

S-28
Edinburgh
Polk Landing (site)
private

c. 1837-1840

Only a few plantation houses in Somerset County outwardly reflect what is traditionally thought to be the Greek Revival style, but countless rural as well as town dwellings were finished inside with classically inspired woodwork common to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Although the "Edinburgh" plantation house has been demolished, a few exterior features indicate its stylistic inspiration. The corners of the traditional two-story, five-bay frame house were accented by paneled pilasters, and the sidelighted center entrance was trimmed with a molded surround marked by plain corner blocks.

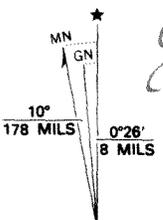
Construction of the house is attributed to Colonel Joseph S. Cottman, who purchased the "Edinburgh" tract on Wicomico Creek late in November of 1837. The "Edinburgh" tract at that time included six-hundred and fifty-two acres. At the administration of Joseph S. Cottman's estate the property passed to his second wife, Elizabeth Upshur Dennis Cottman. The creek property passed through various hands until 1923 when Colonel William B. Cochran purchased the creek farm and erected a second dwelling closer to the water. Eventually the old Cottman house was razed.



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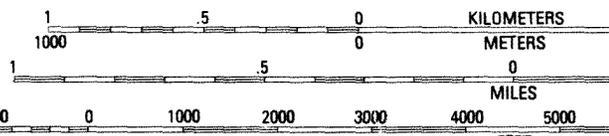
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 Transverse Mercator grid, zone 18
 Datum
 based on North American Datum 1983
 lines 8 meters south and



UTM GRID AND 1983 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

S-28
 Edinburgh
 (Moyer
 House)



(PRINCESS ANNE)
 5860 11 NW
 SCALE 1:24 000

EDEN QUAD
 CONTOUR INTERVAL 1.5
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM
 CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE N
 OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NE

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP
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Mayer House
Somerset



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