Survey No. S-322

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# Maryland Historical Trust
# State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number West Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Crisfield ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 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 | X private residence |
| ___ site | **Public Acquisition** | **Accessible** | ___ entertainment | ___ religious |
| ___ object | ___ in process | X yes: restricted | ___ government | ___ scientific |
| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial | ___ transportation |
| | X not applicable | ___ no | ___ military | ___ other: |

## 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. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ___ excellent | ___ deteriorated | ___ unaltered | _X_ original site |
| ___ good | ___ ruins | _X_ altered | ___ moved date of move _____ |
| _X_ fair | ___ unexposed | | |

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

_____House Description

The _____house stands on the north side of West Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The c. 1890-1900 two-and-a-half story frame house faces south with the principal gable running on a east/west axis.

Supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, the aluminum clad frame house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Rising from the center of the roof is a pair of brick chimneys with decorative corbelled caps. Extending to the rear is a two-story three-bay service wing also supported by a raised brick foundation.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance. The front door is flanked by two over two sash windows and the first floor is fully covered by a turned post front porch with decorative cornice brackets and sawnwork between the posts. Three-quarters of the porch has been framed in with a kneewall and screened in as well. The east corner of the porch roof retains a section of iron cresting. Attached to the front of the porch is a turned baluster handrail with square newel post topped with ball finials. The second floor fenestration is uneven with a projecting bay window in the east bay covered by a gable-front roof. The outside lower corners of the roof are trimmed with decorative spindle brackets, and the gable is pierced by a pointed arch two over two sash window. The adjacent two bays to the west are marked by two over two sash windows, while the cross-gable above has an identical pointed arch sash.

The gable ends of the main block are essentially alike with a single two over two sash window on each floor along with a pointed arch two over two attic sash.

The north side or rear elevation of the main block is largely covered by a two-story three-bay service wing that has a cross gable roof as well. In addition, a small frame section supported by brackets extends from the west side of the kitchen and appears to be a pantry.

The interior of this house was not surveyed.

# 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 __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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The _____house is a large and imposing two-and-a-half story frame house which rises higher than normal with its raised brick foundation. The house dates from the last decade of the nineteenth century and although covered with aluminum, it still retains part of its period decoration with a Victorian turned post porch and rooftop cresting.

# 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| state | code | county | code |

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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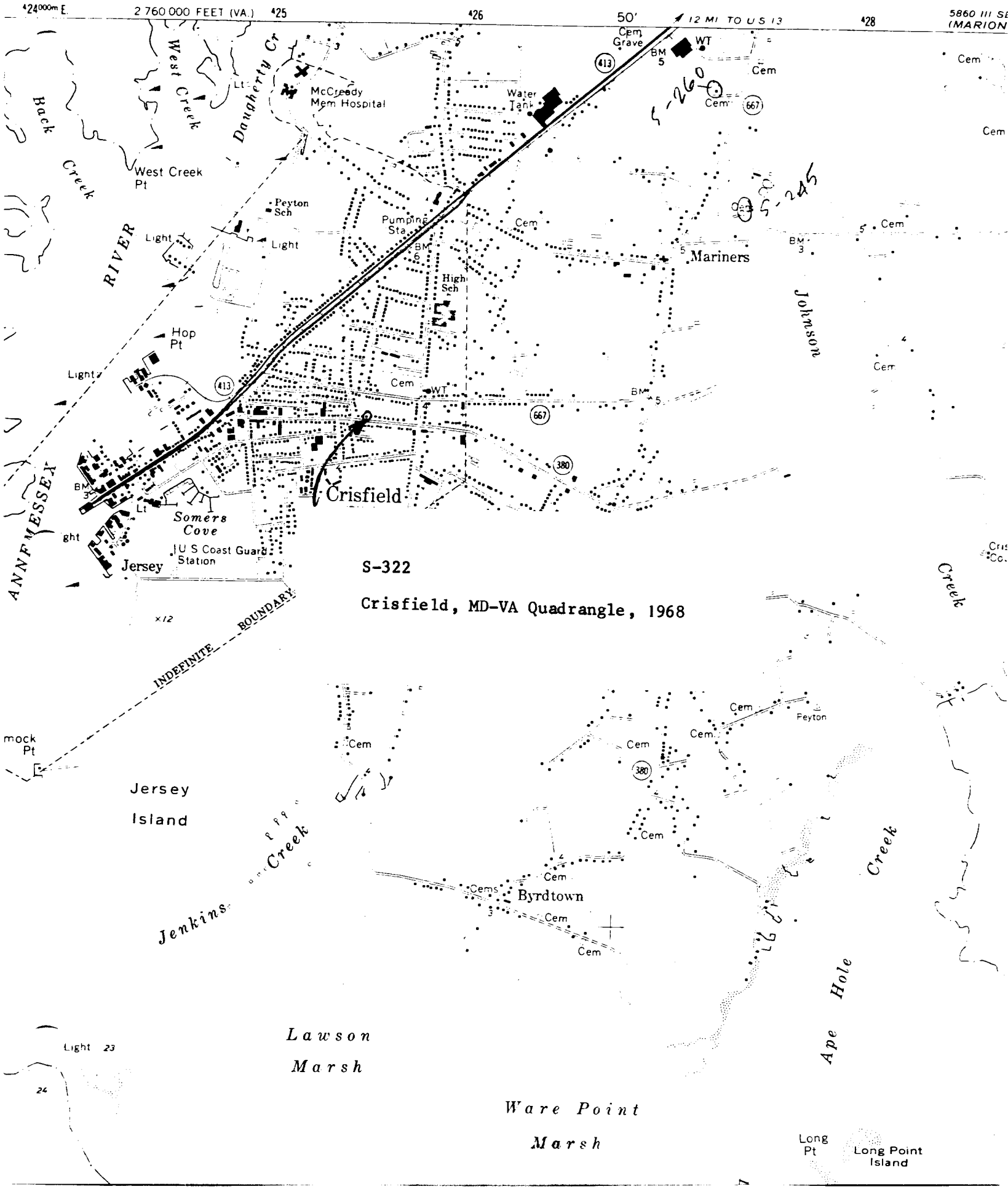


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Crisfield, MD-VA Quadrangle, 1968