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Saltz Furniture Store  
Crisfield  
private

c. 1900

This large two-story brick commercial building shares the same historic distinction as its across-the-street neighbor as the point where the 1928 fire was extinguished. Although the first floor shop front has been reworked, the second floor and upper wall surface survive with decorative Victorian brickwork. Five windows are topped by elaborate arched and corbelled hoods which are interrupted by keystones. Running across the wall surface above the windows is an enriched brick cornice.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-313

Magi No. 2003135711

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Saltz Furniture Store

## 2. Location

street & number N. side of West Main Street  not for publicationcity, town Crisfield  vicinity of congressional district First

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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Saltz Furniture Store

street &amp; number 324 West Main Street telephone no.: 968-0131

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street &amp; 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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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" 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 Saltz Furniture Store stands on the north side of West Main Street in the center of uptown Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story turn-of-the-century brick commercial building faces south.

The c. 1900 two-story five-bay brick block is laid in stretcher bond and is covered by a flat roof disguised by a parapet.

The south (Main) elevation has been altered on the first floor with 1950<sup>s</sup> glass-bordered display windows. A side door in the far west bay rises to the second floor. The second floor, on the other hand, has not been changed, and it is pierced by five arched window openings. A group of three is clustered together in the center, while the other two are located at each end. The brick arches over each window opening accent multi-pane transoms located above each window. The corbelled brick arches are interrupted by center keystones ~~and~~ terminate at each lower corner by stepped brick base. Stretching across the top of the front is a corbelled brick cornice with a complex series of stepped and diagonally set brick rows. The top of the parapet is marked by corbelled brick as well and finished with a stone cap.

The side walls of the building are largely covered by neighboring store buildings. The interior was not seen.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**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

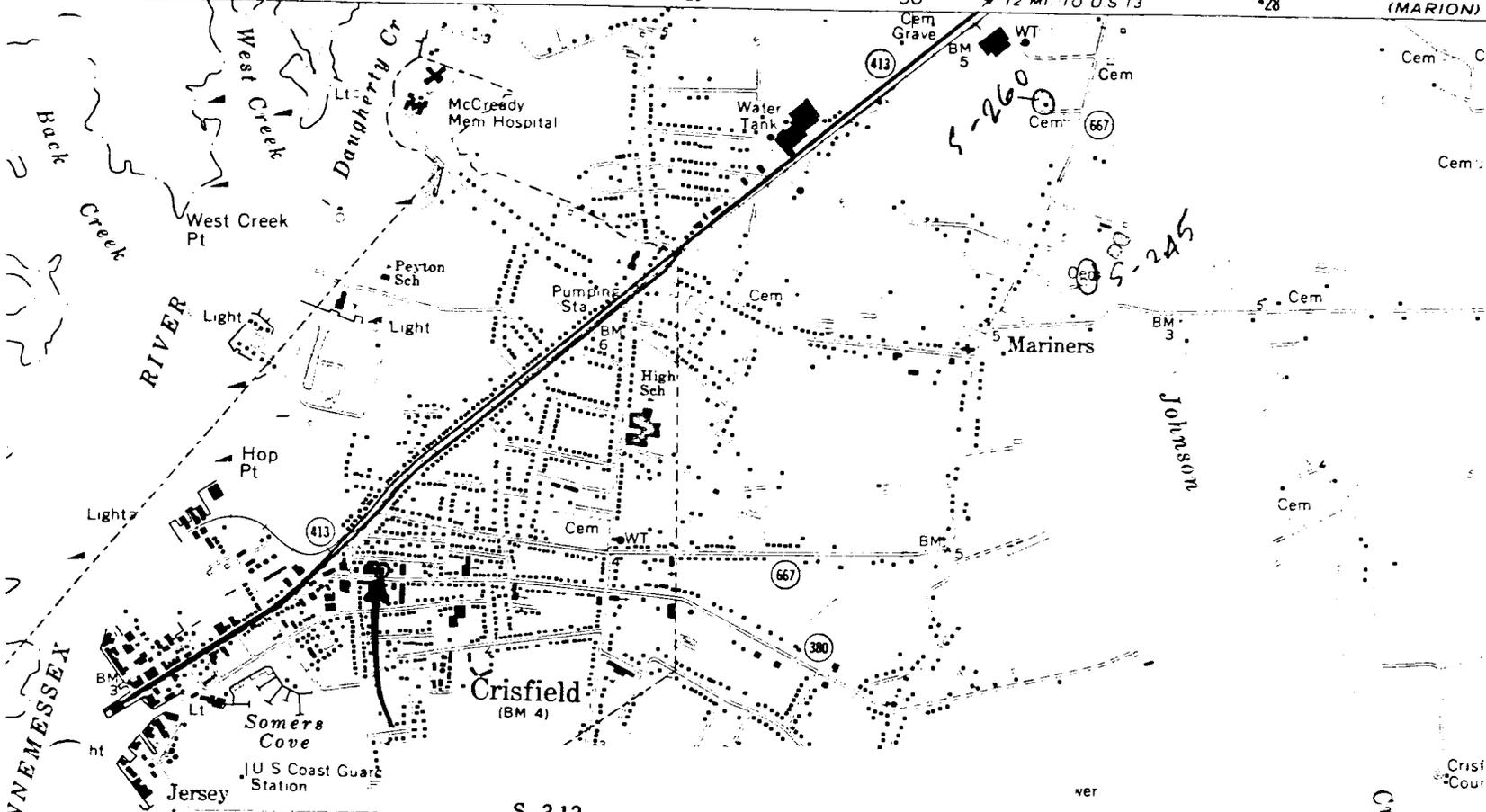
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Saltz Furniture Store marks the point on the north side of West Main Street where the 1928 fire was stopped. This c. 1900 brick store is different from many in Crisfield with the decorative brick arches that accent the second floor windows.

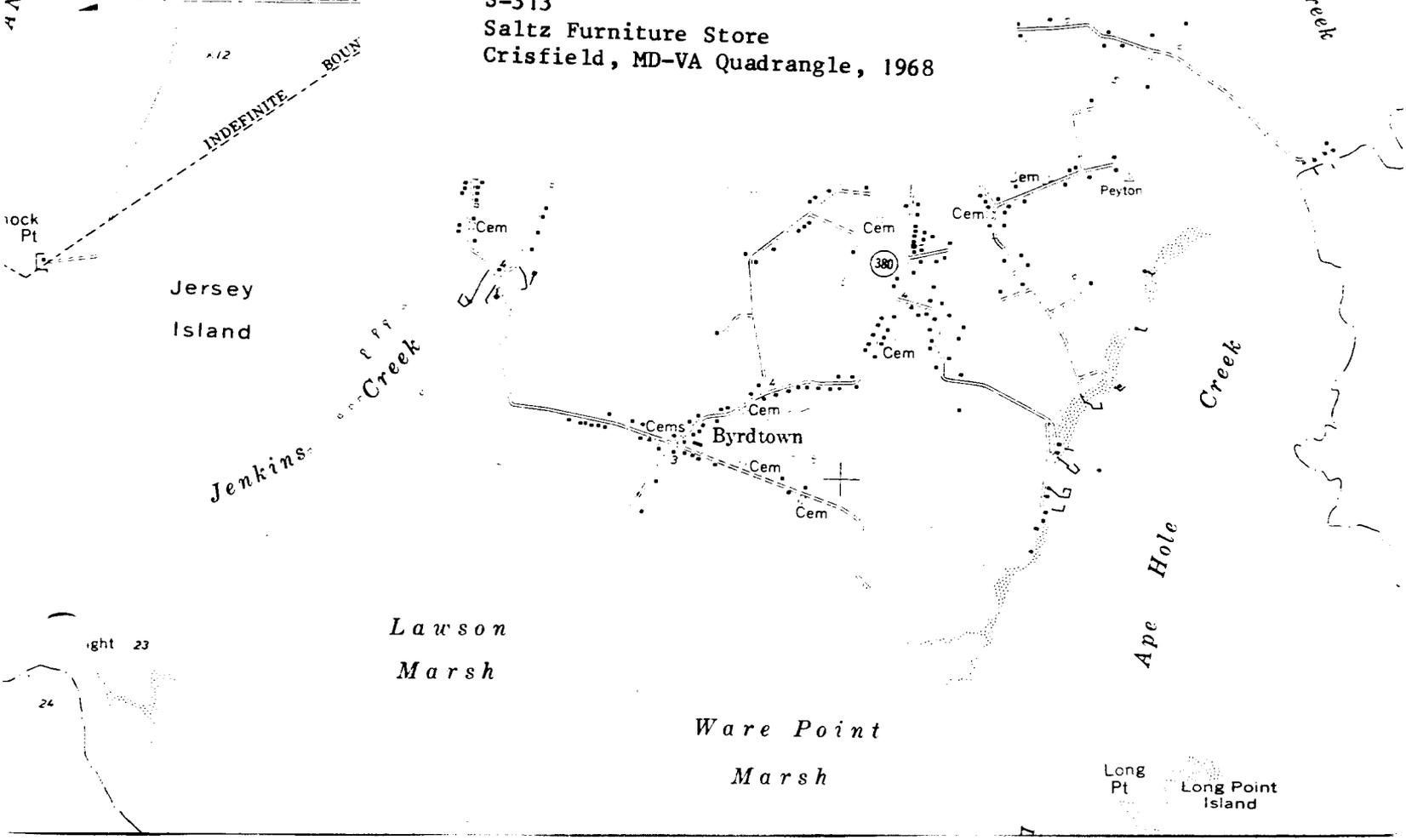


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Saltz Furniture Store  
Crisfield, MD-VA Quadrangle, 1968





OF CRIST  
1895-1897  
DOWN BRANCH

SALTZ

Saltz Furniture Store  
Crisfield, Somerset County  
South Elevation  
7/85, Photographer, Paul Touart  
Neg/Md. Historical Trust

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