

WI-285  
Thomas J. Walter House  
Nanticoke  
Private

c. 1872

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Thomas J. Walter House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-285

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling  
-summer kitchen

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-285

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas J. Walter House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 20509 Nanticoke Road  not for publication

city, town Nanticoke  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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	<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 Charles R. and Mary Lynn Stein

street & number 213 West Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Georgetown state and zip code Delaware 19947

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 63 P. 386  
liber 1322

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 771

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<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 Thomas J. Walter house stands at 20509 Nanticoke Road in the center of the village of Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-part frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1872, the two-story, three-part frame house is supported on a low brick foundation and the exterior is covered with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. Each section is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The two-story, side hall/parlor main block is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half, one-room plan section, which is extended to the east by a story-and-a-half rear wing. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story one-room plan summer kitchen.

The west (main) facade of the side hall/parlor house follows an asymmetrical fenestration. The two-bay facade is defined by a side entrance that retains a heavily molded four-panel door with arched top panels. The adjacent bay is filled with a six-over-six sash window flanked with louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are a pair of unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The west wall of the adjacent story-and-a-half section is marked by a four-panel door and an adjacent six-over-six sash window. Sheltering the entire facade is a hip roofed porch supported by turned posts and embellished with sawn brackets. The base of the roof of both sections is finished with an extended eave and a sloped soffit.

The north gable end of the main block is dominated by an exterior common bond brick chimney that features a corbeled base. Six-over-six sash windows flank the chimney and light the first and second floors. The south gable end of the southern section is finished in a similar fashion with an exterior corbeled base chimney flanked by six-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors. The chimney stack on the south end retains a corbeled cap.

Extending from the east side of the one-room plan south wing is a story-and-a-half, one-room plan wing that features an exterior corbeled base chimney of wider proportions than the other two sections. A side entrance, sheltered by a gable roofed hood, is filled with a partially glazed mid nineteenth century door and it is flanked by a six-over-six sash window.

The interior has survived with portions of its third quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork intact. The side hall is dominated by a turned baluster stair that is distinguished by a boldly turned newel post and a ramped mahogany handrail supported by turned balusters. A four-panel door framed by a plain surround opens into the adjacent parlor, which retains a mid nineteenth century mantel defined by plain pilasters and a plain frieze. The south wing room has been remodeled and the mantel has been replaced with a brick fireplace. The old kitchen survives with a corner staircase enclosed behind narrow beaded edge tongue-and-groove boards.

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# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies properties worthy of preservation due to their architectural and/or historical merit.

1 Wicomico County Land Records, TF, Jr. 3/34, 12/9/1871; and TF, Jr. 3/210, 6/28/1872, Wicomico County Courthouse.

2 Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 715/264, 8/19/1970, Wicomico County Courthouse.

3 *Ibid.*



### 7.1 DESCRIPTION

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20509 Nanticoke Road  
Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland

Standing off the southeast corner of the rear wing is a single-story, one-room plan frame kitchen supported on a low brick foundation and covered with a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The south side is marked by two bays with a centrally positioned four-panel door flanked on the east side by a six-over-six sash window. A six-over-six sash window also pierces the center of the west gable end. The north side of the kitchen is defined by a center door and adjacent window as well. Rising through the east gable end is a single flue brick stove chimney. The interior of the kitchen is fitted with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded edge board, which covers the walls and ceiling. Fixed in the southwest corner of the kitchen is a built-in cupboard of narrow beaded edge tongue-and-groove boards.

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Thomas J. Walter House  
20509 Nanticoke Road  
Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 63, Parcel 386

1322/771

Charles R. Stein  
Mary L. Stein

to

12/10/1992

Charles R. Stein, Trustee under Revocable Trust  
Agreement

JWTS 715/264

Bernice G. Walter

to

8/19/1970

Charles Richard Stein  
Mary Lynn Stein

Same conveyed unto Thomas J. Walter by two  
following deeds

1. From Robert Evans and wife, 6/28/1872, TF, Jr.  
3/210
2. From Robert Evans and wife, 11/15/1871,  
TF, Jr. 3/34

the said Thomas J. Walter having since departed  
this life intestate whereupon title to the above  
described property became vested in Mary E.  
Walter, his widow, and Bernice G. Walter his  
daughter

WI-285  
Thomas J. Walter House  
Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title continued

TF, Jr. 3/34

Robert Evans  
Sally T. Evans

to

12/9/1871

Thomas J. Walter

\$350.00      "St. Albans"

TF, Jr. 3/210

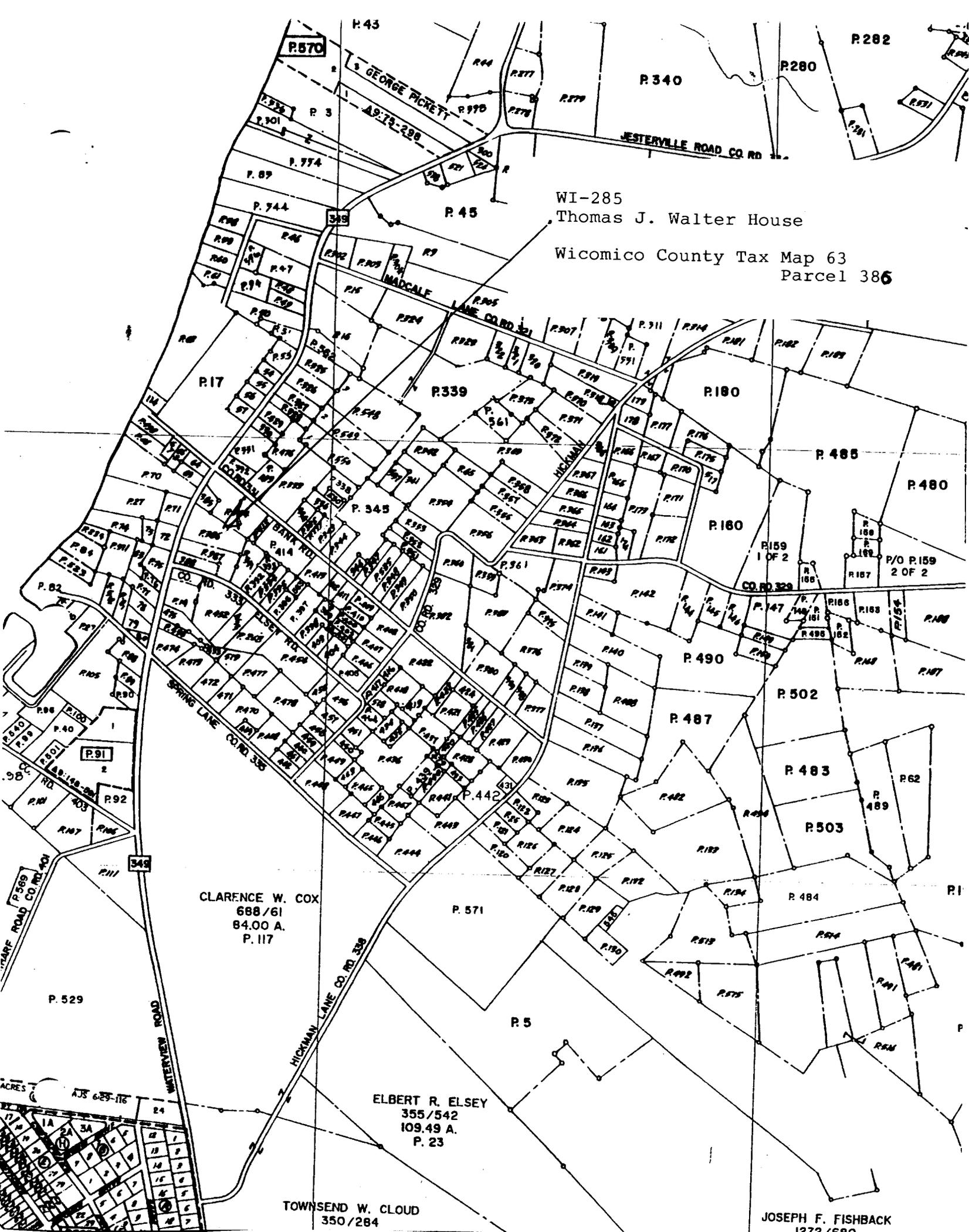
Robert Evans  
Sally T. Evans

to

6/28/1872

Thomas J. Walter

"St. Albans"



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Wicomico County Tax Map 63  
Parcel 386

CLARENCE W. COX  
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ELBERT R. ELSEY  
355/542  
109.49 A.  
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TOWNSEND W. CLOUD  
350/284

JOSEPH F. FISHBACK  
1272/680

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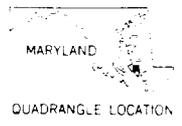
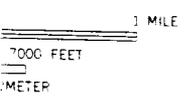
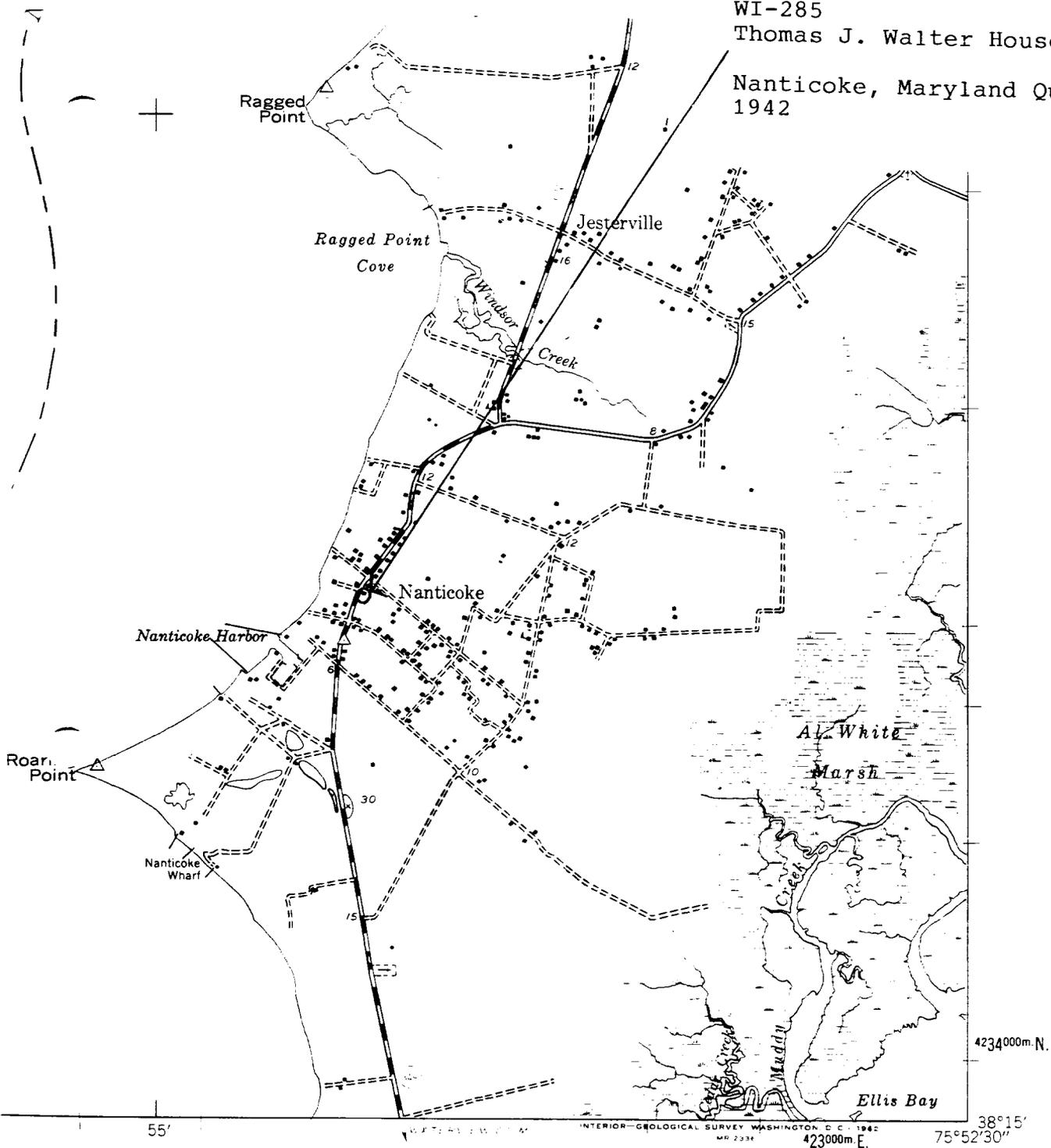
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WICOMICO CO.



### TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFER- ENCES.

- W. J. CATLIN, M.D.**, Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm. P. O., Tyaskin, Md.
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- NOAH J. TILGEMAN**, Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills," Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Hominy, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.
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 Nanticoke, Maryland Quadrangle  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty Light duty

Unimproved dirt

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 SW/4 NANTICOKE 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3815—W7552.5/7.5

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