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South Dorchester Bank
Wingate
c. 1914

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build banks as well as houses, barns and other outbuildings, commercial buildings, churches as well foundations. By 1910 more than a thousand companies across the United States were producing concrete blocks. Both the Wingate and East New Market buildings were enhanced with bold modillion block cornices.

The Eastern Shore Trust Company was later subsumed into the County Trust Company of Maryland, and the banks in Wingate and East New Market functioned until the 1940s. The South Dorchester Bank was sold by the County Trust Company to a private owner in 1944. In conversion to a dwelling a single-story frame addition was erected on the back of the bank.

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-846

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic: South Dorchester Bank

other:

2. Location

street and number: 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road — not for publication

city, town: Wingate — vicinity

county: Dorchester

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

name: Anthony Louis Simone, Jr.

street and number: 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road — telephone

city, town: Wingate — state MD — zip code 21675

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Dorchester County Clerk of Court — liber MLB 322 — folio 290

city, town: Cambridge — tax map 102 — tax parcel 76 — tax ID number 10-003172

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
____district	____public	____agriculture	____landscape	1 buildings	____ buildings
x building(s)	x private	____commerce/trade	____recreation/culture	____ sites	____ sites
____structure	____both	____defense	____religion	____ structures	____ structures
____site		x domestic	____social	____ objects	____ objects
____object		____education	____transportation	1 Total	____ Total
		____funerary	____work in progress		
		____government	____unknown		
		____health care	____vacant/not in use		
		____industry	____other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
x__ 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 former South Dorchester Bank building, converted to a residence during the mid twentieth century, is located at 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road in the community of Wingate in Straits Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, rusticated block bank building, built around 1914, is a rectangular structure capped by a steeply pitched hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. The edge of the hip roof is finished with a block cornice. The building faces southwest with the hip roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. The interior retains a paneled wainscoting around the perimeter of the front room, and the room also survives with a pressed metal ceiling.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The South Dorchester Bank building, converted to a residence during the mid twentieth century, stands at 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road in the Straits Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1914, the rusticated or rock-faced block bank building is a rectangular structure that faces southwest with a steeply pitched hip roof of asphalt shingles oriented on northeast/southwest axis. The concrete block bank building is extended to the rear by a mid twentieth century single-story frame addition.

The southwest (main) elevation is a narrow three-bay façade with a center, double-door entrance and flanking single-pane windows featuring poured concrete lintels and sills. The window units are mid twentieth century replacements and are smaller than the original windows with a separate transom window. Originally, metal bars covered each of the window openings. The double doors are replacements as well but are in keeping with the early twentieth century date of the building. A transom above the double doors has been blocked up. Fixed in the concrete block adjacent to the door opening is a U.S. Geodetic Survey medallion dated 1942. Stretching across the base of the roof is a boxed cornice embellished with a series of console shaped blocks.

The northwest and southeast sides are largely alike and each wall is defined by three evenly spaced window units closed down to a smaller sized window unit. Each of the openings have concrete lintels and sills. The console block cornice stretches across the length of the roof.

The northeast (rear) wall is partially covered by a mid twentieth century frame addition covered with asbestos Shingles and a medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The interior of the front room has not been altered and it retains a vertical paneled wainscoting around the perimeter of the room, and the~~a~~ pressed metal ceiling survives as well. Hanging from the center of the ceiling is an early twentieth century frosted glass globe light handing on a long chain.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	religion
__ 2000-	x commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other: ____

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates c. 1914

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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 former South Dorchester Bank building is an unusual structure due to its rock-faced block construction. While altered during the mid twentieth century in its conversion as a residence, it retains its original console shaped block cornice, hip roof, paneled wainscoting and pressed metal ceiling. The building was erected around 1913-14 during a prosperous period for southern Dorchester communities, a period (c. 1880-c. 1930) that was coincidental with the economic spikes in the seafood industry across the Chesapeake. The bank, a branch of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, and later, the County Trust Company, was active between 1914 and 1943.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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[1] Dorchester County Land Record, WLR 6/339, 11 August 1913, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.
[2] Pamela H. Simpson, *Quick, Cheap & Easy: Imitative Architectural Materials, 1870-1930*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, p. 16.

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[3] Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 50/276, 25 September 1944, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

South Dorchester Bank
2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road
Wingate, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 102, Parcel 76

MLB 322/290	Elmer T. Neisser and Juanita M. Neisser
	to
6.23.1995	Anthony Louis Simone, Jr.
244/899	Henry G. Bory and Agnes V. Bory, Baltimore
	to
6.5.1987	Elmer T. Neisser and Juanita M. Neisser, Pasadena, Md.
PLC 213/359	Anna Louise Nettleship
	to
1.28.1980	Henry G. Bory and Agnes V. Bory

PLC 207/182	Anna Louise Nettleship, Personal Representative of Alvin E. Nettleship
	to
10.18.1978	Anna Louise Nettleship
PLC 125/383	Helen Hochman
	to
10.12.1961	Alvin E. Nettleship and Goldie V. Nettleship
PLC 125/381	Alvin E. Nettleship and Goldie Nettleship
	to
10.12.1961	Helen Hochman
RSM 50/276	County Trust Company of Maryland, Successor of the Eastern Shore Trust Company
	to
9.25.1944	Alvin E. Nettleship

WLR 6/339	Charles M. M. Wingate and Cora A. Wingate his wife, Phillips L. Goldsborough, William F. Applegarth, Sewell M. Moore, Edward S. Phillips, Edgar A. P. Jones and John T. Moore, all of Dorchester County, Maryland and Isabel B. Robinson of Washington, D.C.
	to
8.11.1913	The Eastern Shore Trust Company

Whereas the said Charles M. M. Wingate has sold the land hereinafter described and conveyed unto the Eastern Shore Trust Company, a corporation duly incorporated by the General Assembly of Maryland, at its January Session, A.D. 1900 (Chapter 351), the principal office of which is located in Dorchester County, Maryland, at the sum of fifty dollars, and Whereas the said William F. Applegarth, on June 18th, 1908, reserved a judgment against said Charles M. M. Wingate and others for the sum of four hundred and sixty nine dollars and sixty five cents in Circuit Court for Dorchester County, said judgment being Number 36 Appearances April Term 1908, and is a lien upon the land hereinafter described and conveyed…

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.

Interview with Tony Simone, 10.18.2013

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.48 acres
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name Honga, 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	10.18.2013
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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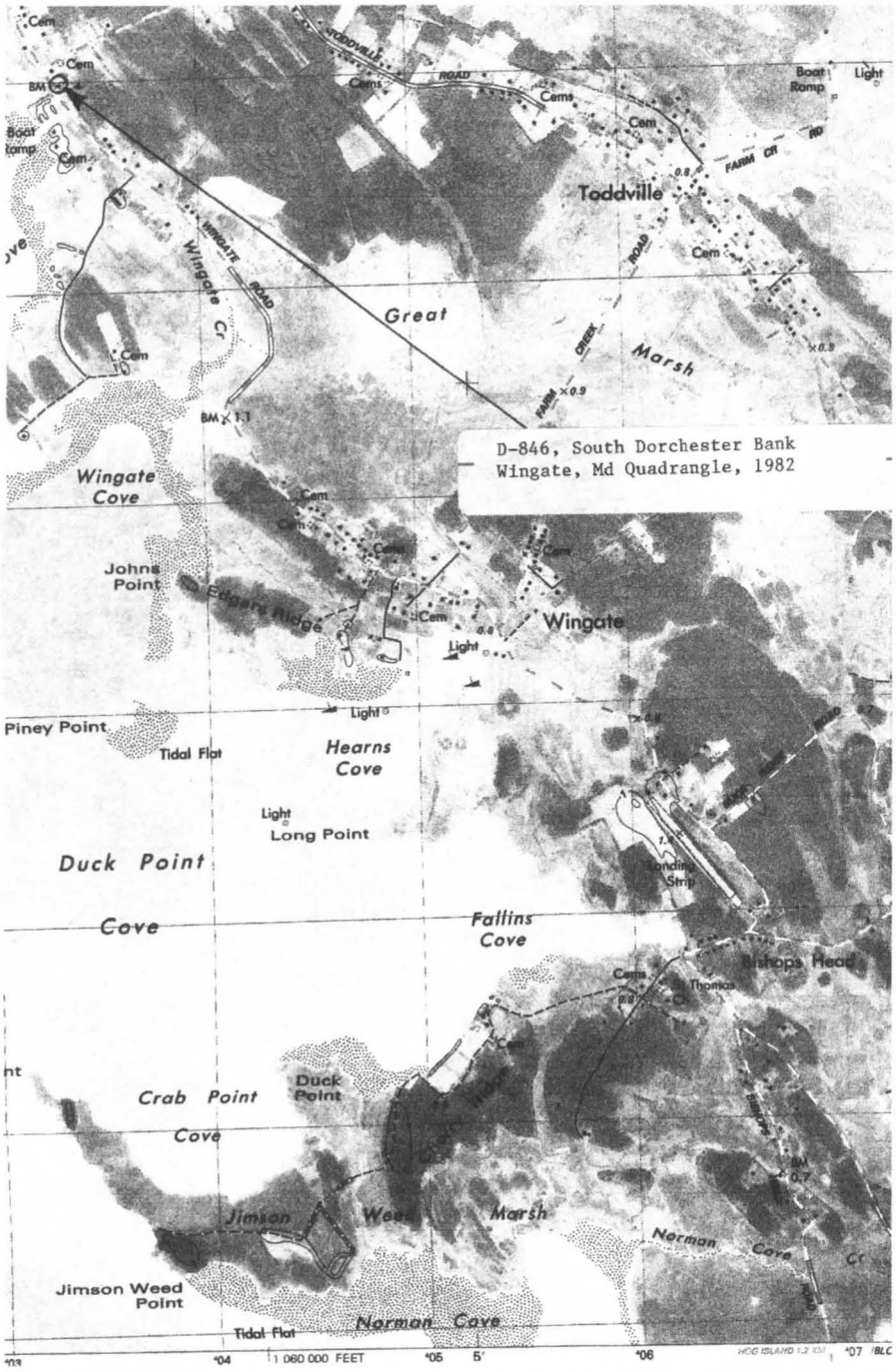

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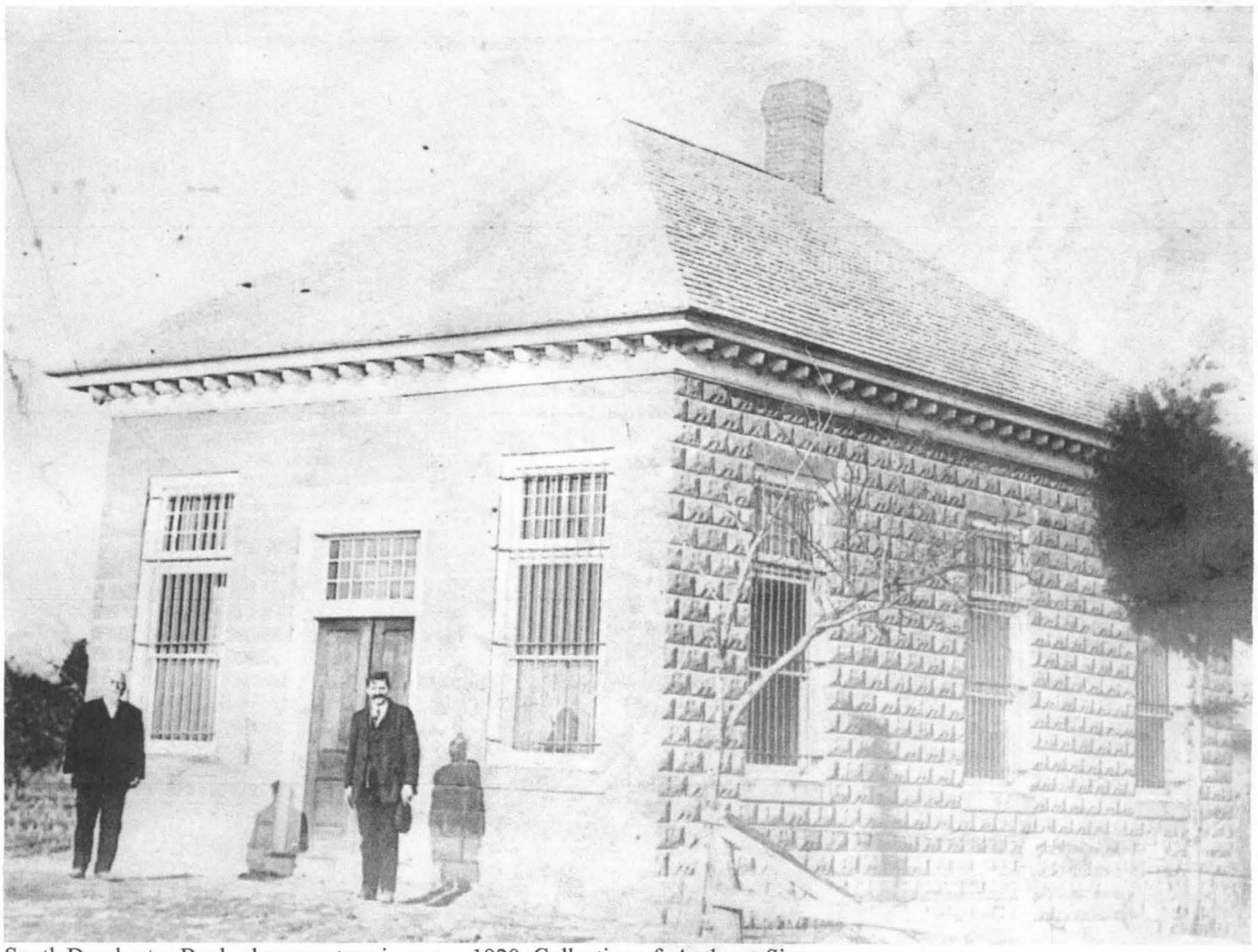

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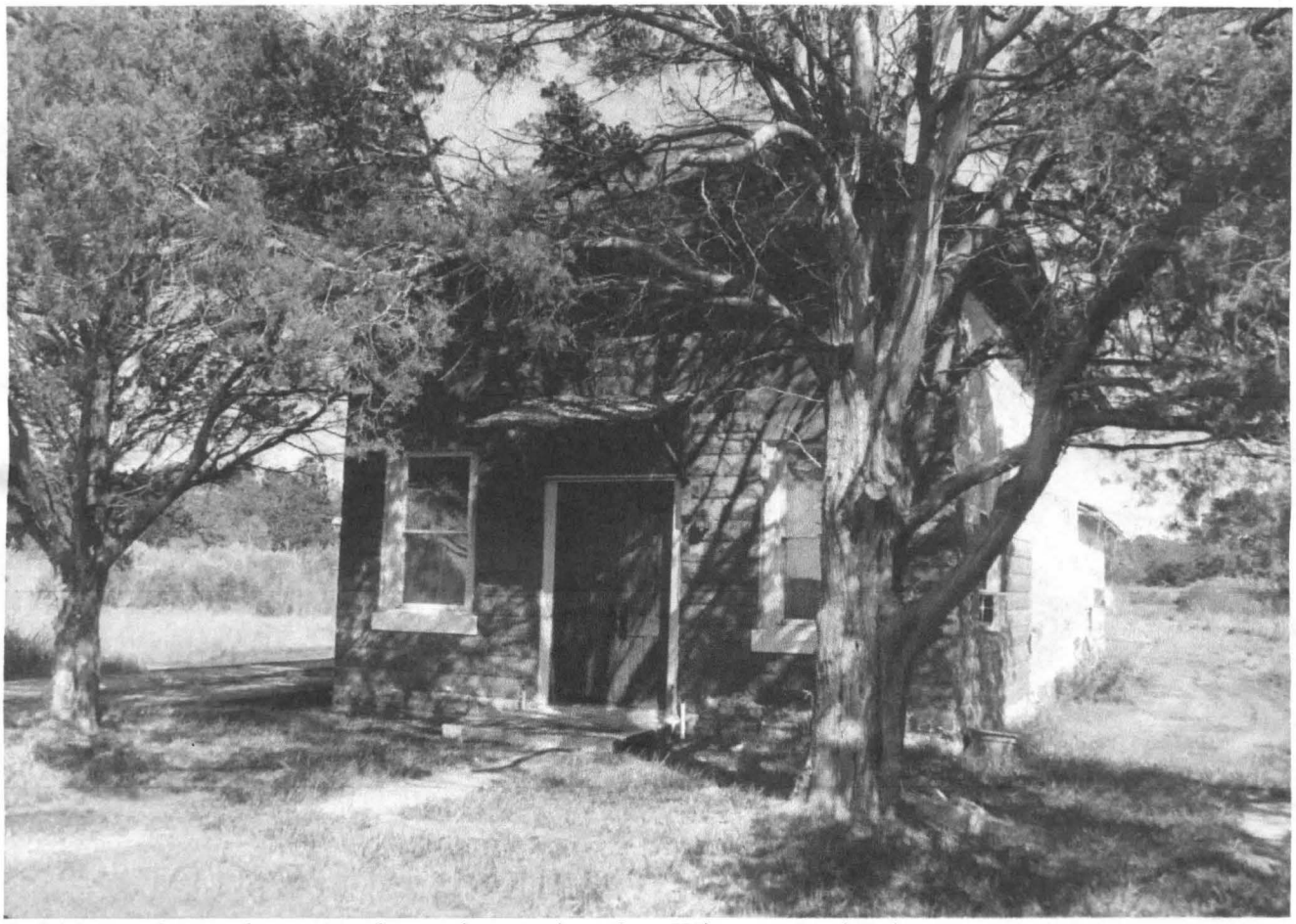

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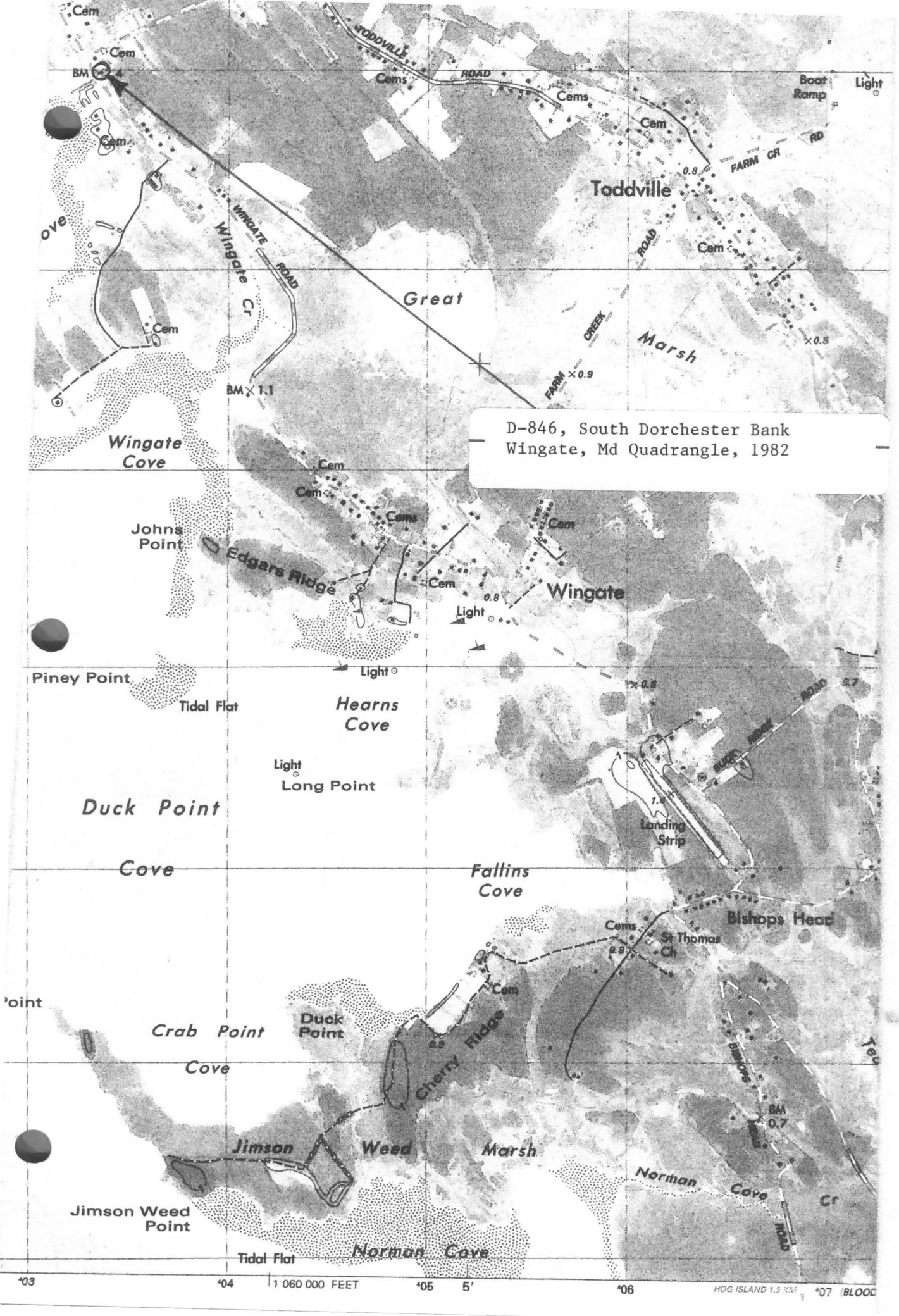

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