

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: EASTERN SHORE HOSPITAL CENTER  
Farm Manager's House Survey Number: D-721

Project: Proposed demolition Agency: S/DHMH

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

In 1912, the State of Maryland purchased the Kirwan Farm just east of Cambridge in order to establish a mental hospital for the Eastern Shore. The farm manager's house was one of the existing dwellings on the property. The typical building is characterized by its l-shaped configuration, two story height, frame construction, brick foundation and internal chimneys. Because of its common building form, this office believes that the dwelling is not architecturally significant. Historically, the dwelling served as an integral component of the farm operation for the hospital, 1912-1968. However, the integrity of the property appears to have been compromised. Always geographically separated from the hospital complex, the farm operation once consisted of several farm houses, agricultural buildings and tilled fields. The Farm managers house is currently flanked by two 1950s cottages. Of the five agricultural buildings, only two date from the historic period; all five have been converted to other uses. The State shut down the farm operation at all the mental hospitals in the late 1960s. Therefore, based on the existing information, the farm manager's house is not eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: DOE form, compliance file Eastern Shore Hospital Center

Prepared by: DHMH, Elizabeth Barnard

Lauren Bowlin 3/19/96  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Lauren Kuntz 3/19/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic, single dwelling, farmhouse

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of  Maryland

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

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Governor

Martin P. Wasserman, M.D., J.D.  
Secretary

February 15, 1996

Ms. Lauren L. Bowlin, Preservation Officer  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

Re: Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Demolish Farm Manager's House  
MD941214-1109

DO CO

Dear Ms. Bowlin:

I am responding to your request for additional information concerning our proposal to demolish a vacant farmhouse at Eastern Shore Hospital Center. I am including information about the history of the hospital, farming operations, and the farmhouse. In addition, I am enclosing an old and an existing site map of the hospital, and 5" x 7" black-and-white labeled photographs of the farmhouse.

Eastern Shore Hospital Center opened in 1912 when the State purchased a property known as the Kirwan farm for a new hospital (Attachment 1). The original farm consisted of approximately 250 acres. It included a farmhouse and three old tenement houses and a barn. Minutes of the hospital's Board of Directors meeting of March 1915 state that the Superintendent was instructed to proceed with "reconstruction and repairing of the old farmhouse, to be used as a residence for the chief engineer. The three old tenement houses on the farm were thoroughly repaired and put in good condition, two of them being moved to a more suitable location...." The old farmhouse became known as the farm manager's house. The tenement houses were demolished many years ago. Adjoining properties were purchased over the years, adding land and structures to the hospital complex.

Over time, the property developed into two distinct areas for hospital and farm operations. The hospital buildings, hospital staff residences, and maintenance buildings are located north of Shoal Creek. The farm buildings, including the farm manager's house, are located south of Shoal Creek (Attachment 2).

NOT INDIV. ELIGIBLE. IF HOSPITAL IS HISTORIC DISTRICT WOULDNT INCLUDE THIS HOUSE W/IN BOUNDARIES BECAUSE ITS TOO FAR REMOVED GEOGRAPHICALLY. INTEGRITY IS WEAK - FARM BLDGS BEEN CONVERTED TO WORKSHOP BLDGS 3 OF 5 DATE FROM 1950. 2 DWELLINGS ADJACENT TO HOUSE ARE C. 1950. NO FIELDS NO LONGER EXIST. FARM OPERATIONS ENDED IN 1968. CONCUR NOT ELIG. MD REG LUB

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The farm was actively engaged in agricultural activities from the time of acquisition until 1968. A number of farm buildings were constructed between 1912 and 1957 south of Shoal Creek to support the raising of crops and animals. The farm buildings included barns, pig pens, sheds, pasteurization plant. The hospital continued farm activities until 1968 when the State psychiatric hospitals closed their farming operations.

Five of the existing farm buildings have been converted to sheltered workshops or maintenance buildings (Attachment 2, #15). Two of the five buildings were constructed before 1925, and the other three were constructed in the 1950s.

In addition to the original farm buildings, two farmhouses were constructed in 1950 adjacent to the farm manager's house. One of the two farmhouses is now occupied as a staff residence, and the other is vacant. Each of the farmhouses is partially visible in the enclosed photographs of the farm manager's house.

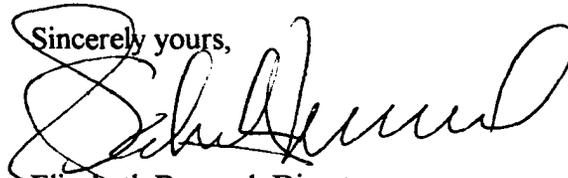
When farm operations at the hospital were eliminated, the farm manager's house was occupied by a member of the maintenance staff until approximately 1980. The house has been vacant for the last 16 years.

The photographs of the farm manager's house show the deteriorated condition of the building's exterior and interior. The foundation has settled and/or decayed, causing associated structural problems (e.g., sagging floors, distorted window frames, cracked walls and ceilings). The roof leaks, resulting in substantial water damage throughout the house. Wood trim and window frames are rotting. The stairway to the second floor is very narrow and winding. Due to this deterioration, the house would require complete renovation if it were reoccupied for any use. The renovation would have to include new walls, floors, ceilings, and insulation, as well as replacement of the plumbing, electrical, and heating systems. It would be more cost effective to demolish the house and build new.

The hospital has no current or future use for the farm manager's house. The hospital is reducing the number of its patients and employees. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is decreasing the use of staff housing. If a staff house were needed, other vacant staff residences in better condition are available. The building cannot be used for any other function without major renovations and construction of an addition.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you need additional information concerning this project.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth Barnard, Director  
Office of Planning and Capital Financing

Enclosures

cc: Randy Bradford  
Linda Janey

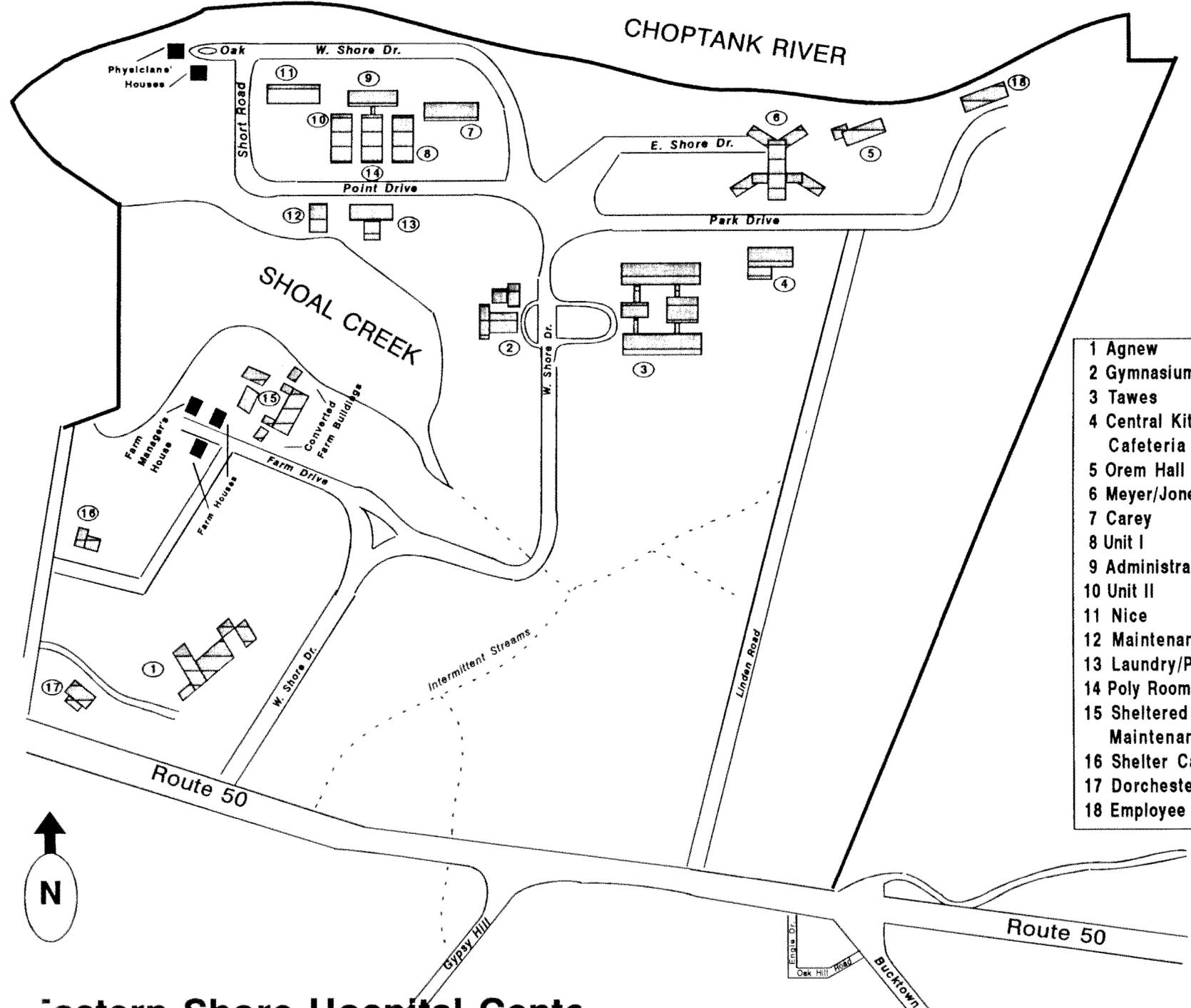
**EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL**

**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:	Site and Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Mental Hospital
Known Design Source:	Parker, Thomas & Rice Henry Powell Hopkins

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- 1 Agnew
- 2 Gymnasium
- 3 Tawes
- 4 Central Kitchen/  
Cafeteria
- 5 Orem Hall
- 6 Meyer/Jones Annex
- 7 Carey
- 8 Unit I
- 9 Administration
- 10 Unit II
- 11 Nice
- 12 Maintenance
- 13 Laundry/Powerhouse
- 14 Poly Room
- 15 Sheltered Workshop/  
Maintenance
- 16 Shelter Care
- 17 Dorchester Health Center
- 18 Employee Apartments

# Eastern Shore Hospital Center

CAMBRIDGE QUARD



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DO Co

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
South Side of House  
4/95



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Do-Co

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
Northeast Corner of House  
4/95



1-421

Do Co.

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
Southwest Corner of House  
4/95



D-721

DO.CO

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
First Floor Living Room  
4/95



2-931

DO. CO

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
First Floor Stairwell  
4/95



D-431

Do. Co.

Eastern Shore Hospital Center  
Farm Manager's House  
Second Floor Bedroom  
4/95

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

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. D-721

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Eastern Shore State Hospital

and/or common Eastern Shore Hospital Center

**2. Location**

street & number 5520 West Shore 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	<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"/> 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-721

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please see Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Forms D-712, D-713, D-714, D-715, D-716, D-717, D-718, D-719, and D-720.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. D-721

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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** 1913, 1926, 1936-38 **Builder/Architect** Parker, Thomas & Rice; 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.

Please see narrative History of Eastern Shore State Hospital.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. D-721

Please see bibliography attached to the Historic and Architectural Resources Survey of the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 100

Quadrangle name Cambridge, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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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.

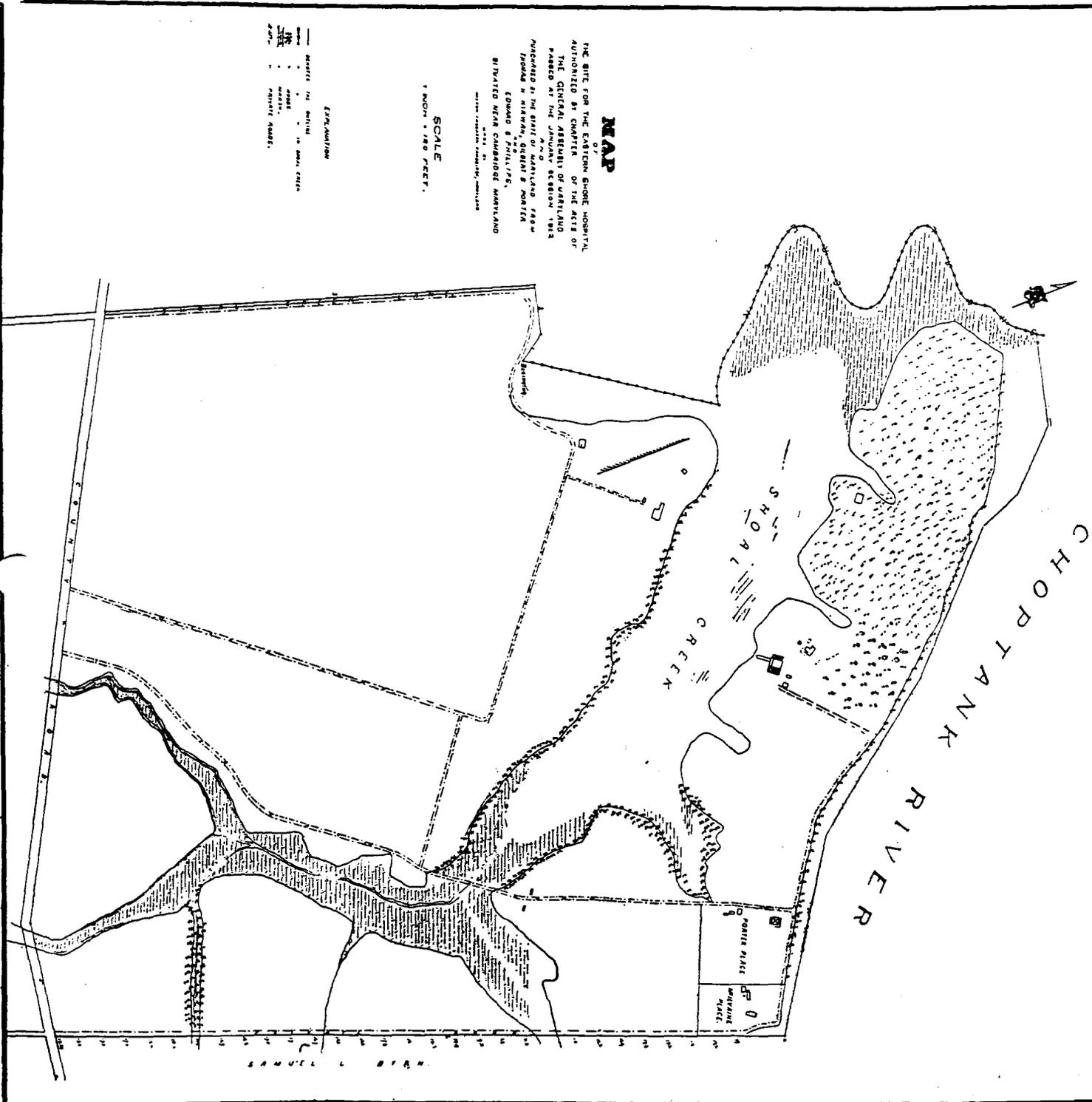
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

### **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).

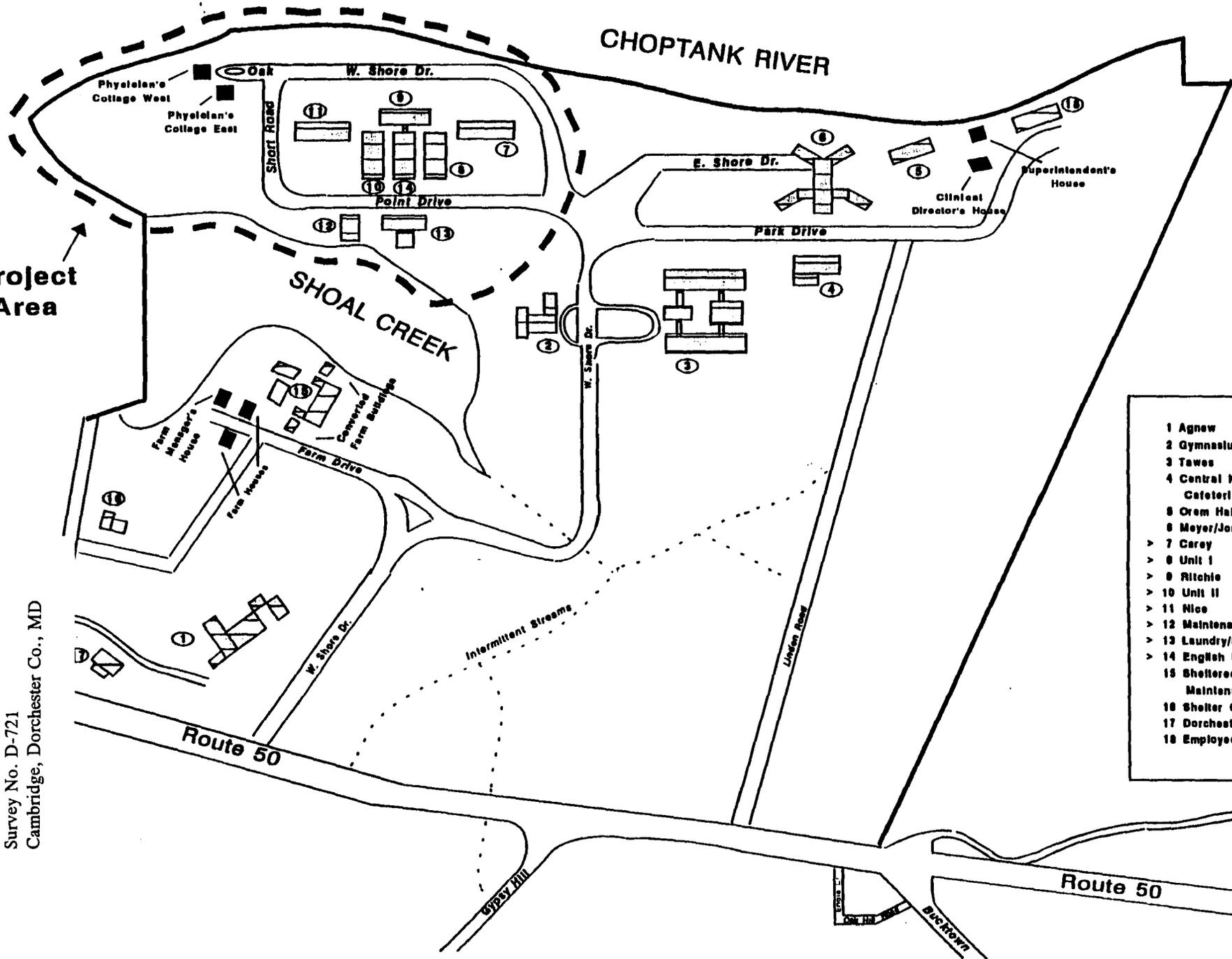
Eastern Shore State Hospital  
 Dorchester County, Maryland  
 Survey No. D-721



Source: Eastern Shore State Hospital Biennial Report, 1913-1915.

Resource Sketch Map  
 Eastern Shore State Hospital  
 Survey No. D-721  
 Cambridge, Dorchester Co., MD

Project Area

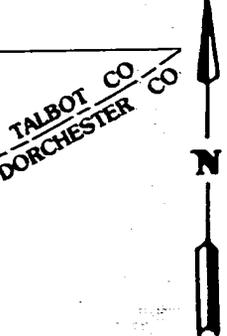
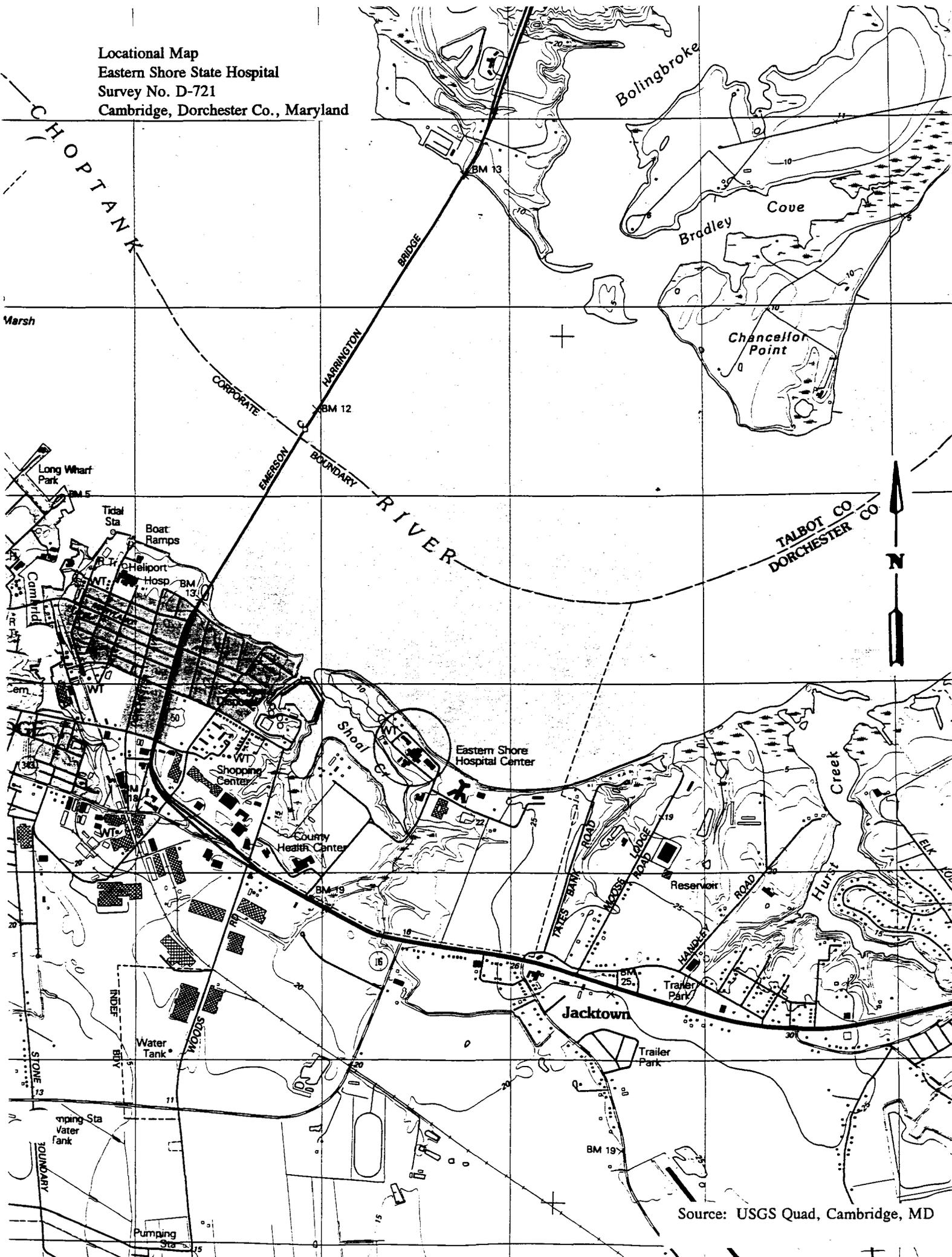


Source: Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

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Eastern Shore Hospital Center

Locational Map  
Eastern Shore State Hospital  
Survey No. D-721  
Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Maryland



Source: USGS Quad, Cambridge, MD



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PHOTO: BETTY BIRD

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VIEW FROM NE

1 OF 3



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CAMBRIDGE, MD

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VIEW FROM SE

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STATE HISTORIC ARCHIVES



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PHYSICIANS' COTTAGES FROM SE

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