

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

The following numbers are related to the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory campus:

<u>MIHP Number</u>	<u>Property Name/C.B.L. Building Number</u>
CT-72	Solomons House (C.B.L. Building 482)
CT-1001	Carmen's Framecraft (C.B.L. Saunders House, Building 481)
CT-1002	Solomons Island Laundromat (C.B.L. Becker House, Building 485)
CT-1004	Farren Avenue House (C.B.L. Kopp House, Building 463)
CT-1005	Beaven Hall (C.B.L. Building 450)
CT-1007	Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Annex (Swift House, Building 470)
CT-1009	Sunset View Inn/Elliott's Inn
CT-1010	Harten House
CT-1011	Carey House (C.B.L. Building 484)
CT-1201	Solomons Island Wharf
CT-1370	Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Historic District
CT-1370_0001_CRS	C.B.L., Cory Hall, Building 451
CT-1370_0002_CRS	C.B.L., Nice Hall, Building 452
CT-1370_0003_CRS	C.B.L., R.V. Truitt Laboratory, Building 453
CT-1370_0004_CRS	C.B.L., Maintenance Facility, Building 456
CT-1370_0005_CRS	C.B.L., Mansueti Laboratory, Building 459
CT-1370_0006_CRS	C.B.L., Pump House/Pier, Building 474
CT-1370_0007_CRS	C.B.L., Northam House, Building 487
CT-1370_0008_CRS	C.B.L., Parish House and Garage, Buildings 477 and 478
CT-1370_0009_CRS	C.B.L., Storage Building, Building 479
CT-1370_0010_CRS	C.B.L., L. Eugene Cronin Laboratory, Building 486
CT-1370_0011_CRS	C.B.L., Bernie Flower Laboratory, Building 480
CT-1370_0012_CRS	C.B.L., Coastal Technologies Lab, Building 483
CT-1370_0013_CRS	C.B.L., Research Fleet Operations Center, Building 458

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-1005

Beaven Hall, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

160 Farren Avenue

Solomons, Calvert County

1932

Public

Beaven Hall is the first documented permanent building constructed for the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, which now occupies several buildings in this part of Solomons Island. The Biological Laboratory was founded by Dr. Reginald V. Truitt in 1925 with the University of Maryland's Conservation Department for scientific research on the marine life of Maryland. In 1929, sufficient funds were appropriated for the construction of Beaven Hall, which was completed in 1931 and dedicated in 1932. Beaven Hall is the centerpiece of a larger campus of marine research facilities owned and operated by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, with sister campuses on the Eastern Shore and in the mountains of Western Maryland. The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is the first permanent State-supported marine biological laboratory in continuous use on the East Coast.

The principal façade of this two-and-a-half-story building fronts southward toward the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patuxent River. The building is constructed of Flemish-bond bricks with glazed headers and a soldier-course water table. The side-gable roof is sheathed in slate shingles, with metal snow guards and a plain fascia board, bed molding, an ogee-molded cornice, and returns. The center four bays of the eight-bay-wide façade are marked by a front-gabled pediment with a single 2/2 replacement-sash window in the brick-faced tympanum. There are two front-gable dormers on the south elevation and three on the north elevation. Each dormer is clad with slate shingles and has a 2/2 replacement-sash window with square-edged wood surrounds. Exterior-end stretcher-bond brick chimneys rise from the center of the east and west side elevations. The one-story portico is one bay wide with fluted Doric columns. The parged tympanum of the portico pediment is ornamented with a bas-relief plaster plaque that depicts local sea life. The fenestration is comprised of 2/2 replacement-sash windows with stone lintels and sills, a paneled wood door with six-light sidelights and a nine-light transom on the façade, and a replacement one-light metal door on the north elevation. The entry on the north elevation is framed by square-edged surrounds and is capped by a stone pediment with a wide architrave. A molded plaster surround with flared impostes frames the stone surround. Blind openings with soldier-course surrounds flank the entry.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-1005

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Beaven Hall, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
 other

2. Location

street and number 160 Farren Avenue not for publication
 city, town Solomons vicinity
 county Calvert

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

name State of MD Board of Regents Univ of MD Center
 street and number PO Box 775 telephone Unknown
 city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613-0775

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 46A:59
 city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 13 folio 178

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

Beavan Hall at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is located at 160 Farren Avenue in Solomons Island. The property, comprised of 11,714 square feet, is set to the west of the Chesapeake Bay. The slightly sloping site is accessed from Farren Avenue by concrete stairs and a metal rail. Paved walkways, landscaped gardens, mature trees, and wooden benches surround the building. A sign indicating the use of the building is located to the west of the primary entry on Farren Avenue. A small quadrangle of associated buildings not included in the survey are located to the north of Beavan Hall. Edna Amos Nice Hall, designed by Katherine Cutler, was built in 1938 along the west side of the quadrangle as a residential facility. The north side of the quadrangle is defined by a two-story brick building dating from the 1960s. A new brick laboratory with a controlled-environment was built in 1973.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

The principal façade of this two-and-a-half-story building fronts southward toward the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patuxent River. The building is constructed of Flemish-bond bricks with glazed headers and a soldier-course water table. The side-gable roof is sheathed in slate shingles, with metal snow guards and a plain fascia board, bed molding, an ogee-molded cornice, and returns. The center four bays of the eight-bay-wide façade are marked by a front-gabled pediment with a single 2/2 replacement-sash window in the brick-faced tympanum. There are two front-gable dormers on the south elevation and three on the north elevation. Each dormer is clad with slate shingles and has a 2/2 replacement-sash window with square-edged wood surrounds. Exterior-end stretcher-bond brick chimneys rise from the center of the east and west side elevations. The poured concrete front steps are flanked by stretcher-bond brick pedestals. The one-story portico is one bay wide with fluted Doric columns. The parged tympanum of the portico pediment is ornamented with a bas-relief plaster plaque that depicts local sea life. The fenestration is comprised of 2/2 replacement-sash windows with stone lintels and sills, a paneled wood door with six-light sidelights and a nine-light transom on the façade, and a replacement one-light metal door on the north elevation. The entry on the north elevation is framed by square-edged surrounds and is capped by a stone pediment with a wide architrave. A molded plaster surround with flared impost frames the stone surround. Blind openings with soldier-course surrounds flank the entry.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1931; 1932

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1931

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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ENDNOTES

(1) Richard J. Dodds, compiler, Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour, Solomons, MD: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995, #45.

(2) University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Sciences, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (downloaded 11/04/2004 from <http://cbl.umd.edu/>).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-1005

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.27

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is located at 160 Farren Avenue, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic building is noted on Tax Map 46A, Parcel 59. It has been historically associated with Parcel 59 since the building's construction in 1932.

11. Form Prepared By

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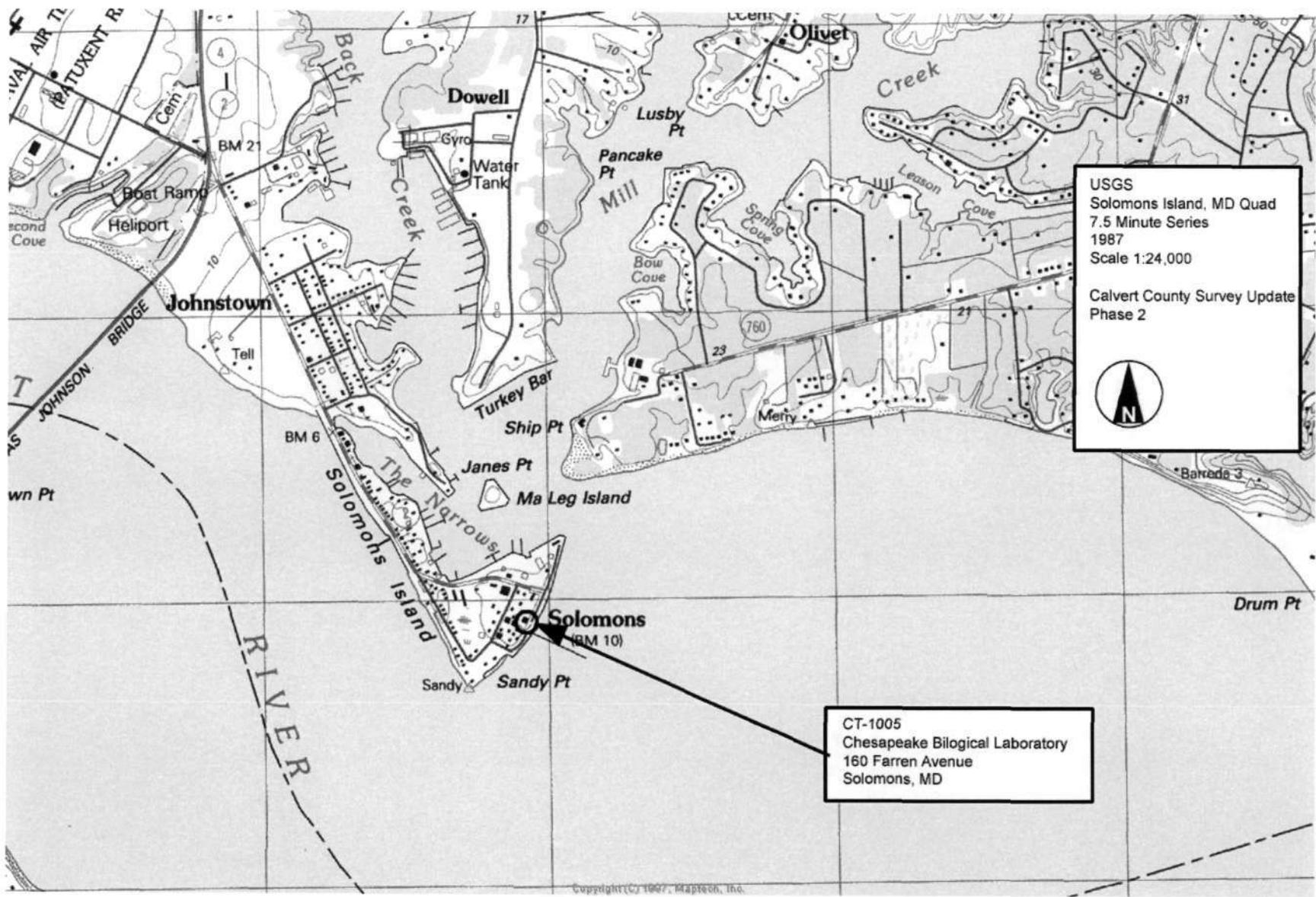
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Chesapeake Bio. Lab, 160 Farren Ave.

Calvert County, MD

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Southeast elevation

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Chesapeake Bio. Lab , 160 Farren Ave.
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MD SHPO

northwest elevation

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Chesapeake Bio. Lab, 160 Farren Ave.

Calvert County, MD

EHT Traceries

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MD SHPO

Southwest corner

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

2. Location

street & number Farren Avenue and Williams Street not for publicationcity, town Solomons vicinity of congressional districtstate Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 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 Chesapeake Biological Laboratory/State of Maryland

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 liberstreet & number Main Street (MD 765) foliocity, 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-1005

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 present "campus" of C.B.L. is composed of a loose quadrangle located between Farren and Williams Streets. Long, tall brick academic buildings enclose three sides of the quadrangle. Today, the C.B.L. facility spills over into several small auxilliary buildings, and a major new brick controlled-environment laboratory was built in 1973, but the first building is still the principal one. It is a two-and-a-half-story eight-bay brick building with a slate-covered gable roof, semi-exterior brick chimneys on the gable ends, and a pediment set into the roof and centered over the main door. The windows have two-over-two double-hung sash. The main entrance is sheltered by a portico supported on stone Doric columns. The tympanum is distinguished by relief carvings of various forms of Maryland marine life. The west side of the quadrangle is defined by a brick building that is similar in form and scale, but it is not as well finished as the original C.B.L. bulding. This is the main residential facility, called Nice Hall. The north side of the quadrangle is defined by a third two-story brick building that dates from the 1960s.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1005

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1925, 1931 **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.

The C.B.L. was formed by R. V. Truitt in 1925 with the Maryland Conservation Department for scientific research on the marine life of Maryland. Since 1931, it has been operated in cooperation with the Carnegie Institution, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland University, Goucher, St. Johns, Washington, and Western Maryland colleges. C.B.L. is distinguished as the first permanent State-supported marine biological laboratory in continuous use on the East Coast. From the C.B.L. historical marker and Solomons by Foot, Bicycle, or Boat.

The first C.B.L. building was constructed in 1931. The Edna Amos Nice Hall was built in 1938. Katherine Cutler, an incompetent, was the architect.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1005

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Ct-1005 Chesapeake Biological
Laboratory
Farren Avenue
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the east

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