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Marine Bank of Crisfield
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Standing on the northwest side of Maryland Avenue, the Marine Bank of Crisfield is a well-preserved early twentieth-century bank building designed with simple, but clear references to classical orders and symmetry. The southwest elevation is divided into three bays by four Ionic pilasters that rise from simply molded granite bases. The pilaster shafts are of a brownish brick, while the capitals are made of carved limestone. Located between each pair of pilasters is a large door or window opening with a finely tooled keystone arch. Dating to 1905, this bank represents a prime period in Crisfield history, when the earlier frame buildings were replaced with more permanent brick structures. Now serving as a community museum, the structure is used to interpret local history.

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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 Old Marine Bank of Crisfield stands on the northwest side of Maryland 413 in downtown Crisfield. Facing southeast, the single-story brown brick building has been converted to a small local museum.

Built in 1905, the single-story three-bay stretcher bond pressed brick building rests on a smooth granite foundation and is covered by a flat roof hidden by a parapet. A shorter single-story section extends to the rear of the one-room plan main block.

The southeast (main) elevation is divided into three bays by four Ionic pilasters that rise from simply molded granite bases. The pilaster shafts are of brown brick while the capitals are of carved limestone. The pilasters support a rectangular beige-colored brick panel that stretches across the upper portion of the building. The parapet roof is capped by a course of limestone blocks. Located between each pair of pilasters is a large door or window opening with a finely tooled keystone arch. The center door and the flanking windows have been reduced in size. Curved iron grills protect the two window openings.

The sides of the building that are not covered by adjacent commercial structures have been stuccoed. A narrow brick stack rises from the southwest side.

The northwest (rear) elevation of the old bank consists of a shorter single-story section that extends from the taller main block. Extending farther from the main block is a one-room concrete block addition. Large windows have been cut through the upper wall of the main block on either side of a brick chimney stack. The rear wall of the shorter section is marked by four segmental arched window openings, three of which are now covered by the concrete block addition. Iron bars remain on the northern-most window opening.

The bank interior has been converted into a small town museum, but the iron vault remains in place. The high ceiling permitted the insertion of small offices above the vault.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1905 **Builder/Architect**

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

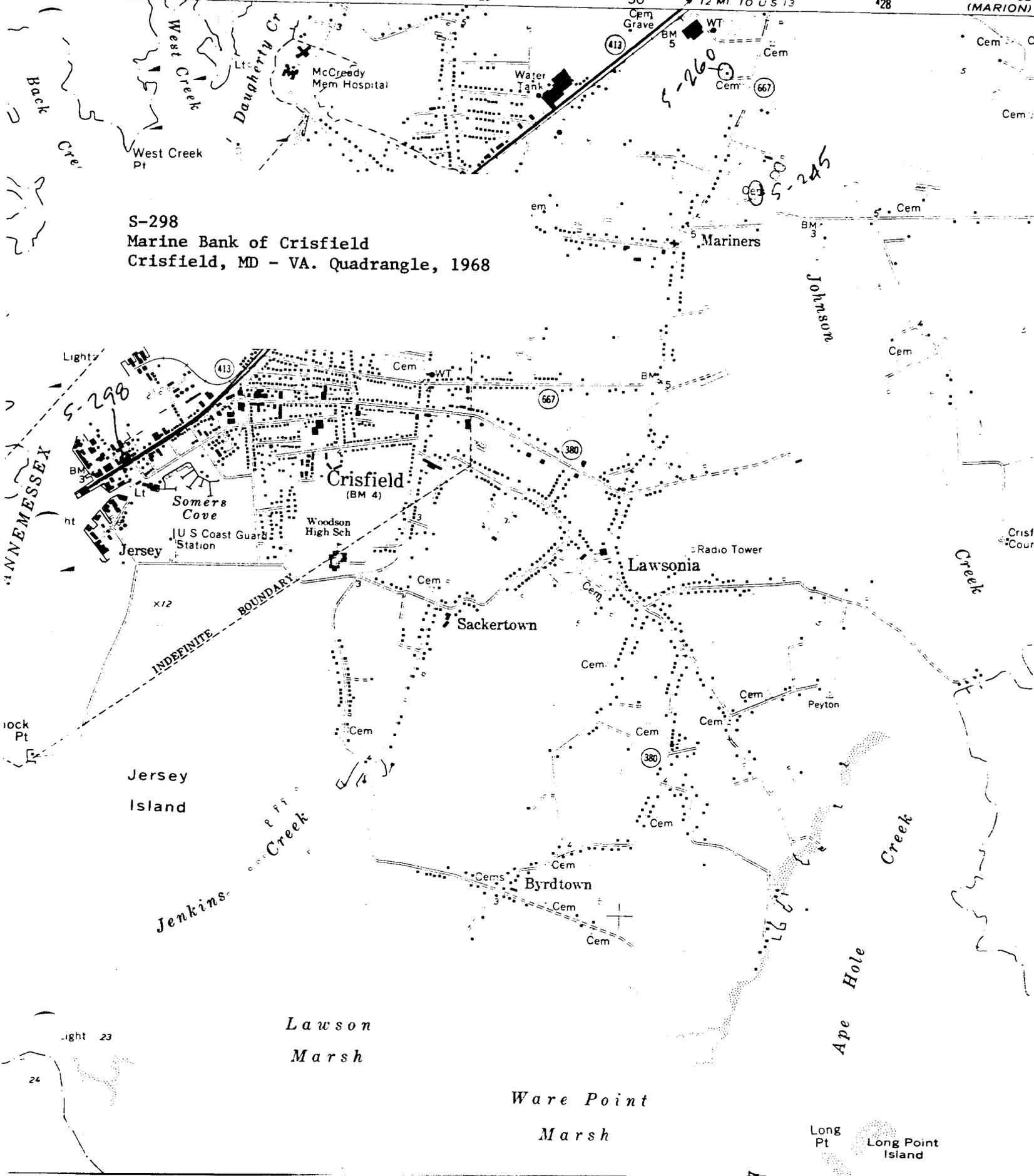
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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Marine Bank of Crisfield
Crisfield, MD - VA. Quadrangle, 1968

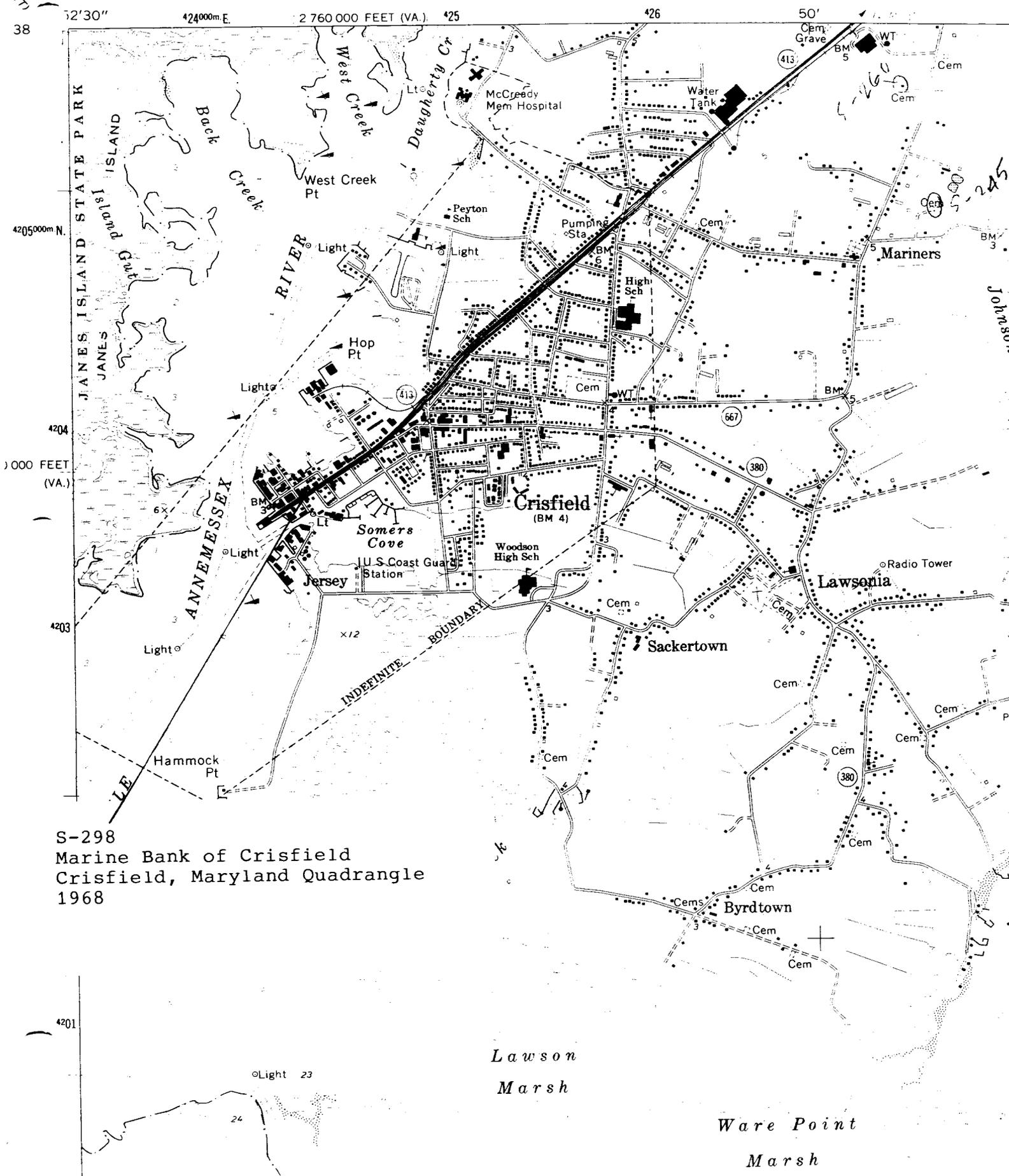
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Crisfield, Somerset County

Southeast Elevation

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Marine Bank of Crisfield
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Northwest Elevation

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