &c. Country Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. Store at Linkwood Station.
- V. H. JONES**, Dealer Hats, Caps, Boots, Sho Wooden and Willow Articles, Drugs, Medic Produce taken in exc Linkwood Station.
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- GEORGE A. HARRI** done in all its Branch Horse-Shoeing a Sp thing in my line will in Church Creek Dist
- J. S. VINCENT**, Tel and Express Agent, a in my line will recei will find me at all ti Station.
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 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
 Atlas, 1877

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 7,472 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 1 + acres
Quadrangle name Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

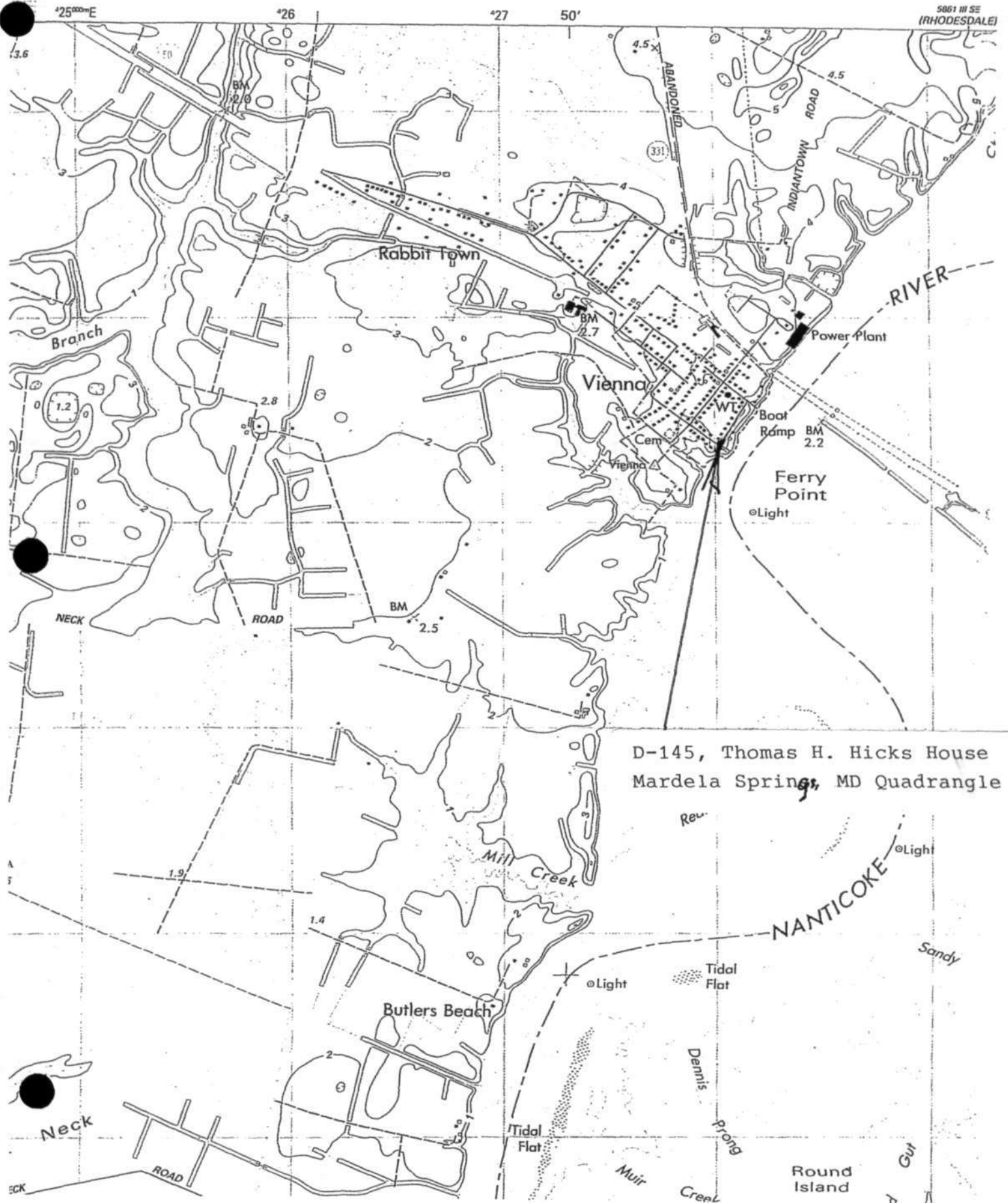
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10/11/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle



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Viewpoint, DORCHESTER Co., MS.

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Viewmont, Dorchester
Co., N.D.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
The Governor Hicks House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Water Street				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Vienna				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
J. Lewis Baker				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
P.O. Box 54				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Vienna			Maryland	
			21869	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 66/438				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Historic American Building Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Washington			D.C.	
			20201	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>By far the most sophisticated Federal townhouse in Vienna is the Governor Hicks House, located on the corner of Water and Church Streets. Its three-bay facade is covered by a 1-story porch which partially conceals the pediment above the rectangular transom and part of the sunburst. In the middle of the fluted pilasters are gouge-carved rosettes and in place of the capitals are sun disc carvings. Rope molding and other intricate details are seen around the entrance. Beneath the main "A" roof, the fascia also possesses more detail than any other in the town, with alternating blocks of reeding. Two exterior brick chimneys on the gable are similar to the others in Vienna, but are taller and more finely laid. The entire house still retains its original beaded clapboard. Behind the house and set more to the north stands the kitchen wing with central chimney.</p> <p>The interior is divided into side stair hall and two parlors. Each room possesses original woodwork which is relatively plain, the mantels having a small amount of reeding, etc.</p> <p>The house is in good condition and in no danger.</p>		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lot #37 on Thames Street was taken up by Leonard Jones in 1706 at the layout of Vienna for 35 pounds of tobacco to Lord Baltimore, 100 pounds to James Anderson as lessee, and 15 pounds to William Marret, his tenant. Jones was allowed 40 pounds for assistance in laying out the town. He was also one of the 40 people who protested the building of a second Chapel of Ease between Vienna and Cambridge in about 1728.

John C. Henry and James Steele each owned an undivided half interest in lots 36 and 37. When James Steele died prior to 1819, his son's half interest was described by appraisers: "On said lot there is at present a commodious store-house, nearly finished, two new smoke-houses, and an old kitchen, the whole inclosed by a fence," May, 1820. Colston bought Henry's half interest for \$400, and on the basis of that price the appraisers recommended the same price for Isaac Nevitt Steele's half interest, which was accepted, and both deeds were executed in 1823, being \$800 total price for lots 36 and 37. The above is from Dorchester Chancery Cause #32.

In 1833 Jeremiah Colston sold the above two lots and a water lot in front to Thomas H. Hicks for \$2250. Hicks bought several other properties in the town and vicinity in the next few years. Aug. 26, 1841, Hicks sold to Henry Wilcox all his property in and around Vienna except the Vienna Academy for \$3250.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		DATE
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		Summer, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Dorchester TOWN Vienna VICINITY STREET NO. Water street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER J. Lewis Baker PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION frame NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY D-145 2. NAME The Governor Hicks House DATE OR PERIOD c. 1790 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p>By far the most sophisticated Federal townhouse in Vienna is the Governor Hicks House, located on the corner of Water and Church Streets. Its three-bay facade is covered by a 1-story porch which partially conceals the pediment above the rectangular transom and part of the sunburst. In the middle of the fluted pilasters are gouge-carved rosettes and in place of the capitals are sun disc carvings. Rope molding and other intricate details are seen around the entrance. Beneath the main "A" roof, the fascia also possesses more detail than any other in the town, with alternating blocks of reeding. Two exterior brick chimneys on the gable are similar to the others in Vienna, but are taller and more finely laid. The entire house still retains its original beaded clapboard. Behind the house and set more to the north stands the kitchen wing with central chimney.</p> <p>The interior is divided into side stair hall and two parlors. Each room possesses original woodwork which is relatively plain, the mantels having</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <small>Endangered Interior Exterior</small> <p>a small amount of reeding, etc.</p> <p>The house is in good condition and in no danger.</p>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER mob Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD Summer, 1972





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Gov. Hicks House

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Gov. Hicks House, Vienna

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