

WI-304  
Tyaskin  
Private and Public

19th and 20th centuries

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around 1885. The two-and-a-half story main block is a tee-shaped dwelling highlighted with a wraparound turned post porch and delicate Victorian sawnwork. Standing on the south side of the village is the Tyaskin United Methodist Church, a Gothic Revival frame building erected in 1894.

The village continued to grow during the first three decades of the twentieth century, and a handful of two-and-a-half story four-square and bungalow inspired dwellings were erected among the nineteenth century structures. The Ernest M. Larmore house is one of the best preserved examples of the popular four-square house form. The Larmore house is joined on its lot by a bi-level frame potato house erected in 1921. One of the most distinctive early twentieth century structures is the Mezick house, a story-and-a-half, round log dwelling built around 1934.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Tyaskin Survey District

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-304

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): Survey district  
-dwellings  
-church  
-store  
-post office

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

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic

and/or common Tyaskin Survey District

**2. Location**

street & number Multiple locations \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Tyaskin \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 checked="" 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 Multiple owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

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

Survey No. WI-304

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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.

The community of Tyaskin is located on the south shore of Wetipquin Creek where it intersects the Nanticoke River. The village dwellings are largely oriented towards Tyaskin Road (MD 480), a north/south two-lane road that winds along a high ridge of land as it approaches Wetipquin Creek, the location of a beach, boat landing, and dock. The community is approximately fifteen miles west of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. Several properties are oriented to Tyaskin Wharf Road and a few side lanes.

The historic resources that define the village primarily date from the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century. Principal among the sites that distinguish the village is the Tyaskin United Methodist (WI-305), built in 1894 for the Methodist Episcopal congregation. The structure is an asymmetrically designed Gothic Revival church enhanced by a tranquil setting among mature shade trees and a landscaped cemetery. Centrally positioned in the village are the old F. B. Culver store (WI-308), the F. B. Culver house (WI-310), as well as the old Tyaskin post office (WI-307).

The historic housing stock in Tyaskin follows common building forms for the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Two- or two-and-half story, two- and three-bay frame dwellings with cross gables and rear service wings are frequently seen, as are two-story, two-bay frame houses with shed roofed kitchens. A few dwellings retain decorative turn of the century features including turned post porches, eave decoration, and original sash windows. With its distinctive tee-shape and wraparound turned post porch the F. B. Culver house is one of the most elaborate and distinctive dwellings in the village. The two-story, gable-front Culver store is probably one of the oldest structures in the village, dating around 1870-80. Popularly built during the early twentieth century are several two-and-a-half story four-square dwellings distinctive for their blockish proportions and pyramidal roofs. The Ernest M. Larmore house (WI-311) is a particularly well preserved example of the house form. Between the two World wars, a number of recreational and summer homes have been erected. One of the most unusual is the Mezick house, a story-and-a-half round log structure built in 1934 of peeled pine logs with saddle notch cornering.

The village consists or approximately forty (40) standing structures that date between 1880 and 1940, the principal period of growth for watermens' communities such as Tyaskin.

# 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
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			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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**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.

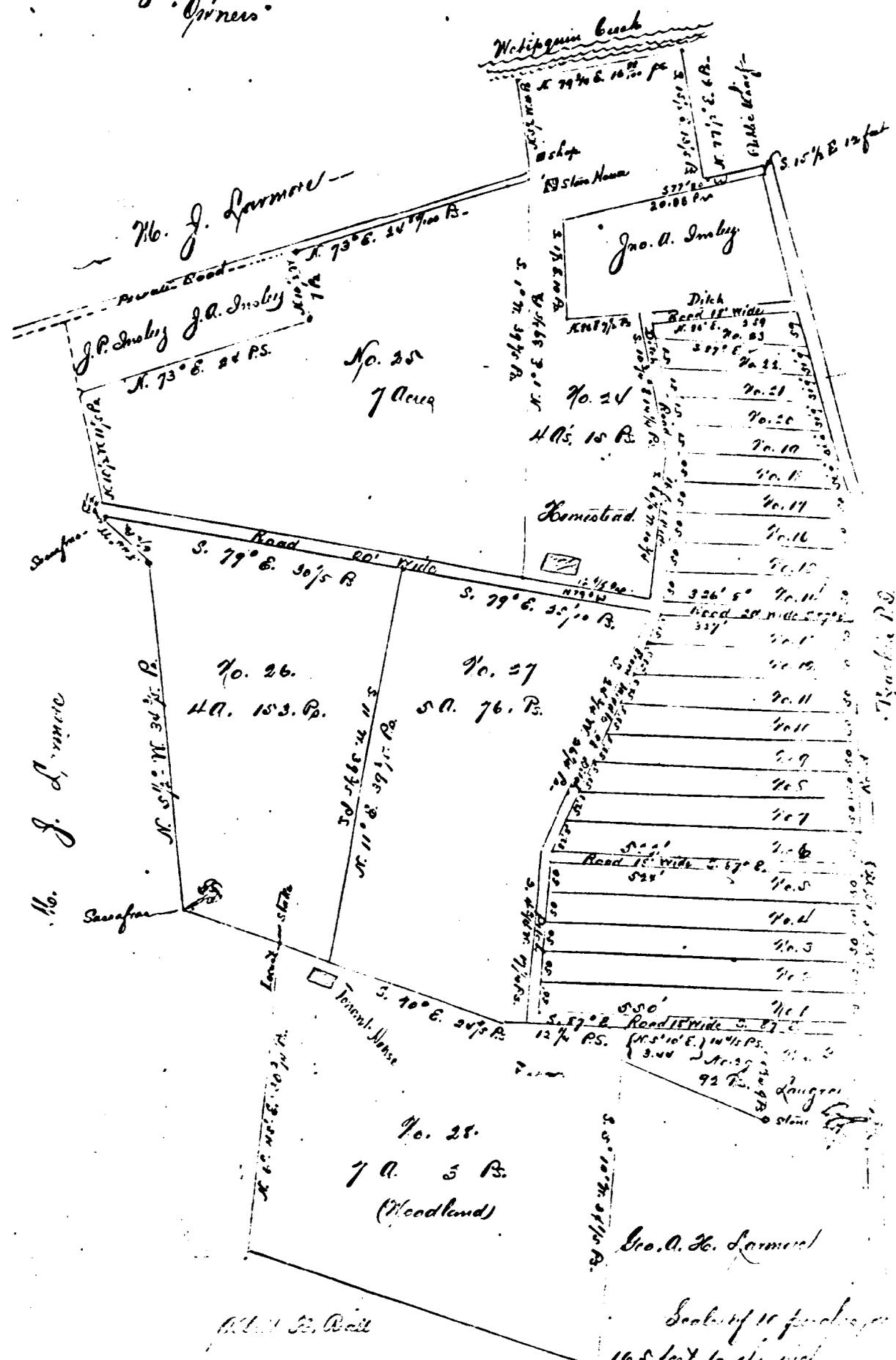
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The village of Tyaskin is a well preserved example of a small agrarian and water oriented community, and it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



Plat of the Ernest Riell Land  
Geo. O. Manning & Harriet E. Mitchell  
Owners



This above drawing represents the outline and subdivisions of the real estate which was owned and held by his father George Riell and his mother Louisa M. Riell, late of Wisconsin County, New York, as conveyed by Geo. O. Manning & Harriet E. Mitchell  
 Surveyed January 15th of 1894 and recorded November 10th 1894  
 Geo. O. Manning & Harriet E. Mitchell

Scale of 10 feet to an inch  
 165 feet to the inch

# TYASKIN

Dist. No. 3  
WICOMICO CO.



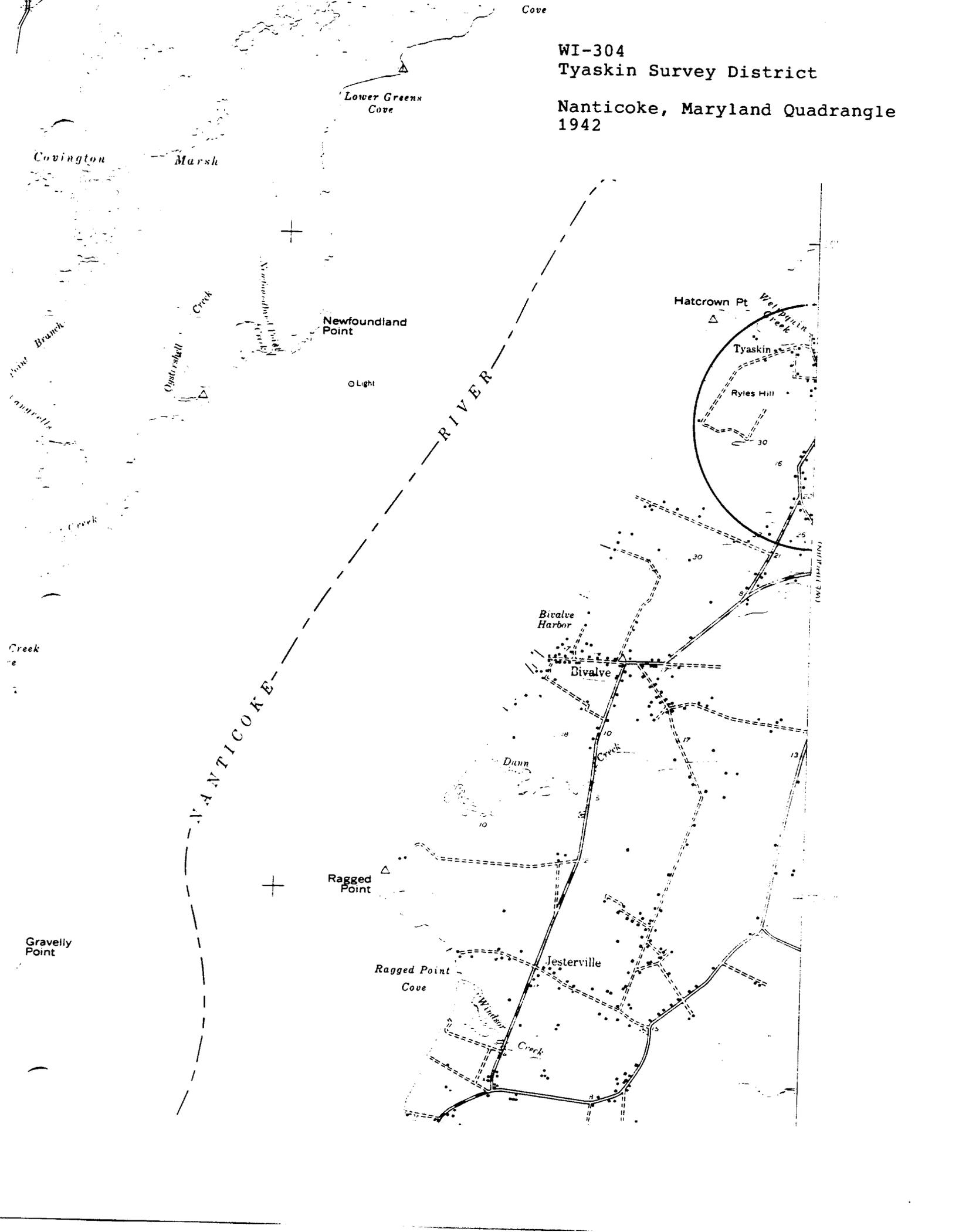
- TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.**
- W. J. CATLIN, M. D.,** Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm. P. O., Tyaskin, Md.
  - W. D. EDAYE,** Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Tobacco, Linens, &c. Tyaskin, Md.
  - NOAH J. TILGEMAN,** Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills," Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Hominy, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.
  - J. E. B. HORNER,** Owner of the fine Sloop "James Wesley." All kinds of freighting done to and from any point on the "Chesapeake Bay" or its tributaries. Especial Attention to the purchase and freighting of Oysters, Res. and F. O., Tyaskin, Md.
  - J. W. WINGATE,** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Confectionery, Wines, Whiskies, Brandy and Ham, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store, at Whitehaven.

- WARE WINRIGHT,** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, &c., and all goods usually kept in a country store. Whitehaven P. O.
- W. G. & J. Q. TILGEMAN,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Cutlery, Tobacco, Cigars, Notions, &c. Tyaskin, Md.
- JOHN WILLING AND CO.,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions and all articles usually kept in a country store. Nantuxoke P. O.
- S. A. LANGRALL,** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store. Store near M. E. Church, Nantuxoke Point.
- J. W. TURNER AND SON,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, &c. Nantuxoke, Md.
- J. A. CONRAWAY,** Physician and Surgeon. Office and Res. near M. E. Church, Nantuxoke Point.
- J. H. ELLIOTT,** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Extracts, Patent Medicines, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a first class country store. Store at Green Hill.



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Nanticoke, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942



Covington Marsh

Lower Greens Cove

Newfoundland Point

Light

Hatcrown Pt

Tyaskin

Ryles Hill

Bivalve Harbor

Bivalve

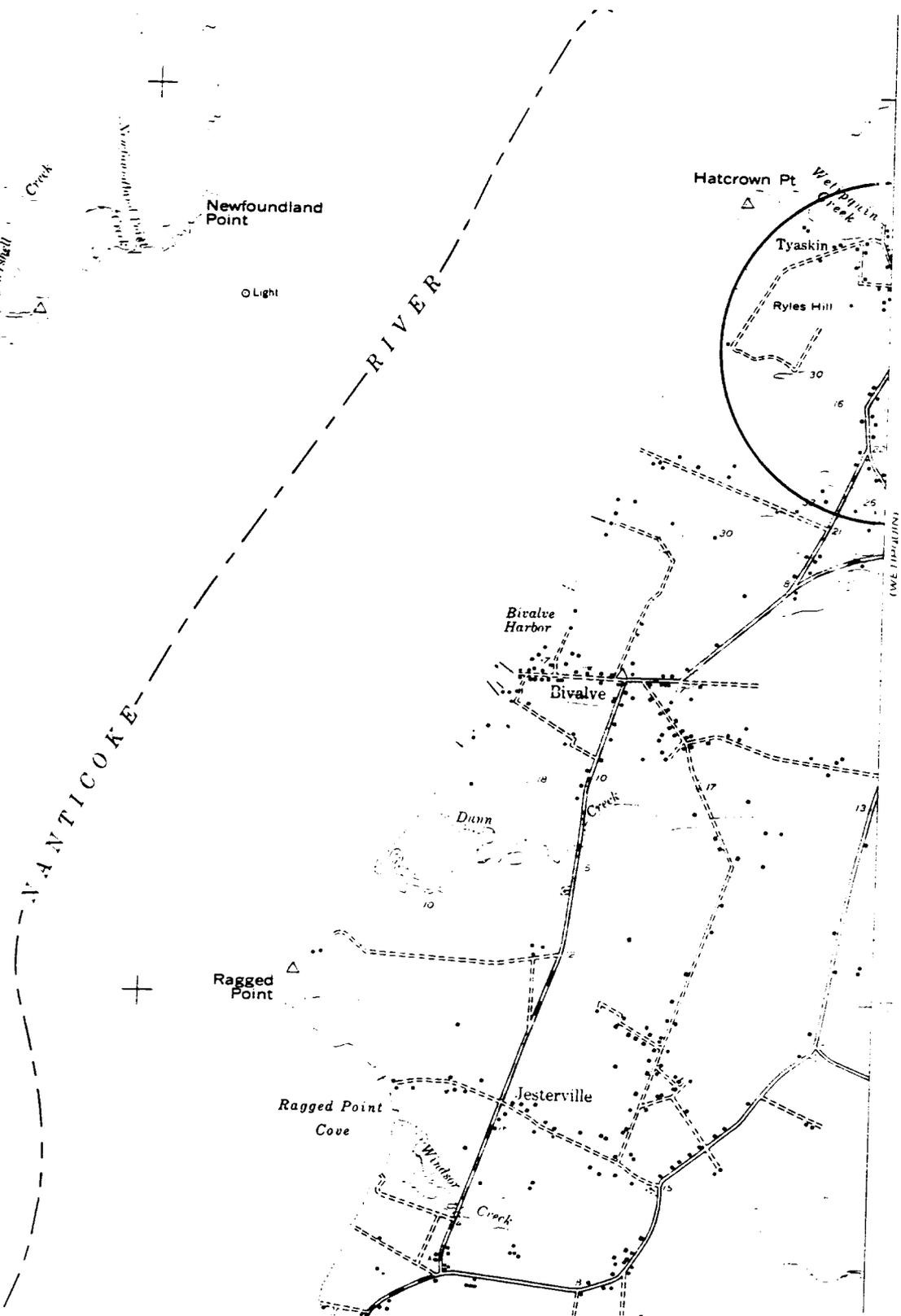
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Ragged Point

Ragged Point Cove

Jesterville

Gravelly Point





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