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PORT REPUBLIC POST OFFICE

Port Republic

early 20th century

Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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1987

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Port Republic Post Office
AND/OR COMMON
Eloise H. Somervell House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Saint Leonard Road (Maryland Route 765)
CITY, TOWN Port Republic 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Eloise H. Somervell Telephone #: 586-0233
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: AWR 33/100
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

07-69

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Mrs. Eloise H. Somervell, her father-in-law, Mr. Alexander Somervell, had this house built at about the same time he acquired the property. Land records GWD 7/200 shows Alexander Somervell acquiring this land from John B. and Kate Gray on January 31, 1907.

It is a large, two-story wooden frame-and-clapboard house which is laid out in an L-plan. The house possesses many late Victorian features, many of which are exhibited in its west facade. This is the principal facade; it faces the main road and contains a main entrance. The large gable in the roof dominates this side and in it, one sees a pointed arch window. The other windows are tall, 2/2 accommodating the high ceilings within. Another typically Victorian feature is the full porch covering the first floor.

In addition to being a residence, however, this building also served its community as a post office.

Mrs. Somervell, who was post mistress here for many years, is certain that the room used for this purpose was planned to be a post office and was part of the original design of the building.

It is located on the first floor of the 1½ story east wing at the point where it joins the two story front (west) portion. In the accompanying photograph, one can see that the 1½ story wing has two entrances, the one on the left or innermost door served the Post Office. The tiny room within measures x and served as the Port Republic Post Office from c. 1907 until 19 .

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

AT 107

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 41.65 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Nield II

Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Broomes Island, Maryland 20615

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE

AWR 33/100 November 12, 1952
Silas Bowen--Alexander and Eloise Somervell

AWR 4/286 June 23, 1945
Anne S. Turner et al--Alexander Somervell
Heirs of Nannie P. Somervell, sell to her son Alex

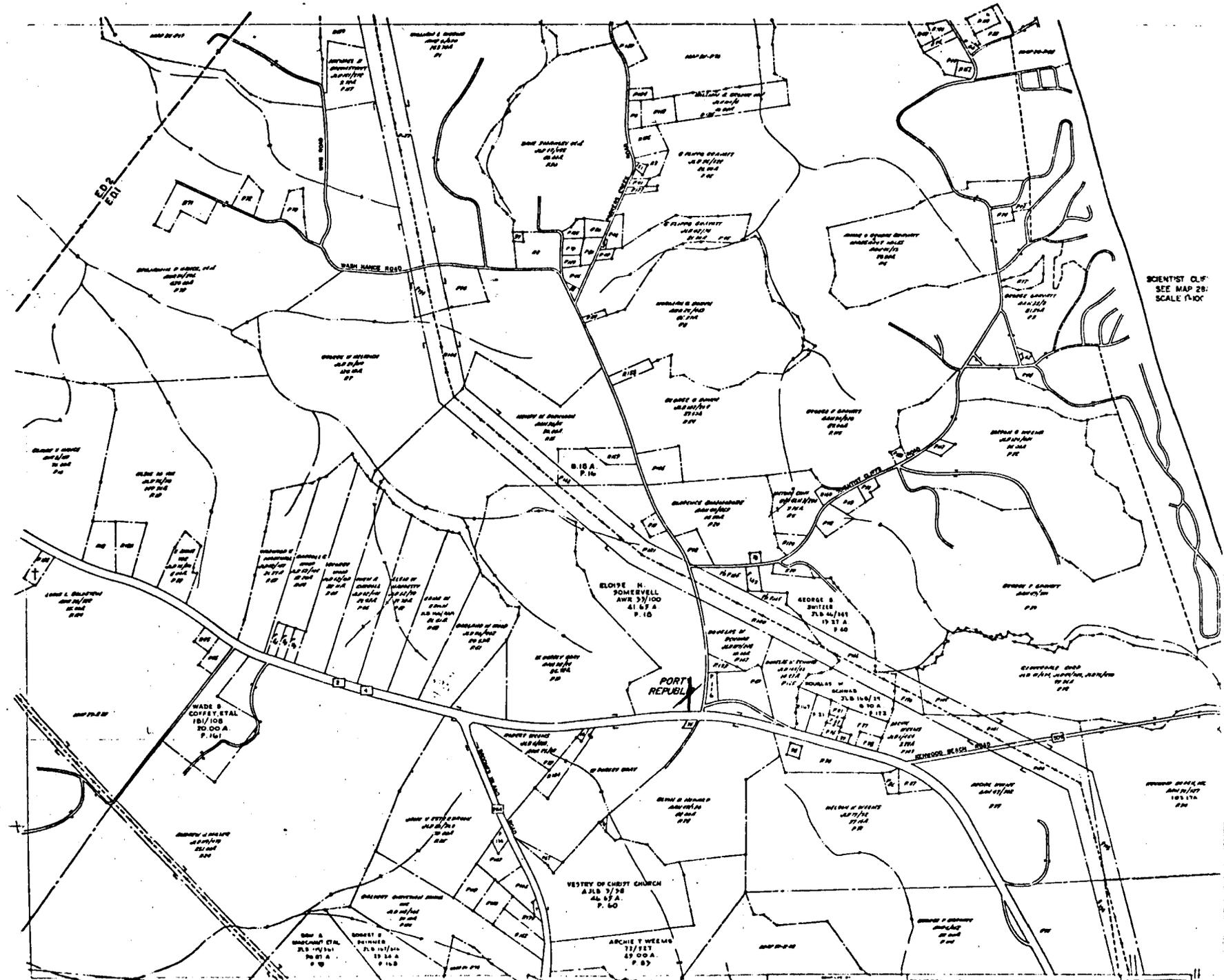
Willbook AAH 1/294

GWD 7/200 January 31, 1907

John B. and Kate Gray--A. Somervell

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SCIENTIST C.L.F.
SEE MAP 28
SCALE 1/100

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BASE MAP CONSTRUCTED
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311 N. W. 5th St., Tallahassee, Fla.

SCALE 1" = 800'

PROPERTY LINE
 B.M. DIVISION BOUNDARY
 CONTIGUOUS OWNERSHIP
 PARCEL NUMBER
 P. PARCELS
 SCALE 1" = 800'





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