

S-334 Nineteenth and twentieth centuries
Tylerton Survey District
Smith Island
public and private

Tylerton is a small watermens' village located on Smith Island in Tangier Sound. One of three villages on the island, Tylerton is geographically separated from Ewell and Rhodes Point by Tyler Creek, which runs between the two land masses. Merlin Gut runs behind (east) the high ground which classifies Tylerton an island unto itself. During the nineteenth century, a ferry operated between the two land masses, but now access is only provided by private boat travel.

In contrast to the other Smith Island villages, Tylerton retains a more diverse collection of period dwellings, two of which appear to date to the antebellum period. A group of "telescope" style houses with three distinct parts contrast with the more standard two-story, two- or three bay frame houses. A large percentage of the dwellings retain decorative exterior trim such as eaves brackets or intricately sawn bargeboards. The largest building on the island is the Gothic Revival Methodist church which is sited in the center of the village. Quiet foot paths and large shade trees contribute to the nineteenth-century character of the community.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-334

Magi No. 2003344638

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tylerton Survey District

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Smith Island _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 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 Various 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 type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Tylerton, Somerset County, Maryland is a small watermens' village located on Smith Island in Tangier Sound. One of three villages on the island, Tylerton is geographically separated from Ewell and Rhodes Point by Tyler Creek, which runs between the two land masses.

Tylerton is a small watermens' village situated on Tyler Creek on the southern fringe of the island. Merlin Gut runs behind (east) the high ground which makes Tylerton a small island unto itself. During the nineteenth century a ferry operated between the two land masses, but now access is only provided by private boat travel.

The village consists of fifty structures that date between c. 1825 and the mid twentieth century. Supported by brick pier or concrete block foundations, the various houses are covered with horizontal board siding, or later layers of artificial siding. In a few cases, the service wing is still sheathed with board and batten siding.

In contrast to other Smith Island villages, Tylerton retains a more diverse collection of period dwellings, two of which appear to date to the antebellum period. Sited near the village harbor is a two-story, three-bay, side hall/parlor frame house covered with asbestos shingles. The replacement front door, however, is topped by a three-pane transom with small comma-shaped decorative brackets. The adjacent two bays are filled with nine-over-six sash windows, and the second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed and trimmed with bed and crown moldings. Attached to the back of the house are two sections, each two stories high and two bays wide. A slight difference in height gives the rear wing a stepped "telescope" appearance.

Several other "telescope" type houses remain in the village and follow the same basic form. The main section is a two-story, two-bay frame block with a one-room plan, while the house is extended to one side by two other sections descending in height.

Other more standard houses include two-story, side hall/parlor frame houses or two-story, three-bay cross gabled houses dating from the mid to late nineteenth century. A few examples retain corner pilasters, decorative eave brackets, or sawnwork within the eaves.

The only church is the Tylerton United Methodist Church which is centrally located in the village, and it is the tallest structure. The rectangular shaped building is supported by a rusticated concrete block foundation, and the building is sheathed with aluminum siding. Corner towers flank the gabled entrance which is distinguished by colossal Tuscan columns and a decorative gable. The towers are three stories high with Gothic arched openings on each level. The tops of the tower are crenelated. The sides of the church are marked by four Gothic arched colored glass windows. Principal entrance to the church is gained through the foundation wall, and a large colored glass tripartite window pierces the center bay above the front door.

8. Significance

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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.

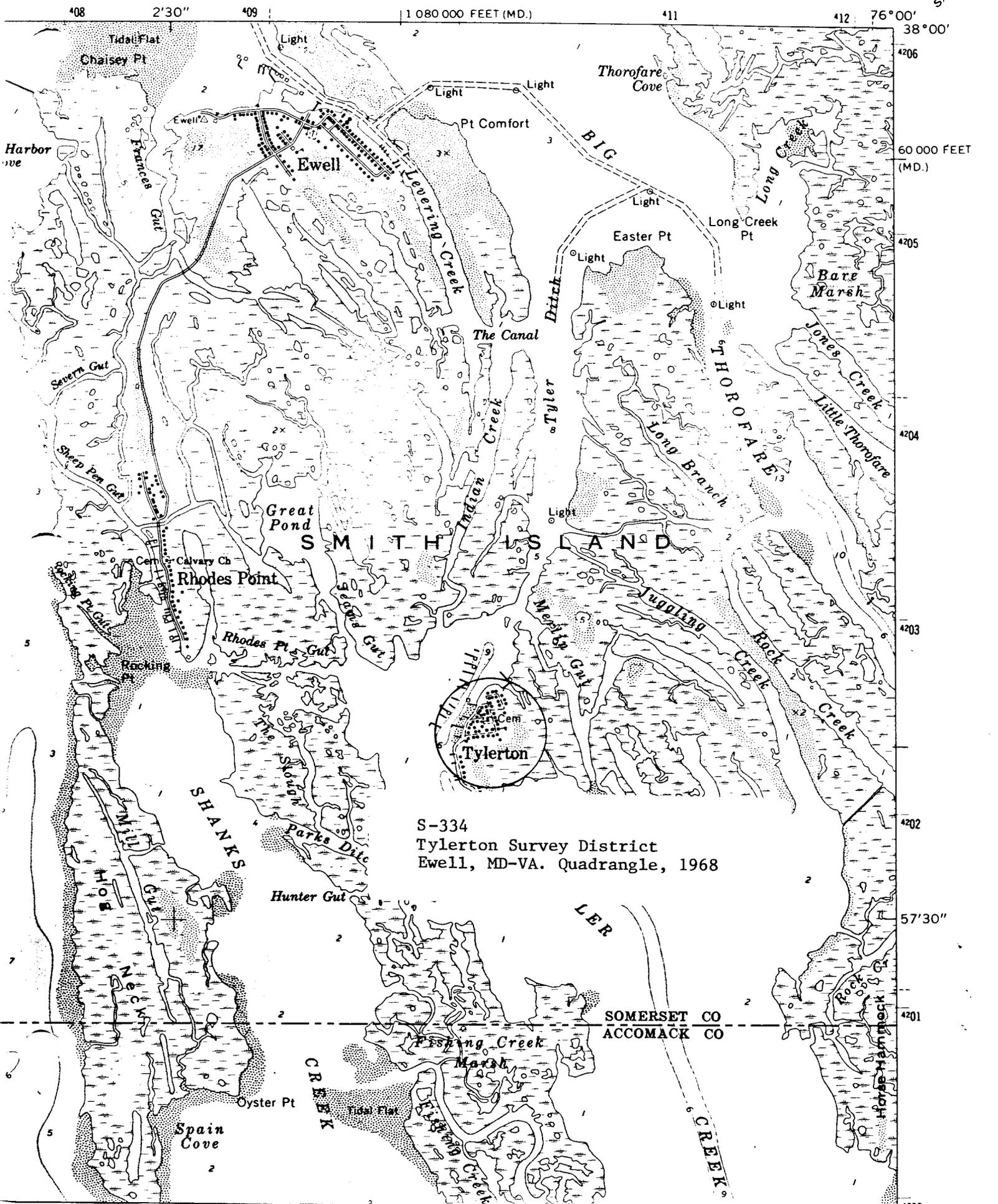
Tylerton, Smith Island, Maryland is a well-preserved watermens' village that retains a diverse group of fifty nineteenth and twentieth-century frame buildings. Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century, one house survives with nine-over-six sash windows and a Federal style transom. The other antebellum houses date to the 1850s and 1860s trimmed with mid nineteenth century details. A handful of "telescope" style houses with three distinct parts contrast with the more standard two-story, two- or three-bay frame houses. In addition, many buildings retain decorative sawnwork or cornice brackets. The most prominent structure is the Gothic Revival Methodist church sited in the center of the island.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Early twentieth-century period houses follow standard bungalow forms or repeat older two-story, three-bay center hall house types. A few two-story, "four-square" houses were also erected on the island along with small ranch style dwellings. One store building remains in the village and retains a partial sheathing of board and batten siding.

EWELL QUADRANGLE
 MARYLAND-VIRGINIA
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 NE/4 EWELL 15' QUADRANGLE

5860 III SW
 (TERRAPIN SAND POINT)



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 Tylerton Survey District
 Ewell, MD-VA. Quadrangle, 1968

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Tylerton, Smith Island, Somerset Co. Md.

Harbor

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West Elevation

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Front Door Detail

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 21157 Tuff Street, Tylerton, Somerset County Survey Number: S-334

Project: CDBG Agency: Somerset Co. Dept. Of Techn. & Comm. Services

Site visit by MHT Staff: XX no ___ yes Name _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended XX

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None: _____

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property at 21157 Tuff Street, Tylerton, Somerset County is in the Tylerton Historic District, which encompasses most of the town. The approximate construction date on tax records is listed as 1920. The building is a standard 2 story, three bay frame with brick chimney and lacks architectural distinction. It has been altered to diminish any effect as a contributing resource and therefore it does not meet criteria for eligibility. The building is proposed for rehabilitation.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Files

Prepared by: William.. E. Justice, Housing Rehab. Spec., Somerset County

Lou Ann J. Broad, Preservation Officer [Signature] Dec 29, 1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

[Signature] 12/29/97

Reviewer, NR program Date

[Signature]

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

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III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

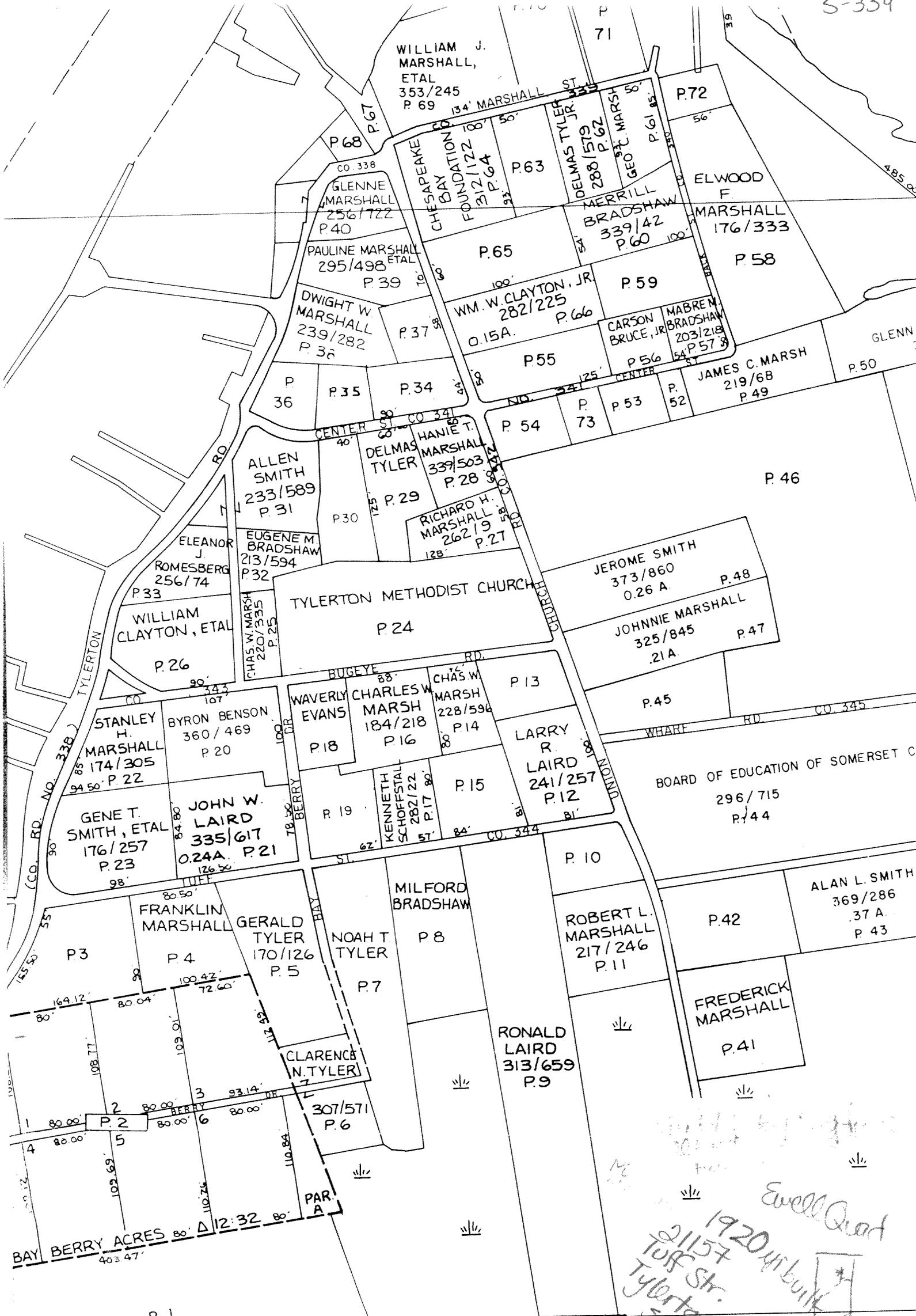
V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment Town

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown



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 Somerset CO
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 Ewell Quad
 Tyllerton 112
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Dyersburg, Md.