

S-257
Smith Farm
Shelltown vicinity
private

c. 1850

The Tom Smith farm occupies another prominent site along the Pocomoke River near the small river-side village of Shelltown. Two stories high and five bays across, the main farmhouse was built in two principal stages. The original house was a two-story three-bay house that was connected to the kitchen by a hyphen. During the 1930's the hyphen was raised to a two-story height in line with the main house. The accompanying farm buildings were built during the last fifty years.

Survey No. S-257

Magi No. 2002575435

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tom Smith Farm

2. Location

street & number E. Side of Shelltown Road _____ not for publication

city, town Shelltown 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Thomas Smith Sr.

street & number Rt.1 Box 136 telephone no.: 957-2520

city, town Marion state and zip code Md. 21838

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. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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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.

The Tom Smith farm is located along the west side of the Pocomoke River and east of Shelltown Road. The paved farm^{lane} intersects Shelltown Road approximately two-and-a-half miles south of Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story c.1850-1860 farmhouse faces west, while the principal gable runs on a north/south axis. The house is accompanied by two gambrel-roofed barns, a silo, and concrete block dairy buildings.

The two-story five-bay farmhouse is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is sheathed with aluminum siding. The medium-sloped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and trimmed with boxed cornices and molded bargeboards. A single-story kitchen extends to the south, while an enclosed porch is attached to the north gable end.

According to the owner, the earlier appearance of the house was considerably altered during the 1930s. The original main house comprised the northern three-bay portion of the main block, which was connected to the present kitchen by a single-story hyphen. During the early 20th-century renovation, the hyphen was expanded to a two-story height that follows the same roof line as the main block.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical five-bay facade. The principal entrance is located in the second bay from the north, and it is covered by a single-bay gabled porch. Paired square columns support the gable-front roof. The replacement door is flanked by four-light sidelights. A single pane sash is located to each side the entrance bay. A glazed door and another single-pane sash window comprise the other first floor wall openings. Five single-pane sash windows light the second floor.

The north gable end is covered on the first floor by a single-story porch addition, while the attic is lighted by two six-pane attic lights which flank the interior end brick stack. The chimney cap is corbelled.

The east elevation is largely covered by a two-story enclosed porch with shed roof.

Extending from the south gable end is the single-story kitchen. One single pane sash window lights the second floor, and two six-pane windows light the attic. A narrow brick stove stack protrudes through the roof and is finished with a corbelled cap.

The one-room kitchen is extended to the east and west by a enclosed shed porch. Exterior features follow the main house.

The interior of this dwelling was not seen, but it appears to have been thoroughly remodeled.

Located directly north of the house is the 1930s farm complex that includes two gambrel roofed barns, a silo, a block dairy building and a block wagon shed.

8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

The Smith farm occupies a prominent site on the Pocomoke River which has been occupied since prehistoric times. Indian artifacts have been found throughout the river-front property. The extant farmhouse is a remodeled Mid 19th-century dwelling that was altered during the 1930s. Its former appearance followed the standard local form with the main house and kitchen attached by a single-story hyphen. The accompanying farm buildings were erected during the past sixty years.

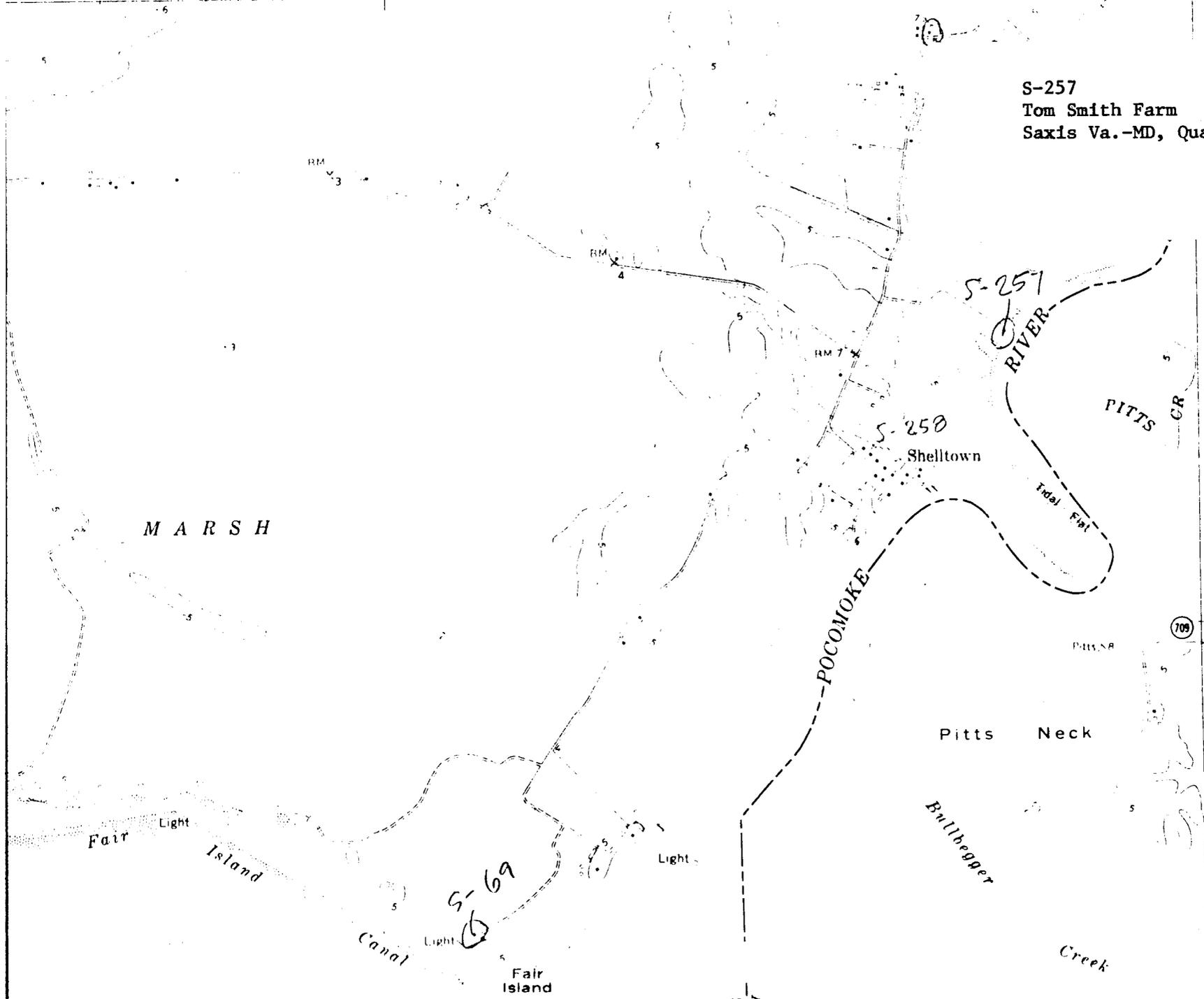
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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Tom Smith Farm
Saxis Va.-MD, Quadrangle, 1972



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Fair Light

Island

Canal

Fair Island

Light

Pitts Neck

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RIVER

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Tidal Flat

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Tom Smith Farm S-257
Near Shelltown, Somerset County
West Elevation
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North Elevation
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