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Nineteenth and Twentieth
 Centuries)

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 Shelltown Survey District
 Shelltown
 public and private

Shelltown is a small village located along the Pocomoke River approximately two miles south of Rehobeth. One street, which connects Shelltown Road and the wharf, constitutes the main road that the village houses face. The small community is comprised of approximately a dozen frame or recently built brick structures. The Cropper store is the only commercial structure. A few buildings date from the third quarter of the nineteenth century, but most structures were erected during the early twentieth century. Even though the extant dwellings in Shelltown date from relatively modern times, Shelltown, as a village, is documented as early as the late eighteenth century and named for large shell deposits along the river banks.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-258

Magi No. 2002584638

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Shelltown

and/or common Shelltown Survey District

2. Location

street & number E side of Shelltown Road not for publication

city, town Shelltown vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Somerset

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Multiple Owners

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber _____

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio _____

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Shelltown is a small riverside village located approximately two miles south of Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland, on the east side of Shelltown Road and the west bank of the Pocomoke River. One street, which connects Shelltown Road and the wharf, constitutes the main road that the village houses face. The small community is comprised of approximately a dozen frame or recently built brick houses. The Cropper store is a single-story frame structure that stands on the south side of the village road. A few buildings date from the third or fourth quarters of the 19th century, but most structures, including the store, were erected during The-Post-World War 1 period. A small dock, boat ramp and bulkhead mark the west bank of the river.

The Cropper store, built c. 1920-1930 is the only surviving business in Shelltown. The single-story gable-front store has a hip-roofed front porch that covers the glazed-door entrance and adjacent display window. A narrow brick stack rises from the center of the building. The rectangular frame structure is sheathed in weatherboards and covered by a medium-sloped tin roof. Tin advertisements are fixed to the west wall. Extending to the rear is a single-story shed addition.

Directly across the street is the largest dwelling. The Broughton house, built c. 1890-1900. The two-story Queen Anne style house is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of asphalt shingles and wooden shingle. The pyramidal roof with multiple gables is covered with asphalt shingles. Two over two sash windows light the irregular plain house.

Other houses in Shelltown follow popular or vernacular forms such as the bungalow or center hall, single-pile forms.

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

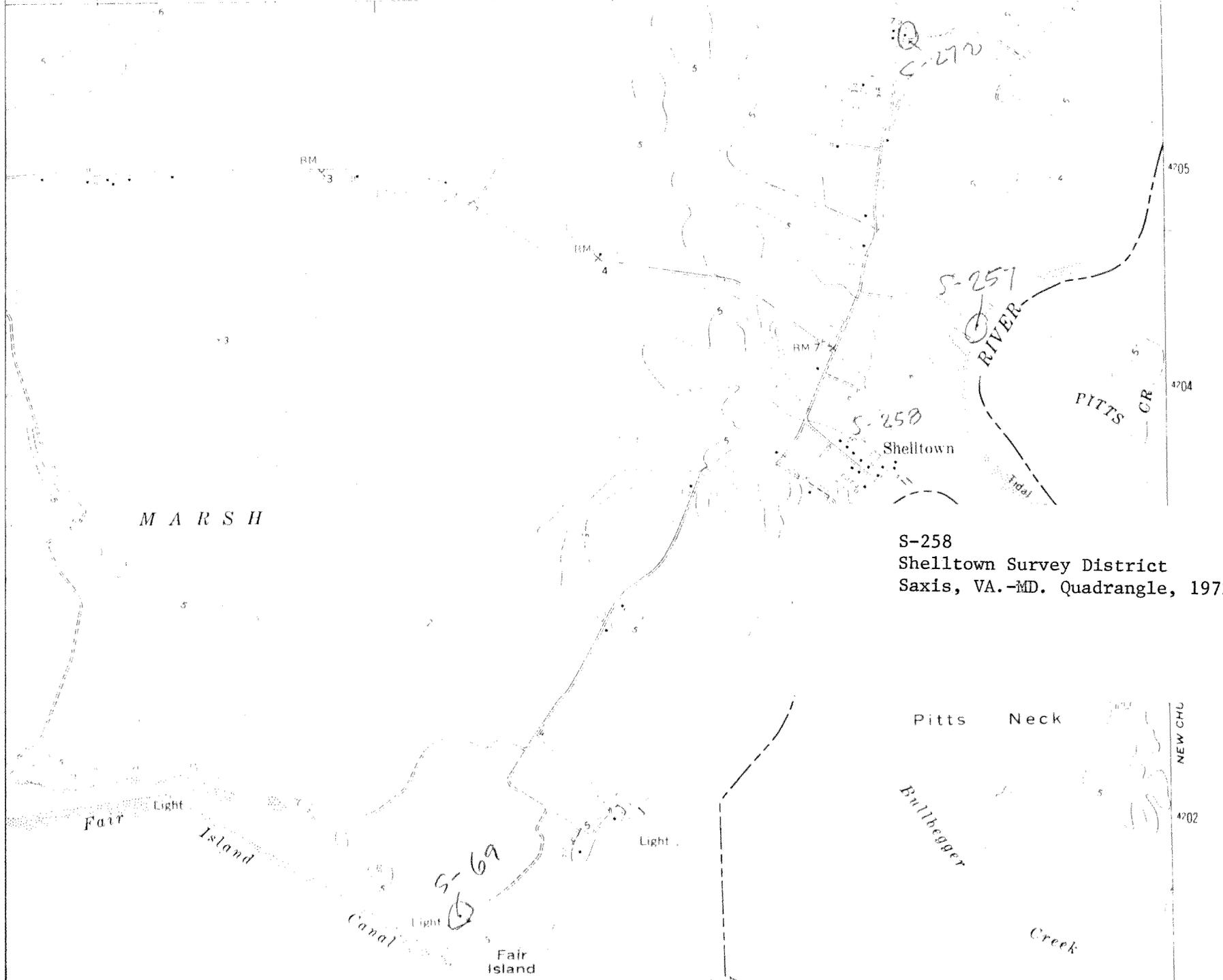
Level of Significance: national state local

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

Despite the relatively modern dates of its buildings, Shelltown, as a village, is documented as early as the late 18th century and named for large shell deposits along the river banks. The site continued to be advantageous for shipping until the steamboats discontinued service around 1925.

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Shelltown Survey District
Saxis, VA.-MD. Quadrangle, 1972

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Shelltown Survey District
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County
South Elevation of House
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Shelton Survey District
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County
Southwest Elevation of House
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Shelltown Survey District
Cropper's Store - North
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County
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Shelltown Survey District
Cropper's Store From West
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County
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Shelltown Survey District S-258
Wharf From South
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County
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