

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Rehobeth Survey District Inventory Number: S-255
 Address: Coventry Parish Road City: Westover Zip Code: 21871
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston
 Owner: Various Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: N/A Tax Map Number: 0059 Tax Account ID Number: N/A
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – S-255

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Rehobeth Survey District is comprised of the remaining buildings of a village originally dating to the seventeenth century and located along the Pocomoke River. Two properties in the survey district, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church and Coventry Parish Ruins, date to the eighteenth century and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The remaining buildings in the district are late nineteenth and early twentieth century houses.

The district was previously surveyed in 1985 (see MIHP form S-255 in MHT Library). Since that survey, a nineteenth century store building that was identified as a property of interest has been demolished. The remaining houses in the Rehobeth Survey District generally display alterations such as vinyl siding, vinyl windows, and enclosed porches that compromise their historic materials and character. The seventeenth and eighteenth century history of the survey district are not visibly apparent beyond the presence of the NRHP-listed structures.

Though a settlement at the village of Rehobeth (or Rehoboth as it was originally known) has existed in some form for over two centuries, the current houses located there do not display a high degree of architectural significance or integrity. Therefore, Rehobeth Survey District is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of integrity of materials, form or construction in the remaining structures.

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| Comments: _____ | |
| <u>Jonathan Sawyer</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | <u>4/2/14</u> Date |
| <u>NA</u> Reviewer, NR Program | Date |

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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Date Prepared: February 2013



Great Bay Wind Energy Center
 Somerset County - Maryland
Historic Resources Assessment
 February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined





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RETROBETH SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW ESE toward Houses in RETROBETH SURVEY DISTRICT

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REHOBETH SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW NE TOWARD HADIS IN REHOBETH SURVEY DISTRICT

PHOTO #216

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Pettus Hill Survey District
Somerset County, MD.

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VIEWE ALONG 'COVENTRY' PARISH ROAD

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REHOBEATH SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW NE TOWARD REHOBEATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REHOBETH SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW SW TOWARD CONVENTRY PARISH RUINS

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PELHURST SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW WSW TOWARD HOUSES IN PELHURST SURVEY DISTRICT

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Rehobeth Survey District
Rehobeth
public and private

Eighteenth and
Nineteenth centuries

Rehobeth is a significant river-side village due to its early formation and long-standing use as a local port or shipping point. The two most important buildings, the Rehobeth Presbyterian Church (1706) and the Coventry Parish Ruins (1784-1788) are the most notable structures. The houses and only store building date to the mid to late nineteenth century.

Rehobeth takes its name from the tract of land patented to Colonel William Stevens in the third quarter of the seventeenth century called "Rehoboth," meaning, "there is room." The village of "Rehoboth" was officially created by a 1683 act of Maryland Assembly for the,

"encouragement of towns and points of entry for shipment of tobacco and other exports as well as the importation of goods from distant places."

With its deep channel, the Pocomoke River provided "Rehoboth" with an enviable deep-water port for larger draft ships. Boat traffic continued through the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries until the steamboats discontinued service after World War I.

Survey No. S-255

Magi No. 2002554538

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rehoboth

and/or common Rehobeth Survey District

2. Location

street & number S. South Side of MD 667 ___ not for publication

city, town Rehobeth ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-255

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Rehobeth, Maryland (formerly spelled Rehoboth) is located on the west bank of the Pocomoke River and just South of MD Route 667 between Hudson's Corner and US Route 13. The small river-side village contains a dozen dwellings, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church (S-71), and the ruins of Coventry Parish Church (S-70). A boat landing on the Pocomoke River is located at the end of the main and only road which passes through the village.

Aside from the two 18th-century brick church structures, all other buildings appear to date from the second, third, and fourth quarters of the 19th century or the early 20th century. The handful of 19th-century houses and one store building are frame structures covered with a variety of sheathings that range from wood shingles to asbestos or aluminum. Each building occupies a medium-sized street-front lot and stands several yards back from the edge of the road.

Aside from the two historic churches, one of the more interesting buildings is the Adams Store, a single-story gable-front frame structure covered in wood shingles. A shed porch entrance covers a large part of the store front which is distinguished by large glass display windows. Six over six sash windows are located to the east and west sides, while a small addition extends to the rear (south).

Standing next door (west side) to the store is a two-story gable-front frame house also sheathed with wood shingles and covered by a medium sloped asphalt-tile roof. The first floor is completely covered by a glassed-in front porch. The earlier windows sash have been replaced with single-pane sash windows.

The other houses in the village follow similar patterns or slightly different 19th and 20th century forms. For more information on the two churches, see the individual forms.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

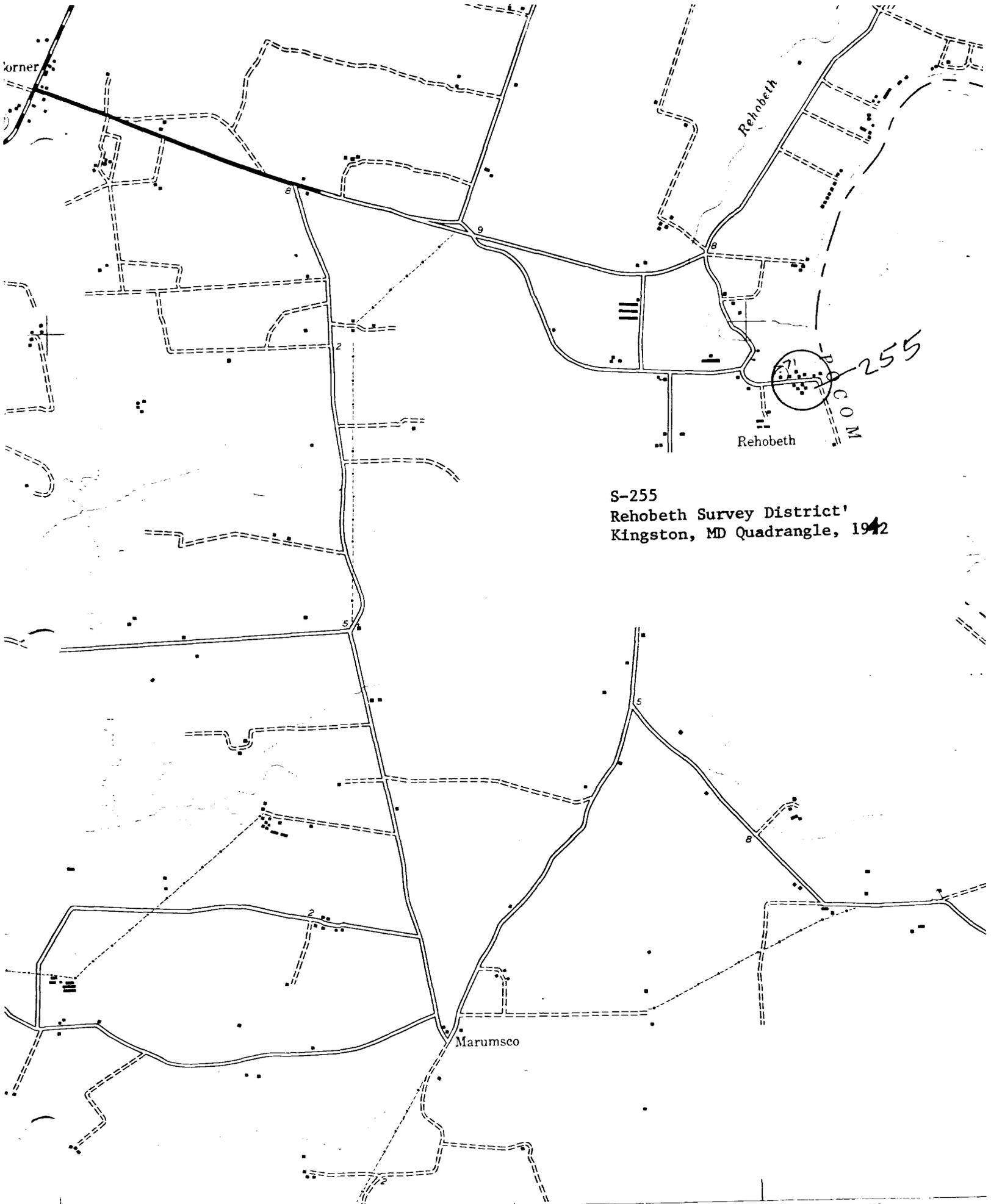
| Specific dates | Builder/Architect |
|---|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

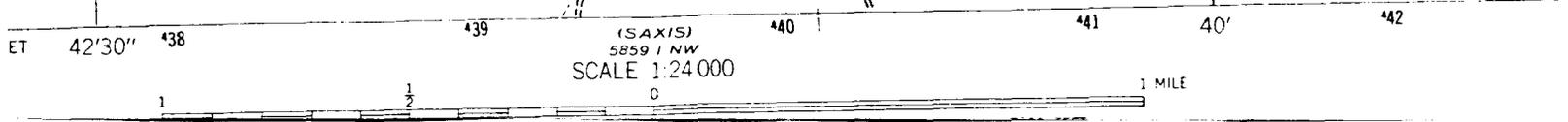
Rehobeth is a significant river-side village due to its early formation and long-standing use as a local port or shipping point. The two most significant buildings, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church and the Coventry Parish Ruins are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its long history and 17th and 18th-century occupation make it an extremely significant archaeological site.

History and Support

Rehobeth takes its name from the tract of land patented to Colonel William Stevens in the third quarter of the 17th century called "Rehoboth." The town of "Rehoboth" was officially created by a 1683 act of Maryland Assembly for the "encouragement of towns and points of entry for shipment of tobacco and other exports as well as the importation of goods from distant places." With its deep channel, the Pocomoke River provided "Rehoboth" with an enviable deep-water port for larger draft ships. Boat traffic continued through the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries until the steamboats discontinued service after World War I. Since World War I, little has changed in this small Somerset County Village.



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 Rehobeth Survey District'
 Kingston, MD Quadrangle, 1942





Rehobeth Survey District
Rehobeth, Somerset County

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Adams Store

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Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland
Adams House and Store
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Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland
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