T-812 c. 1890
Nancy Copper House
Copperville
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: NANCY COPPER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-812

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

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DOE ___yes ___no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common NANCY COPPER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number End of dirt lane off Copperville Road ___ not for publication

city, town Copperville ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	x other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

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		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	x deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
___ good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Nancy Copper house is located at the end of dirt lane that intersects Copperville Road in the center of Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story weatherboard frame house faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Estimated to date to around 1890, the two-story, two-part frame dwelling rests on a minimal brick pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with German style siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. From exterior evidence it appears the two-story, three-bay hall/parlor main house was enlarged shortly after construction with two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The southwest (main) facade of the original house is a slightly asymmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. A four-panel door along with the adjacent windows are sheltered by a hip roof turned post porch distinguished by sawn corner brackets. The windows retain louvered shutters. The second floor is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that also survive with louvered shutters. The east end kitchen wing is one bay wide with a four-panel door opening on the first floor and a six-over-six sash window on the second floor.

The gable ends are simply treated. Piercing the east end is a single six-over-six sash window, while the west end is a blind weatherboard wall. The eaves are slightly extended.

The back of the house is treated in a similar manner as the front without the porch.

Inside the main house is divided into two rooms by a plasterd partition. Plain late nineteenth century woodwork frames the window and door openings. A winder stair is located in the east room. Due to a deteriorated roof, the kitchen interior has rotted. A built-in cupboard remains in the southwest corner.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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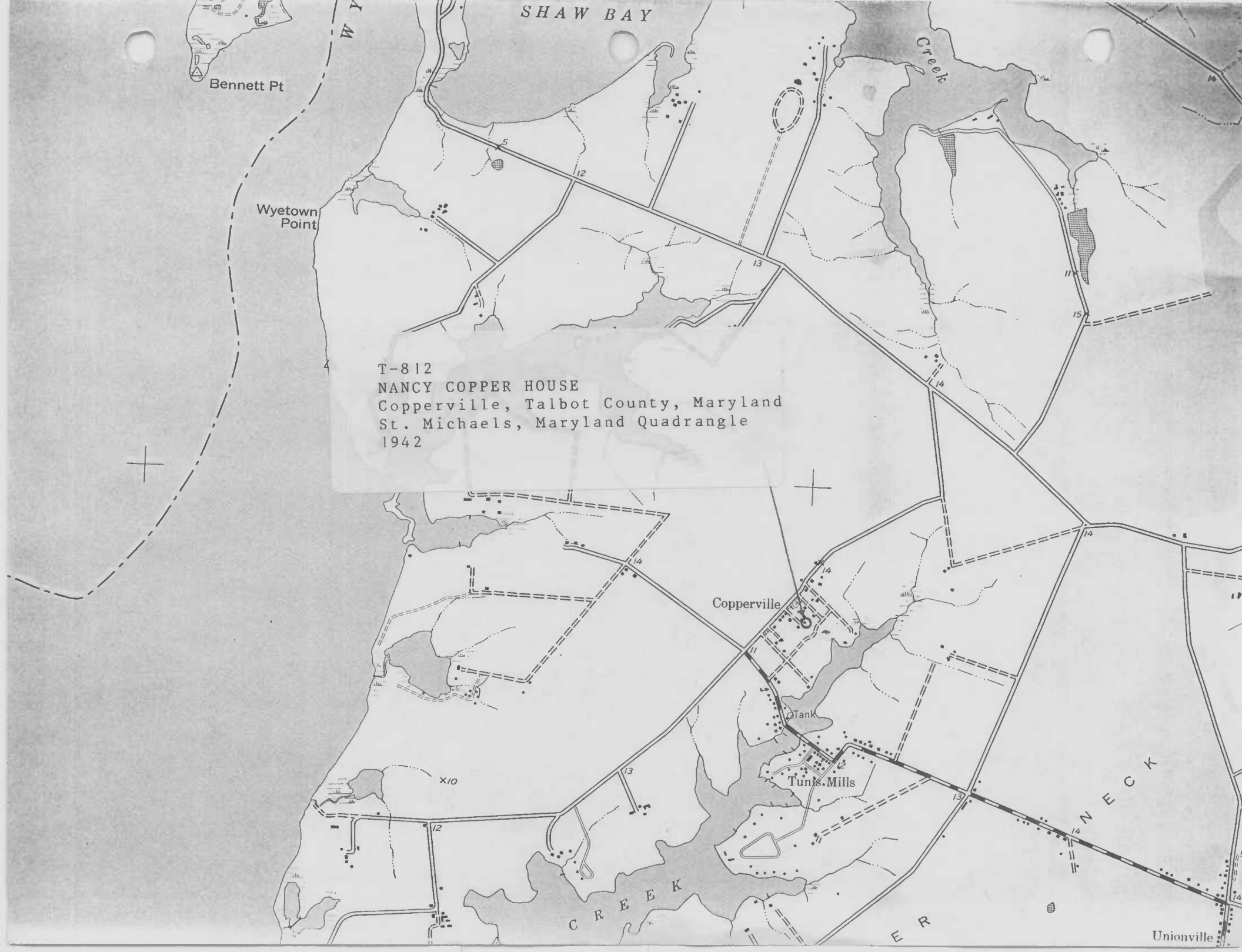
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Bennett Pt
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Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland
St. Michaels, Maryland Quadrangle
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Copperville
Tank
Tunis Mills
CREEK
NECK
Unionville

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NANCY COPPER HOUSE
Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland
Southwest elevation
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NANCY COPPER HOUSE
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Porch, Southwest elevation
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