

D-829
Toddville Store
Toddville
c. 1900

The buildings that define the community of Toddville in the Strait Election District primarily line Toddville Road and a few cross streets. The intersection of Toddville and Farm Creek roads is marked by a turn-of-the-twentieth century, single-story, gable-front frame store formerly operated by Webster Meredith. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century another village store occupied the southwest corner of the intersection of Toddville and Buck Ridge roads at the southern end of the community. This modest sized store building, sheathed with plain weatherboards, retains six-over-six sash windows and extended eaves.

Webster Meredith, aged 55, is listed in the Sixteenth census of the United States as a merchant, and his wife, Lulu, five years younger, is recorded as an oyster shucker. In 1958 the store and associated land were part of the estate of Victoria F. Meredith, who at her death at 80 years old, conveyed the building and land to her brother Freddie O. Robinson. During the fourth quarter of the twentieth century the store was owned by Calvert P. and Patricia Ann Meredith.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Webster Meredith Store

other Toddville Store

2. Location

street and number Northwest corner of Toddville and Farm Creek roads not for publication

city, town Toddville vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Daniel X. Wilson and Henrique S. Reis

street and number 4695 Walters Lane telephone

city, town Harwood state MD zip code 20776

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 650 folio 55

city, town Cambridge tax map 102 tax parcel 101 tax ID number 10-006139

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

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

The Webster Meredith store stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Toddville and Farm Creek roads in the community of Toddville in the Strait's Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front frame store, dating to the late nineteenth century, is supported on a minimal masonry foundation, and the main is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched roof to the main block is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south side of the main block is a shed roofed addition, and to the north side is a concrete block and frame addition. The store building faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Webster Meredith store, built around 1890-1900, is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Toddville and Farm Creek roads in the village of Toddville in the Strait's Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front, frame store rests on a minimal masonry foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles, is extended to each side by shed-roofed sections. The southern shed appears to be contemporaneous with the main block while the northern side is built with concrete block walls.

The northeast (main) façade of the center block is a three-bay elevation with a center door and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The window to the left of the door retains vertical iron bars, whereas the other window does not. The front door is a late twentieth-century vinyl clad replacement door with multi-pane sidelights. The shed addition to the south is defined by a single six-over-six sash window, which also features an iron grille. The ground floor windows and door are sheltered by a shed roofed porch featuring exposed rafter tails. The porch roof is supported by metal posts. Piercing the gable-front wall above the porch is a six-over-six replacement window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with bed and crown moldings trimming the boxing. Piercing the center of the roof is a brick stove chimney painted white.

The south side of the store is a blind weatherboard wall surface, and the edge of the roof has an extended eave with a slight crown molding trimming the fascia board.

The north side of the main block is largely covered by a single story concrete block and frame shed-roofed addition.

The store interior was not open 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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<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
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Construction dates 1900-01

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

The buildings that define the community of Toddville in the Strait Election District line Toddville Road and a few cross streets. The intersection of Toddville and Farm Creek Road is marked by a turn of the twentieth-century single-story, gable-front frame commercial buildings formerly operated by Webster Meredith. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century another store occupied the southwest corner of the intersection of Toddville and Buck Ridge Road, which is indicated on the Strait's District map of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas.¹ This modest store building, sheathed with plain weatherboards, retains six-over-six sash windows and extended eaves.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Webster Meredith, aged 55, is listed in the Sixteenth census of the United States as a merchant, and his wife Lulu, five years younger, is recorded as an oyster shucker.² In 1958 the store and associated property was part of the estate of Victoria F. Meredith, who at her death at 80 years old, conveyed the building and land to her brother Freddie O. Robinson.³ During the fourth quarter of the twentieth century the store was owned by Calvert P. and Patricia Ann Meredith.⁴

¹ John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 80.
² Sixteenth census of the United States, Population Schedule for Dorchester County (1940), Ancestry.com.
³ Dorchester County Register of Wills, Estate No. 4179, filed 3.18.1958, Dorchester County Courthouse.
⁴ Dorchester County Land Records, PLC 179/314, 24 April 1973; PLC 327/441, 19 October 1995, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

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Toddville Store

Map 102, Parcel 101

MLB 650/55

Wesley A. Hill, Sr. & Wesley A. Hill, Jr.

to

5.13.2005

Daniel X. Wilson and Henrique S. Reis

327/441

Calvert P. Meredith and Patricia Ann Meredith

to

10.19.1995

Wesley A. Hill, Sr. and Wesley A. Hill, Jr.

Being all the same property that was formerly used by Webster Meredith as a store and being part of the property that was left to Freddie O. Robinson under the terms of the last will and testament of Victoria F. Meredith

PLC 179/314

Wise Oil and Fuel, Inc.

to

4.24.1973

Calvert P. Meredith and Patricia Ann Meredith

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PLC 158/489

R. Wallace Morris

to

12.23.1968

Wise Oil and Fuel, Inc.

PLC 158/158

Herbert Hughes and Alice Hughes

to

11.21.1968

R. Wallace Morris and Mary Ellen Morris

PLC 136/453

Granville T. Murrell

to

12.31.1963

Herbert Hughes, 1/2 interest
Wallace Morris, 1/2 interest

PLC 122/590

Freddie O. Robinson and Ethel T. Robinson

to

3.9.1961

Granville T. Murrell

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Estate #4179

Last Will and Testament of Victoria F. Meredith
(80 years of age)

to, brother

Filed
3.18.1958

Freddie O. Robinson

82 acres of marsh, "Good Luck Regulation"

1940 Census

Sixteenth Census of the United States
Dorchester County Population Schedule

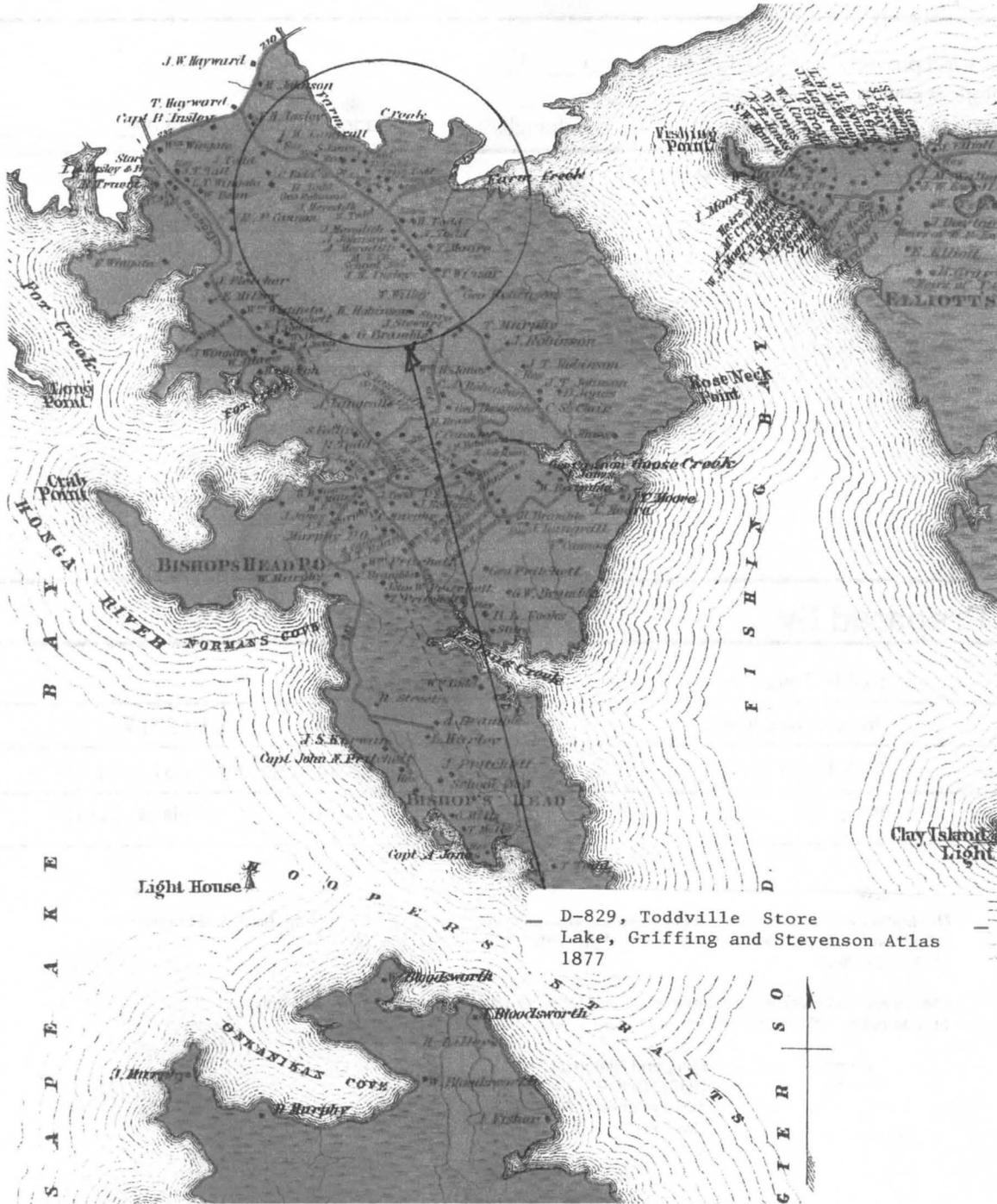
Webster Meredith, 55, Merchant
Lulu Meredith, 50, Shucker, Sea Food

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

John L Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10,454 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 1 acre

Quadrangle name Wingate, Maryland Quadrangle Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	8.10.2013
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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.

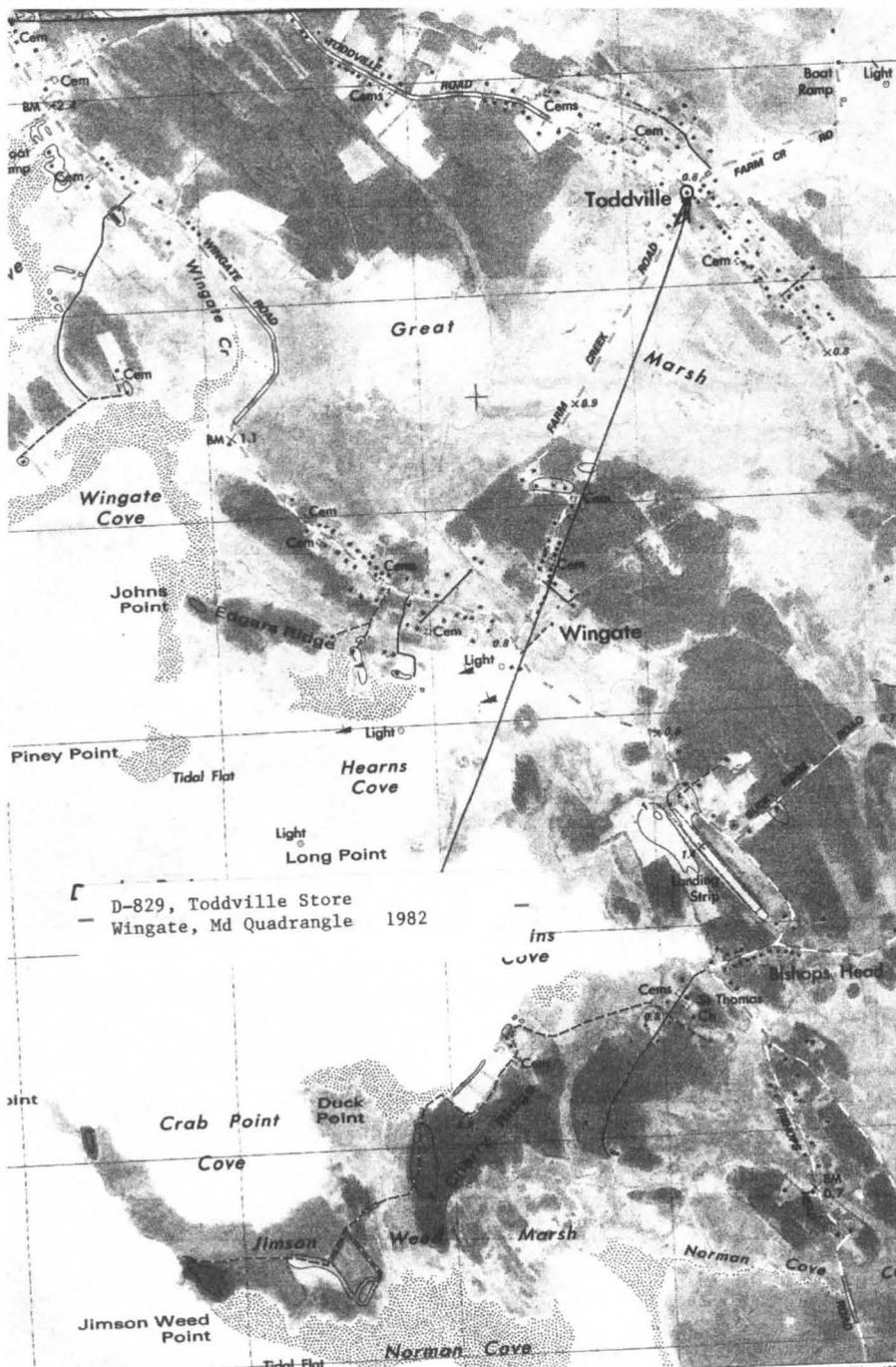
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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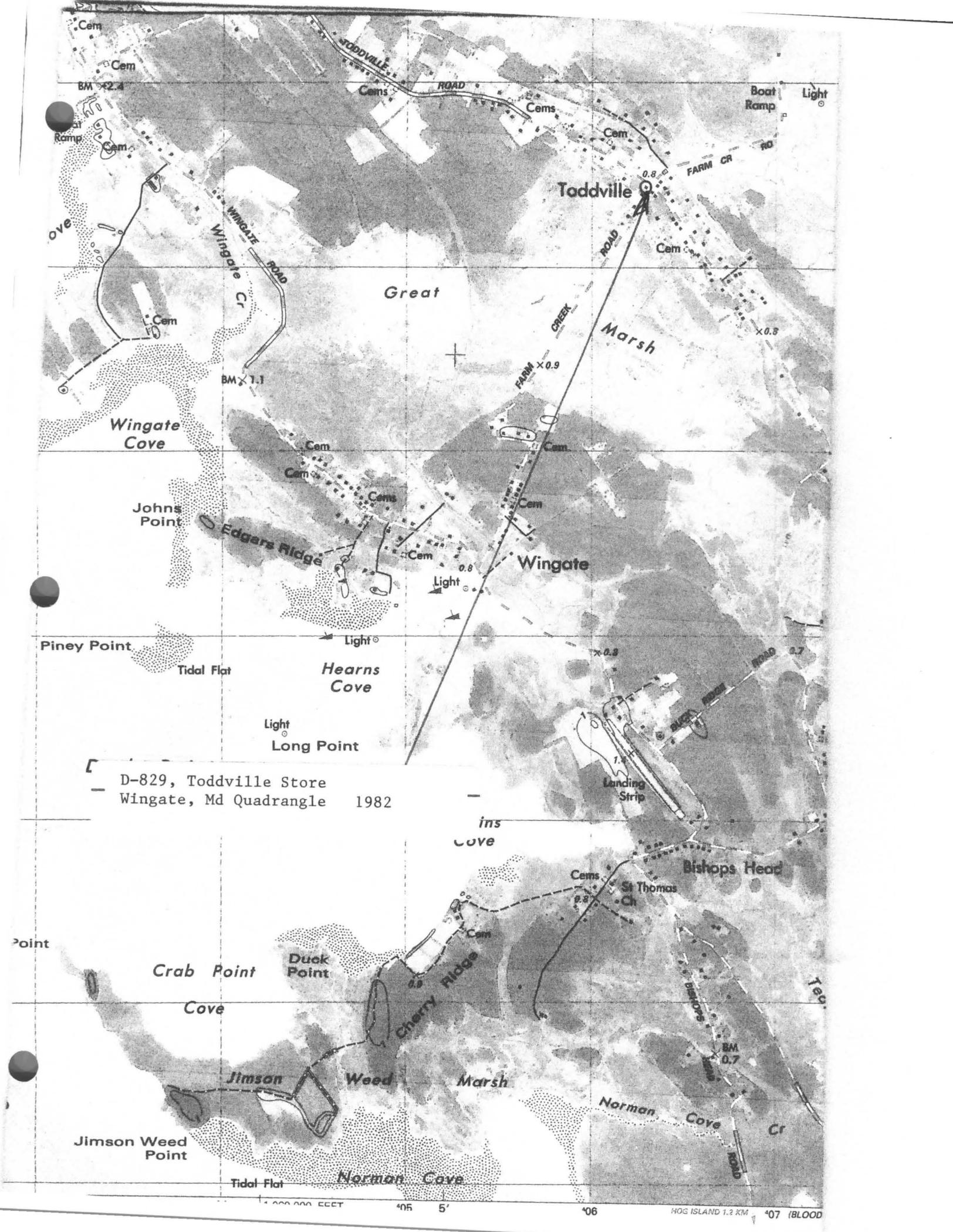
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D-829, Toddville Store, northeast elevation, Toddville, 8.2013, Paul Baker Touart, photographer



D-829, Toddville Store
 Wingate, Md Quadrangle 1982



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TODDVILLE STORE

TODDVILLE, DORCHESTER CO., MS.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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W. H. J. AND HISTORICAL TRUST

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