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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Tatman-Smithers House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Bohemia Avenue, east side, 5th building south of Second Street

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Bessie M. Tatman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
c/o Charles Tatman, Kinden Knoll, Apt. 233

CITY, TOWN
Wilmington — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Delaware 19808

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #: WEB No. 10
Folio #: 300

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN
Elkton

STATE
Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

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STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ORIGINAL SITE
✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tatman house is a two story frame dwelling, four bays long and one room deep, constructed upon a stone foundation. Its walls are covered with weatherboard and both the weatherboard and trim are painted white. The windows retain original 6/6 sash and trim,with ovolo molding reminescent of the type molding used in the latter part of the 18th century and early 19th century.

The door, however, has Greek Revival trim like the interior of Mrs. Benson's house. There are places for shutters, however, they have been removed. Across the two center bays is a screened leanto porch of late date and plain detail. Both the porch and principal roof are covered with sheet asphalt roofing. At both ends of the structure rises a stuccoed chimney.

On the south side of the east facade is a leanto wing. North of the house is a brick walk, as well as around the front of the house. There is a privet hedge seperating the lot from the street.

Originally the building probably did not have the present overhanging eave, similar to the house to the north. The configuration of the original porch is not evident from the street, but it was probably the same size with flater roof and bearing brackets or scrolled facia boards. The posts were of cast iron filagre work similar to several houses on Main Street, Elkton.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	✓ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tatman-Smithers House is of interest to the town as a good example of a mid-19th century vernacular structure with few alterations. The distance the house is located from the street is similar to its neighbors, continuing a sameness along the street, however, its height and fenestration give variety to the streetscape.

Thomas Buskirk, classified as a laborer in the 1850 census, was the first person to lease this land and he apparently built the house. In July of 1865, Buskirk sold the house to Captain Powell Smack, a steamboat captain. When Powell Smack died in 1872, at the age of eighty years, he left the property to his two daughters, Amanda Smithers, Margaret Smack, and his granddaughter, Minnie Bowen. Minnie deeded her third to Amanda in 1883; Margaret gave her third to Amanda in 1875. When Amanda died in 1924, she left this house to her son, Delmar Smithers. The house is significant because Captain Powell Smack was a well known sea captain on the Canal, and his connection to the Smithers family is of interest.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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
Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

DATE
April 20, 1976

ORGANIZATION
South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER
c/o Town Counsil of Chesapeake City

TELEPHONE
(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN
Chesapeake City

STATE
Maryland 21915

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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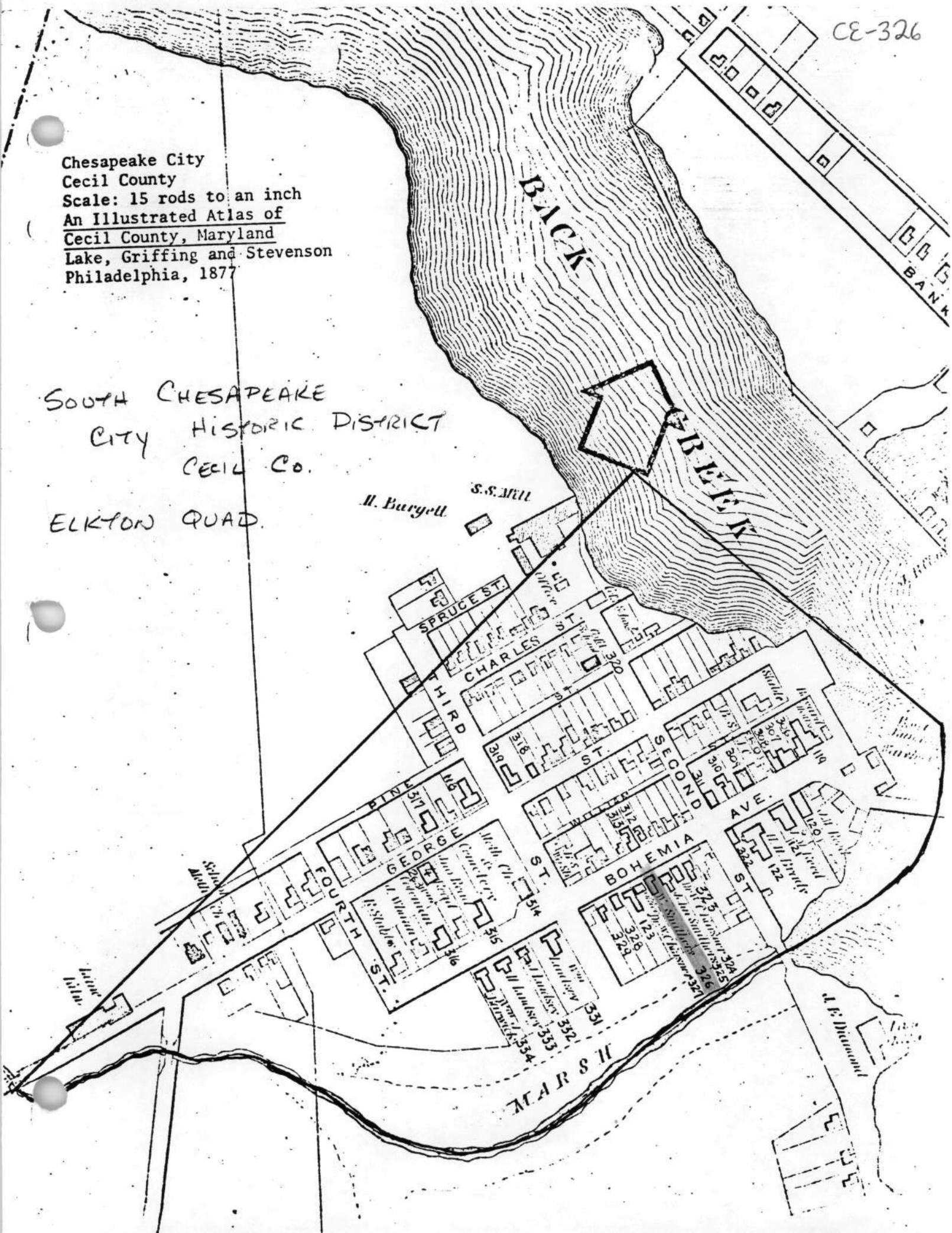
Chesapeake City
Cecil County
Scale: 15 rods to an inch
An Illustrated Atlas of
Cecil County, Maryland
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT
CECIL CO.

ELKTON QUAD.



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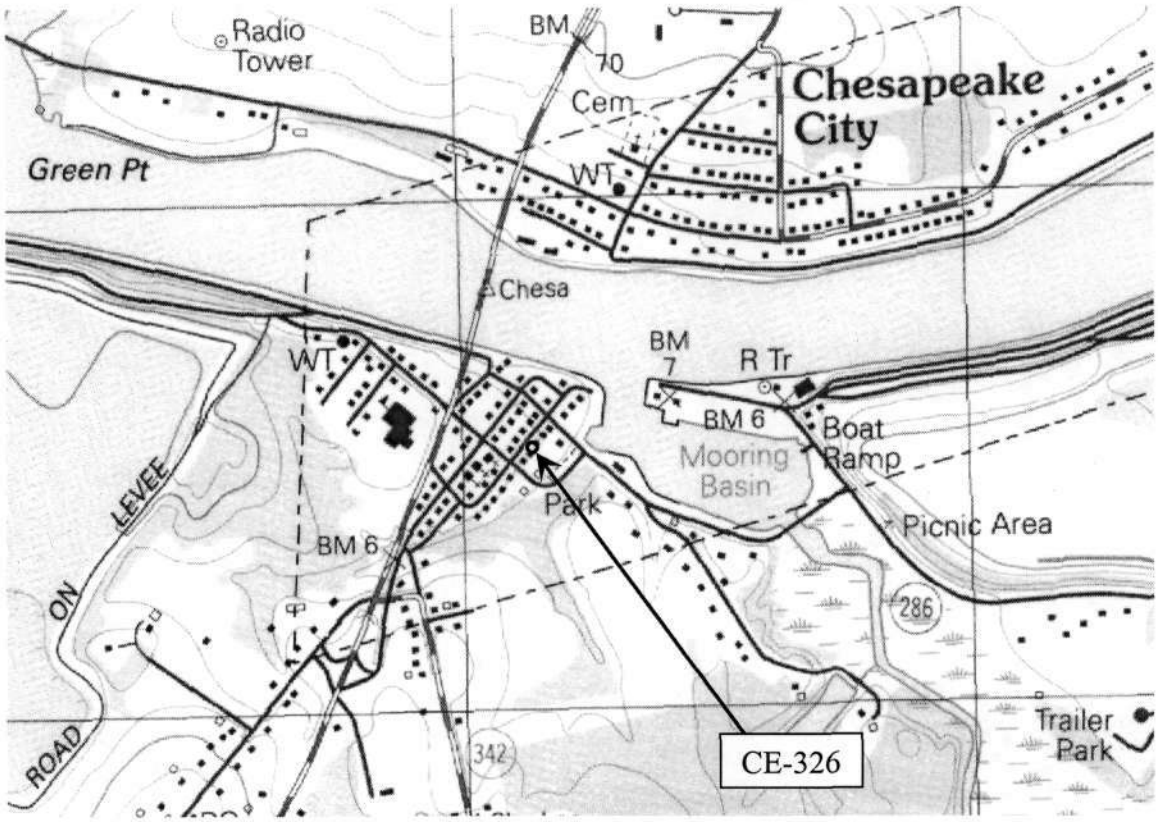
Bohemia Ave.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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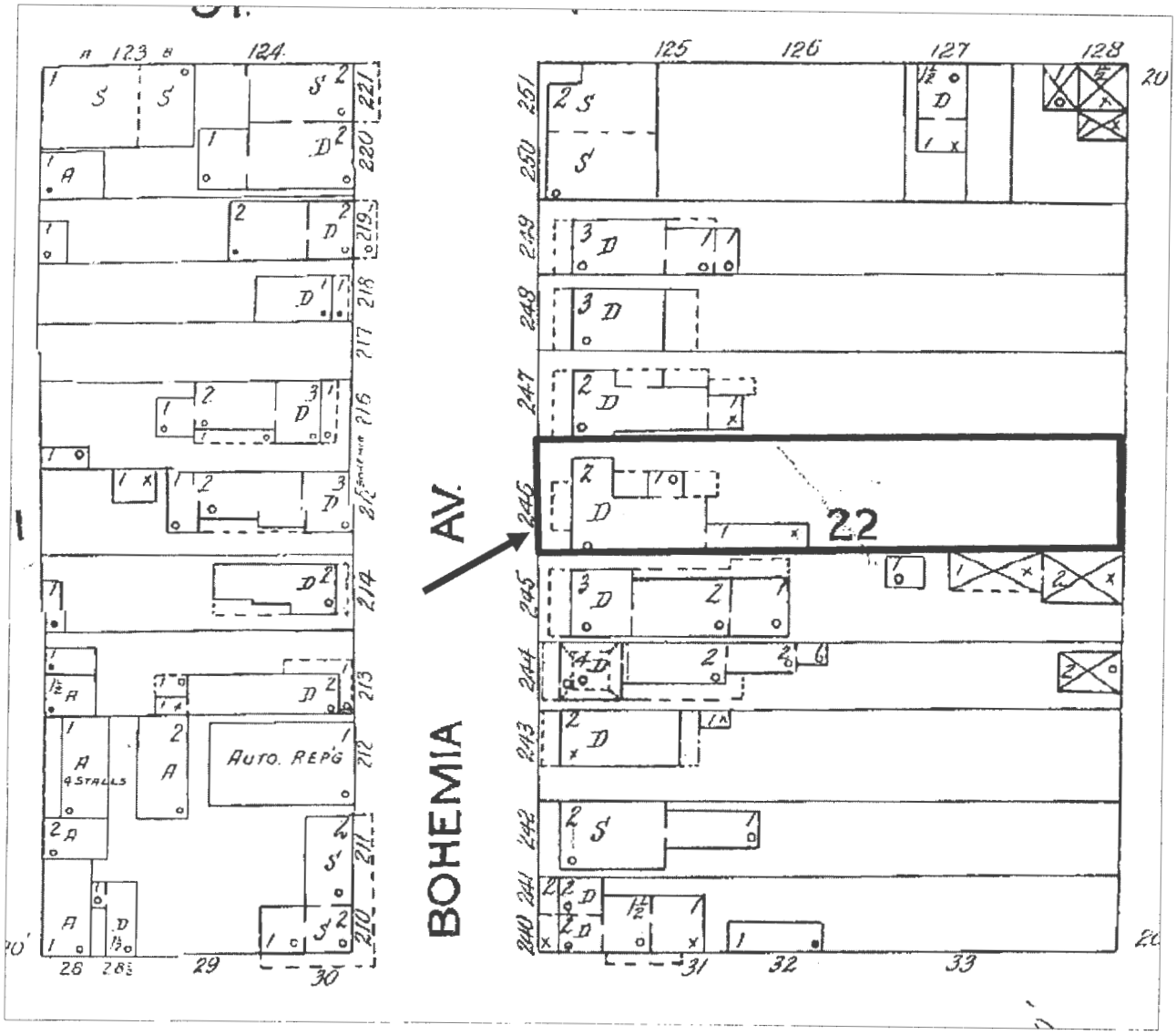
Tatman-Smithers House
210 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City
Sanborn Map 1933, Sheet 4



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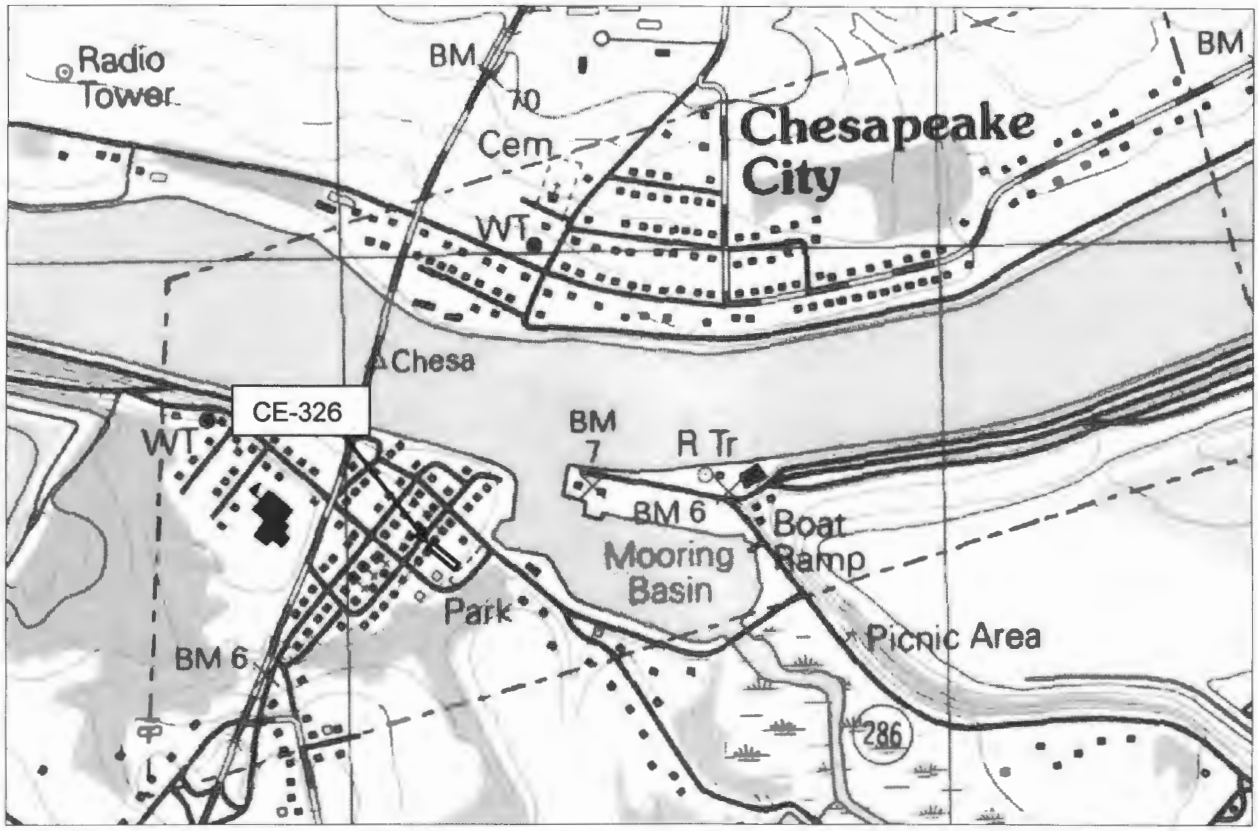
Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 363

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West facade

M. Bourne April 1976