

Hammond Cottage
CH-732
Cobb Island
Private

Circa 1930

A vernacular bungalow located on the corner of Mallard and Potomac River Drive in Cobb Island, the Hammond Cottage was constructed circa 1930, and is one of the earliest existing homes on the Island. Modest in scale and ornamentation, this is a well-preserved example of the type of simple, seasonal cottages constructed on Cobb Island during the 1920's and 1930's. Originally developed by Robert Crain in 1922, the cottage is one of a handful of surviving structures that date from the first decade of the Island's development. Contributing to the site's significance is its association with the Cobb Island Citizen's Association first treasurer, Edward Hammond. In 1926 the Hammond's purchased the property and built their cottage soon after.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-732

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hammond Cottage

other

2. Location

street and number 16222 Mallard Drive not for publication

city, town Cobb Island vicinity

county Charles

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

name Anna H. and Frank P. Vanaman

street and number P.O. Box 40 telephone Unknown

city, town Cobb Island state MD zip code 20625

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 53p19; 50-3

city, town LaPlata, MD liber 815 folio 91

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
 Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hammond Cottage is a vernacular bungalow located on the corner of Mallard and Potomac River Drive in Cobb Island. Constructed circa 1930, it is one of the earliest existing homes on the island and unlike most other examples in Cobb Island, it is largely unaltered from its original form. A contemporary garage also shares the site.

Facing northwest, the Hammond House occupies a small corner lot in the northwestern section of Cobb Island. The dwelling is a 1 1/2 story front gable structure with a full-width, shed-roof porch. The wooden frame stands on poured concrete piers and is sheathed with original wood siding. The roof rafters are exposed and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A single, gabled dormer pierces the gable end on the southwest elevation, providing view of the Potomac River. Original 2/2 windows are found throughout.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	1926-32	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1926-32		

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Hammond Cottage is a relatively well-preserved example of the type of simple, seasonal cottages constructed on Cobb Island during the 1920's and 1930's. Originally developed by Robert Crain in 1922, this cottage is one of a handful of surviving structures that date from the first decade of the Island's development. Contributing to the sites significance is its association with the Cobb Island Citizen's Association first treasurer, Edward Hammond. In 1926 the Hammond's purchased the property and built their cottage soon after. Tax assessment records suggest a slightly later construction date of 1932.

Cobb Island, long regarded as a peninsula rather than an island, was part of the acreage associated with Pine Grove (CH-703) for much of the 19th century. The first home on the Island was established in 1889, with the construction of the Vickers House (CH-724). In 1918, the entire island was purchased by Robert Crain of nearby Mt. Victoria. Quickly, Crain organized the Cobb Island Development Company with F. B. Bannister & Company as agents. By 1922, surveyors had laid out small narrow building lots and intersecting roads under the direction of civil engineer, Edmund P. Russell of Washington. The first bridge to the island, connecting Bridge Drive to Chigger City was completed in 1923. Within a few years over 80 homes had been built, serving a summer population of between 500 and 700 people.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property NA

Acreage of historical setting NA

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hammond Cottage is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 90, Parcel 5, Lot 47.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 10/16/01

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of Title:

1956	Edward Hammond and Mary E. Hammond to Ann S. Hammond. Lots 49-53 of Cobb Island. 125/281
1926	Robert Crain et al to Edward Hammond and Mary E. Hammond WMA 47/479
1918	Brown and Schernerborn, trustees to Robert and Margaret Crain WMA 33/660

For further chain of title see Vickers House (CH-724)
and Pine Grove (CH-703)

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Hickling, Lee. An Illustrated Centennial History of Cobb Island.
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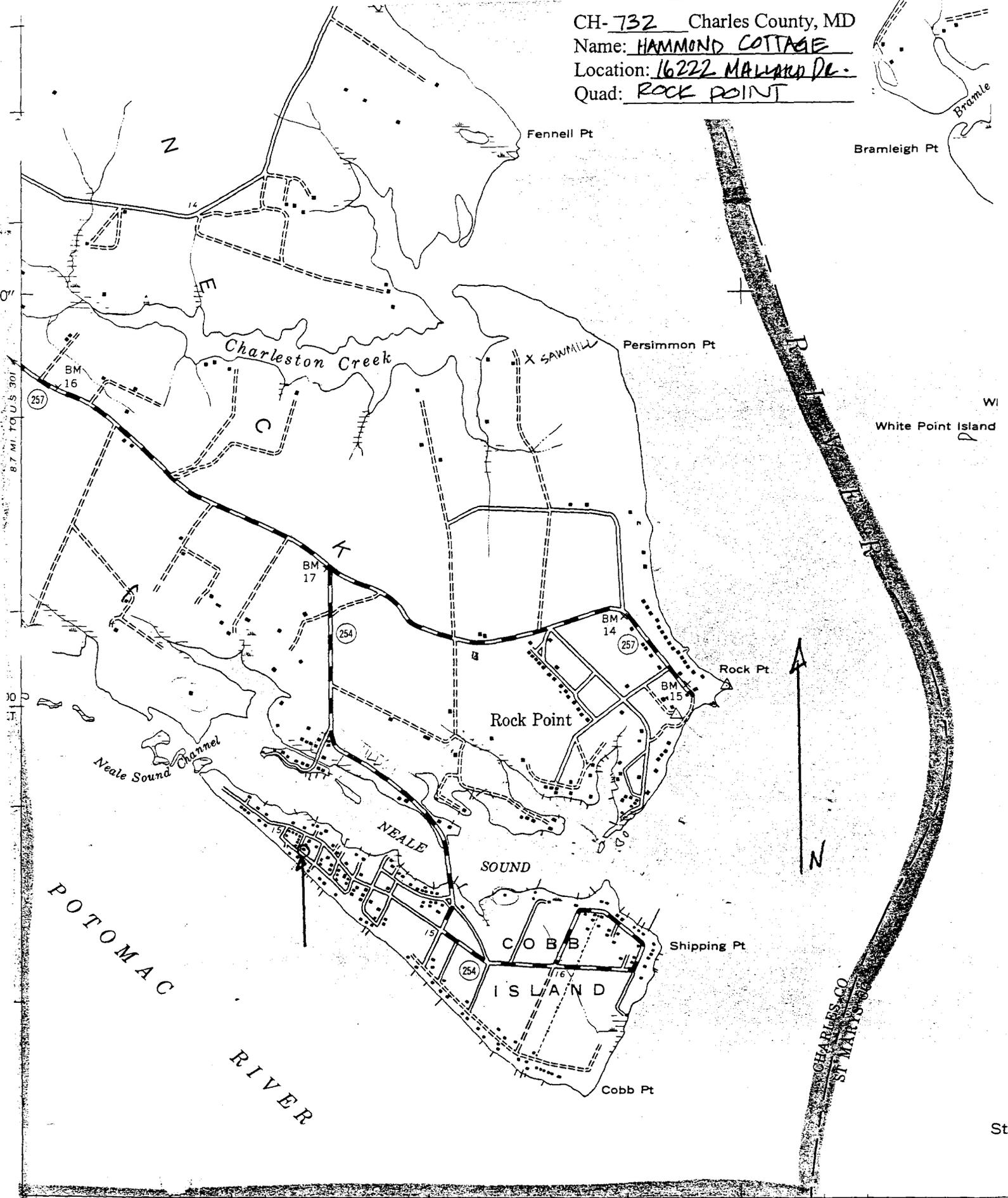
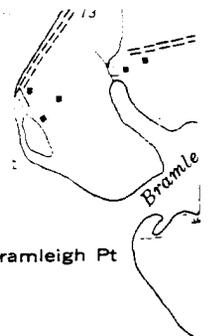
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CH-732 Charles County, MD

Name: HAMMOND COTTAGE

Location: 16222 MALLARD DR.

Quad: ROCK POINT



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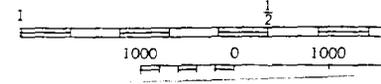
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HAMMOND COTTAGE

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A. CHANCEY

MD 31120

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HAMMOND COTTAGE

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C. CURRY

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