

QA-623
Golt Tenant House
1727 Little Creek Road
Chester vicinity
Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1932
Private

Located near the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, the bungalow at 1727 Little Creek Road was constructed as a tenant house by Elmer Golt in 1932, on a one-quarter-acre lot between Little Creek Road and Little Creek, part of land farmed by Golt since 1917. In the mid-twentieth century, Elmer Golt and his son Roy subdivided their farm on the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, creating a suburban-form residential area that included commercial enterprises such as boatyards and a marina. A boatyard on Little Creek lies to the south of the property. The one-story, three-bay, hipped-roof dwelling displays the deep, full-width front porch and deep, overhanging eaves that are typical of 1930s bungalows. It exemplifies mid-twentieth-century housing built in Queen Anne's County as tenant houses or as rental property for farm laborers, or for workers involved in the maritime industry. The bungalow form had its genesis in the 1890s, and was popular nationally through the first decades of the twentieth century. Bungalows became especially prominent in the 1920s and 1930s, when the rate of home ownership drastically increased among the middle and working classes in the United States. Bungalows are a relatively common house form in Queen Anne's County, as they are nationally.

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1. Name of Property

historic _____

other Golt Tenant House (preferred); William and Kathryn Thompson House; Henry Clark Tenant House

2. Location

street and number 1727 Little Creek Road _____ not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619-2738 _____ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property

name Lemuel A. Thompson, III and Roswitha Thompson

street and number 1108 Cox Neck Road telephone _____

city, town Chester state MD zip code 21619-2240

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1541 folio 379

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 134 tax ID number 04-052366

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
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ commerce/trade	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ buildings
_____ site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ sites
_____ object		_____ education	_____ structures
		_____ funerary	_____ objects
		_____ government	_____ Total
		_____ health care	
		_____ industry	
		_____ landscape	
		_____ recreation/culture	
		_____ religion	
		_____ social	
		_____ transportation	
		_____ work in progress	
		_____ unknown	
		_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

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

Summary

Located near the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, the one-story, three-bay Golt Tenant House at 1727 Little Creek Road is sited on the south side of Little Creek Road in an area that mixes residential with commercial buildings. A boatyard on Little Creek lies to the south of the house. The hipped-roof bungalow displays the deep, full-width front porch and deep, overhanging eaves that are typical of 1930s bungalows.

Description

Located on the south side of Little Creek Road, the house is situated on a one-quarter-acre, level lot that lies between the road and a boatyard on Little Creek. The house is set back from the road approximately twenty feet. The lot features a grassy front yard, gravel driveways to the east and west of the house, and a boatyard to its south. Small plants line the foundation on the facade.

The one-story, three-bay, hipped-roofed dwelling displays the deep, full-width front porch and deep, overhanging eaves that are typical of 1930s bungalows. The building's foundation and exterior walls are covered by asbestos shingles that clad the exterior. The hipped-roof features asphalt shingles, open rafters and plain fascia. A circa 1980 shed-roofed addition built on the south (rear) elevation is composed of an enclosed room and an open, L-shaped, poured concrete patio, all contained under the shed roof.

The three-bay façade (north elevation) contains two paired, one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows with metal storm windows to the east and west of a one-light, hollow-core, wood door that is located off-center in the façade. The door features square-edged, wood trim and a metal storm door with glass louvers. Window surrounds consist of wide, square-edged, wood trim with a narrow molding around the openings. The lower portion of the three-bay porch is enclosed with asbestos shingles that leave an approximately one-inch gap along the floor. The porch features square wood posts, a wood floor, a plywood ceiling with lattice strips, and a concrete block step.

The two-bay, west elevation features two symmetrically placed, one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows with metal storm windows surrounded by molded wood trim and block sills. The north bay of the two-bay east elevation contains a window similar to those in the west elevation. The south bay of the east elevation consists of a half-size, metal louver window.

The shed-roofed rear addition is covered in asphalt shingles. The roof features open rafters and plain fascia; square wood posts support the south edge of the roof. Located at the southwest corner of the addition, the enclosed portion is clad in plywood siding on the west elevation and asbestos shingles on the east elevation. The west elevation contains one, six-over-six, double-hung, vinyl window with square-edged wood trim. The two-bay east elevation consists of a one-over-one, double-hung, storm window in the south bay and a storm door in the north bay. A poured concrete, L-shaped patio occupies the remainder of the addition.

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"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1932

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Statement of Significance

The bungalow at 1727 Little Creek Road was constructed as a tenant house by Elmer Golt in 1932, on a one-quarter-acre lot between Little Creek Road and Little Creek; it was part of the land farmed by Golt after he acquired the property in 1917. In the mid-twentieth century, Elmer Golt and his son Roy subdivided their farm on the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, creating a suburban-form residential area that included commercial enterprises such as boatyards and a marina. The modest bungalow exemplifies mid-twentieth-century housing built in Queen Anne's County as tenant houses or as rental property for farm laborers, or for workers involved in the maritime industry. The bungalow form had its genesis in the 1890s, and was popular nationally through the first decades of the twentieth century. Bungalows became especially prominent in the 1920s and 1930s, when the rate of home ownership drastically increased among the middle and working classes in the United States. Bungalows are a relatively common house form in Queen Anne's County, as they are nationally.

Narrative

In the nineteenth century, the land where the George and Lillian Golt House now stands was part of Broad Creek Farm, which occupied the south end of Crab Alley Neck between Crab Alley Creek and Little Creek. In 1917, Elmer Golt, a Kent Island farmer, purchased 102 acres of Broad Creek Farm, including the site of the house at 1727 Little Creek Road.¹ In 1932, he constructed the frame bungalow as a tenant house.² In 1946, Henry Clark was renting the property.³ Clark's occupation is unknown, but he may have been a farm laborer on the Golt farm, or he may have worked in the maritime industry building boats or harvesting oysters. All three occupations were common on Crab Alley Neck.⁴ The bungalow at 1727 Little Creek Road was situated in a good location for its occupant to practice either occupation; it was in the midst of farmland and adjacent to a navigable waterway. In 1958, Roy Golt sold the bungalow to William and Kathryn Thompson; William's father, Lemuel Thompson, Sr. owned the adjacent property at 1729 Little Creek Road. The 1958 sale of the property was part of the mid-twentieth-century subdivision of the Golt Farm.

In the 1920s and 1930s, Elmer Golt had occasionally sold small parcels of the farm. After his death, his son, Roy, bought the farm from the other heirs. While Roy continued to farm the land, he also continued the piecemeal subdivision of the property.⁵ Roy sold individual house lots in 1946, 1952, 1958, and 1966. In 1955, he platted a larger subdivision of his land, creating 22 house lots along Crab Alley Creek.⁶ He extended the subdivision with four more house lots in 1965, and in 1968 he sold two larger parcels.⁷

¹ See Chain of Title, Continuation Sheet 8-2, for this and all subsequent deed references for this property.

² The current tax assessment assigns a 1932 construction date to the dwelling.

³ The 1946 deed between Roy Golt and the other heirs of Elmer Golt indicates that the bungalow already existed on the site, tenanted by Henry Clark.

⁴ 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet Nos. 1A-6B.

⁵ In the 1930 census, 33-year-old Roy Golt is described as a farm laborer, presumably assisting his father in running the farm. 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet No. 1A.

⁶ Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber TSP 24, Folio 68 (16 September 1955).

⁷ Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 16, Folio 600 (11 August 1965). Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 39, Folio 191 (6 November 1968).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Advisory Committee on City Planning and Zoning of the U.S. Department of Commerce. *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1928.
- Ames, David L. and Linda Flint McClelland. *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002.
- Queen Anne's County Land Record. Liber TSP 24, Folio 68. 16 September 1955.
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- U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1930.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.25 acres

Acreage of historical setting 85 acres

Quadrangle name Kent Island Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 8, parcel 134 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Evelyn D. Causey, Ph.D., Senior Historian Gerald M. Maready, Jr., Architectural Historian		
organization	History Matters, LLC	date	December 21, 2007
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Individual subdividers, like Roy Golt, were the earliest type of suburban developer.⁸ The U.S. Department of Commerce's 1928 *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* defined subdivision as "the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots, plats, sites, or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale or of building development."⁹ The process of land subdivision for the purpose of selling the parcels is the apparatus by which suburban development occurs.¹⁰ Individual subdividers acquired or inherited land, platted lots and roads, and sometimes included improvements of the site such as utilities, sidewalks, and storm-water drains. The subdivider's role ended with the sale of the lot to a buyer.¹¹ The subdivision of the Roy Golt farm in the decades after World War II illustrates the nationwide postwar housing boom, the concurrent decrease in farmland, and the increase in suburban-style housing developments that occurred both in Queen Anne's County and nationwide after the war.

In 1990, Lemuel Thompson, III purchased the property. He is the current owner of several parcels between Little Creek Road and Little Creek that are occupied by a boatyard.

⁸ David L. Ames and Linda Flint McClelland, *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002), p. 26.

⁹ The *Standard City Planning Enabling Act* was a model legislation document prepared for the use of local jurisdictions. Advisory Committee on City Planning and Zoning of the U.S. Department of Commerce, *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1928), p. 6.

¹⁰ Ames and McClelland, p. 26.

¹¹ Ames and McClelland identify the different types of suburban developers as subdividers, home-builders, community builders, operative builders, and merchant builders, from earliest to most recent. Over the course of the twentieth century, the developer evolved from the individual subdivider, like Roy Golt, to home building corporations that developed entire neighborhoods or towns, like The Rouse Company, developer of Columbia, Md., in the late 1960s. Ames and McClelland, pp. 26-29.

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Chain of Title

6 April 2006

Grantor: Lemuel A. Thompson, III
Grantee: Lemuel A., III and Roswitha Thompson
Liber SM 1541, Folio 379
Parcel No. 4: 0.25 acres

5 July 2001

Grantor: Lemuel A., III and Teresa Thompson
Grantee: Lemuel A. Thompson, III
Liber SM 834, Folio 735

9 October 1990

Grantor: George C. Sevick, Joseph F. and Dorothy Sevick
Grantee: Lemuel A., III & Teresa A. Thompson
Liber MWM 358, Folio 193

23 October 1970

Grantor: William J. and Kathryn S. Thompson
Grantee: George C. Sevick, Joseph F. and Dorothy Sevick
Liber CWC 50, Folio 668
0.25 acres improved by a one-story frame dwelling house & outbuildings

3 November 1958

Grantor: Roy E. Golt
Grantee: William J. & Kathryn S. Thompson
Liber TSP 43, Folio 491
“... containing ¼ of an acre of land, more or less.”
“Being the same property and lot of land described as Parcel No. 2 in the deed from Nellie G. Meredith to Roy E. Golt dated September 25, 1946 ...”

25 September 1946

Grantor: Nellie G. Meredith
Grantee: Roy E. Golt
Liber ASG, Jr. 15, Folio 174
“Parcel No. 2. All that tract of land . . . occupied by Henry Clark . . . improved by a one story frame dwelling and containing one quarter (1/4) of an acre of land, more or less . . .”

25 September 1946

Grantor: Medford E. and Lola C. Golt, and Roy E. Golt
Grantee: Nellie G. Meredith
Liber ASG, Jr. 15, Folio 172
Parcel No. 1: “The Home Farm” 85 acres
Parcel No. 2: “The Wright Farm” 200 acres
Parcel No. 3: “. . . occupied by Henry Clark . . . improved by a one story frame dwelling and containing one-quarter (1/4) of an acre of land, more or less . . .”
Parcel No. 4: “. . . occupied by William Jurod, and improved by a one-story frame dwelling house and containing one-eighth (1/8) of an acre of land, more or less . . .”

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Parcel No. 5: "... improved by a two story frame dwelling house, located in Crab Alley Neck, and now occupied by Irvin Richardson ... containing one-eighth (1/8) of an acre of land, more or less ..."

Parcel No. 6: "... occupied by John Clayton ... containing 1/8 of an acre of land, and improved by a 1-1/2 story frame dwelling [. . .]"

Parcel No. 7: "... in what is known as Dominion, and improved by a two story frame Store House and attached frame dwelling house, and detached garage buildings adjacent to the store house property and dwelling ... containing approximately one-eight (1/8) of an Acre of land, more or less ..."

Parcel No. 8: 75 acres

8 January 1917

Grantor: Mary E.C. McCready

Grantee: Elmer Golt

Liber WFW 10, Folio 103

"... being the farm known as part of Broad Creek which was devised to the said Mary C. E. McCready née Wright, by the will of James Wright, being dated the sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven and recorded in Liber W.A.J. No. 1, folio 342 etc a will record book for said Queen Anne's County."

102 acres

Site Plan

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Golt Tenant House

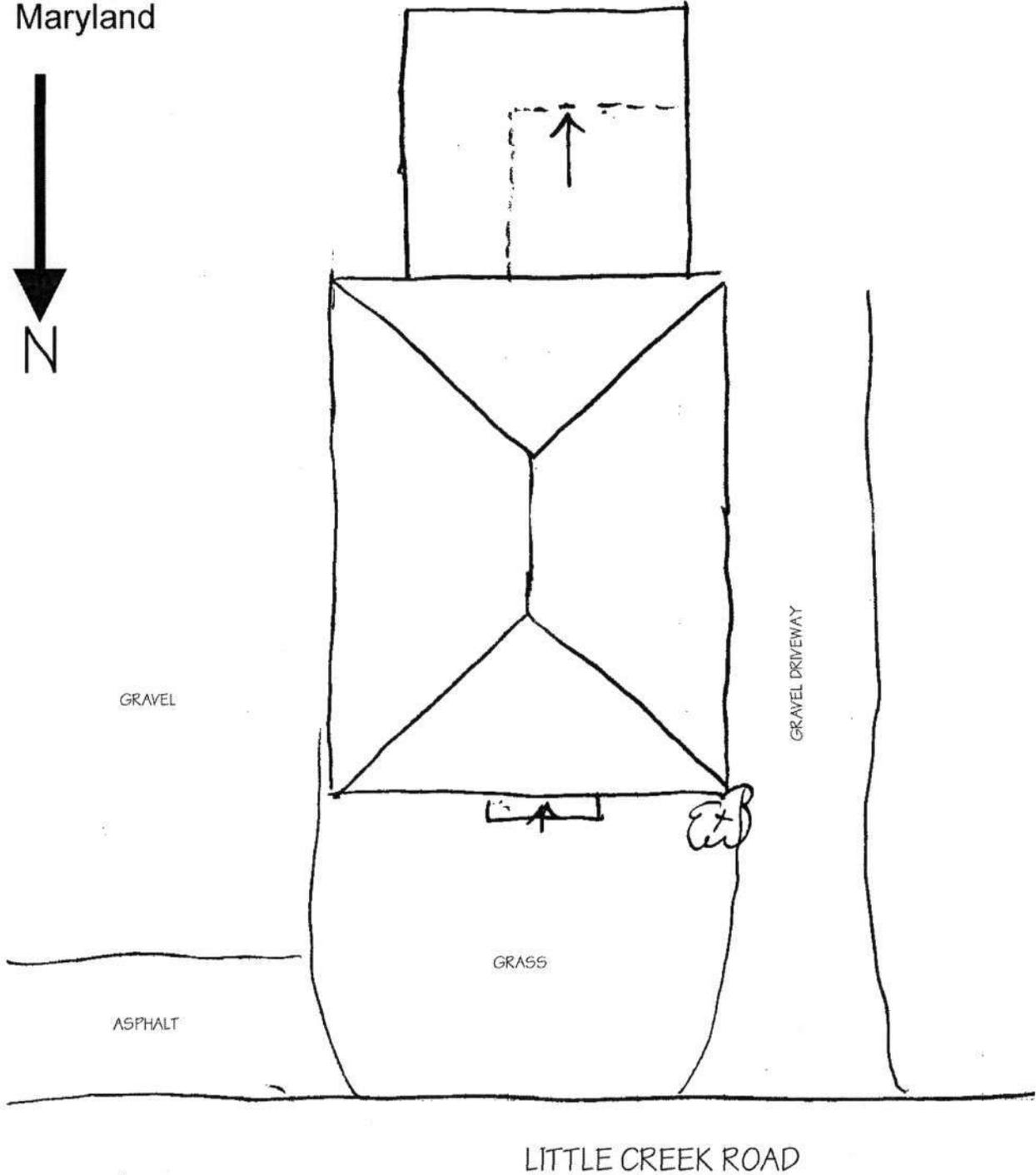
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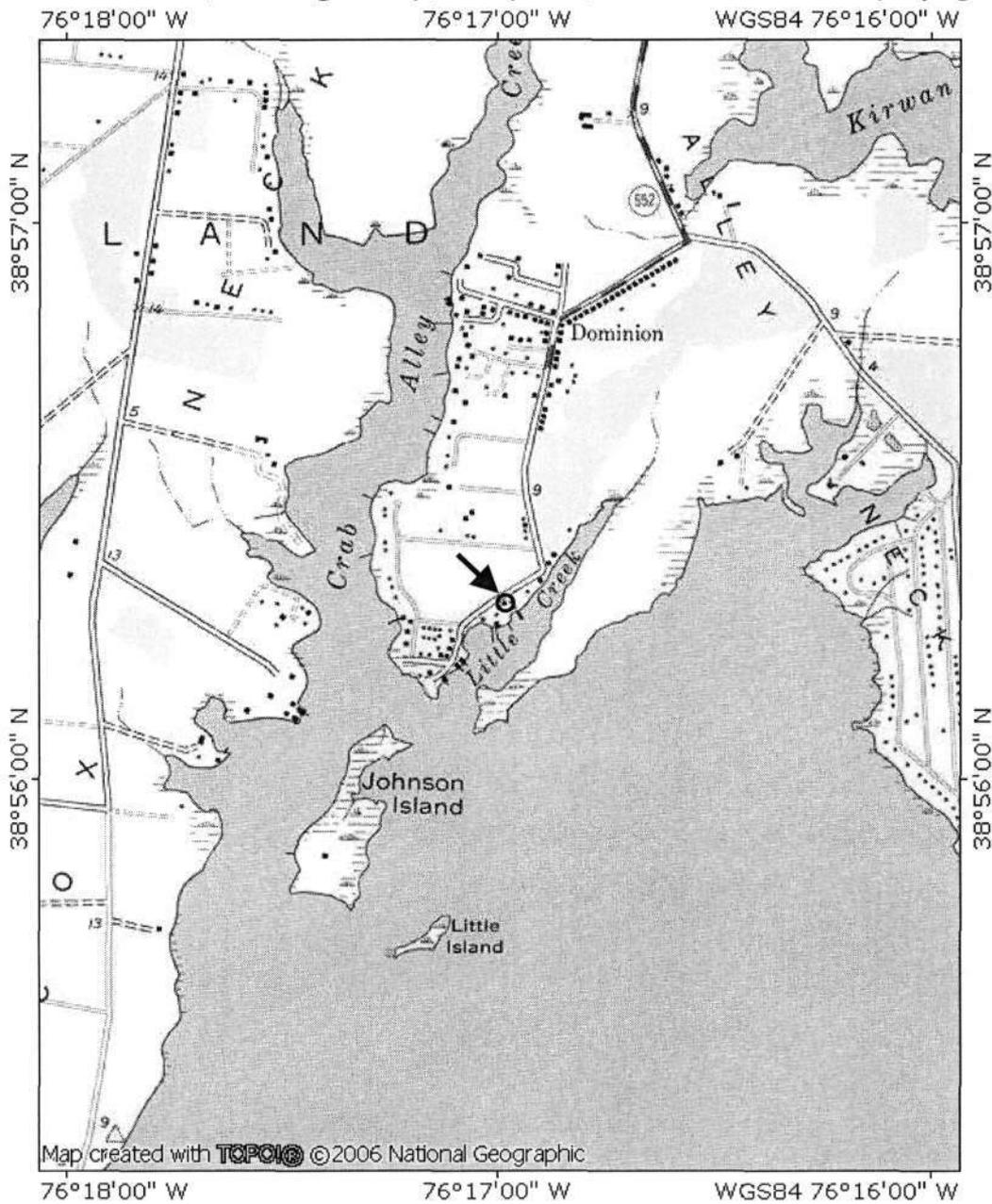
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BOATYARD

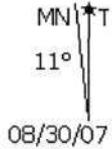
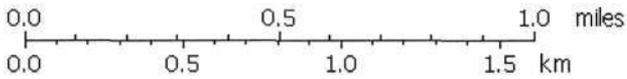


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USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Facade (north elevation)

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East elevation, looking SW

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