

Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage West)
Eastern Shore State Hospital
Dorchester County, Maryland
Survey No. D-720

**OFFICER'S COTTAGE (PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST)
EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL**

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Eastern Shore
Chronological/Development Period(s):	Modern Period
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):	Not Applicable
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Housing
Known Design Source:	Henry Powell Hopkins

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. D-720

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Officer's Cottage - Eastern Shore State Hospital (Physician's Cottage West)

and/or common Physician's Cottage West

2. Location

street & number 2726 Oak Drive not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: health care/hospital

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

name State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 410-767-6500

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Courthouse liber

street & number 206 High Street folio

city, town Cambridge state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. D-720

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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage West), designed by Henry Powell Hopkins in 1940, is a frame 2-story square building topped by a hipped roof. This simple building has an exterior end chimney, a projecting portico framing the entrance, and a screened side porch. The floor plan of the interior is unchanged and retains its original finish.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Physician's Cottage West is a square, 2 story frame building with a screened porch projecting from its west facade. The building sits on a raised basement and has a brick foundation. Its hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An exterior end chimney on the east houses the vent for the heating system. The house faces north to the Choptank River. A projecting hipped portico supported by paired piers frames the front door to the house. There is also a basement entrance on the east and an entry through the screened porch on the south. The east entrance retains its original glazed and paneled door. The house has 6-over-6 and 2-over-2 sash.

The original floor plan of the house is still intact. The front door opens directly into the living room, which extends the length of the house; the stair is located against the east wall of the living room. The kitchen is located in the southeast corner, the dining room in the southwest. The 2nd floor has three bedrooms and a bath. The house retains baseboards and window molding as well as corner cabinets in the dining room. French doors in the dining room provide access to the porch.

Original architectural drawings show that the house has been little changed. On the exterior, the house originally had shutters and a bracketed overhang above the entrance to the kitchen and basement on the east. The drawings suggest that the porch on the west may have been open and screened at a later date. In the 1980s, the house was clad in vinyl siding.

8. Significance

Survey No. D-720

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1940 Builder/Architect Henry Powell Hopkins

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage West), which dates to 1940, is an example of single family residences constructed for doctors at mental institutions. These detached dwellings became commonplace in the early 20th century and reflect the increasing autonomy of assistant physicians at residential hospitals. The exterior of the two-story dwelling, which was designed by Henry Powell Hopkins, is based on traditional vernacular models even though the interior incorporates a mid-20th century floor plan. Despite alterations, the Physician's Cottage West retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association and contributes to the significance of the historic core of the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

HISTORIC NARRATIVE

The Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage West) was the second of two residences for assistant physicians constructed within the historic core of the Eastern Shore State Hospital. During the 19th and early 20th century doctors were often housed in hospital buildings instead of purpose-built detached residences. By the 1930s, mental hospitals throughout the country began constructing detached residences for their medical staff. This practice reflected the growing importance and increased clinical responsibilities of the assistant physicians. While the medical superintendent still exercised administrative control, the larger size of hospitals and the increasing importance of clinical practice resulted in greater autonomy and responsibility for the assistant physicians, who typically concentrated on medical matters.

By 1938 the Eastern Shore State Hospital had two Assistant Physicians,¹ an increase in staff that was probably due to a combination of the construction of the new patient dormitory (Carey Building) and the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Jones as superintendent in April 1937. In June 1939 Dr. Grace M. Branscombe transferred from Springfield to become an assistant physician at Eastern Shore.² The appointment of the first known woman physician at the hospital may have precipitated the construction

¹Board of Mental Hygiene Biennial Report, 1936-38, p. 12.

²Board Of Mental Hygiene Biennial Report, 1938-40, p. 8.

of a second physician's residence. A handwritten note on the outside of the roll of drawings for the Officer's Cottage labels the drawings as "Ass't Phy Cottage #2, Dr. Brancombe" (sic).

The Officer's Cottage is sited within a short walking distance of the hospital, but the house is isolated from hospital functions. Its entrance faces the Choptank and its porch faces an undeveloped grove. Architectural drawings show that the house was designed by Henry Powell Hopkins (1891-1984).³ Hopkins, a well known Baltimore architect who specialized in restorations and in the Colonial revival, also designed the Administration Building, Carey Building, and Nice Building at the Eastern Shore State Hospital as well as other buildings in the state mental health system. Further information about Hopkins may be found in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites Form for the Administration Building (Survey No. D-715).

While the house has been sheathed in vinyl siding, its basic form and appearance remain intact. Its interior plan and interior detailing like corner cupboards, stair rail, and French doors have been retained.

³Henry Powell Hopkins, Architectural drawings for Officer's Cottage, Job No. 168, May 11, 1940.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. D-720

Please see Continuation Sheets.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Cambridge, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see Continuation Sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betty Bird

organization Betty Bird & Associates

date August 15, 1997

street & number 2607 24th Street, NW, Suite 3

telephone 202-588-9033

city or town Washington, D.C. 20008

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.

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
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Bird, Betty. "St. Elizabeths Hospital: Historic Resources Management Plan." Prepared for the District of Columbia Office of Business and Economic Development by Devroux & Purnell Architects-Planners, P.C., September 1993. (D.C. Historic Preservation Office)
- Board of Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland. *Biennial Reports*, 1934-1936, 1936-1938, 1938-1940, 1942, 1944. (Eastern Shore Hospital Center Archives)
- "Eastern Shore Hospital Diary, 29 November 1922 thru 15 April 1937." (Eastern Shore Hospital Center Archives)
- Eglinton, Karen E. "Guide to the Papers of Henry Powell Hopkins." Historical Manuscripts and Archives Department, University of Maryland at College Park Libraries, June 1990. (Collection of Peter Kurtze, Maryland Historical Trust)
- Hopkins, Henry Powell, Architectural Drawings for Officer's Cottage, Job No. 168, May 11, 1940. (Eastern Shore Hospital Center)
- "Machinery Placed in State Hospital" in *Sun*, December 25, 1938.
- "Mental Hospital Projects Advance" in *Sun*, December 19, 1937.
- Norton, Howard M. *Maryland's Shame*. Baltimore: *Sun* papers, reprinted from Baltimore Sunday *Sun* and *Evening Sun*, January, 1949.
- O'Neill, Thomas M. "Nice Proposes Bond Issue for State's Insane," *Evening Sun*, October 2, 1936.
- "Program Outlined to Care for Insane," *Sun*, January 20, 1937.

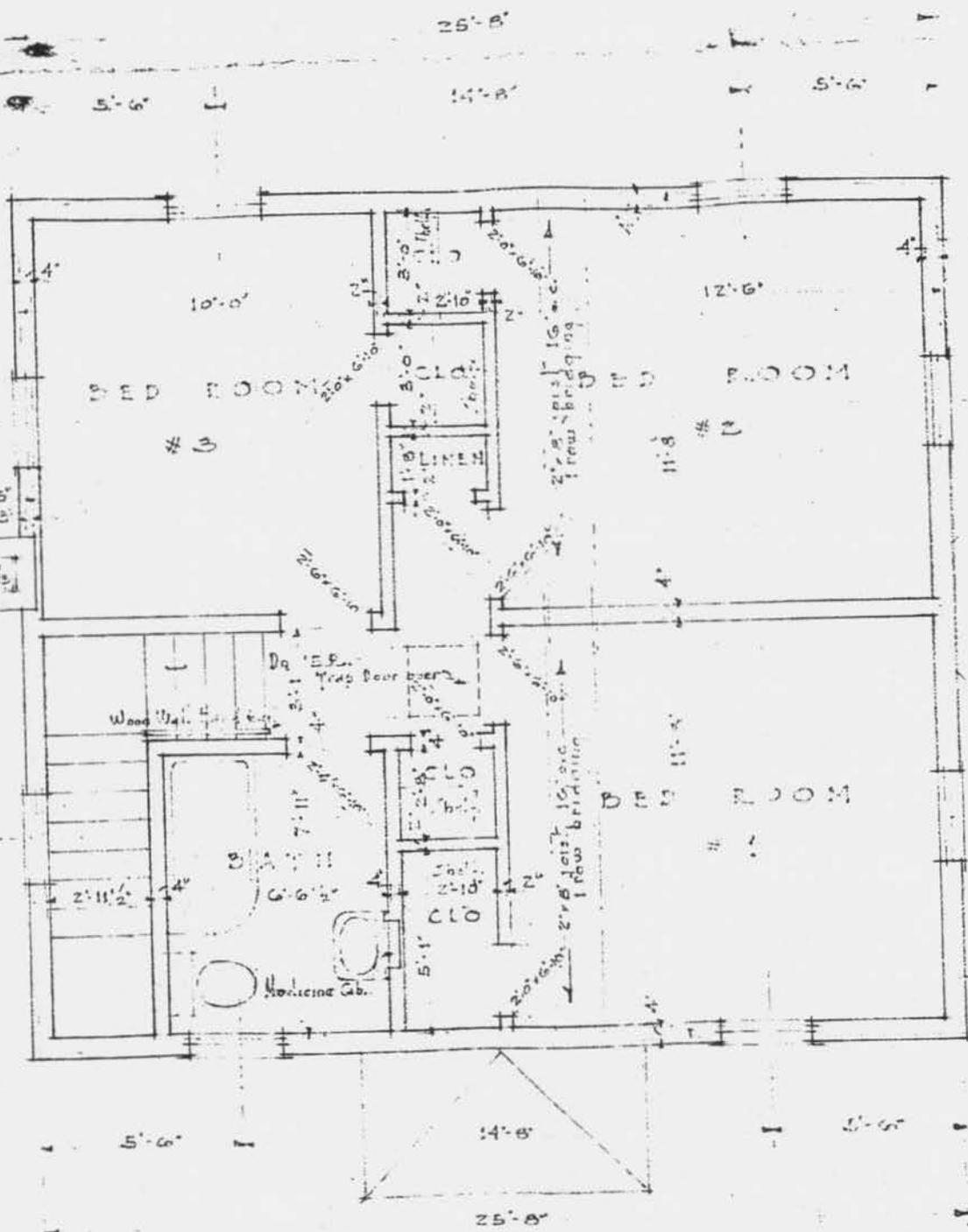
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The boundary encompasses the peninsula that includes the historic buildings and their setting. The project area consists of the peninsula bounded by the Choptank River on the north and Shoal Creek on the west and south. The eastern boundary extends along Shoal Creek to a point approximately 300 ft. upstream from the Power House and Laundry. The boundary then proceeds in an arc roughly ENE to the intersection of West Shore Drive (Maryland Route 479) and Point Drive. The boundary then proceeds roughly WNW to the Choptank River in an arc on the north and east side of West Shore Drive. The intersection of the eastern boundary of the project area and the Choptank River is directly north of the east facade of the Dr. Charles J. Carey Building (Survey No. D-718).

Officer's Cottage (Physician's Cottage West)
 Eastern Shore State Hospital
 Survey No. D-720
 Dorchester County, MD

HENRY POWELL HOPKINS
 ARCHITECT
 10 E. MULBERRY ST. BALTIMORE, MD.
 JOB No. 163 DRAWING NO. 1
 DATE 5/11/40

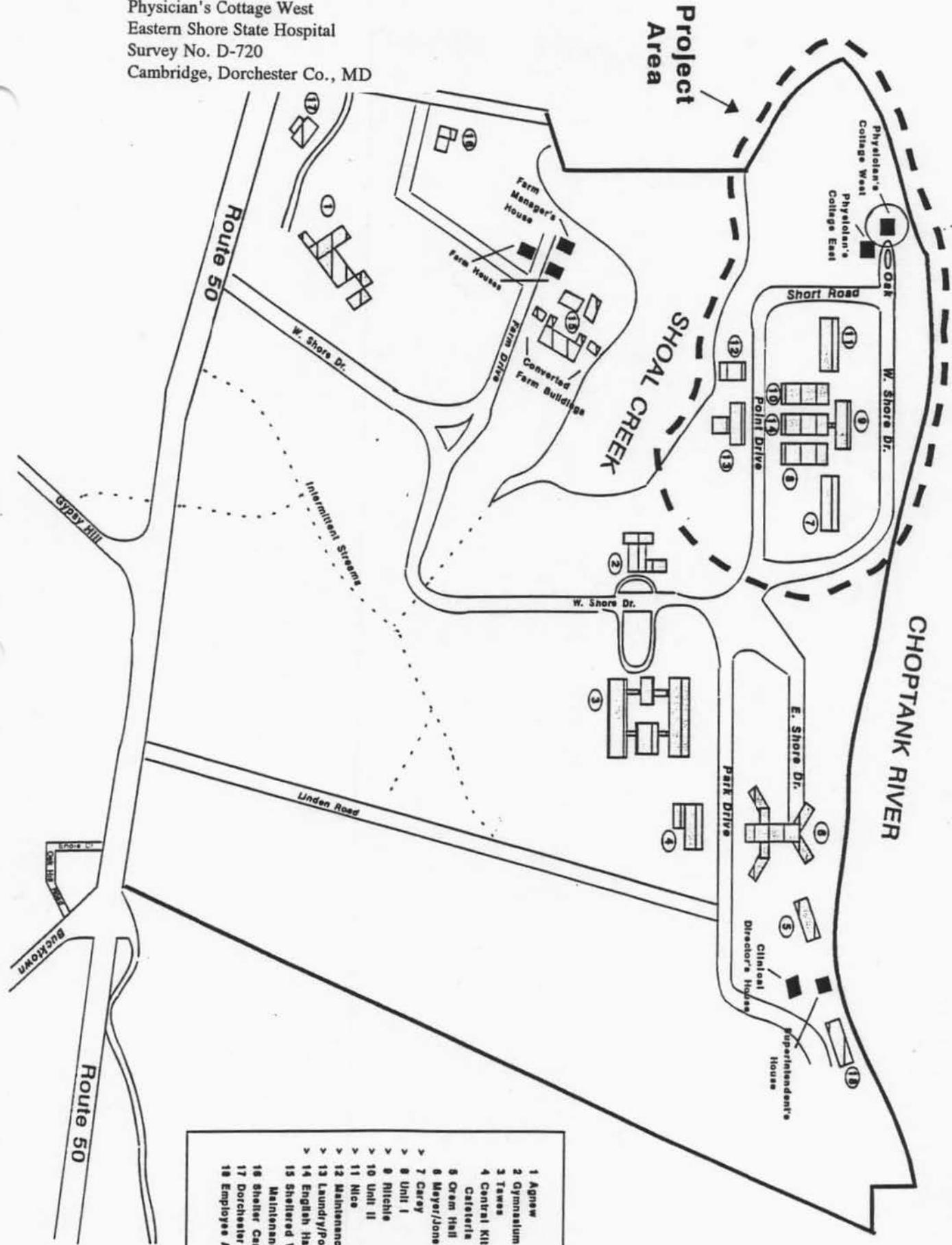
SECTION



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Resource Sketch Map
 Physician's Cottage West
 Eastern Shore State Hospital
 Survey No. D-720
 Cambridge, Dorchester Co., MD

Eastern Shore Hospital Center

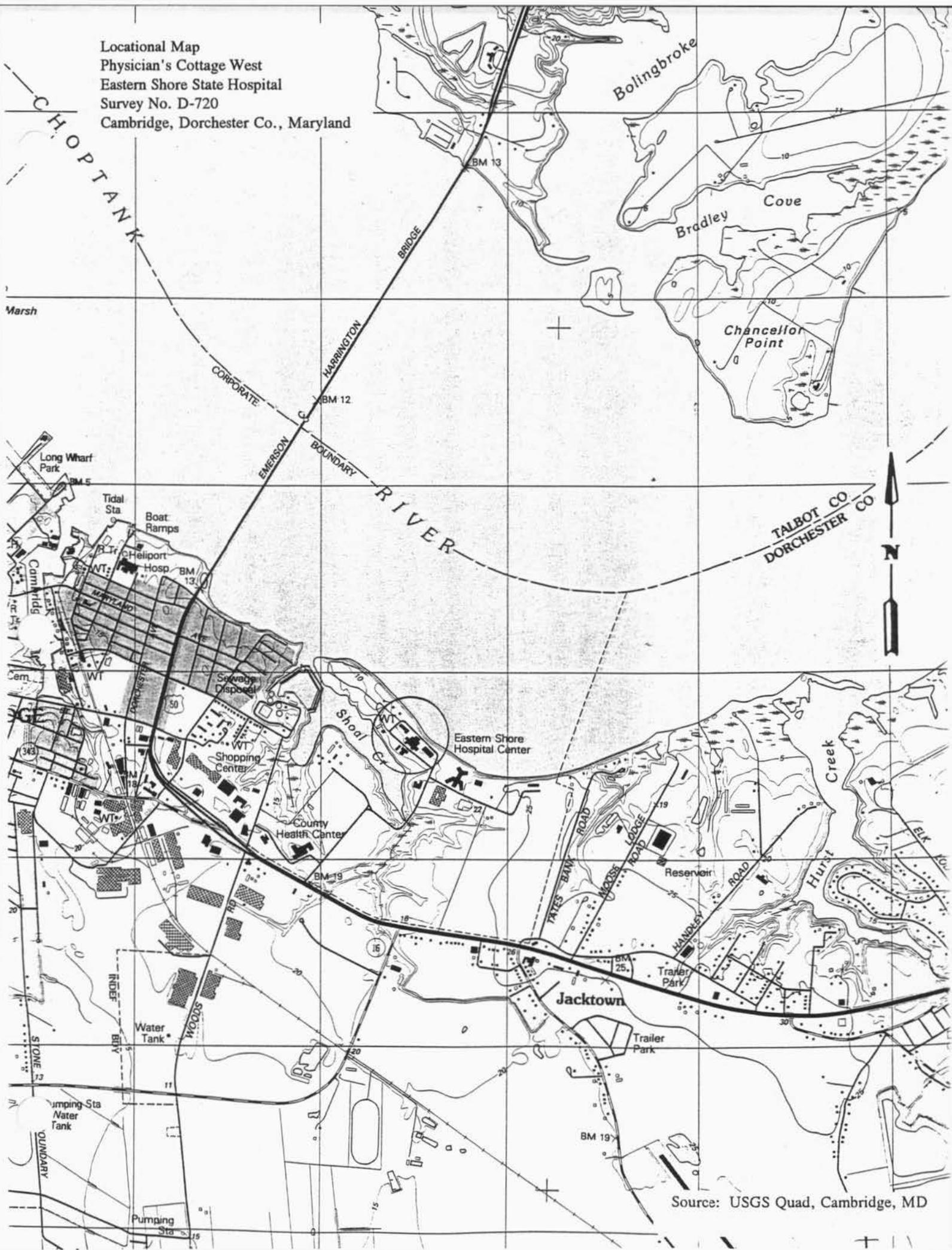


- 1 Agnew
- 2 Gymnasium
- 3 Tower
- 4 Central Kitchen/Cafeteria
- 5 Cream Hall
- 6 Meyer/Jones Annex
- 7 Carey
- 8 Unit I
- 9 Ritchie
- 10 Unit II
- 11 Nice
- 12 Maintenance
- 13 Laundry/Power House
- 14 English Hall
- 15 Sheltered Workshop/Maintenance
- 16 Shelter Care
- 17 Dorchester Health Center
- 18 Employee Apartments

Source: Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene



Locational Map
Physician's Cottage West
Eastern Shore State Hospital
Survey No. D-720
Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Maryland



Source: USGS Quad, Cambridge, MD



D-720

PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST- E S STATE HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE, MD

PHOTO: BETTY BIRD

JULY 1997

10/15/97 12:00 PM

MD SAPO

VIEW FROM NE

1 OF 5



D-720

PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST - E S STATE HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE, MD

PHOTO: BETTY BIRD

JULY 1997

MD SHPD

VIEW FROM NW

2 OF 5



D-120

PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST- E S STATE HOSPITAL

CAMBRIDGE, MD

PHOTO. BETTY BIRD

JULY 1997

1078 W. 100TH ST.

MD SHPO

VIEW FROM SE

3 OF 5



D-720

PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST - E S STATE HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE, MD

PHOTO: BETTY BIRD

JULY 1997

MD SHPO

INTERIOR STAIR 1957

INTERIOR STAIR

4 OF 5



D-720

PHYSICIAN'S COTTAGE WEST- E S STATE HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE, MD

PHOTO: BETTY BIRD

JULY 1997

MD SHPO

1078 10810 1106

DINING ROOM FROM NE

5 OF 5