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Dorchester Lodge No. 19 of the I.O.O.F.  
Cambridge  
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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-382

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dorchester Lodge 19. of Independent Order of Odd Fellows

other Dorchester Star Building

## 2. Location

street and number 507-509 Poplar Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Historics, LLC

street and number 101 Choptank Terrace telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613-1115

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber DLP 964 folio 136

city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 4421 tax ID number 07-118414

## 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 at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	_____
		<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 type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____	_____
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> _____	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Now housing the office of the *Dorchester Star* and historically the headquarters of Dorchester Lodge No. 19 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the two-story, four-bay brick commercial block is located at 507-509 Poplar Street in the Cambridge central business district. The two-story common bond brick structure, built around 1880-90, retains a well preserved principal elevation with a relatively intact first floor Victorian storefront façade. The building, located on the east side of Poplar Street, is laid in five-course common bond and is finished at the top of the front wall with an intact late nineteenth four-sectioned cornice. The roof slopes to the southeast in a long shed with the sides finished flush.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The two-story, four-bay brick commercial block that currently houses the office of the *Dorchester Star* stands at 507-509 Poplar Street in the central business district of Cambridge. Located on the east side of the street, the building faces southwest. The five-course common bond brick block is covered with a long sloping shed roof that descends gradually in height from the front parapet wall.

Built around 1880-90, the two-story, four-bay southwest elevation is defined by a relatively intact first floor storefront including two recessed entrances on each side of a centrally located door. The recessed entrance on the south side is defined by a partially glazed door topped by a transom light filled with an air-conditioning unit. The display window to the right has large single pane windows topped by a multi-pane transom, all of which rest on a brick knee wall. The recessed entrance on the north side has brick knee walls on which large single-pane display windows rest. Stretching across the top of the recessed entrances is an intact pressed metal and wood cornice with decorative cornice blocks interrupting the line of the cornice to define the three different entrances, the narrow center doorway as well as the adjacent display windows. A dentiled bed molding enhances the cornice. The second story is marked by four evenly spaced window openings, the southern two retain two-over-two sash windows while the northern two have single-pane sash replacements. Brick jack arches span each opening. The wall surface above the windows is defined by an intact cornice of pressed metal and wood, and it is visually divided into four bays with cornice and frieze blocks. The decorated frieze blocks extend downward on the face of the brickwork and are joined at each foot by a narrow string molding. The brickwork panels framed by the extensions of the cornice blocks are fitted with a decorative incised panel vent that allows air circulation in the small space above the second floor ceiling. The main pressed metal cornice is enriched with a dentiled bed molding and a typical crown molding.

The side walls are blind with the closely set nature of the adjacent commercial blocks. Single flue brick stove stacks rise through the side walls.

The interior was not available for inspection.

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

## SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

This two-story, four-bay common bond brick block, built around 1885-90, is a well preserved example of Victorian commercial architecture with its intact first and second floor cornices. The first floor cornice is enriched with dentiled bed moldings and decorative blocks marking the separate entrances, whereas the main cornice at the top of the parapet wall is divided in four uneven bays with incised panels fronting vents that provide air circulation to the narrow space above the second floor ceiling. Now housing the office of the *Dorchester Star*, the building contributes distinctly to the historic nature of Cambridge's central business district.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Historically a former headquarters of Dorchester Lodge No. 19 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, this two-story, four-bay brick commercial block and the parcel on which it is located has a clouded chain-of-title prior to survey and plat of the fraternal lodge property executed in May 1965.<sup>1</sup> It is delineated on the Sanborn Insurance maps of 1891 housing a hardware and millinery.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, DLP 963/404, 27 January 2010, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> Sanborn Insurance Map, 1891, Library of Congress.

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Dorchester Lodge No. 19 of I.O.O.F.  
507 Poplar Street  
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland  
Map 301, Parcel 4421

DLP 764/136 Clarence T. Dean III and Kathleen M. Dean

to

2.2.2010 Historics, LLC

963/404 Cambridge Main Street Properties

to

1.27.2010 Clarence T. Dean III and Kathleen M. Dean

Survey prepared by William C. Craig & Company, 1.19.2010 and recorded among the plat records of Liber 56/13; being a part of the same land and property which was conveyed unto Cambridge Main Street Partners, LLC

All of that lot, piece or parcel of property, situate lying and being in the Cambridge Election District...as shown on a survey plat entitled, "Plat of Survey of Land of Dorchester Lodge No. 19 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County, dated May, 1965, recorded in Plat book 13, 74

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MLB 745/434

West End, LLC

to

7.5.2006

Cambridge Main Street Properties

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, Library of Congress.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 499 square feet  
Acreage of historical setting 499 square feet  
Quadrangle name Cambridge, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	2/15/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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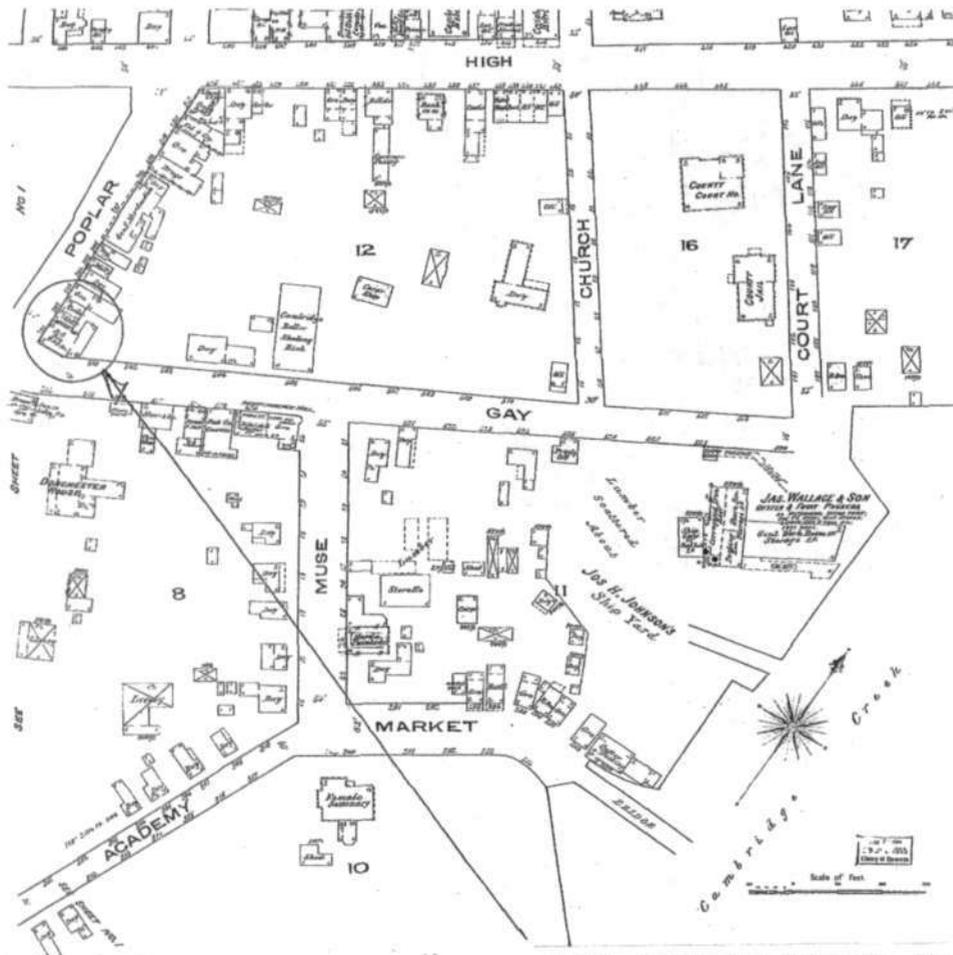
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1885

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1891

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1901

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TALBOT CO  
DORCHESTER CO

Light

Hambrooks Bar

Slagle 3

Boat Ramp

Radio Tower (WCEN)

Great Marsh Point

Sandy Hill Sch

Middle Sch

Glasgow Sch

JENKINS CREEK

ROAD

Golden Shore Sch

Long Wharf Park

Tidal Sta

Boat Ramps

Heliport

Hosp

Greenlawn Cem

Chesapeake College

St Clair Sch

High

CAMBRIDGE

Bethel Cem

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The Dorchester ★ Star

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CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

WEST ELEVATION

2. 2010, PAUL B. TOUART, PITUVV.  
WES. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

507-509 Poplar Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED partially	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

507 - Thomas Jenkins, et.al. 176/88

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

509 - Alvin L. Creighton 142/999

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 176 142

Folio #: 86 499

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These two adjoining brick buildings, 507 and 509 Poplar Street, share a common cornice with brackets and dentils. Below the cornice are ornamented wood rectangles with pierced work. The second story windows are tall and narrow with flat arches. Between the first and second story is another dentiled cornice.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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
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<input 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 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

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built around the turn of the 20th century, these two adjoining commercial buildings are fairly simple in design, and remain unaltered on the second story. This side of Poplar Street survived a fire in the 1920's which destroyed most of the opposite side of the block. The upper stories of most of the buildings, with their original cornices, are still intact, although several of the buildings have been altered on the first story. Overall planning for this block, might prevent the covering up of these facades and the eclectic conglomeration of architectural styles which has already happened on Race Street.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

4/8/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 3, Box 32

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

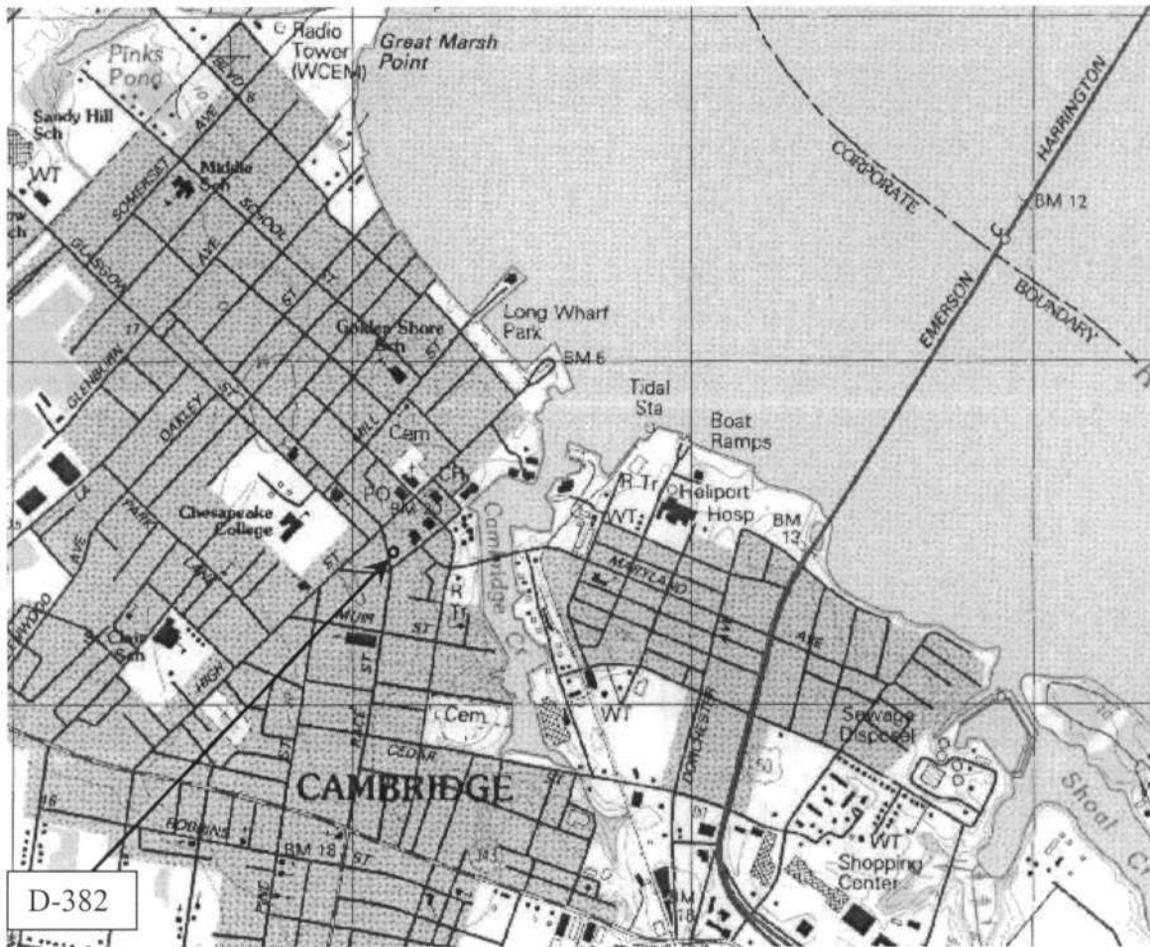
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