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Old Cochran Lumber Company
Crisfield
private

c. 1900

The Old Cochran Lumber Company, now known as J.P. Tawes Lumber Yard, is located on Broad Street in downtown Crisfield. The lumber company occupies an entire block and consists of a large frame warehouse and shed. Standing on the property is the old company office building, a single-story hip roofed frame structure covered with a combination of weatherboards and fish-scale shingles. The patterned slate roof has slightly kicked eaves and broad soffits. The office interior is equally notable with its beaded board sheathing and an original vault.

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.

The Old Cochran Lumber Company, now known as J.P. Tawes Lumber Yard, is located on the west side of MD 413 in the downtown section of Crisfield, on the northwest corner of Broad and Eleventh Streets.

The lumber company property occupies an entire block and consists of a large frame warehouse and shed. Standing on the southern corner of the property is the company office building, a single-story hip roofed frame structure supported by brick piers and covered with a combination of weatherboards and wood shingles. The steeply pitched patterned slate roof has slightly kicked eaves and broad soffits. A cream-colored brick stove stack rises from the center of the building.

The southeast (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a side entrance (south) and two adjacent single-pane sash windows. The glazed front door is topped by a single-pane transom window. Weatherboards rise to just above the door and window levels where the siding changes to wood shingles.

The southwest side elevation is a three-bay facade with an off-center door and flanking windows. Like the front door, the glazed side door is topped by a single-pane transom. To the right (south) is a single-pane sash window and to the left (north) is a paired single-pane sash window.

The northwest (rear) elevation is covered by a single-story rear wing, three bays by one room, with a center door and six over six sash.

The northeast side elevation is marked by single-pane sash windows.

The office interior is divided into three rooms sheathed with narrow beaded boards above the chair rail. The area below the chair rail is paneled while the ceiling is sheathed with beaded boards. Four-panel doors open into the various rooms and provide access between the receiving room and the front office. A metal gridded partition with payment slots divides the front office into two unequal spaces. A private office opens off the front office and is distinguished by a glazed door with "private" painted on the glass. Next to the private office is a safe room which still contains its 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Cochran Lumber Company Office is a distinctive early twentieth-century commercial building with its combination of weatherboard and shingle sheathing as well as its patterned slate roof with slightly kicked eaves. The office interior is equally notable with its beaded board sheathing and original vault. Surrounding the office are standard frame warehouse or shed structures commonly found in a lumber yard.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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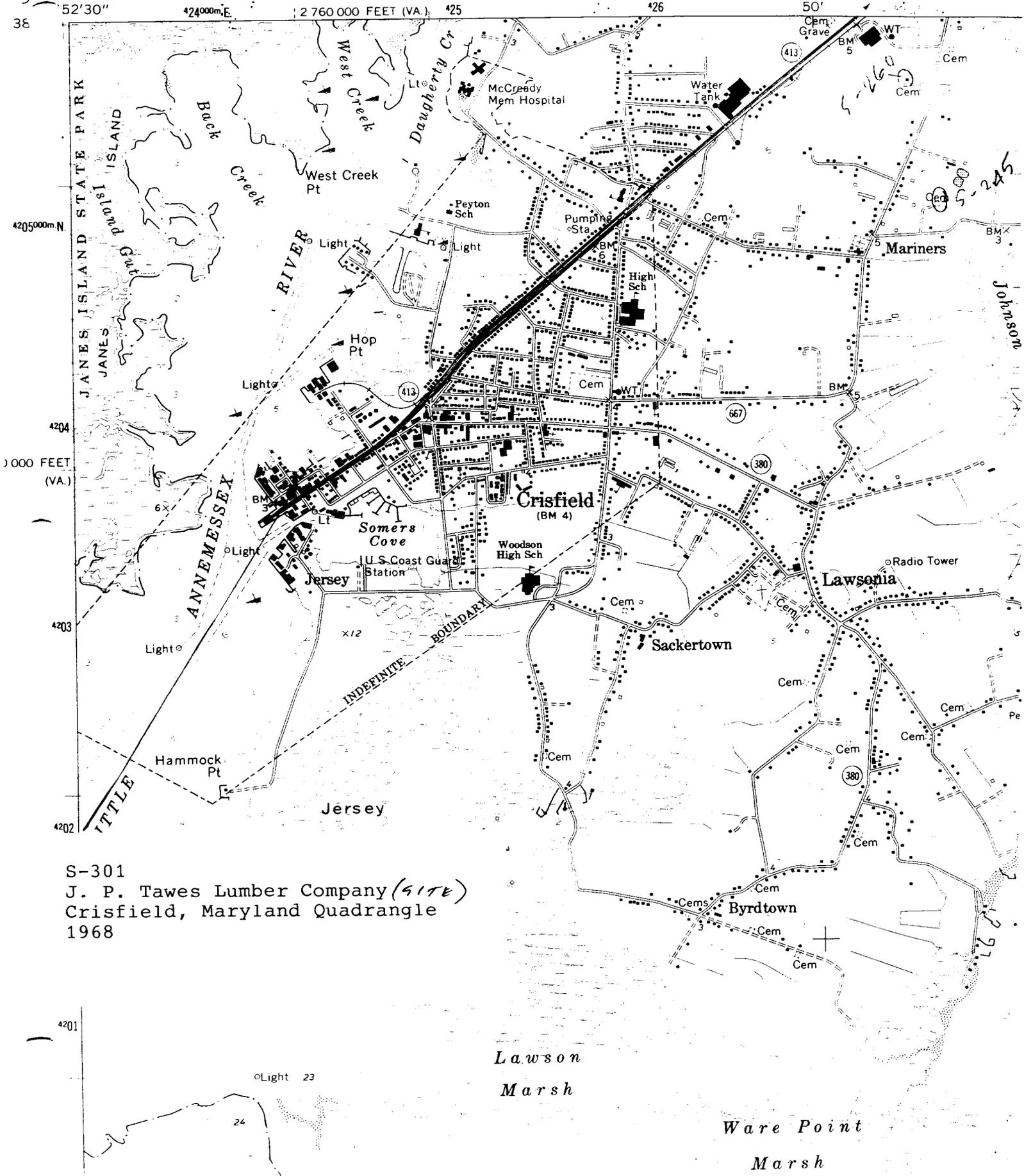
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 Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle
 1968

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