

Burgdon House (CT-1013)
14741 Patuxent Avenue, Solomons
Calvert County, Maryland
Private

Built ca. 1930s

In April 2015, the Calvert County government identified ten properties that are in a floodplain, are likely to be affected by a storm event that raises water up to five feet, or are along shorelines that are susceptible to erosion and intrusion from rising water table. The Burgdon (to be referred to as the Burgoon House) is one of these properties. The property is vulnerable to rising water, as it has suffered flooding in the past; however, no evidence of environmental damage was found during limited exterior on-site investigations.

The Burgoon House (previously documented as the Burgdon House) is located at 14741 Patuxent Avenue in Solomons, Calvert County. It sits perpendicular to the west side of Patuxent Avenue and is built upon piers on the shore of the Patuxent River. The private dwelling is accessed by a simulated wood dock. This wood-frame dwelling rises only one story and spans four bays on its façade (north elevation). To the north and south lay private docks and across the road to the east sit large private residences.

The Burgoon House, likely constructed in the 1930s, is a small riverfront cottage. It has been significantly altered from its appearance in the 1986 survey but retains its basic floorplan and massing. The house was constructed in the 1930s, likely by Joseph and Sara Webster, owners of the property at the time. Joseph C. Webster (1874-1938) was a Maryland State Senator. The wood-frame dwelling was originally clad in tarpaper and had a porch on the westernmost end.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-1013

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Burgdon House
other Burgoon House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 14741 Patuxent Avenue ___ not for publication
city, town Solomons ___ vicinity
county Calvert

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

name Lawrence Matthews Revocable Trust
street and number 1125 Bay Ridge Road telephone
city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21403-0000

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber 3306 folio 399
city, town Prince Frederick tax map 46A tax parcel 95 tax ID number 01-003364

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 at MHT
 Other: CT-1315, Solomons Island Survey District, 2008-2010

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				<u>1</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

SUMMARY

In April 2015, the Calvert County government identified ten properties that are in a floodplain, are likely to be affected by a storm event that raises water up to five feet, or are along shorelines that are susceptible to erosion and intrusion from rising water table. The Burgdon House (to be referred to as the Burgoon House) is one of these properties. The property is vulnerable to rising water, as it has suffered flooding in the past; however, no evidence of environmental damage was found during limited exterior on-site investigations.

The Burgoon House (previously documented as the Burgdon House) is located at 14741 Patuxent Avenue in Solomons, Calvert County. The primary elevation faces north, while the unadorned gable end faces Patuxent Avenue. The house is built upon piers on the shore of the Patuxent River and is accessed by a simulated wood dock. This wood-frame dwelling rises only one story and spans four bays on its façade (north elevation). Private docks stand to the north and south, and large private residences are located across the road to the east.

DESCRIPTION

This one-story, wood-frame cottage is built on a foundation of wood and concrete piers. A simulated wood staircase leads to a simulated wood porch, which facilitates access to the dwelling. A wood pier projects west over the river to the west of the dwelling. The house is capped by a cross-gabled roof clad in asphalt shingles and features overhanging boxed eaves. The dwelling is faced with replacement vinyl siding and the gable ends feature round replacement vinyl shingles. A gabled asphalt shingle-clad portico supported by Doric columns (material not discernible from the public right of way) shelters the main entrance in the easternmost bay of the façade (north elevation). A replacement single-leaf door provides access to the dwelling. The house is fenestrated by six-over-six simulated divided light vinyl sash windows flanked by inoperable paneled vinyl shutters.

A rectangular projecting bay dominates the west elevation. This former screened porch has been enclosed with vinyl siding and fenestrated by one-by-one sliding vinyl doors. The doors on the south elevation provide access to the simulated wood deck. The bay is capped by a hipped roof of asphalt shingles with wide overhanging eaves.

The 1979 National Register nomination form describes the property:

This one-story two-room framed and tarpapered dwelling faces west onto the Patuxent River. Its lot fronts onto Patuxent Avenue. Set on wood and concrete piers, this little structure has a gable roof, six-over-six double-hung-sash windows, and a metal stove flue. There is a two-bay-long rear ell. A hipped-roof screened-in front porch obscures the façade, which is probably three bays wide. This structure dates from the early part of this century.

The interior of the private dwelling was not accessible.

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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<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 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca. 1930s

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Burgoon House, likely constructed in the 1930s, is a small riverfront cottage. It has been significantly altered from its appearance in the 1986 survey but retains its basic floorplan and massing.

The house was constructed in the 1930s, likely by Joseph and Sara Webster, owners of the property at the time. Joseph C. Webster (1874-1938) was a Maryland State Senator. The wood-frame dwelling was originally clad in tarpaper and had a porch on the westernmost end.

CHAIN OF TITLE:

August 21, 1922	Joseph J. and C. Roberta Bafford to Joseph C. Webster	Land Records of Calvert County Liber AAH 8 Folio 1
August 20, 1938	Sarah E. Webster to Mauel and Eunice E. Gonzalez	Land Records of Calvert County Liber AAH 38 Folio 540
February 25, 1946	Edna Marsh Davis to Manuel and Eunice E. Gonzalez	Land Records of Calvert County Liber AWR 6 Folio 225
December 8, 2004	John Burgoon, Jr. to John Burgoon III and Nancy Burgoon	Land Records of Calvert County Liber KPS 2354 Folio 324
August 5, 2005	John Burgoon III and Nancy Burgoon to Michael J. Marra	Land Records of Calvert County Liber KPS 2544 Folio 187
May 12, 2009	Michael J. Marra to Lawrence Matthews Revocable Trust	Land Records of Calvert County Liber KPS 3306 Folio 399

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The Burgoon House was probably built for Manuel and Eunice Dorsey, though it was not their primary residence. The 1940 Federal Census lists Eunice Gonzalez, 26, as married and head of household. Her parents, Peter Alfonso Dorsey and wife, Mary Elizabeth nee Langley Dorsey, their daughter and son-in-law lived in the same house. This was not the Burgoon House, but the house across the road, north of Patuxent Avenue, that the Gonzalez' bought in 1938 from Sarah Webster,¹ the widow of local businessman and former State Senator Joseph Webster. An internet search revealed a photo of Manuel Gonzalez in a uniform² and his service record shows that he was in the Naval Reserve from 1940 until 1946, when he was listed as a Commander. Both he and Eunice are buried at Middleham Chapel in Lusby.

In 1946, Edna Marsh sold the property where the Burgoon House stands to Eunice and Manuel Gonzalez³, one month after Cmdr. Gonzalez returned from the service. The deed specifically describes a piece of property extending to a point below mean high water. It connects, on the north side of Patuxent Avenue to the parcel that the Gonzalez' bought earlier from Sarah Webster, and where the Gonzalez' likely still lived. It is likely that Eunice and Manuel Gonzalez built the Burgoon House.

The Burgoon House was probably constructed after 1940, perhaps after Eunice and Manuel Gonzalez bought it. It appears neither on the 1933 nor the 1938 aerial photographs. Peter Alfonso Dorsey, Eunice Gonzalez' father, operated a boat rental area just northwest of the location⁴. The boat rental is visible on the 1938 USDA aerial.

The 1930s and 1940s saw a boom in construction of recreational properties along the shores of the Patuxent and the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert County beach communities of North Beach, Chesapeake Beach, Kenwood Beach, and Governors Run were all popular locales for building small getaways, mostly for people who lived in Washington, DC. During WWII, while the Amphibious Training Base in Solomons was active, there was high demand for housing for the personnel employed at the base. In 1943, the Patuxent River Naval Air Station was commissioned across the river in St. Mary's County. Many workers there lived on the Calvert side of the river and commuted to work on a ferry. Activity at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station continued and grew after the war. While no evidence survives to conclusively identify its actual use, the Burgoon House, a cottage on the water, may have been both a recreational and an income property.

CONTINUATION SHEET PREPARED BY: Kirsti Uunila

DATE: August 27, 2015

¹ August 20, 1938, Sarah E. Webster to Manuel and Eunice E. Gonzalez, Land Records of Calvert County Liber AAH 38 Folio 540

² <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=68259189> accessed on July 20, 2015

³ February 25, 1946, Edna Marsh Davis to Manuel and Eunice Gonzalez, Land Records of Calvert County Liber AWR 6 Folio 225

⁴ #25 in Solomons Island & Vicinity: An Illustrated Walking Tour of Solomons by Richard J. Dodds, 1995, Calvert Marine Museum and Islands in a River: Solomons and Broomes Island, Maryland by Richard J. Dodds, 2008, Calvert Marine Museum, p. 106.

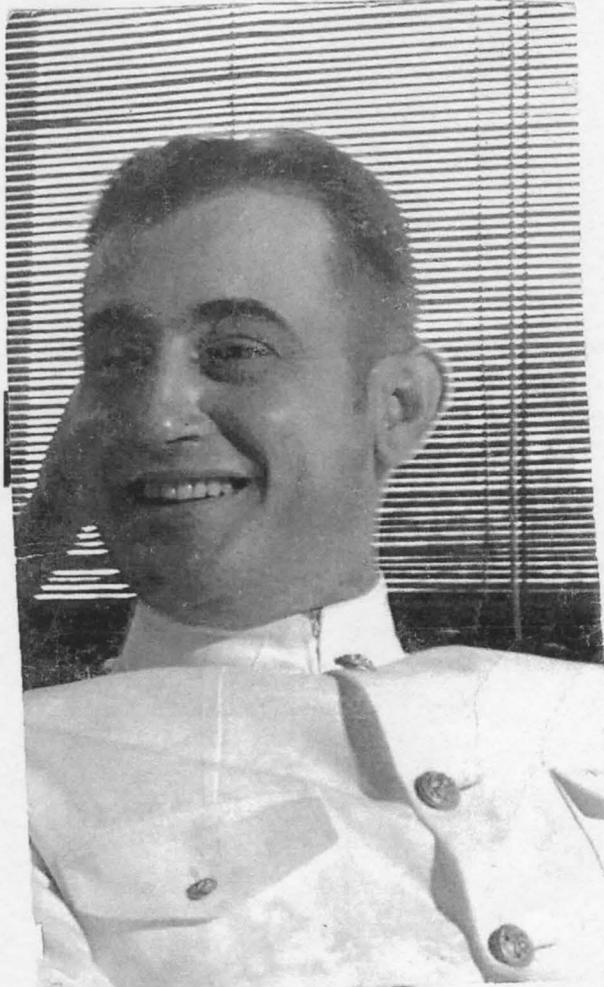
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Number_ **Historic Photograph 1 of 2**

Name of Property: Burgoon/Burgdon House

Location: 14741 Patuxent Avenue, Solomons MD



Commander Manuel Gonzalez in Navy uniform. -Photo posted by D. Truitt, www.findagrave.com

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Number **Historic Photograph 2 of 2**

Name of Property: Burgoon/Burghdon House

Location: 14741 Patuxent Avenue, Solomons MD



Sign for Peter Alfonso Dorsey's boat rental business, 65 feet northwest from where CT-1013 was built in the 1940s. P. A. Dorsey was the father of Eunice Gonzalez and he and his wife lived with her in the Gonzalez' house. -Photo posted by D. Truitt online at www.findagrave.com

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-1013

Land Records of Calvert County.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Solomons Island Survey District, CT-1315, 2008-2010 (prepared by Rebecca Crew, Maryland State Highway Administration).

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Burgdon House, CT-1015, 1986 (prepared by Camille Wells, MHT/Calvert Department of Planning).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .02 Acres
Acreage of historical setting .02 Acres
Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of this property are limited to Parcel 95 of Tax Map 46A.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Christine Leggio and Dana Litowitz/Architectural Historians		
organization	Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson	date	July 15, 2015
street & number	72 Loveton Circle	telephone	410-329-3100
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CT-1013 – Burgdon House – Photo Log

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Data included on Verbatim® UltraLife™ Archival Grade DVD-R with Proprietary AZO recording dye

Image No.	Image File Name	Image Description
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2	CT-1013_2015-05-25_02	View of the east elevation, looking west.
3	CT-1013_2015-05-25_03	View of the south elevation, looking northwest.
4	CT-1013_2015-05-25_04	View of the north and west elevations, looking southeast.
5	CT-1013_2015-05-25_05	View of the façade, looking south.
6	CT-1013_2015-05-25_06	View of the concrete pier foundation, detail.
7	CT-1013_2015-05-25_07	View of the entry portico on the façade, looking southwest.

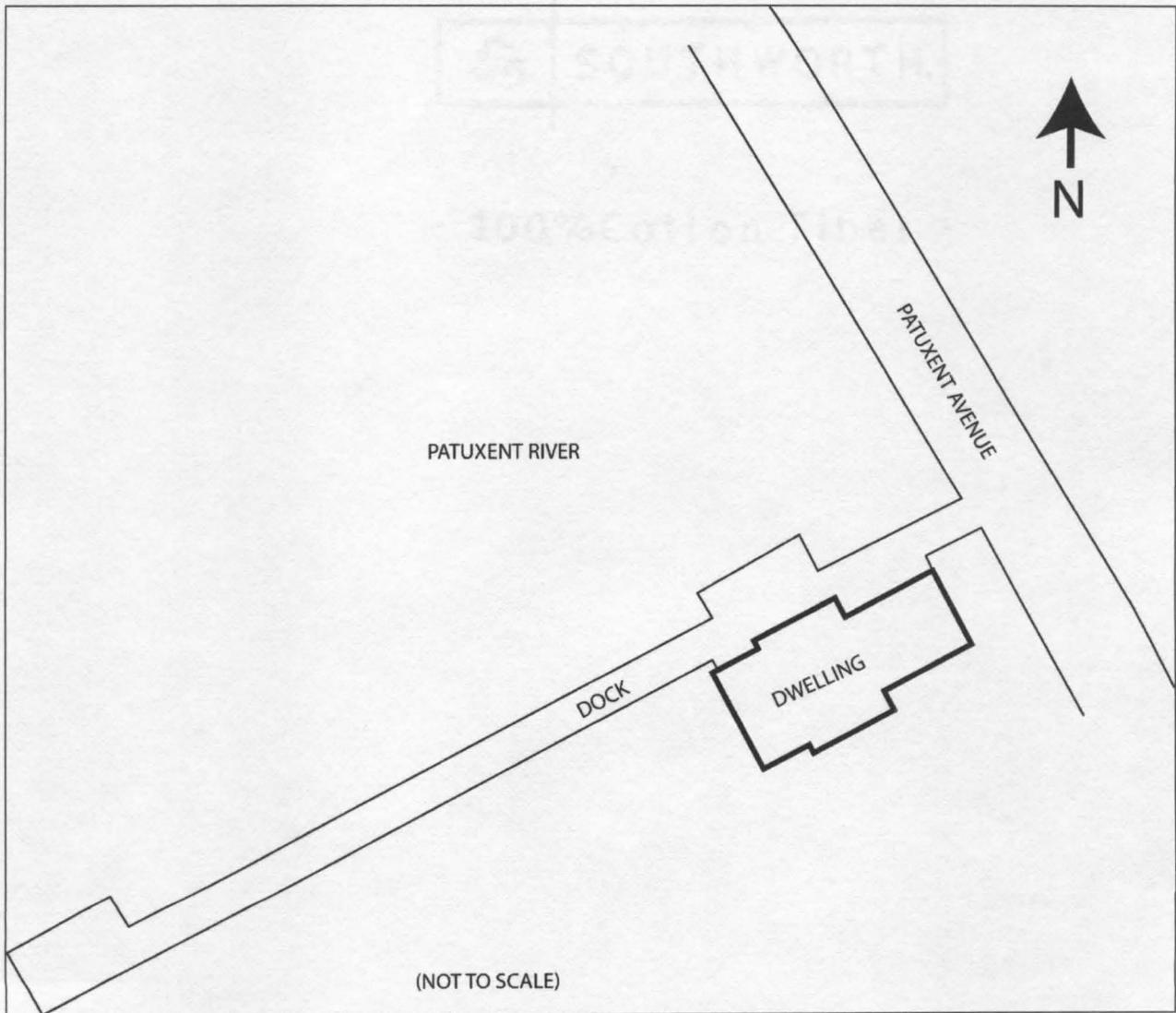
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Site Plan



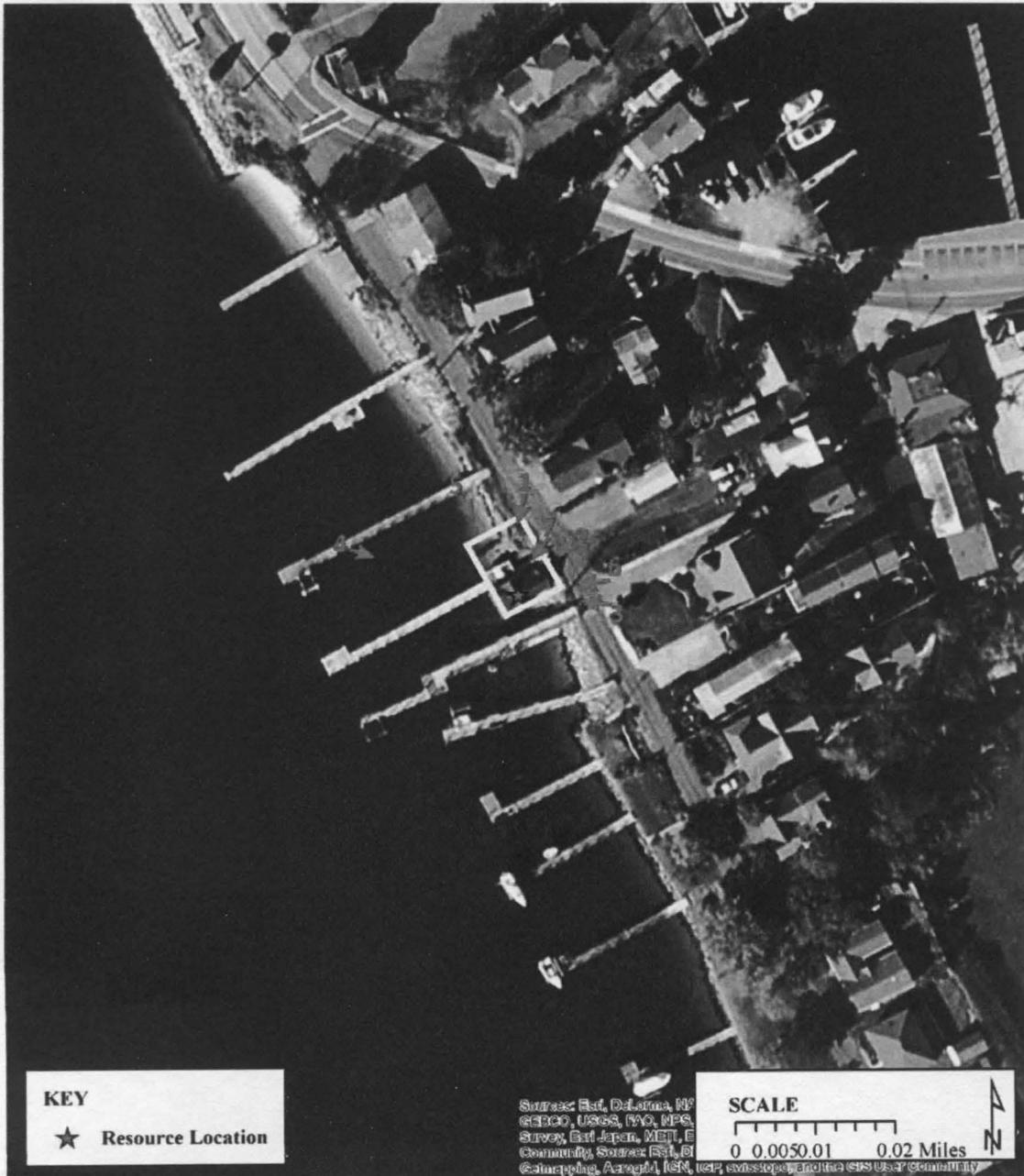
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Resource Location Map and Photo Key



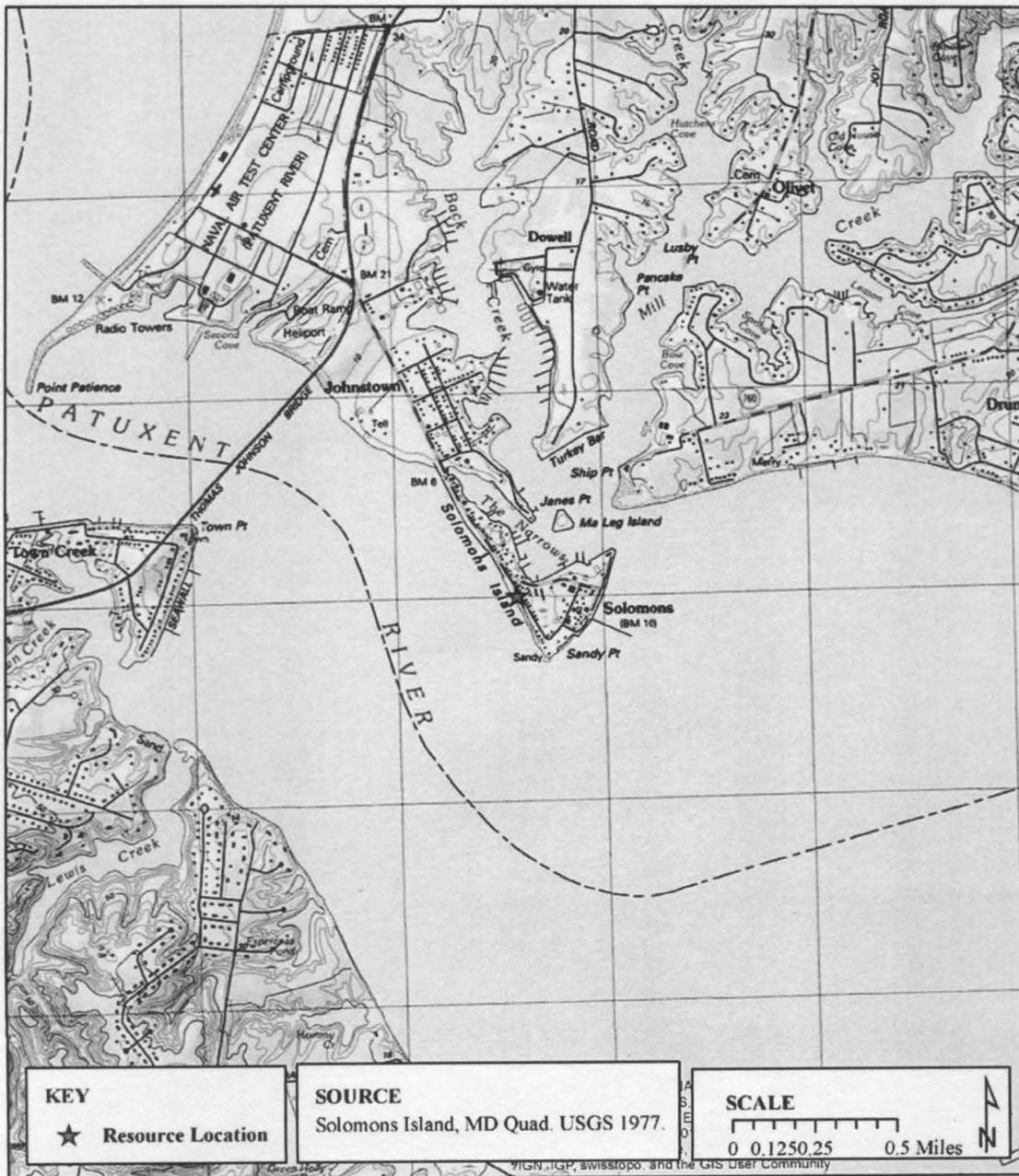
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Resource Location Map





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Calvert, MD

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View of the Facade, looking SW.

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CALVERT, MD

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MD SHPD

View of the east Elevation, looking West.

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Bungdon House
Calvert, MD

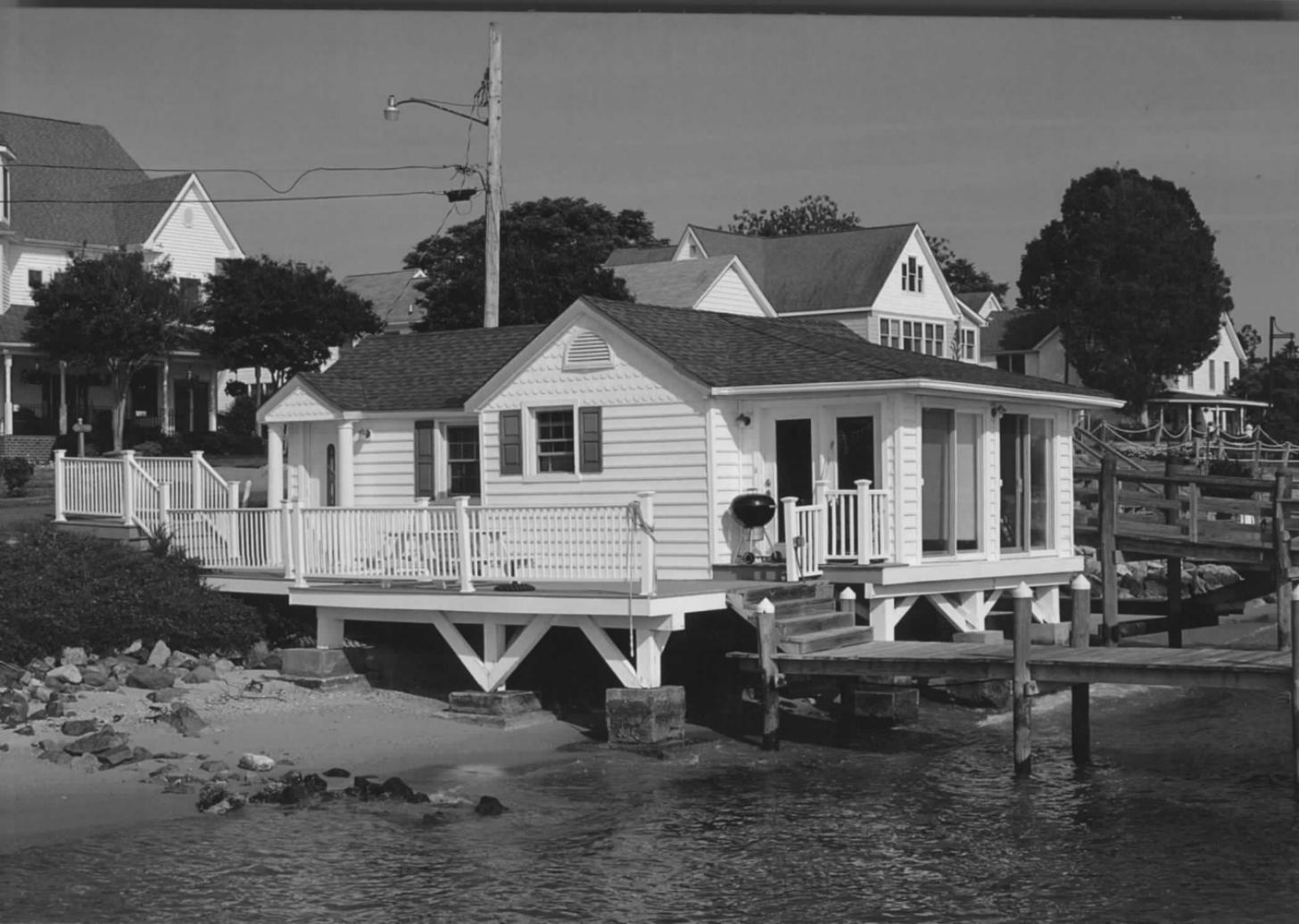
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View of the S Elevation, Looking NW.

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View of the N & W elevations,
looking SE.

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View of the facade, looking S.

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Calvert, MD

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View of the concrete pier foundation,
Detail.

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View of the Entry Portico, looking SW.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Burgdon House

2. Location

street & number Patuxent Avenue not for publicationcity, town Solomons vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

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 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 John Burgdon, Jr.

street & number 1243 Leeds Terrace telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21227

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-1013

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

This one-story two-room framed and tarpapered dwelling faces west onto the Patuxent River. Its lot fronts onto Patuxent Avenue. Set on wood and concrete piers, this little structure has a gable roof, six-over-six double-hung-sash windows, and a metal stove flue. There is a two-bay-long rear ell. A hipped-roof screened-in front porch obscures the facade, which is probably three bays wide. This structure dates from the early part of this century.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1013

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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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"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

This building is located near the site of Peter A. Dorsey's rowboat rental service.

From Solomons by Foot, Bicycle or Boat.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1013

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Camille Wells		
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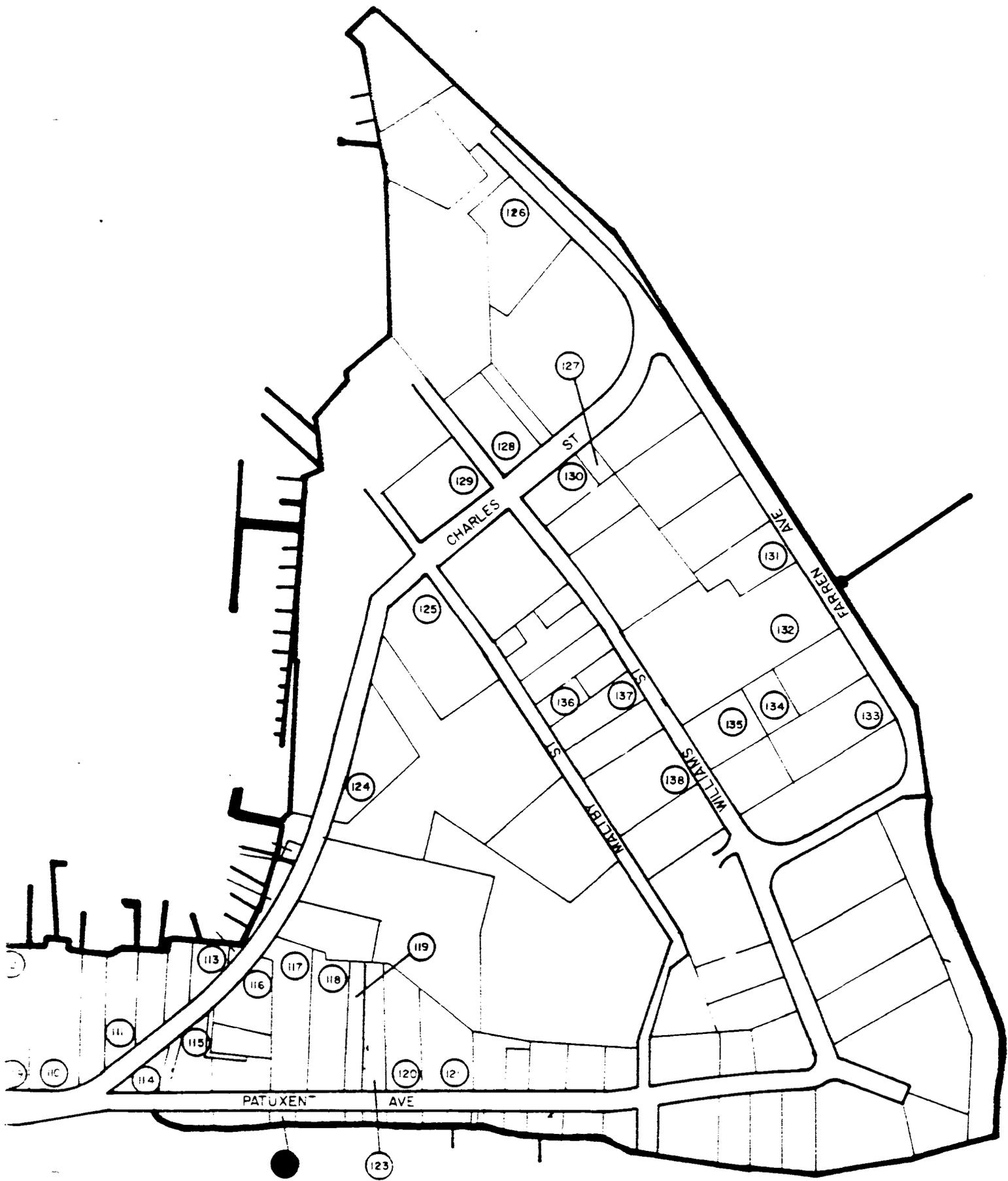
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