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Eugene Crocheron House

Crocheron

c. 1890

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Eugene Crocheron (1857-1928), originally from New York state, relocated to Dorchester County and by 1880 was married to Triphina Johnson and living in the same household with her parents, Ezekial S. and Dulcencia Johnson. Eugene Crocheron is listed as a dry goods merchant while his father-in-law was a successful oysterman. Ten years prior, Ezekial Johnson was listed in the 1870 census with real estate and personal property valued at \$1300. In 1890, Eugene Crocheron purchased a two-hundred acre tract that stretched along the shores of Tedious Creek, Fishing Bay and Hooper's Straits. He is credited with building the two-story store building on the shoreline of White Wood Cove around the same time. (See D-831) Eugene Crocheron also served as postmaster in the store, beginning in 1901. The specific watermans' community between Tedious Creek and White Wood Cove, and stretching to the opposite shoreline of Hooper's Straits was named Crocheron in his honor, so that Crocheron was differentiated in the postal system from the older name Bishops Head. Bishops Head referred to the entire neck of land south of Fox Creek, and there was a separate post office in the crossroads village of the same name. Eugene Crocheron died in 1928, and his son Clarence and his wife Minnie, continued to occupy the family house and

run the store and post office. Crocheron family ownership of the homestead and store was maintained until 2002.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Eugene Crocheron House

other _____

2. Location

street and number Crocheron Road not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity _____

county Dorchester

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

name Andrew A. Dumaine & Cristina Y. Creager

street and number 206 Cedarcroft Road telephone _____

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21212-2516

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 690 folio 239

city, town Cambridge tax map 113 tax parcel 18 tax ID number 10-006627

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 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 checked="" 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 Eugene Crocheron house is a two-story, ell-shaped frame dwelling that stands at 2904 Crocheron Road in the village of Crocheron, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1890-1900, the ell-shaped structure is supported by a replacement concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. The house faces northeast in the direction of Tedious Creek with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. In the corner of the ell is an ell-shaped porch on which rises a single-bay gable roofed tower. The main entrance is sheltered by the porch. The entrance lane to the property is defined by a pair of rusticated concrete block piers topped with cast concrete finials. Joining the house on the property are several turn of the twentieth century frame outbuildings of undetermined uses. There is also a mid twentieth century garage.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Eugene Crocheron house stands at 2904 Crocheron Road in the community of Crocheron in Bishops Head, Dorchester County, Maryland. Dating around 1890-1900, the two-story ells-shaped frame dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The northeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with a forward projecting leg of the ell-plan juxtaposed against the recessed entrance wall sheltered by a single-story hip roofed porch that fills the inside corner of the ell. A partially glazed front door is framed by a three-light transom and three-light sidelights. To the southeast are two single-pane sash windows. Rising atop the center of the porch is a gable roofed tower that intersects the main roof line. The projecting tower is lighted on the second story by single-pane sash windows, and the gable-end is defined by a pointed arch single-pane sash window. The first and second story single-pane sash windows are flanked by board-and-batten shutters. The forward projecting leg of the ell has a secondary entrance off the front porch. The northeast gable end of forward projecting section is defined by a paired set of single-pane sash windows on the first story and a single one-over-one sash window on the second. A small single-pane sash window pierces the gable end. The edge of the gable roof are finished with an extended eave with returns at the base.

The gable end of the ell-shaped main block facing the street features a single-story three-sided bay window covered by a hip roof. Each side of the bay is pierced by a single-pane sash window. The second story is lighted by a pair of one-over-one sash windows, and the gable end is defined by a single pointed arch, single-pane sash. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base of the roof.

The northwest (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by a single-story, gable-roofed kitchen wing that has an interior end brick stove chimney.

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Standing behind the house are several frame and concrete block outbuildings dating from the late nineteenth century and the early to mid twentieth century. Located northeast of the house is a small board-and-batten frame storage building supported on a combination of brick piers and poured concrete foundation. The exterior is clad with board-and-batten siding, and the gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. A shed roofed section extends the building to the northwest, and a small tower structure rises atop the shed roof. The building appears to date to the turn of the twentieth century.

Located behind the house is a gable-front frame outbuilding supported on brick piers and sheathed with vertical board siding. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. A board-and-batten door provides access in the gable end, which is pierced by a three-pane window. The building is extended to the side with a shed roofed section, which also has a board-and-batten door. Standing next to the frame outbuilding is a gable-front concrete block structure covered by a medium pitched gable roof. The gable-front wall is pierced by an off-center board-and-batten door, and the gable end is pierced by a paired set of three-pane windows.

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
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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

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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¹ Eleventh Census of the United States, Population Schedule for Dorchester County, Ancestry.com.

² Tenth Census of the United States, Population Schedule for Dorchester County, Ancestry.com.

³ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, p. 80.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, MLB 690/239, 15 April 2002, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Crocheron Road
Crocheron, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 113, Parcel 18

MLB 690/239

Marie C. Cannon and John Eric Cannon

to

4.15.2002

Andrew A. Dumaine and Cristina Y. Creager

Plat Record PLC 16/4

PLC 243/104

Gloria C. Flook

to

1.13.1987

John Irving Cannon and Marie C. Cannon

PLC 240/725

Harry Flook and Gloria C. Flook, New Cannan, Connecticut

to

6.30.1986

Gloria C. Flook

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PLC 188/696

Vernon E. Robbins and Millie Short Ott, Co-personal representatives of the Estate of Minnie C. Crocheron, deceased,

to

2.18.1975

Harry Flook and Gloria C. Flook, Fairfield, Connecticut

All that parcel or tract of land, containing 20 acres more or less, as shown on a Plat of the lands of Minnie Crocheron (now deceased) prepared by L. Alan Evans, Surveyors, said Plat being recorded immediately, PLC 16, Folio 14.

Minnie Crocheron was married to Clarence Crocheron, a son of Eugene Crocheron (1857-1928)

CL 14/383

Henry T. Todd and others (and Mary Todd his wife, James E. Todd and Sarah Todd, his wife, William H. Todd and Melvina Todd his wife, James W. Pritchett and Ruth E. Pritchett his wife, Levin Hurley and Ann Hurley, his wife Prettiman Bramble and Phoeby J. Bramble his wife, Edward H. Sullinder and Francis Sullinder his wife, William W. Mills and Sarah V. Mills his wife, John M. Todd and Sydney Todd his wife and Martha J. Todd, widow of Phineas Todd, deceased

to

9.27.1890

Eugene Crocheron

All that tract of land with improvements thereon situated in Straits election District in Dorchester County Maryland...being the same lands described in a deed from Edward Willing to Thomas Todd, bearing date the twenty eighth day of July 1840, ER 18/93 and 94 and being the same land of which the said Thomas Todd died seized and possessed during his life, and others named in deed do covenant that they will execute such other and further assurance as may be requisite to complete the title to the land hereby conveyed...

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ER 18/93

Edward Willing

to

7.28.1840

Thomas Todd

\$600 200 acres

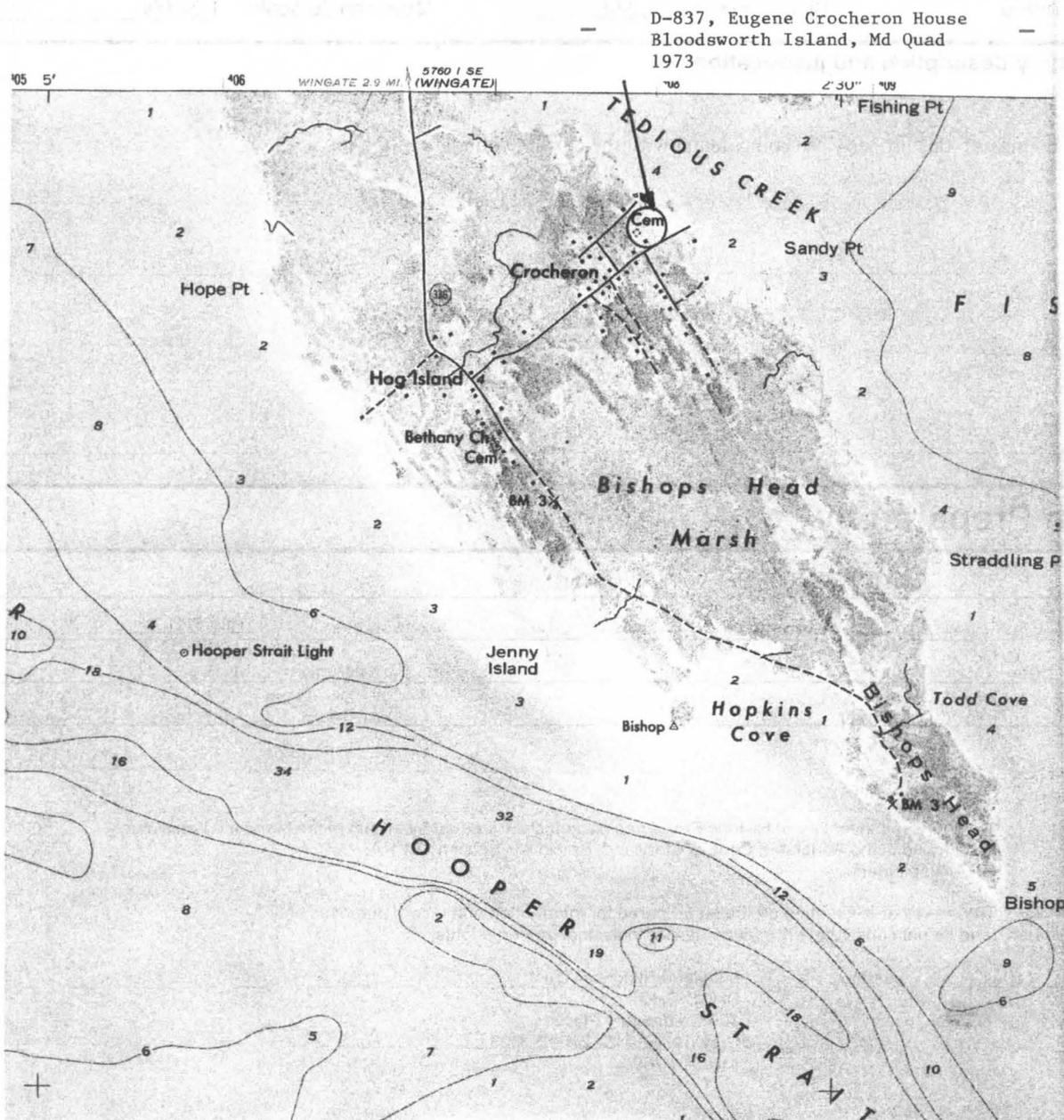
All that tract or tracts or parcels of Land called Arthur & Betty or whatsoever name or names the same may be called situate & lying in Dorchester County afsd. and contained within the following metes and Bounds...Beginning at a Locust post standing on the north side of a Gut known and called by the name of Bishop's Head Gut and then ...then southwardly to the waters of Fishing Bay and bounded therewith to the Bishops Head and thence with the waters of Hooper's Straights...

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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 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting 20 acres

Quadrangle name Bloodsworth Island, Md

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	9.4.2013
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.

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

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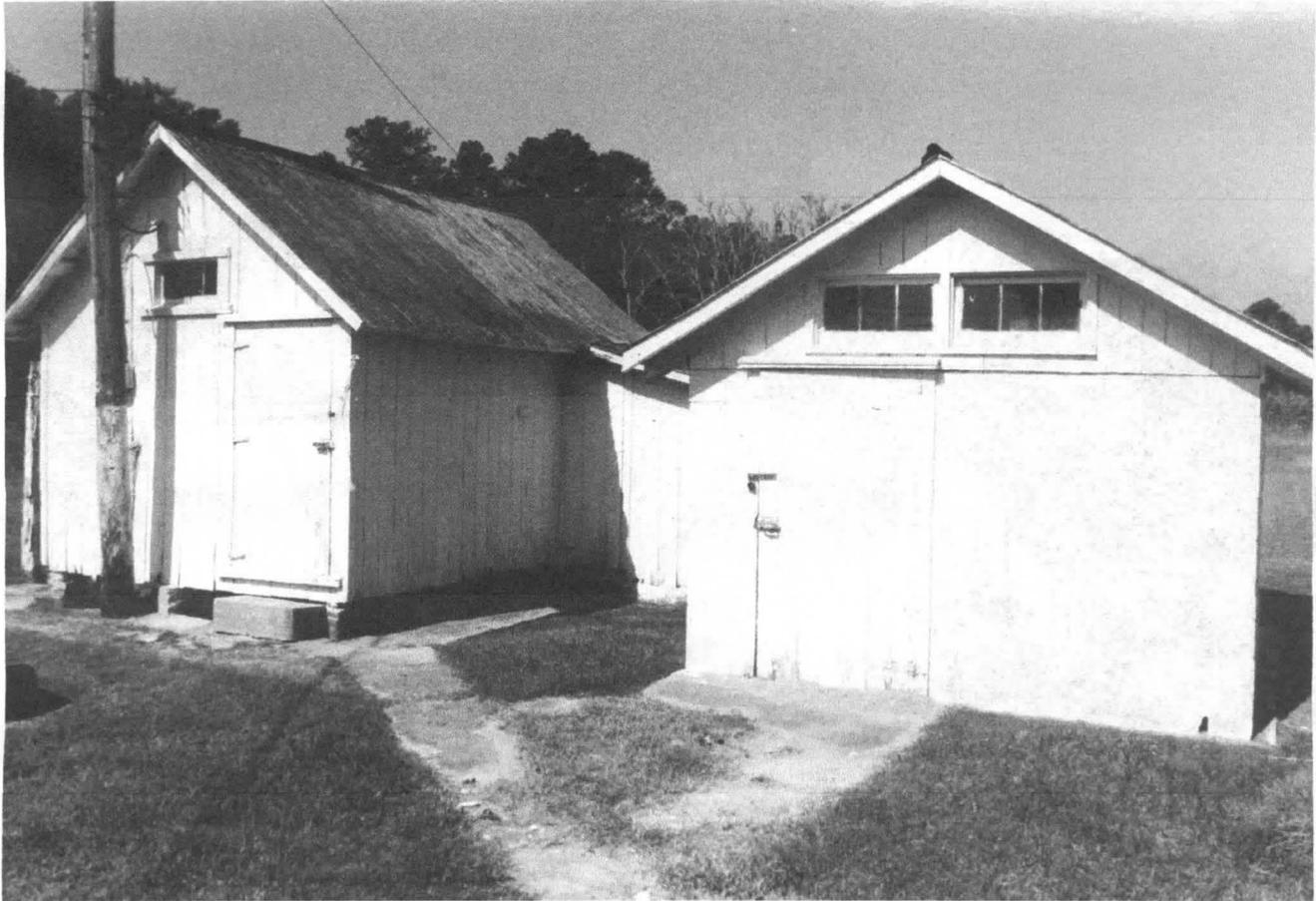
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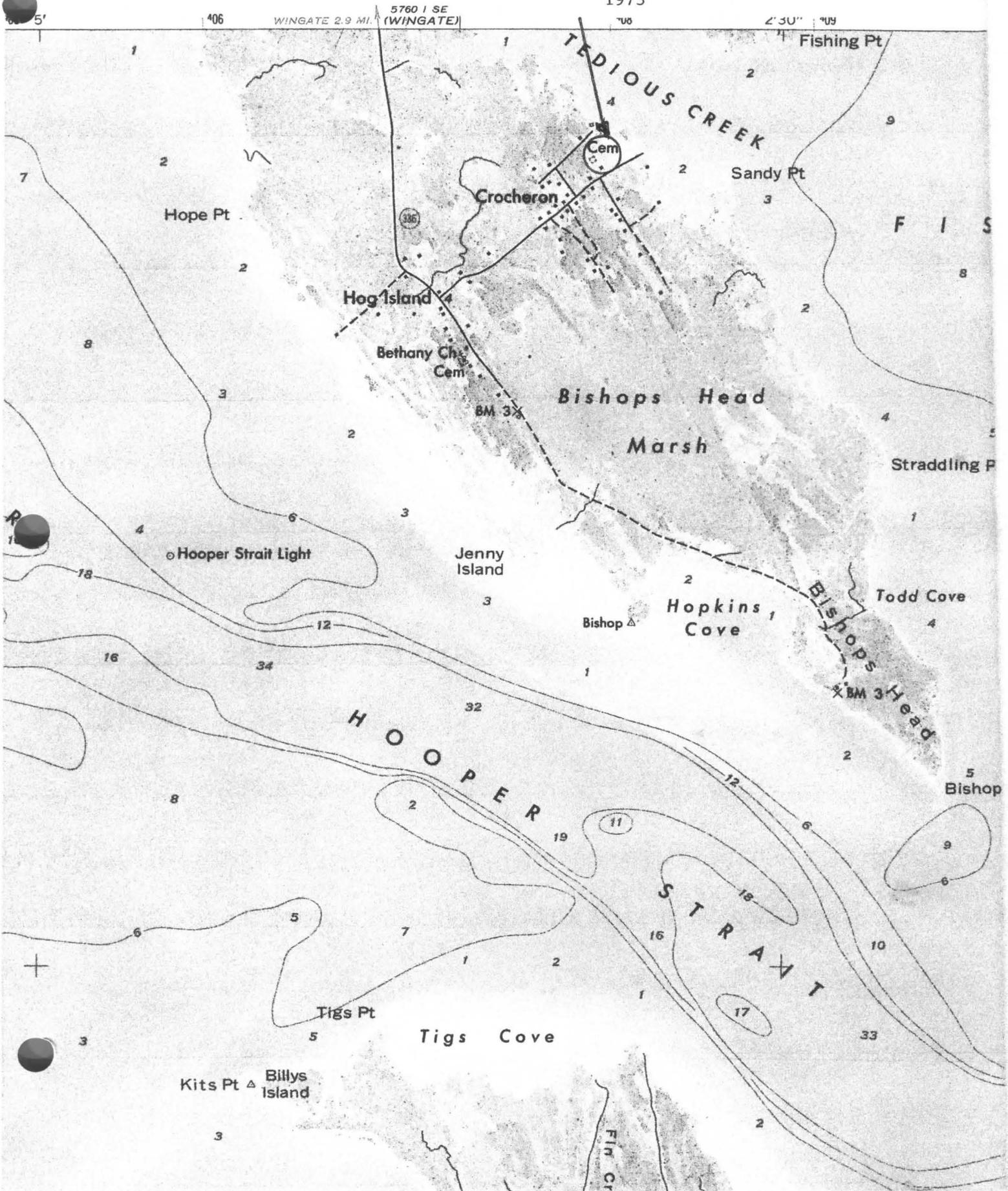
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D-837, Eugene Crocheron House
Bloodsworth Island, Md Quad
1973





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EUGENE CROUCHERON HOUSE

CROUCHERON, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

10.2013, PAUL B. TOWNT, PITTSB.

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EUGENE CROCKERON HOUSE

CROCKERON, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

10. 2013, PAUL B. TOLANT, PITTSB.
NEZ. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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ENGINE CROCHERON TRUSS

CROCHERON, DONCHESTER Co., MD.

OUTBUILDING - SOUTHWEST ELEV.

10. 2023, PAUL B. TARRANT, PITTSB.

W. VA. JUD. INST. TRUSS

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EUGENE CROCKERON HOUSE
CROCKERON, DORCHESTER Co. MA.

Outbuildings - Southeast Elev.

10.2.13, PAUL B. TENANT, PHOTO.

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