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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Savin-Conrey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
George Street, west side, 8th house 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
Joseph W. & Ella Savin

Telephone #: (301) 885-5575

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #: SRA No. 24
Folio #: 373

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Elkton

STATE
Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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 small two story frame building now in advanced stages of decay appears to have been a two bay wide, two room deep dwelling, like several in the block of George Street. The facade has been remodeled in recent times with the addition of a one story leanto on the north side. Presently, there is a door in the leanto and one on the opposite side of the facade with a double window between. On the second story is the original fenestration with two windows. Raised seam tin covers the roof which formerly had wood shingles. On the rear of the building is a two story leanto, about the same depth as the main part and traces of a former one story leanto can be descerned on the back. The roof of the rear has collapsed.

If the building were re-constructed on its present lines, it would be an attractive element in the street scape as well as a liveable small dwelling.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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

Since this building has been greatly altered since it was constructed, it has little architectural merit. It does, however, maintain the continuity of the closely-built dwellings along George Street. More important is the fact that it was used as the telephone exchange at one time.

This is another of the houses built by Thomas Conrey using the products of his mill on the causeway. In 1925, the Masons bought this little house as a home for a member's widow. The house contained one of the early telephone offices for a short time, in the room to the left in front.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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
May 6, 1976

ORGANIZATION
South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER
c/o Town Council 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Washington D.C. 20243

Form Approved
OMB No. 4.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: *Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.*

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: The SAVIN - CONREY HOUSE

Address of property: Street 221 George Street

City Chesapeake City County Cecil State Maryland Zip Code 21921

Name of historic district in which property is located South Chesapeake City

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See attached MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory Form for Building CE-485

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)

Built approximately 1850 by Thomas Conrey. The lot was leased from Richard H. Bayard for 99 years (ground rent $6 per year) in April 1854. It is not clear whether the house was built before or after that date. (See other side)

Date of construction (if known): approx 1850 ☐ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): approx 1945

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Captain and Mrs. Herbert H. Ward, 3rd, USN(Ret)

Street 213 Oldfield Point Circle

City Elkton, Md. 21921 State Zip Code

Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 398-2141

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature [signature] Date Oct 13, 1981

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☑ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [signature] Date 12-29-81
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature Date
Keeper of the National Register

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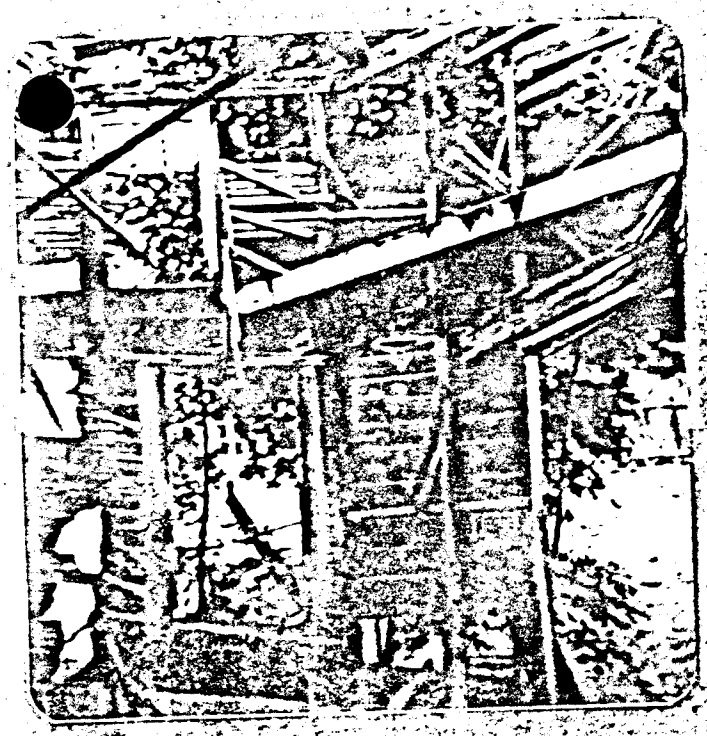
The house was originally built right up on the street as were most of the houses in this area. About 1945 Joseph Savin moved the house about twenty feet back from the street, put it over a full basement, and added the lean-to to the living room. The modifications were to make room for the telephone company who used the house for the Chesapeake City telephone exchange for a time.

This house was one of about nine built by Thomas Conrey on lots leased from the Bayards of Philadelphia who owned the farmland on which Chesapeake City was built. These little houses were all nearly alike, some left hand and some right hand. Picture B shows another of these houses in more nearly in original configuration. In restoring our house we have tried to return it to more nearly this earlier configuration.

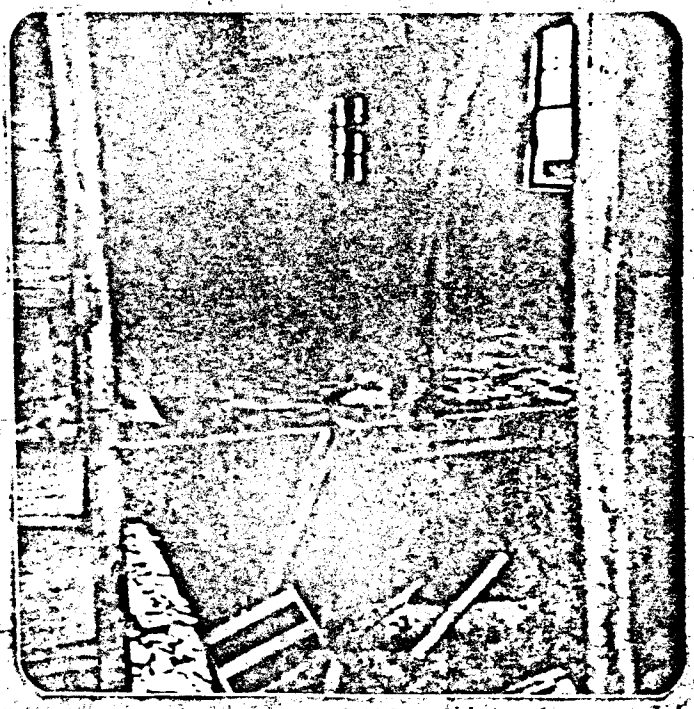
The back of the house had completely fallen in. Rather than replace the the two story lean-to as shown in the 1975 picture (Picture A), the decision was made to provide more headroom to the back bedroom by providing a peaked roof as can be seen in picture C. This modification was made with the concurrence of the Chesapeake City Historic Commission.

The house is an intregral part of one of the main blocks of the historic district and was one of the earliest houses. Unfortunately, after its use by the telephone company in the forties, the house was let go to ruin. The whole back of the house esentially fell into the basement. None of the interior walls were restorable. At the time of the 1945 modification a floor was laid in the front part of the house at 90° to the old floor. (Only the front part of the house was used by the telephone company). When the added floor was removed, happily the old wide board floor was found in restorable condition. It can be seen in the front hall and living room views. The upper floors were in such bad condition that they were carpeted for this rental house, but they were left in place. Of course there were no floors in the back of the house at all.

Savin - Conway House. CE 486

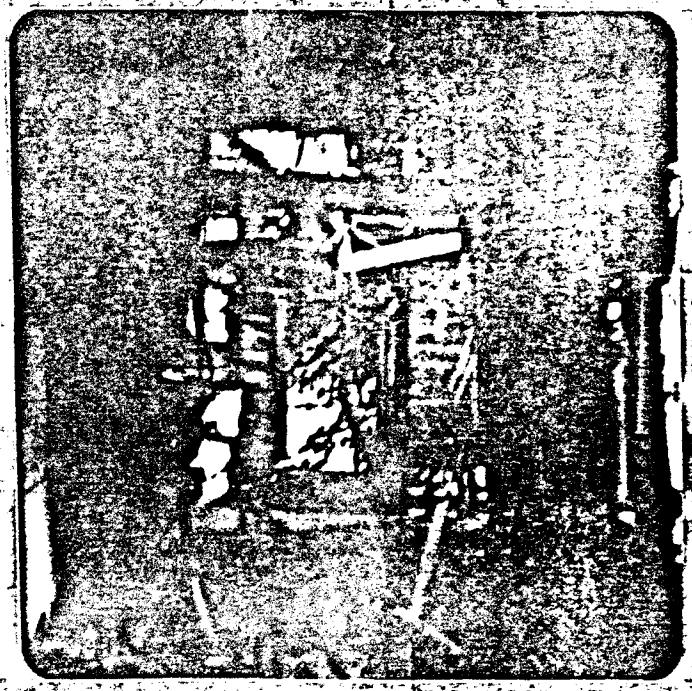


View from center of house toward back of house.



View looking in back door.

View looking back from near front window.



View looking back from near left front door.

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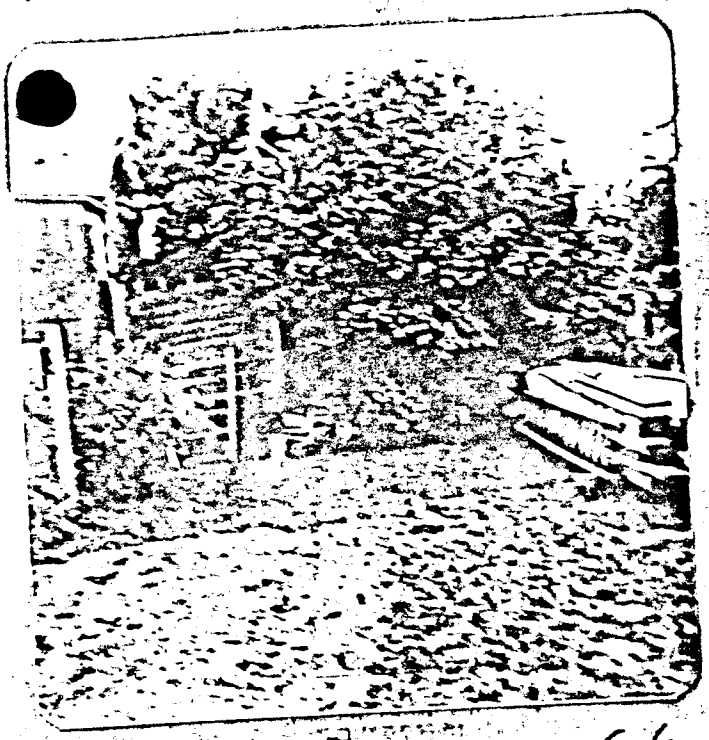
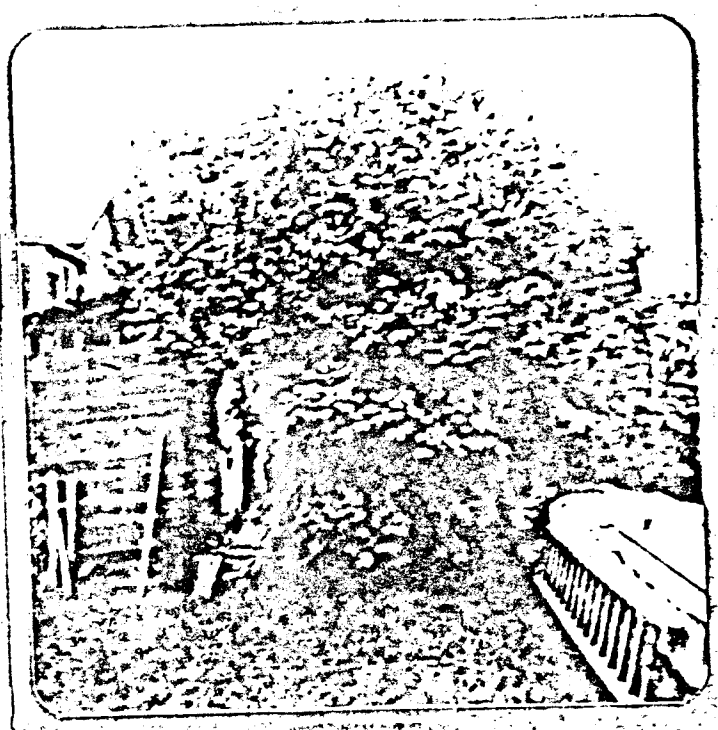
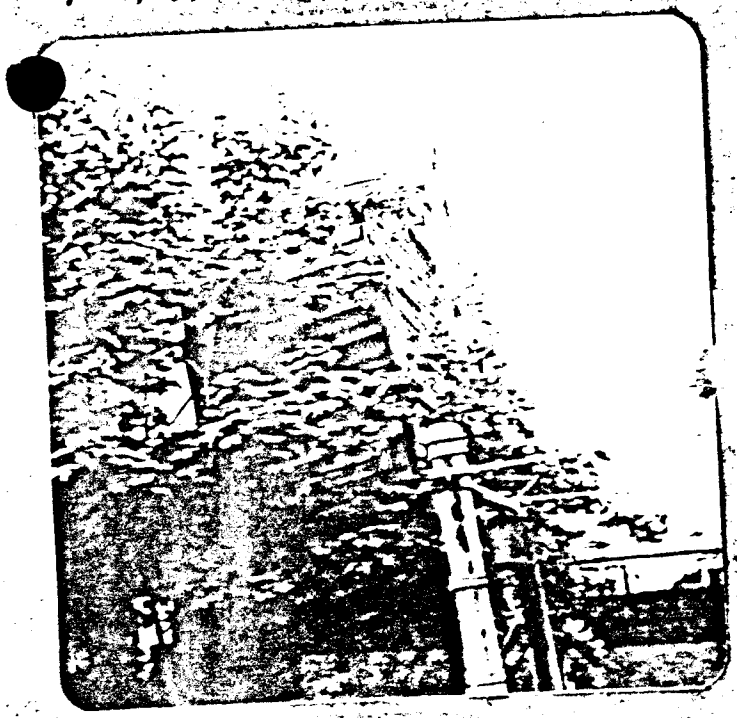
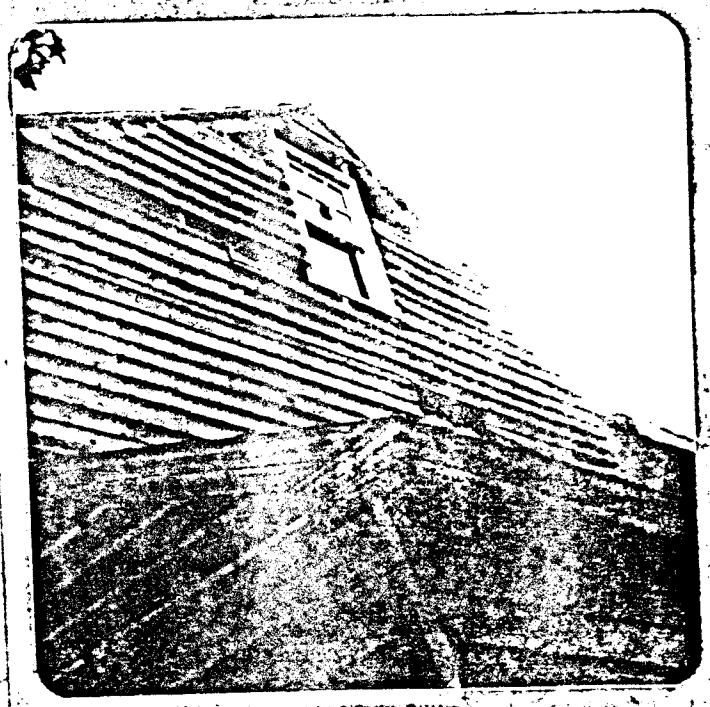




Views from rear of house. Tree hides the fact that most of the rear part had fallen in cellar.





Right front view.

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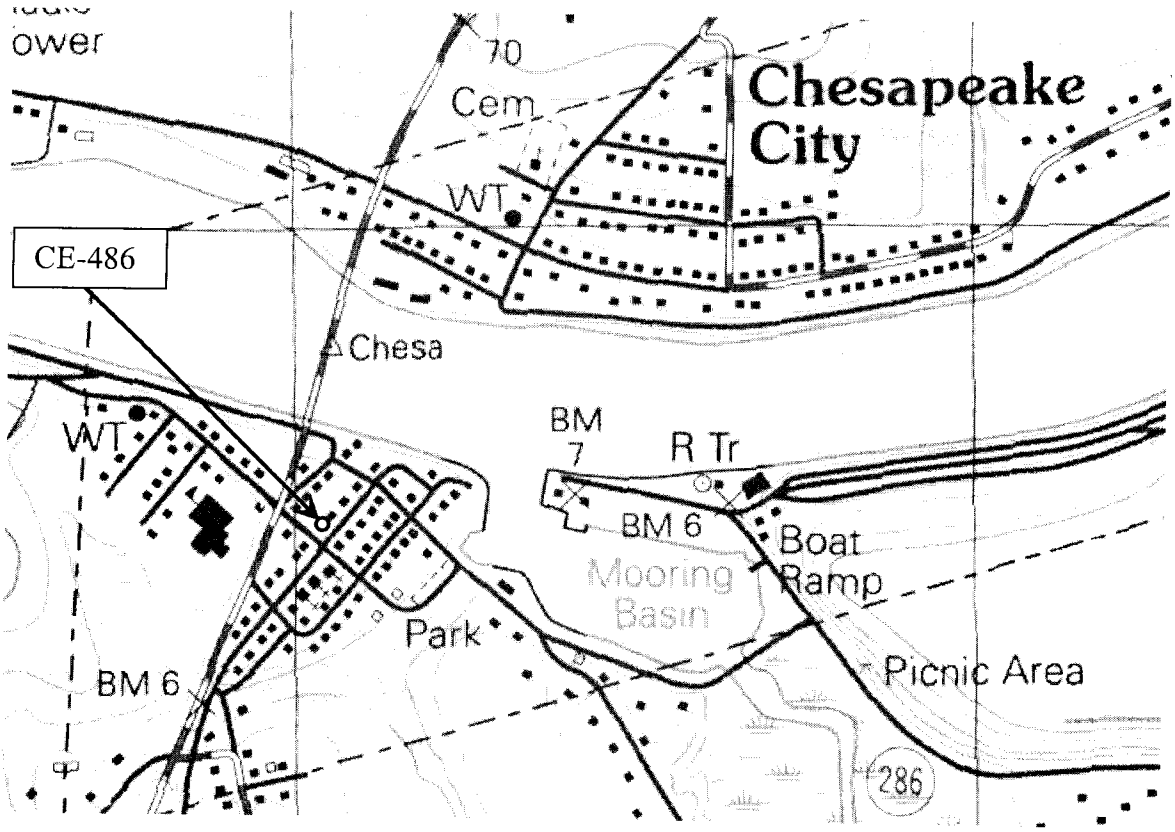
George St.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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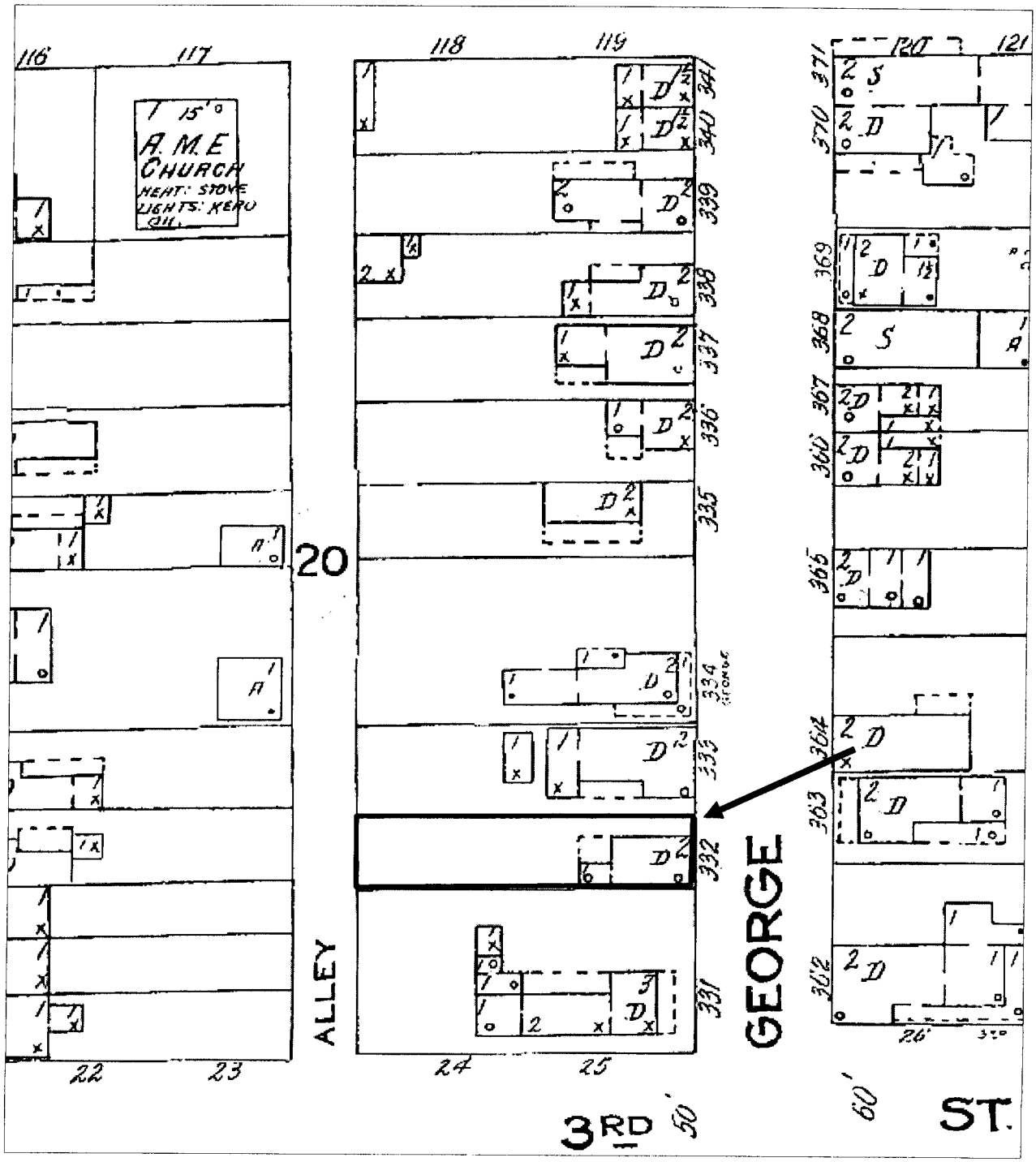

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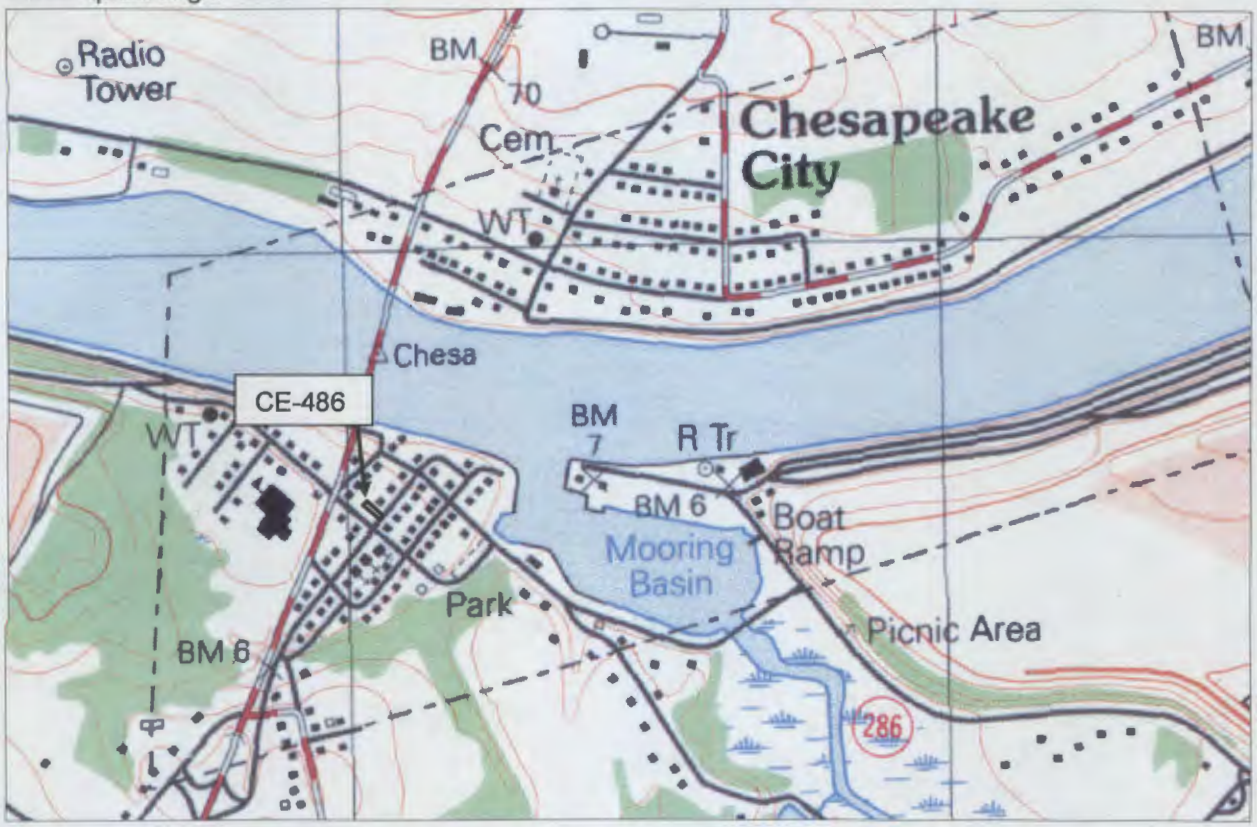

Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 323

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East facade

M. Bourne April 1976