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Nineteenth and Twentieth  
 Centuries)

S-258  
 Shelltown Survey District  
 Shelltown  
 public and private

Shelltown is a small village located along the Pocomoke River approximately two miles south of Rehobeth. One street, which connects Shelltown Road and the wharf, constitutes the main road that the village houses face. The small community is comprised of approximately a dozen frame or recently built brick structures. The Cropper store is the only commercial structure. A few buildings date from the third quarter of the nineteenth century, but most structures were erected during the early twentieth century. Even though the extant dwellings in Shelltown date from relatively modern times, Shelltown, as a village, is documented as early as the late eighteenth century and named for large shell deposits along the river banks.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Shelltown

and/or common Shelltown Survey District

## 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street & number E side of Shelltown Road \_\_\_ not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Multiple 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. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No.

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

Shelltown is a small riverside village located approximately two miles south of Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland, on the east side of Shelltown Road and the west bank of the Pocomoke River. One street, which connects Shelltown Road and the wharf, constitutes the main road that the village houses face. The small community is comprised of approximately a dozen frame or recently built brick houses. The Cropper store is a single-story frame structure that stands on the south side of the village road. A few buildings date from the third or fourth quarters of the 19th century, but most structures, including the store, were erected during The-Post-World War 1 period. A small dock, boat ramp and bulkhead mark the west bank of the river.

The Cropper store, built c. 1920-1930 is the only surviving business in Shelltown. The single-story gable-front store has a hip-roofed front porch that covers the glazed-door entrance and adjacent display window. A narrow brick stack rises from the center of the building. The rectangular frame structure is sheathed in weatherboards and covered by a medium-sloped tin roof. Tin advertisements are fixed to the west wall. Extending to the rear is a single-story shed addition.

Directly across the street is the largest dwelling. The Broughton house, built c. 1890-1900. The two-story Queen Anne style house is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of asphalt shingles and wooden shingles. The pyramidal roof with multiple gables is covered with asphalt shingles. Two over two sash windows light the irregular plain house.

Other houses in Shelltown follow popular or vernacular forms such as the bungalow or center hall, single-pile 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 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:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

Despite the relatively modern dates of its buildings, Shelltown, as a village, is documented as early as the late 18th century and named for large shell deposits along the river banks. The site continued to be advantageous for shipping until the steamboats discontinued service around 1925.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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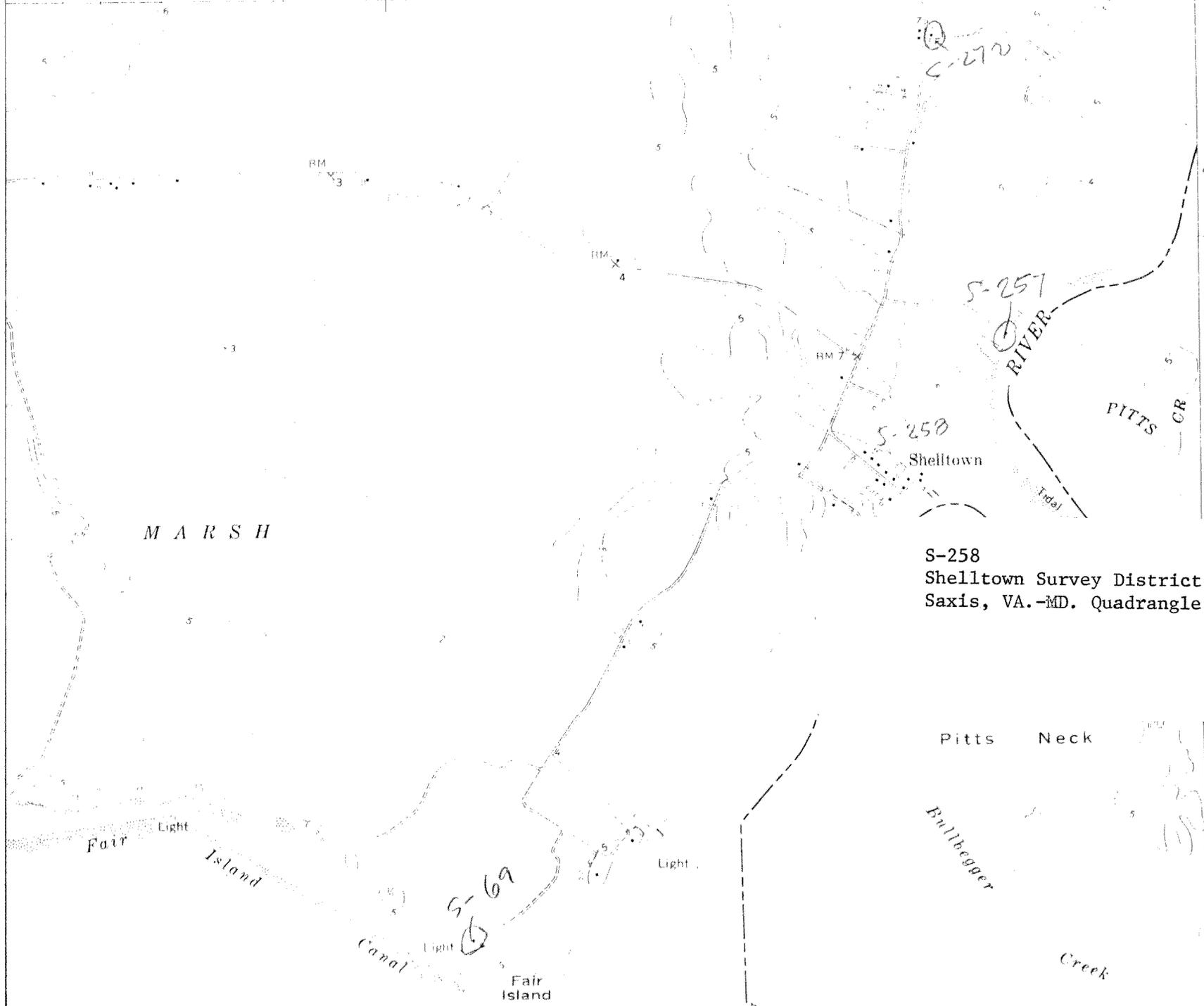
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Shelltown Survey District  
Saxis, VA.-MD. Quadrangle, 1972

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Shelltown Survey District  
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County  
South Elevation of House  
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Near Rehobeth, Somerset County  
Southwest Elevation of House  
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Cropper's Store - North  
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Shelton Survey District  
Cropper's Store From West  
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County  
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Wharf From South

Near Rehobeth, Somerset County

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