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

Property/District Name: Sally Crosby House, Rock Hall Survey Number: K 667

Project: MD 674 from MD 445 to MD 20, Rock Hall Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name R. Andrews & E. Hannold Date 8/24/94

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

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)

Based on the available information, the Sally Crosby House, located at 21562 Sharp Street in Rock Hall, Maryland, does not appear to meet the Criteria for listing in the Maryland Register of Historic Properties. The house is located outside of the Maryland Register Eligible Rock Hall Historic District in an area of modern construction. The gable roofed frame house, which was constructed in the mid- to late 19th century, does not appear to have any architectural significance. The otherwise unornamented building does have decorative cornerboards, a feature which links it to a number of other houses in Rock Hall and perhaps to the Judefind family of carpenters. However, it is not a particularly good example of the house type which has been attributed to the Judefind family. In addition, it has undergone substantial alterations, including changes in the fenestration and rear additions, which have resulted in a significant loss of integrity. The property is not known to be associated with any significant event or person. From 1921 to 1951, the house was owned by Sally Crosby, author of a column in the local paper. However, Ms. Crosby's significance has not been adequately established to warrant listing under criterion B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File and Inventory form

K 667

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold August 25, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R. Andrews 9.14.94
Reviewer, NR program Date

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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)

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: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic, single family residence

Known Design Source: na

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Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban
Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function (s) and Use (s):
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: Possibly built by the Judefind
family of carpenters

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K 667
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sally Crosby House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 21562 Sharp Street not for publication

city, town Rock Hall vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

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 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Wilmer S. Dubree Jr.

street & number 256 W. High Street telephone no.:

city, town Elkton state and zip code Maryland 21921

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber EHP231

street & number folio 167

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

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
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<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 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				

Built ca. 1880, Period of Crosby

Specific dates ownership, 1921-1951 **Builder/Architect** Unknown (maybe Judefind)

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.

See Continuation Sheet 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. K 667

Land Records, Kent County
Personal communication with Wilbur Dubree, Jr., Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Elma Cornelius,
Mrs. Wilbur Dubree, Audrey Johnson, James Coleman

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .495 Acre

Quadrangle name Rock Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Parcel 469, Map 51

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Highway Administration date 5/3/94

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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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Description

This probable mid-to-late nineteenth century structure is located on East Sharp Street (MD 674) near its junction with MD 20 east of Rock Hall, Maryland. It is a simple, frame, two-story dwelling which has been rather heavily modified on both the exterior and the interior. It is thought to have originated as a simple, two-story rectangle, with a gable roof paralleling the three bay, southeast principal facade, possibly modified later with two rear sections. One is a shed roofed, one-story wing located on the east half of the rear wall, which the present owners relate was a porch which their parents enclosed in the 1970's. There is also a gable roofed one-story addition on the west side of the rear, or northwest elevation, which has been extended with a one-story, screened porch, located on the southwest elevation. There are no period outbuildings.

The structure presumably had two-over-two lights throughout, but modification of the fenestration has resulted in the inclusion of a large picture window on the lower level of the southeast facade, two-over-two horizontal lights on the rear of the northwest rear wing, and a hopper window, next to a one-over-one horizontal window, on the northeast elevation. The two windows on the first floor of the entrance facade replaced full length windows, according to the present owners. A doorway replaced a window on the southwest elevation, with the addition of two new incongruent windows as well on the first level. Other modifications of the exterior which have occurred since 1970 include the cladding of the exterior with vertical, particle board siding, with wooden strips covering the seams between them.

The present owners also report that the staircase on the inside wall of the southwest elevation was added after the building was constructed, resulting in the partial obscuring of the lower window. The Dubrees moved that window as a result. Also, the rear room on the north corner had nearly collapsed by the time the present owners took possession of the property, and they rebuilt that room entirely for use as a kitchen.

The building retains the original cornice returns on the two gable ends, and corner boards located on the corners of the principal block and the north and west corners of the two wings. These cornerboards are articulated with an incised, round headed, vertical pattern, approximating a pilaster, which terminate in an entablature just below the principal cornice.

According to the tenants, descendants of the Dubrees, the interior of the house has been modified by the recent internal division of the principal living spaces to accommodate an efficiency apartment on the first floor of the front section, and

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Description

the alteration of some of the rear rooms, which, along with the upstairs rooms, are retained for occasional use by the owner on weekends.

The fenestration of the principal, or southeast facade, is regular on the second story, but irregular on the first floor, as the doorway is offset to south, and a wide picture window has supplanted what was probably a simple, two-over-two light in the east bay. There are no sidelights, nor a transom articulating the entrance, which accesses the principal room on the east, with the stairwell located on the west side. The staircase is built onto the southwest wall. The current residents, who are descendants of the Dubree's, report that these two principal rooms may have been altered by their parents subsequent to their acquisition of the property in 1971. They clad the exterior with panelling. A full width one story porch on four columns shelters the entry.

A noteworthy feature of this otherwise unremarkable structure is the inclusion of decorative cornerboards, currently highlighted with a white and tan paint treatment. This use of incised cornerboards may be part of the decorative treatment attributed to a local family of carpenters identified as the Judefind's in one unattributed reference (Kent County Guide, Kent County Bicentennial Committee, Chestertown, 1976, p.30) Typical Judefind-built dwellings are described as a "two-story frame dwellings, with applied decorated corner posts, doors with molded trim framed by window lights, attic dormers and comfortable front porches." The Judefinds may have been among those who salvaged wood washed down from the area inundated by the Johnstown Flood in 1889, resulting in a so-called "building boom", which has been described as a "persistent legend". Mrs. Cornelius, a local inhabitant, relates that houses built of these timbers are confined to Haven Creek area and not Rock Hall.

Apart from the cornerboards, this house exhibits none of the other purported Judefind stylistic trademarks, such as dormers, plus sidelights and molded trim around the doorway.

Mrs. Cornelius reports that John Judefind and his family were one among many Rock Hall family carpenters, and John deeded a parcel of his home place (now destroyed) to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for the construction of a church in 1892 (SB 15/520). This church, now clad with brick, is located at Sharp and Judefind Streets. The Judefinds had probably resided in Rock Hall only one or two decades prior to this sale, for the earliest reference to anyone of that name appears in the 1880 Census. The property on which John Judefind resided, and from which he subdivided the land to give to the church, had been previously

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owned by J.A. Hersh, identified as carpenter, contractor and builder, in the 1877 Patron's List for the Fifth District (Edesville). The Judefinds were evidently participants in what has been described as a "building boom" starting in 1889 (Kent County Guide, p. 40), having purchased the Hersch property in 1881 (SB 2/322).

Some other dwellings in Rock Hall which exhibit decorated cornerboard are located at 5759 and 5751 Liberty Street, 21183 W. Sharp Street, a group of Main Street examples between Catholic and Chesapeake Streets, 21318 Sharp Street, and the rear elevations of Durdning's Store, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main with Sharp Street. Few of these have sidelit doorways, or dormer windows.

Mr. James Coleman, who grew up in Rock Hall, reports that a Mr. Crosby, who was a school teacher, operated a store in the front part of the building in the early twentieth century. As no Crosby is listed as an owner of the house in the early twentieth century, he may have rented the space from the owners of record, either Julian Blackiston or Grace Crouch.

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Rock Hall

Continuation Sheet 9.1
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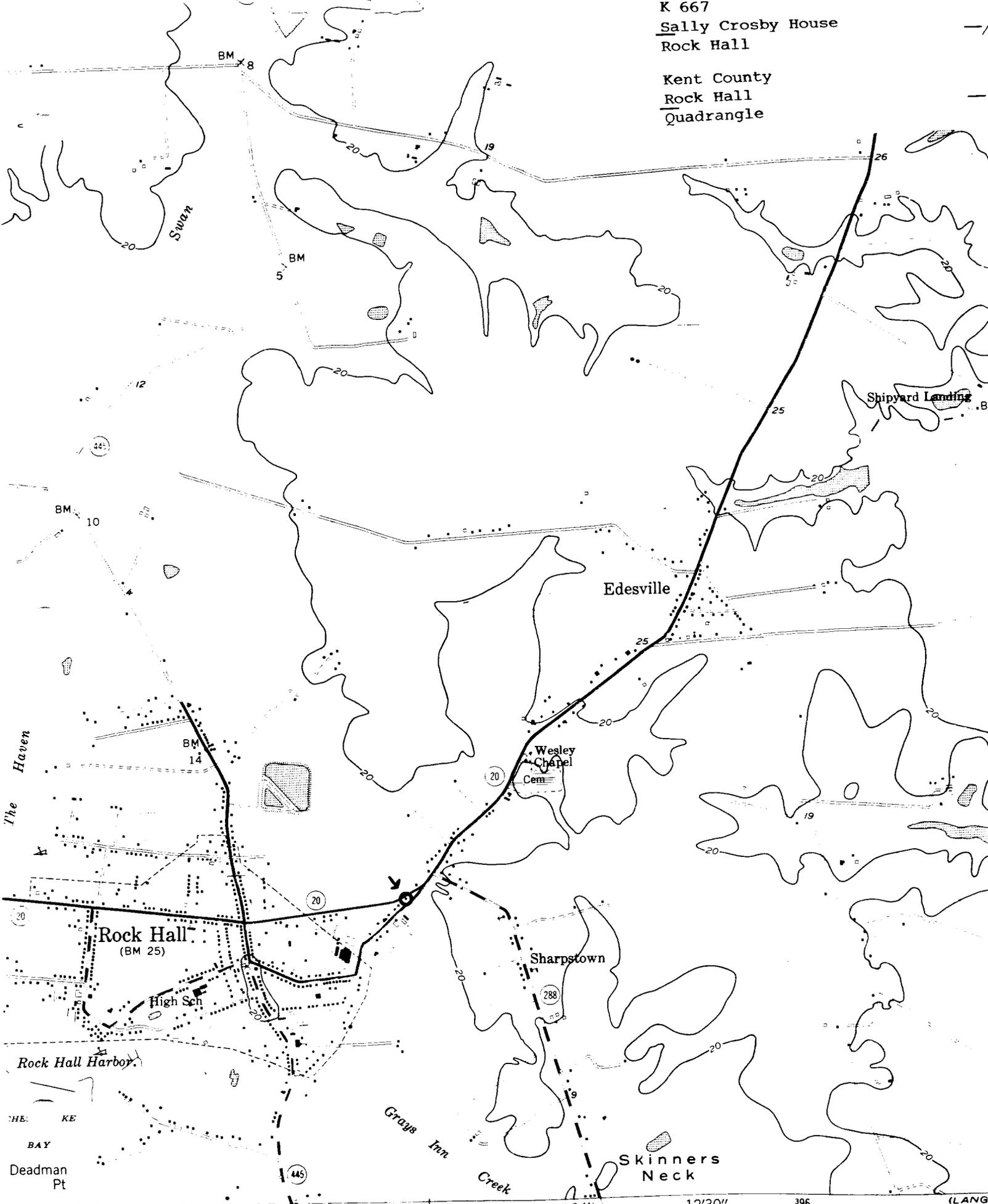
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Rock Hall
Quadrangle



5' THE CEDARS 4.7 MI. 102000 FEET CROSBY 1.3 MI. MCKINLEYVILLE 2.8 MI. 12'30" 396 (LANGF 57)

Mapped by the Army Map Service



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Sally Crosby House
Rock Hall, Kent County
Maryland

R. Suffern 3/94

req. at MD State Highway

South corner ~~Admission~~



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Jolly Crosby House

Rock Hall

Kent County, Md

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veg at md state hwy

Admin

S.E. (Principal) Elev

2/8



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Sally Crosby House

Rock Hall

Kent County, Md

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reg at MD state highway
Administration

East Corner

3/8



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Sally Crosby House

Rock Hill

Kent Cty MD

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neg at MD state

Highway adm. bldg

SW elevation

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Rock Hall

Kent County, Md

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NEG AT MD Hwy Administrator
NEG Elevation



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Sally Crosby Home

Rock Hall

Kent City Ind

R. Suffern 3/94

neg at MD state highway
Admin

North Corner

5/8



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Sally Crosby Home

Rock Hall

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reg at MD State

highway admin

NW Corner

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Sally Crosby House
Rock Hall

Kent County, MD

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Weg at MD State

highway admin

W. Corner

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