

CT-1222
4138 7th Street
North Beach, Calvert County
Private

4138 7th Street is a modest, highly intact narrow-gable front structure, a building type seen throughout North Beach. This 1 1/2-story, 3-bay frame dwelling has walls covered with clapboard siding, that rest on a concrete-block foundation. It resembles side-passage shotgun-style houses, but is precluded from this designation because it has a central passage. A full-width, shed-roof screen porch protects the house's centrally-located front entrance. The roof of the porch functions as a deck.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

North Beach, Calvert County Survey
Survey Numbers CT-1215 through CT-1253
(excepting CT-1217, -1238, -1238, -1240, -1250 and-1251)

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): 1870-1930; 1930-Present

Historic Period Theme(s): 2) Architecture, Landscape and Community Planning
7) Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): dwelling

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1222

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 4138 7th Street

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4138 7th Street not for publicationcity, town North Beach 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 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 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 Karen Ann Tenney

street & number 4138 7th Street telephone no.:

city, town North Beach state and zip code: Maryland 20714

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 777

street & number 310 Main Street folio 749

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Evaluated in *Architectural Survey and Historic District Evaluation: North Beach, Maryland*date June, 1998 federal state count local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

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.

4138 7th Street is located on the north side of the road, where it sits on a narrow flood-prone lot, in close proximity to the street. The Chesapeake Bay is located one block east. This building is a 1 ½-story, gable-front dwelling. It is three bays wide and two bays deep. Walls are covered with German siding and rest on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The centrally-located front entrance is flanked on either side by a 2/1 window. A full-width, shed-roof porch spans the front facade. The German siding used in the lower half of the porch matches that found on the main body of the building. The porch's upper section is screened. The low slope of this porch allows the its roof to serve as a deck. The porch roof/deck is accessed via centrally-located second story, nine-light, glazed-and-paneled door. Windows are a mix of 2/2 and 2/1 types.

A garage, contemporary with the house, is located on the dwelling's east side. It features German siding, and retains its pair of vertical board swing doors. A pedestrian entrance is located in the garage's east side.

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (recreation) |

| Specific dates | Builder/Architect | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Check: Applicable Criteria: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> B | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C | <input type="checkbox"/> D | | | |
| and/or | | | | | | | |
| Applicable Exception: | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> B | <input type="checkbox"/> C | <input type="checkbox"/> D | <input type="checkbox"/> E | <input type="checkbox"/> F | <input type="checkbox"/> G |
| 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.

The building is significant for its association with the architectural development of the early-20th century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. For an historical sketch of North Beach, please refer to the attached continuation sheets.

This modest, but highly intact dwelling is representative of the narrow-gable front family of buildings found throughout North Beach. Many of these, by virtue of their side-passage plan, are identified as "straw" houses. However, by virtue of its centered entrance, is precluded from this designation.

Continuation Sheet

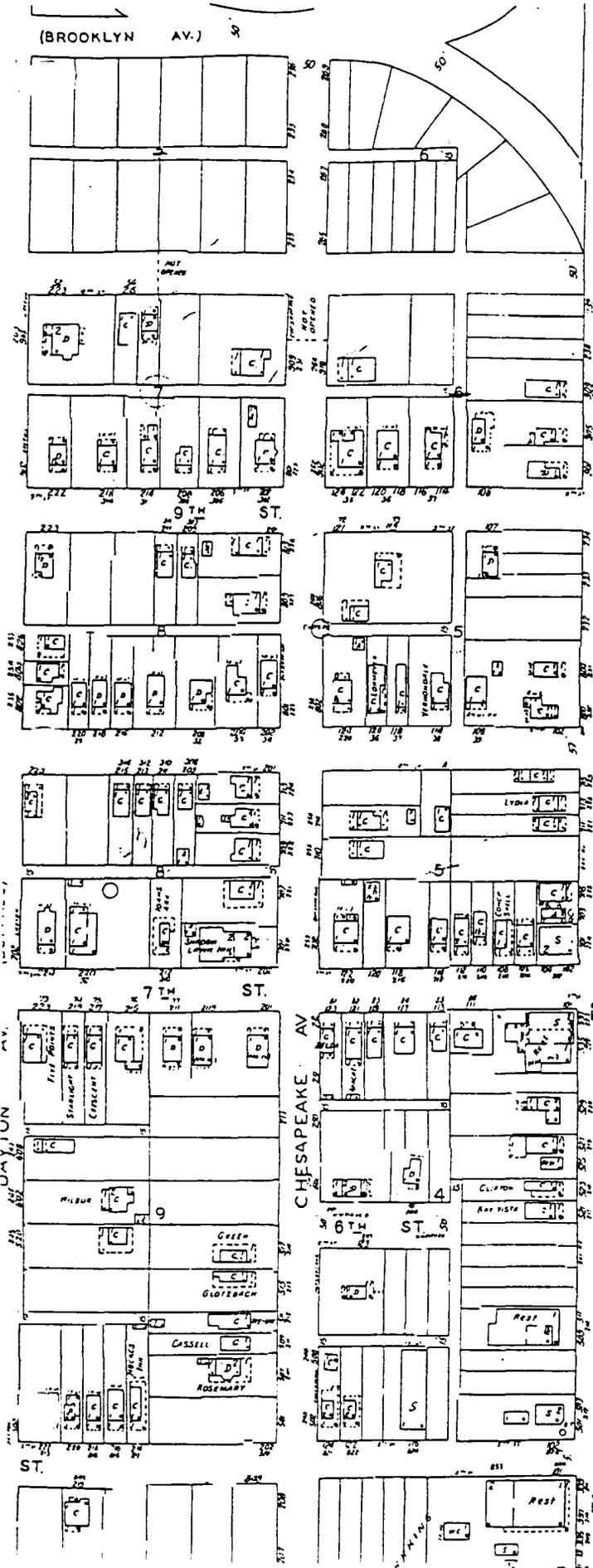
Section 8: History and Significance

North Beach is a fair to good example of an early 20th century summer resort colony and is a Maryland example of a national trend in community development initiated by the Industrial Revolution. Communities such as North Beach were a result of the growing middle class, mobility and consumerism resulting from the industrial economy that dominated the period. Dozens of beach resorts developed around the Chesapeake Bay in the years between the end of the Civil War and the Great Depression. Some, such as Gibson Island, catered to a rich, white, genteel clientele, while Highland Beach is an example of an African-American summer colony. North Beach was in the middle of the social spectrum. While deed restrictions excluded blacks, Jews were well represented in early North Beach. Excepting this major exclusion, by the standards of the day, North Beach was a heterogeneous middle-class summer community.

North Beach was platted in 1900 (revised in 1908) and incorporated in 1910. The town was developed by a group of principally Washington-based businessmen with ties to railroad, labor and banking. Conceived as a summer residential community and resort, the town was laid out according to a standard grid. In addition to houses, the town featured a variety of tourist and recreation-oriented businesses including theaters, restaurants, dance halls, bingo parlors, amusement arcades, and night clubs--including several gay clubs.

Most surviving historic buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s, and include a good collection of early-20th century vernacular buildings. Represented building types include bungalows, shotguns, American Four Square and gable-front cottages. Most commercial buildings are either destroyed or extremely altered. Many of the town's historic structures were altered in the years immediately following World War II. In the post-war years North Beach completed a transformation begun in the 1930s, from a resort and summer colony to a permanent suburban community.

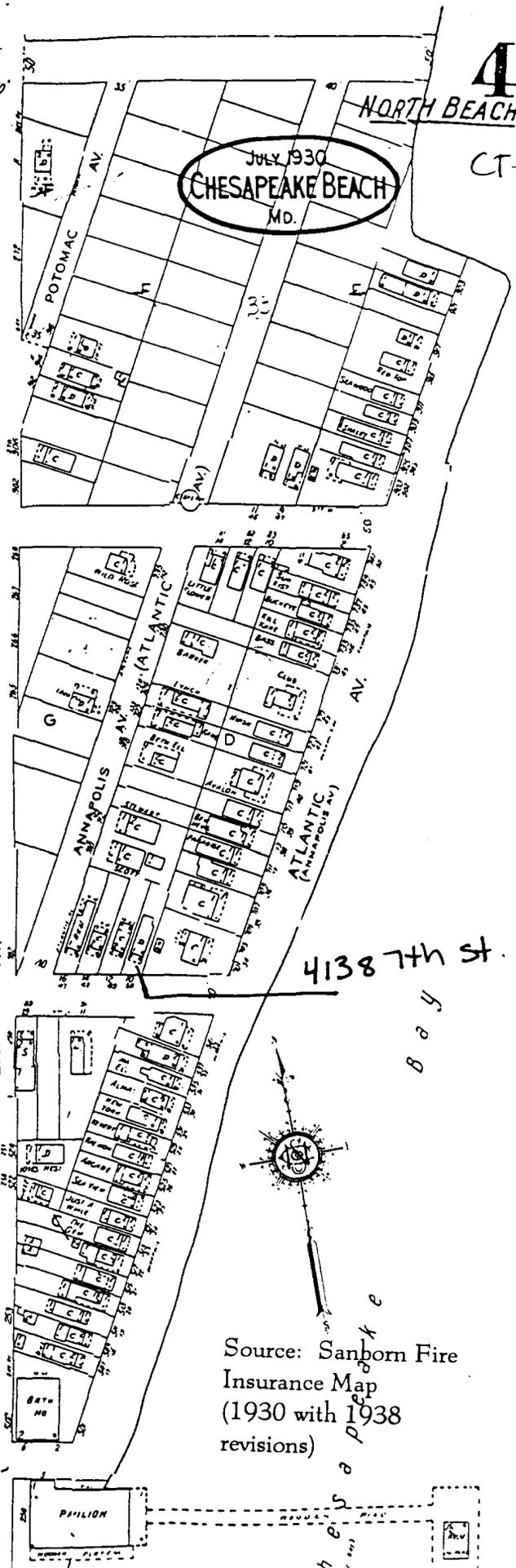
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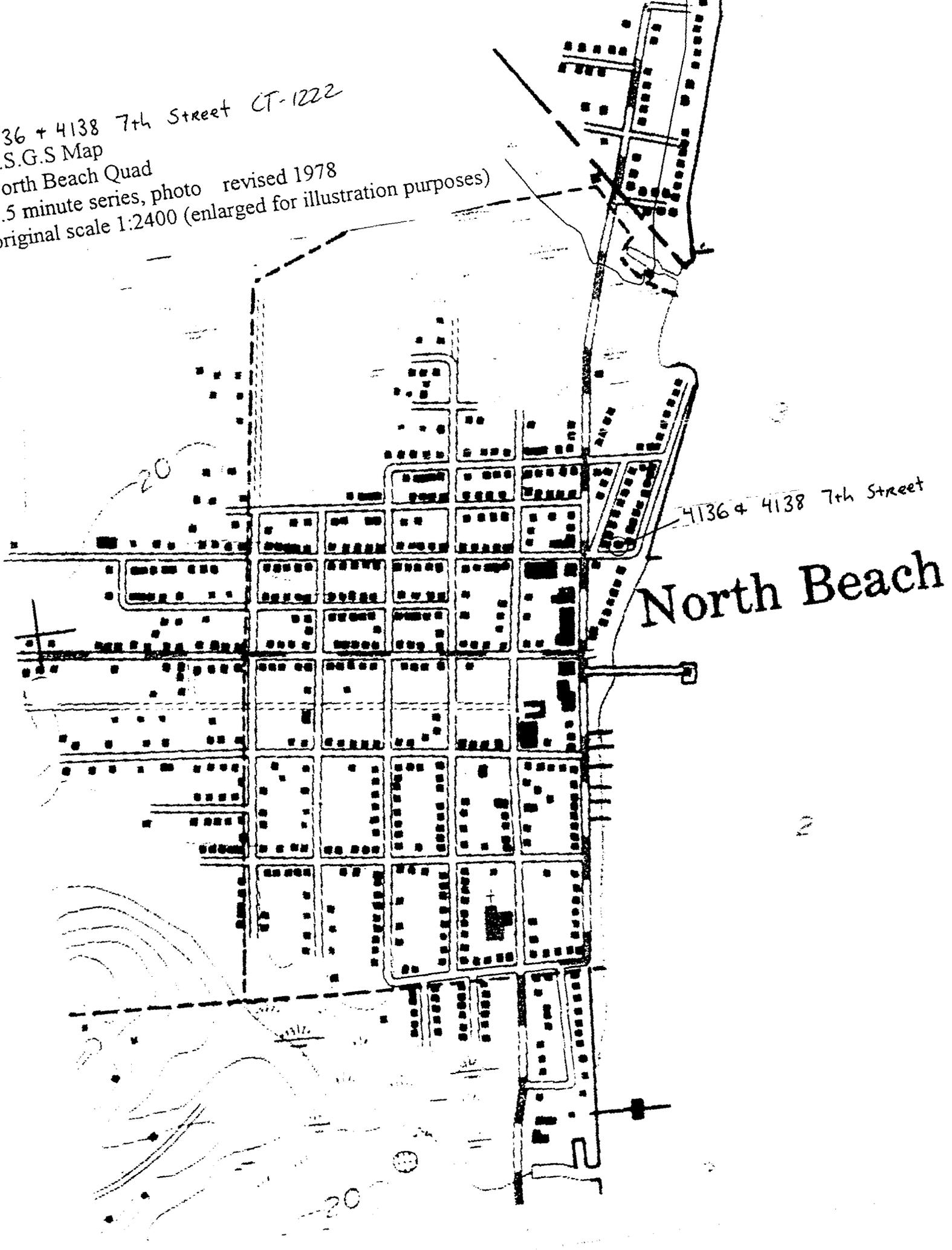
JULY 1930
CHESAPEAKE BEACH
MD.



4138 7th St.

Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (1930 with 1938 revisions)

4136 + 4138 7th Street CT-1222
U.S.G.S Map
North Beach Quad
.5 minute series, photo revised 1978
original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



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North Beach



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438 7th Street

NORTH Beach, Calvert County

by Sherri MARSH

MARCH 1998

South elevation

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