

CAPSULE SUMMARY
CT-988
Bowen's Inn (Second)
14630 S. Solomons Island Road
Solomons, Calvert County
1918
Private

The present Bowen's Inn, the second structure to serve as an inn on this property, is one of the most well known and oldest continuously operating inns on Solomons Island. George Mortimer Bowen established the first Bowen's Inn in 1918 at the Northam House, which was constructed in 1888 and razed in 1976.(1) The second, and present, inn was constructed by Bowen in 1937 to meet the needs of tourist and vacationers coming to Solomons Island, which was a popular destination for Washington, D.C. residents in the 20th century.

Bowen's Inn consists of the three-story main block and the two-story addition connected by a single-story, wood-frame hyphen. The main block is a wood-frame structure with a rectangular footprint. Once clad in square-butt wood shingles, the main block is presently clad in vinyl siding and set on a rock-faced concrete block foundation. The building has a hip roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves and asphalt shingles. Between the second- and third-stories is an overhanging pent roof that encircles the building. The eaves of this secondary roof project further than those of the primary roof. A single interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the northwest side of the building. The two-story addition was built during the first quarter of the 20th century as a freestanding single-family dwelling. Located on the northeast portion of the lot, this addition is a wood-frame, pyramid-roof building with a complicated L-shaped footprint created by a series of additions to the northeast and southeast sides. The one-story hyphen has a side-gabled roof with enclosed pedimented gables on the side elevations. The addition and hyphen are clad in vinyl siding. This material cladding and the subsequent additions obscure the foundations. Bowen's Inn has undergone extensive renovation since 1986 and very little remains of its original character on the exterior or interior.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Bowen's Inn (Second)
other

2. Location

street and number 14630 S. Solomons Island Road not for publication
city, town Solomons vicinity
county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anthony M. Constantino and Joan M. Simmons
street and number PO Box 1115 telephone Not Available
city, town Solomons state MD zip code 20688-1115

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: M46A, P41
city, town Prince Frederic liber ABE folio 726

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report
 Other

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------|
| | | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 1 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
| | | | 1 | |

7. Description

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Condition

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered |

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

The second Bowen's Inn associated with this property is located on the east side of 14630 S. Solomons Island Road in Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. Situated on a flat, grassy lot directly north of Bafford's Store (CT-990), Bowen's Inn consists of the three-story main block and the two-story addition connected by a single-story, wood-frame hyphen. The main block, built in 1937 and located on the southwest portion of the lot closest to the street, is a wood-frame structure with a rectangular footprint. Once clad in square-butt wood shingles, the main block is presently clad in vinyl siding and set on a rock-faced concrete block foundation. The building has a hip roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves and asphalt shingles. Between the second- and third-stories is an overhanging pent roof that encircles the building. The eaves of this secondary roof project further than those of the primary roof. A single interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the northwest side of the building.

The two-story addition was built during the first quarter of the 20th century as a freestanding single-family dwelling. Located on the northeast portion of the lot, this addition is a wood-frame, pyramid-roof building with a complicated L-shaped footprint created by a series of additions to the northeast and southeast sides. The one-story hyphen has a side-gabled roof with enclosed pedimented gables on the side elevations. The addition and hyphen are clad in vinyl siding. This material cladding and the subsequent additions obscure the foundations. Bowen's Inn has undergone extensive renovation since 1986 and very little remains of its original character on the exterior or interior.

SETTING

Bowen's Inn is situated on a flat, grassy parcel of land historically identified as Lot 23 on a plat of the town from 1870 by Thomas Grover. (1) This parcel, like those adjacent, is wedged between the road to the southwest, with the Patuxent River beyond, and the Narrows to the northeast. The Narrows can be accessed directly from the northeast end of the property, where there is now a boat landing and a deck. Between S. Solomons Island Road and the inn is a flat, grassy lawn (the site of the Northam House, which was the first Bowen's Inn). The lot directly adjacent to the Bowen's Inn property to the northwest is currently being used for parking and is almost entirely paved. The lot directly adjacent to the inn on the southeast side, which is separated from the inn by a paved drive, is occupied by a store, historically Bafford's Store.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The façade or southeast elevation is seven bays in width, with a single opening per bay on each story. On the first story of the southernmost bay is the recessed entry. A half-hipped roof with a boxed cornice shelters the entry. Tapered square Tuscan posts and a rock-faced concrete foundation support the roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles. The shallow steps are made of brick. The double-wide entry has fifteen-light French doors with a molded surround. The six bays to the north of the entry are pierced by single window openings, each with a 1/1-vinyl replacement sash and square-edged surrounds of vinyl. Similarly, the symmetrically pierced second and third stories have seven 1/1-vinyl replacement windows and square-edged surrounds of vinyl. A photograph dated 1986 shows the window openings originally had 6/1 wood sash and square-edged surrounds of wood. The foundation is pierced with four single-light openings that are rectangular in shape.

The northeast elevation of the building is almost completely obscured by a three-story wood fire-escape construction and the one-story hyphen. On the first story are two single-entry doors flanking a small 1/1 window. The second and third stories feature symmetrical openings with 1/1 windows flanking a single entry opening holding a replacement metal door.

The northwest elevation, which faces the parking lot, is eight bays in width. The first story has five standard 1/1 windows and a shorter 1/1 window. The first story of the southernmost bay has no openings. The second story has alternating standard and shorter 1/1 windows. A paired 1/1 window that lights the interior stair pierces the southernmost bay of the second story. The second story has three standard 1/1 windows. Moving northeast to northwest, it has four openings with alternating short and

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standard 1/1 windows. The southernmost bay has a standard 1/1 window. The foundation is pierced by five single-light openings.

The southwest elevation is three bays in width with very little fenestration. A pair of fifteen-light French doors pierces the first story. On the second story is a single window opening at the west end of the elevation, lighting the interior stair. On the third story are three evenly spaced windows with 1/1 replacement sash.

L-shaped in plan, the wood-frame hyphen stands one story in height. The southeast elevation has two 1/1-vinyl replacement windows and a single entry opening. The northwest elevation has a single entry. Metal ventilators pierce the enclosed pediments of the hyphen.

The two-story addition, which appears to have been constructed as a single-family dwelling, has been converted to a restaurant and bar for the inn. This building measures four bays wide and three bays deep. The southeast elevation is covered on the first story by a porch. The porch has a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns. The porch, partially screened in, shelters a secondary entrance to the restaurant and bar. The entry is flanked by 1/1 windows. The second story has four equally spaced 1/1 windows. The northwest elevation of the house has a one-story shed roof addition pierced by a brick chimney. This addition has a single entry flanked by small square windows. The second story has three 1/1 windows.

The northeast elevation of the house has been extended by the construction of a two-story bay with a shed roof and single 1/1-window openings. Further, a one-story gable-roofed addition was constructed in the latter part of the 20th century. This addition, clad in aluminum, has three fixed picture windows on the southeast elevation. The northeast elevation has a sliding metal window, wide single entry, and two fixed picture windows. A louvered metal ventilator pierced the gable. A wooden deck on square posts surrounds the restaurant.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the inn has been extensively renovated since its construction in 1937, and the current floor plan and most of the detailing date to this late-20th-century renovation. The building has a center hall plan with a dog-leg stair in the northwest corner of the building. The walls have been finished in drywall and the ceilings are covered with dropped acoustical tile. The floors are carpeted, although some of the original floorboards remain beneath. Interior doors are hollow plywood doors. Wood surrounds on the windows and doors are square-edged replacements. The baseboards, which are replacements, has ogee-molded caps. The main stair features a square wood newel post with recessed panels and projecting molding, square landing newels, circular starter step, and stringer brackets. Portions of the original kitchen remain, including tongue-and-groove beaded board walls, several doors and architrave moldings, and a functioning dumbwaiter.

The two-story addition was only accessible on the first floor and has been extensively renovated. No visible original features remain.

ENDNOTES

1. Land Records of Calvert County, Liber ABE 504, Folio 726, Calvert County Courthouse, Prince Frederick, MD.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
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Specific dates 1937 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1918; 1937

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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HISTORY OF SOLOMONS

Named for Isaac Solomon who established a cannery by 1868, Solomons received official recognition as a community when a post office was opened in 1870. Benefiting from its deep-water location where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay, Solomons grew into one of Calvert County's most important commercial centers. According to a report in the Calvert Gazette on November 12, 1892, "There are about one hundred houses upon the island, including some stores which do an active business in the oyster season, and three shipyards...It is chiefly occupied by oystermen and fishermen."(2)

Solomons thrived as a commercial center through the first decades of the 20th century. During the 1920s, the community was in an economic decline due to decreased oyster and fish harvests and the resulting decrease in shipbuilding. Despite the economic decline, which was further impacted by the Great Depression, the community began to attract visitors, becoming a resort area with summer boarding houses and charter fishing vessels.

As opposed to the resort community of Chesapeake Beach, Solomons remained primarily a fishing community until the seaside resort and fishing tourism industry took off during the second half of the 20th century. Vacationers from Washington, D.C., in particular, would go to Solomons to spend their days fishing, while evenings could be spent at the Evans Dancing Pavilion, built in 1919, on Solomons Island pier which later featured a water slide off of the roof. Visitors to Solomons could stay in one of a number of inns, the grandest of which was Rekar's Hotel, built in 1922, and the Locust Inn (CT-973), built in 1886.

HISTORY OF BOWEN'S INN

The property on which the present Bowen's Inn stands owned by Isaac Solomon, who leased it in 1871 to John T. Simpkins. Simpkins gained title to the property in 1884 and sold it February 1888 to Captain James W. Northam. Captain Northam, who came to Solomons from Accomac County, Virginia, improved the property by constructing a Queen Anne-style dwelling. The wood-frame house stood two stories in height with a third story hidden in the mansard roof. The widowed Northam conveyed the property in October 1918 to former oysterman George Mortimer Bowen. The purchase of the property was recounted in the Calvert Journal on March 1, 1919, "Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Bowen moved Tuesday into the house lately purchased from Captain

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James W. Northam.”(3)

Recognizing the property's potential within the resort community of Solomons, Bowen rehabilitated the circa 1888 dwelling for use as an inn. Bowen's Inn became "one of the favorite fishing headquarters for many congressional and sports figures out of Washington, D.C. Prominent among them was Sam Rayburn, longtime Speaker of the House of Representatives. The inn enjoyed a fine reputation for its good food, and played host to Arthur Godfrey, John F. Kennedy, Harry Truman, and many state governors and officials.”(4) Bowen also established "a shoe repairing shop in his yard on the creek shore, and Mr. Mitchell, of St. Mary's County, is equipped to do all kinds of show repairing.”(5)

The success and growth of the inn is explained in *Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour*,

Edgar Bowen, Mortimer's son, ran waterfowl hunting trips from here on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay. The "beer garden," or outside bar, was a first in Solomons. It was built in 1927 as an annex to the original inn, then converted in the 1930s.(6)

In 1937, the popularity of the inn prompted the construction of the present hotel facility that stands three stories in height and seven bays wide. The modern inn was "added immediately behind the old house.”(7)

During World War II, rooms were rented to accommodate the wives of naval personnel stationed in the area. In 1951, forty rooms were available, at a cost of three to four dollars a night.(8)

After the death of Bowen, the property was bequeathed to Althea Bowen McKenney in 1972. The property continued to operate as an inn, with the construction of a restaurant and bar. During this period, the circa 1888 dwelling constructed by Northam was razed. In 1986, the Bowen family sold the inn after sixty-eight years of ownership. Anthony M. Constantino and Joan M. Simmons purchased property. During the four-year tenure of the Simmons family, Bowen's Inn was extensively renovated and modernized. Bowen's Inn, with a history that began in 1918, continues to operate on Solomons Island under the proprietorship of Joan Simmons.

CHAIN OF TITLE

July 11, 1871: , , Isaac Solomon leased to John T. Simpkins
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber SS 2, Folio 296

February 6, 1884: , Margaret Bennett to John T. Simpkins
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber SS 6, Folio 215

February 16, 1888: , John T. Simpkins and Matilda E. Simpkins, wife to James W. Northam
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber JS 1, Folio 248

October 22, 1918: , , James W. Northam, widower to George Mortimer Bowen
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber AAH 2, Folio 410

March 24, 1972: , Estate of George Mortimer Bowen to Althea Bowen McKenney, as trustee for estate
Land Records of Calvert County

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Liber JLB 140, Folio 223

July 24, 1986:, Althea Bowen McKenney to Anthony M. Constantino and Joan M. Simmons, joint tenants

Land Records of Calvert County

Liber ABE 373, Folio 166

January 10, 1990:, Anthony M. Constantino and Joan M. Simmons, joint tenants to Anthony M. Constantino and Joan M. Simmons

Land Records of Calvert County

Liber ABE 504, Folio 726

ENDNOTES

1. Camille Wells, "Bowen's Inn, CT-988," September 1986, Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.
2. Richard J. Dodds, editor, *Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour*, (Solomons, Maryland: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995).
3. *Calvert Journal*, March 1, 1919.
4. Dodds.
5. *Calvert Journal*, May 29, 1920.
6. Dodds.
7. Dodds
8. Dodds.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.27 AcresAcreage of historical setting 0.27 AcresQuadrangle name Solomons IslandQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The second Bowen's Inn as been associated with Lot 23, Parcel 41 of the Town of Solomon, as denoted on Tax Map 46A, since its construction in 1937.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization E.H.T. Traceries, Inc.

date 8/26/02

street and number 1121 Fifth Street, N.W.

telephone 202/393-1199

city or town Washington

state DC zip code 20001

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
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14630 S. SOLOMONS ISLAND RD
SOLOMONS, CALVERT
COUNTY, MD

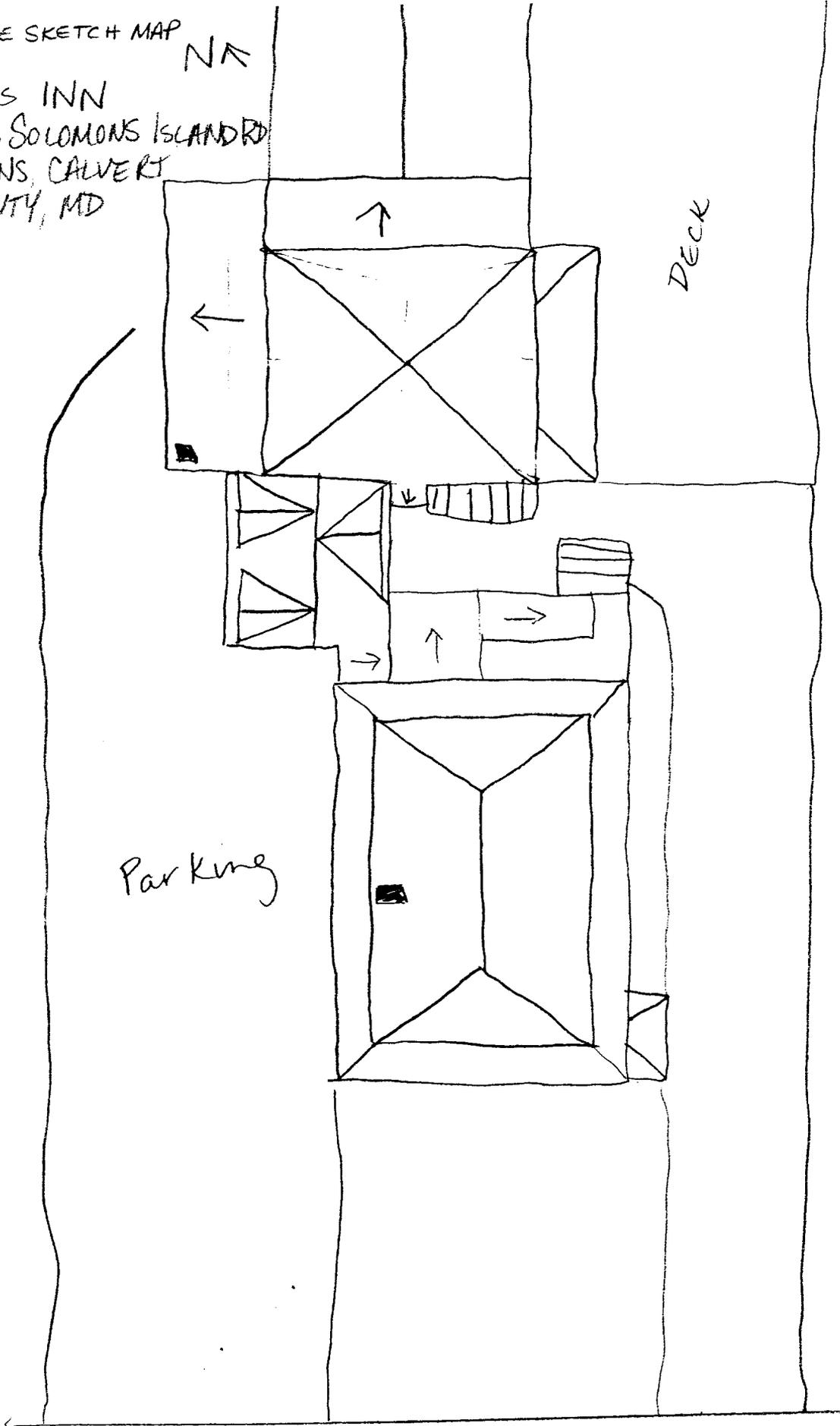
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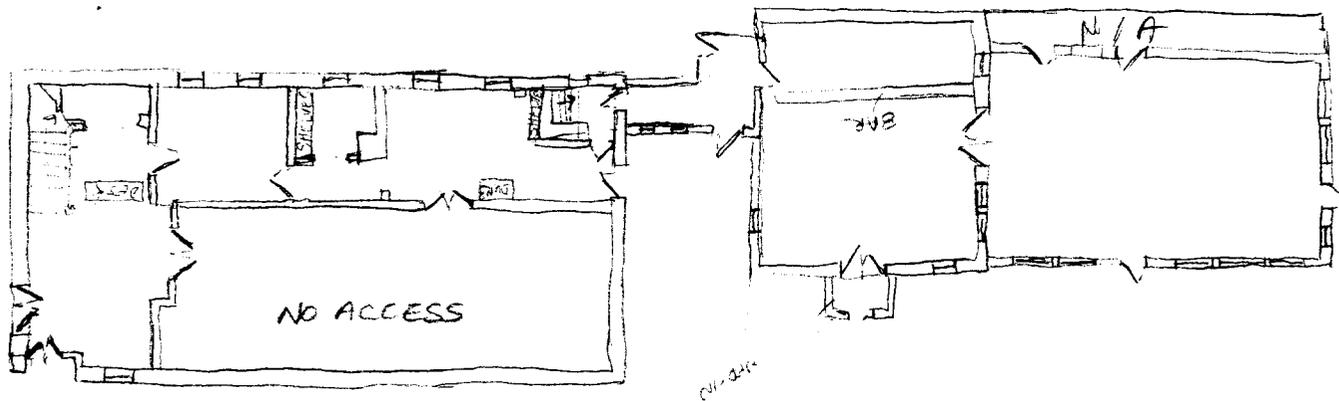


Parking

S. SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD

PATUXENT RIVER



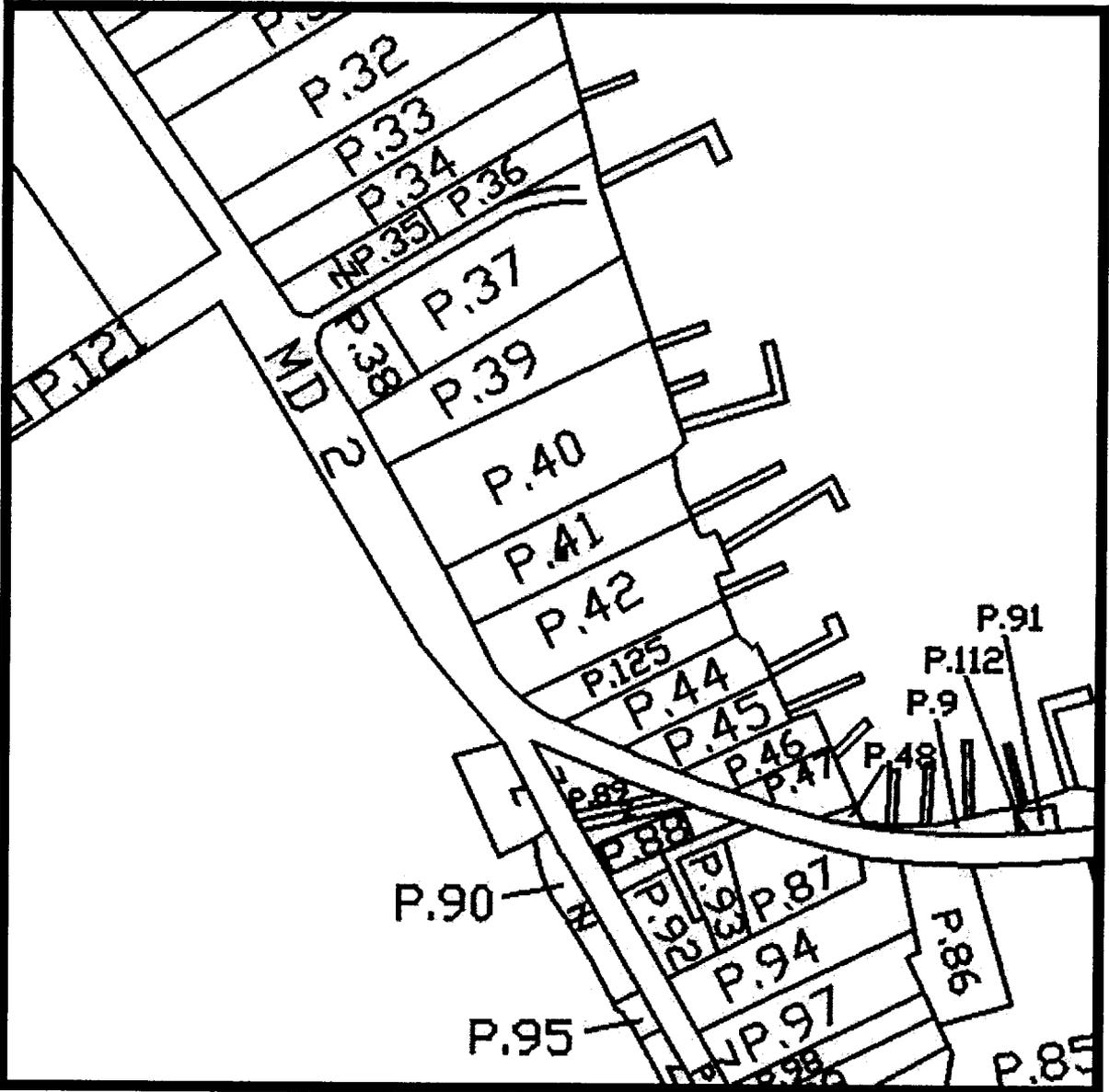


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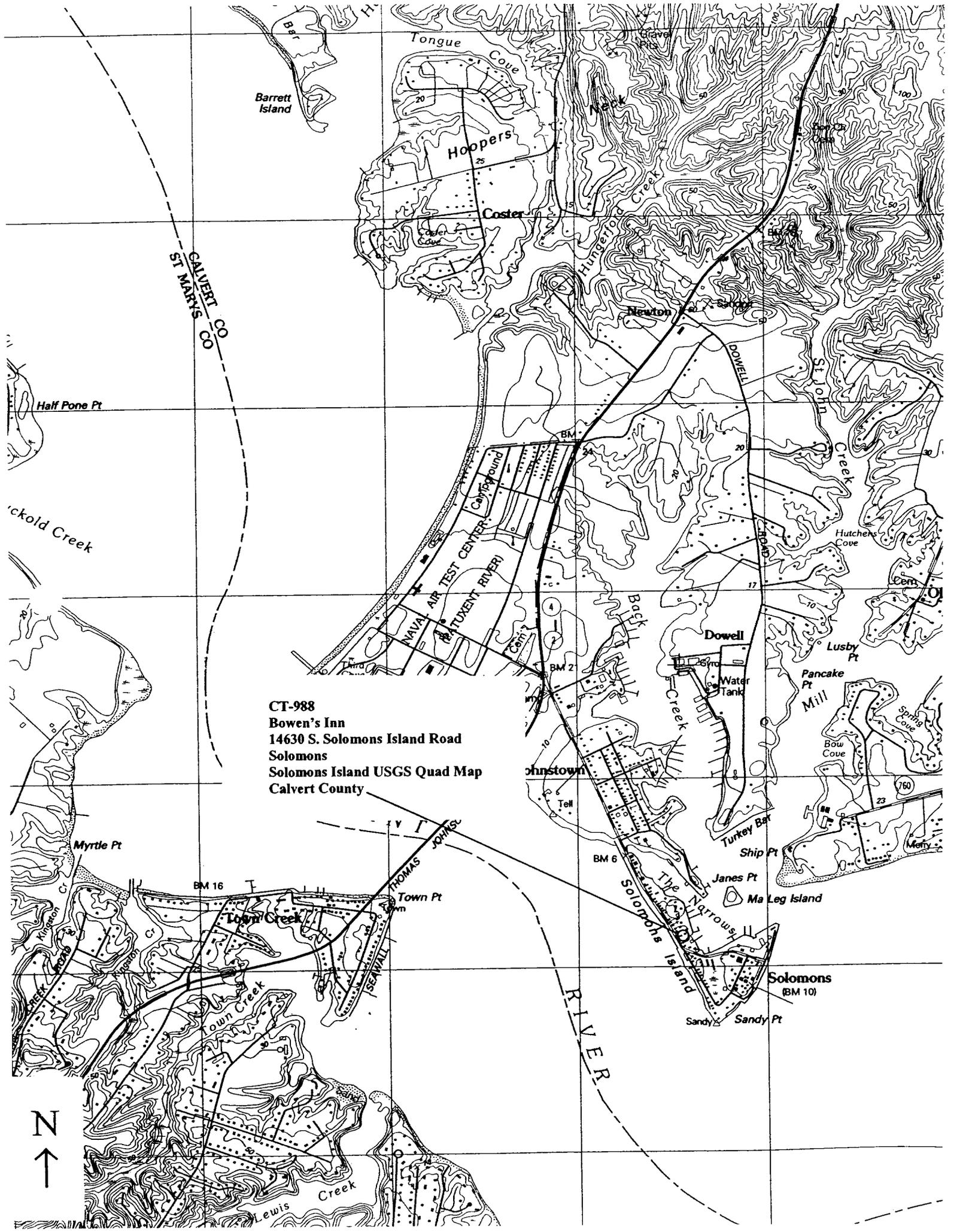
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Solomons
Solomons Island USGS Quad Map
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East Elevation, View North

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Northeast Corner, View West

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Rear Building, North Elevation, View West

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West Elevation, View East

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Southwest Corner, View East

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Interior, 1st Floor, Lobby, View West

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Interior, 2nd Floor, View East

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Interior, 1st Floor, Kitchen, View South

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bowen's Inn

2. Location

street & number Solomons Island Road South (MD 2) not for publicationcity, town Solomons vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
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| | <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 Althea McKenney

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Solomons state and zip code MD 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-988

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

This substantial three-story hotel building is set back from Solomons Island Road and faces south toward Solomons Island. It is a big framed and wood-shingled structure with a mansard roof that also reads as kind of a four-sided monitor dormer with its own hipped roof. The structure has a decoratively molded concrete-block foundation. The windows are glazed with six-over-one-double-hung sash. The details around the entrance at the southwest corner of the building and at the rooflines are executed in the Colonial Revival style. This structure dates from the early twentieth century.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates 1918 **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.

Bowen's Inn was established in 1918 by Mortimer Bowen on the site of the Northam family house. It became a favorite fishing headquarters for many prominent people in the Washington, D.C. area. The outside bar was the first of its type in Solomons and was built during the 1930s. The Inn is still in operation.

From Solomons by Foot, Bicycle, or Boat.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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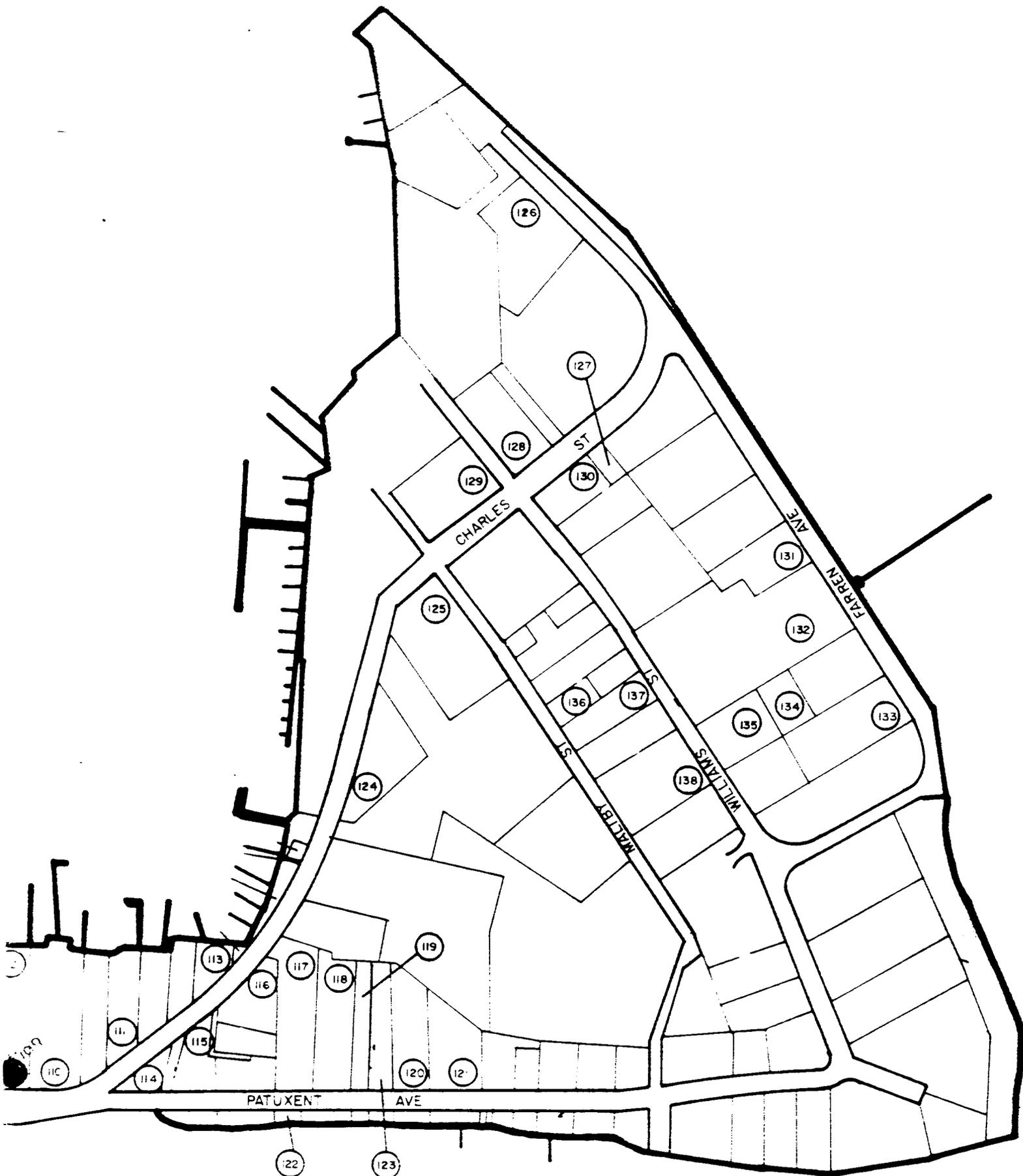
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Solomons Island Road
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the south

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