

D-836  
Todd House  
Toddville  
c. 1880

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-836

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

historic  Todd House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 2551 Toddville Road  not for publication

city, town Toddville vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Margaret Lynn Hall, et al

street and number 2551 Toddville Road telephone

city, town Toddville state MD zip code 21672-9718

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 1028 folio 412

city, town Cambridge tax map 102 tax parcel 197 tax ID number 10-005213

### 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"/> 5	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	<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

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

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Todd house, stands at 2551 Toddville Road in the community of Toddville in the Strait's Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Set back from the county road, the two-story, three-bay, side hall/parlor plan frame house, built around 1880, and it is joined on the lot by a group of late nineteenth and early twentieth Century outbuildings, including a stilted frame dairy, a frame chicken house, and a small line of frame outbuildings of undetermined use behind the dwelling. The late nineteenth century house is supported on a minimal brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roofs are covered with a combination of wood and asphalt shingles. Attached to the south gable end of the main block is a story-and-a-half one-room plan wing, which is extended to the rear by a single-story shed roofed kitchen. Also on the property is a small family cemetery including the marked burials of Ravon A. Todd (1894-1968), Nettie D. Todd (1893-1941) and Ivy L. Todd (1883-1913).

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Ravon A. Todd house stands at 2551 Toddville Road in the community of Toddville in the Strait's Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Dating around 1880, the two-story, side hall/parlor main block extends to the south by a story-and-a-half contemporaneous wing, which has a shed kitchen attached to its rear (west) side. The house is supported on a brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The gable roofs are covered with wood shingles on the east side and asphalt shingles on the west. The shed roofed kitchen roof has a layer of corrugated metal.

The east (main) elevation of the side hall/parlor house is defined by a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows with vinyl shutters to each side. The second story is defined by two six-over-six sash windows aligned with the first story windows. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with a crown molding.

The north gable end of the main block retains an exterior, stretcher bond brick chimney stack with a corbelled base. The chimney stack is finished with a corbelled cap and stringcourse below the cap. To each side of the chimney stack are six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second stories. The windows are flanked by louvered vinyl shutters. Finishing the gable end is an extended eave with returns at the base of the roof.

The west (rear) elevation of the main block is marked by a center four-panel door sheltered by a shed roofed hood supported on stick bracket. To each side are six-over-six sash windows. The second story is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows as well.

The south gable end of the main block is largely covered by the story-and-a-half wing that is contemporaneous with the main block. The gable end of the main block above the wing roof is marked by

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a two-over-two attic window. The east (front) wall of the story-and-a-half wing is defined by a center, partially glazed door with six-over-one sash windows. The half story above is pierced by two six-over-three sash windows, each flanked by louvered vinyl shutters. The gable end of the wing has a blind first story wall, and the upper level is lighted by four-over-four sash windows. The gable end is finished with an extended eave with returns as the base. Piercing the roof line is an interior end brick stove chimney finished with a corbelled cap and stringcourse several courses below. The rear wall of the one-room plan wing is entirely covered by the single-story shed roofed kitchen.

The interior was not open for inspection.

Standing directly behind the house is a small frame dairy built on stilts. It is sheathed with vinyl siding, and shed roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The front wall of the dairy is pierced by a vertical board-and-batten door framed by a beaded edge surround. To each side are louvered vinyl shutters. The side walls of the dairy are pierced by rectangular louvered vents. The rear wall is blind. The interior is fitted with board shelving.

To the northwest of the house is a single-story, shed-roofed frame chicken house supported on a block pier foundation and sheathed with vertical board siding. The front (south) wall is pierced by a board-and-batten door and boarded over window opening.

# 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
X 1800-1899	x architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	x 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

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## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 37/82, 9 September 1937, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 6/622, 24 October 1884, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Toddville, Maryland 21672-9718

Map 102, Parcel 197

1028/412 Patrick Todd Murphy  
to

4.8.2011 Margaret Lynn Hall

869/60 Patrick Todd Murphy  
to

5.27.2008 Patrick Todd Murphy and Rory Albert Askins as joint tenants

355/863 Dorothy Lee Murphy, Personal Representative of Earl E. Todd  
to

5.7.1997 Patrick Todd Murphy

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214/590

Earl E. Todd, Personal Representative of Ovy E. Todd (d. 2.22.1979)

to

5.20.1980

Mildred A. Todd, et al.

Estate of Ovy E. Todd, Estate No. 6959, Orphan's Court of Dorchester County, Ovy E. Todd is survived by his wife Mildred Anna Todd, and his Children, Earl E. Todd, Leonard Todd and Dorothy Murphy

3.5 acres with the dwelling house

JFD 37/82

John W. Williams, trustee

to

9.9.1937

Ovy E. Todd

Whereas by a decree of Circuit Court, dated 6.29.1937, No. 6087 in Chancery, Dr. Patrick H. Tawes was complainant and Severn Mason and others were respondents

...property sold at public auction for \$350, property owned by Lizzie E. Mason...

JFD 12/173

William L. G. Robinson

to

10.7.1922

Lizzie E. Mason

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WLR 9/226

Fannie A. Jones, et al.

to

7.29.1914

William L. G. Robinson

CL 17/484

Laura P. Jones

to

6.19.1893

Fannie A. Jones

CL 6/622

Henry T. Jones and wife and others

to

10.24.1884

Laura Frances Jones

Whereas for the purpose of quieting certain disputes that have hereunto existed... special agreement signed and made on 10.23.1884 parts one third each in and to certain lands of which Nathan Todd died seized called "Andrew's Fortune"

... all that lot or parcel of ground situated in Todd Town in Strait's (or the 10<sup>th</sup>) Election District

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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.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 7.51 acres

Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Wingate, Maryland Quadrangle

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	Private Consultant	date	10.4.2013
street & number	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.

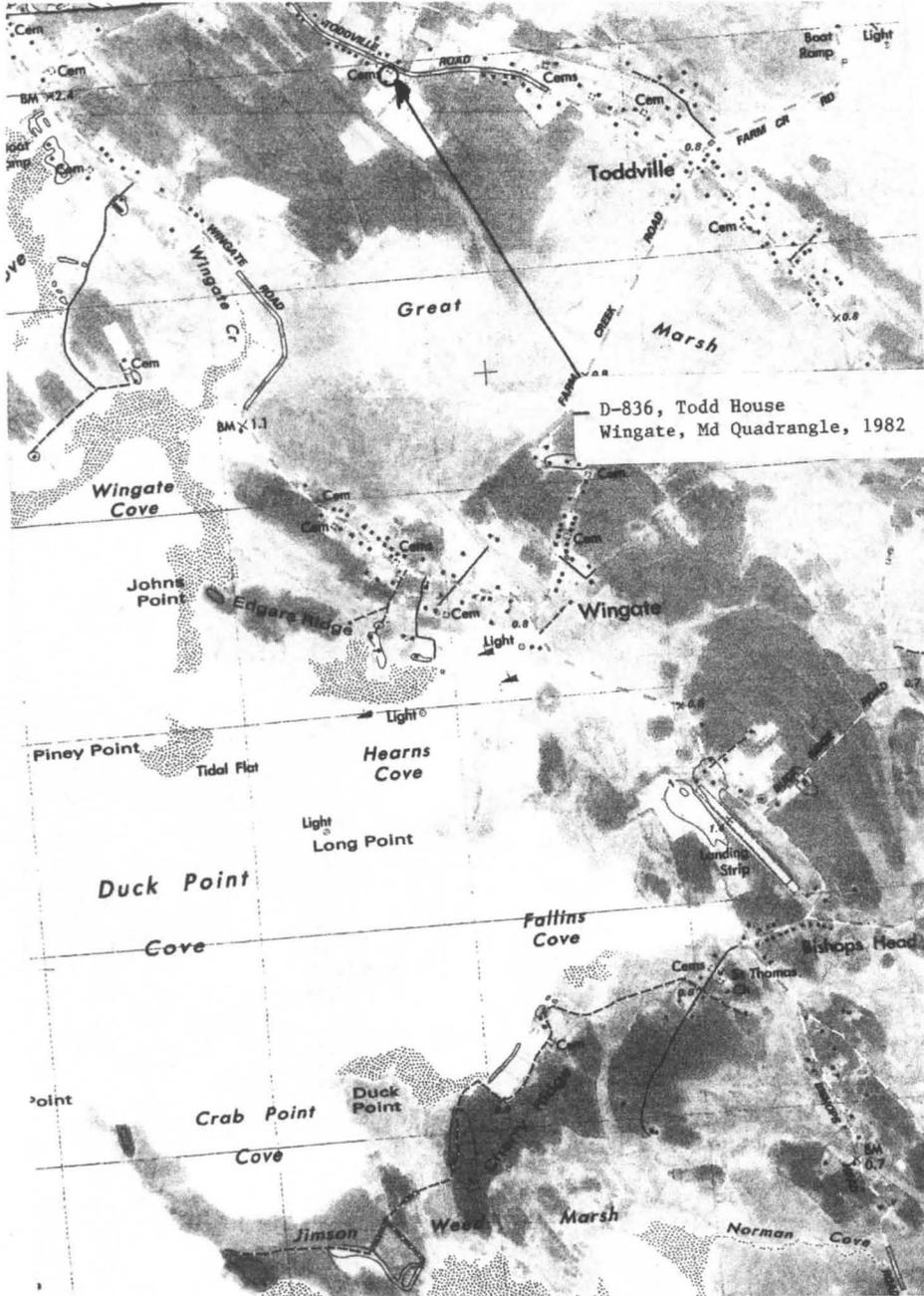
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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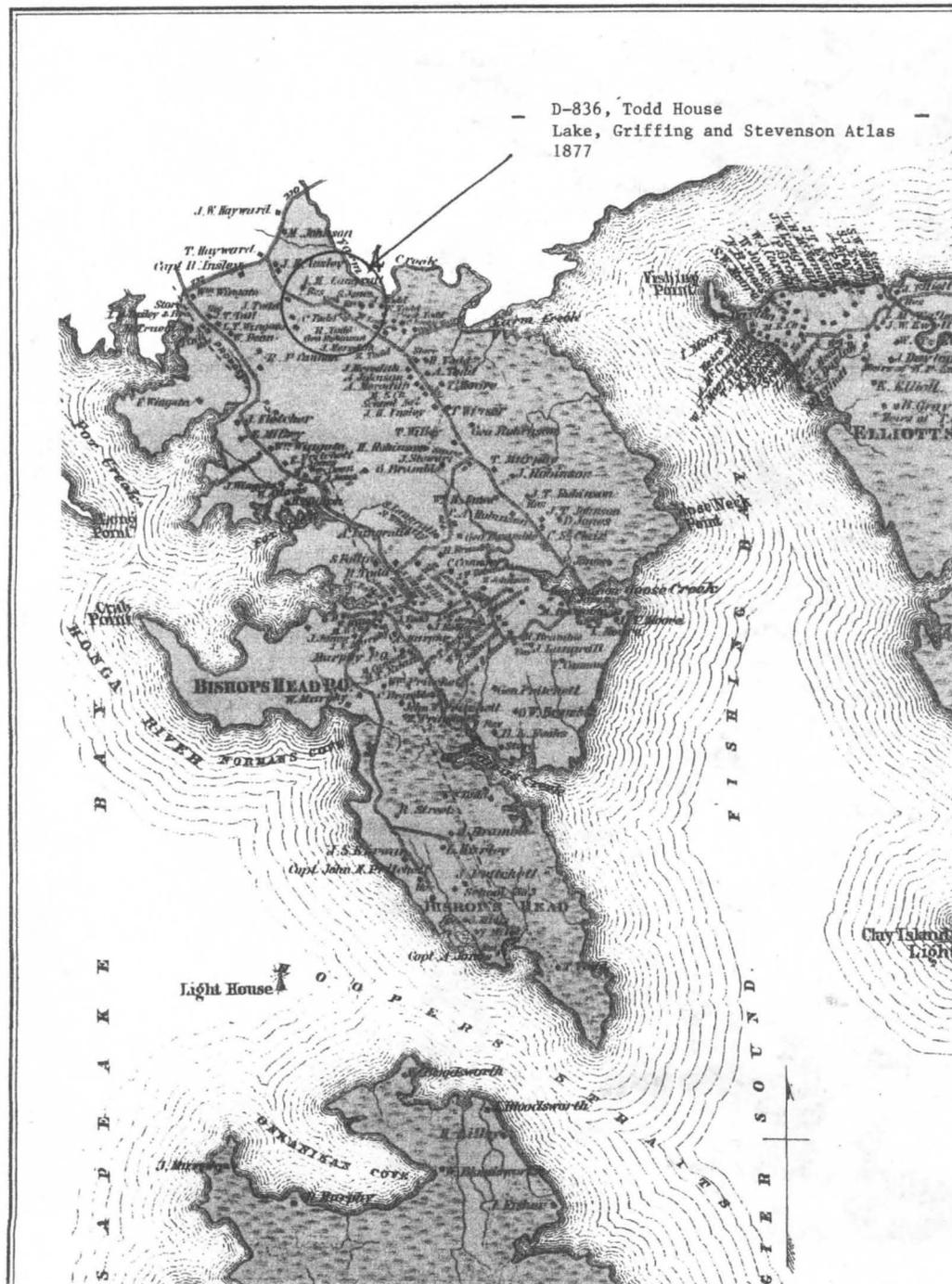


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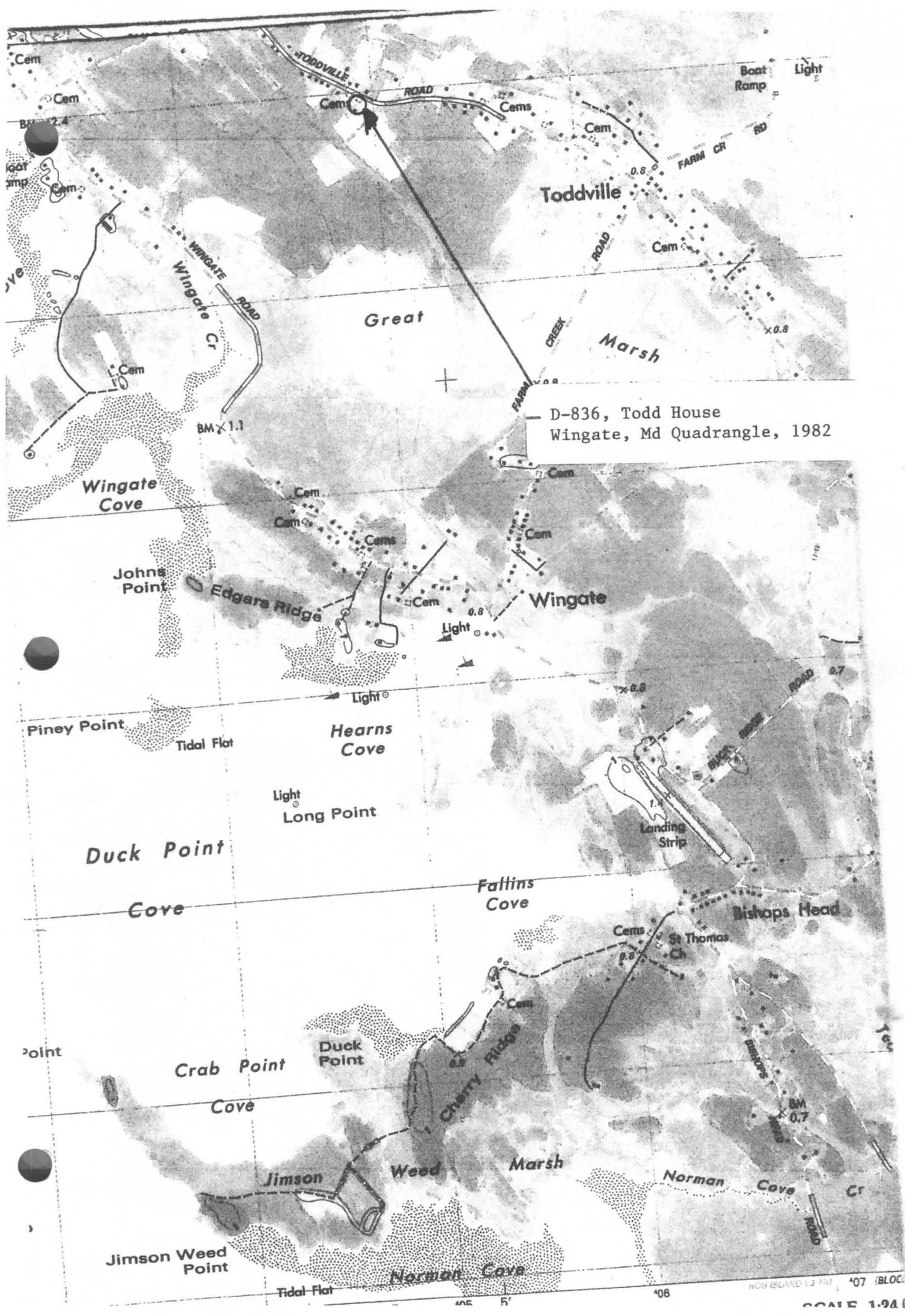
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 Wingate, Md Quadrangle, 1982



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TODDVILLE, DISTRICTED C. MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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Todd House

TODDVILLE, DORCHESTER Co. MD

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

10. 2013, PAUL B. TOWART, PITUIT.

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TOON HOUSE

TOONVILLE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CO. MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

10. 2013, PAUL B. TOULANT, PHOTO.

NR / MA HISTORICAL TRUST

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TOON HOUSE

TOONVILLE, DOUGHERTY CO., MD.

SALTED DARY - SOUTHWEST ELEV.

10-2013, PAUL B. TOWNSEND, PITOTV.

NEB./MO. HISTORICAL TRUST

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