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Horsey Brothers Department Store
Crisfield
private

c. 1900

The Horsey Brothers Department Store is a large, squarish commercial building which stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Maryland Avenue and the alley that leads to the J. Millard Tawes Museum. The turn of the century structure is a plain brick warehouse-type building with a parapet roof and simple brickwork finishes. The arched and dentiled window headers as well as corbelled brick cornices add interest to an otherwise utilitarian commercial building. During the early twentieth century, the Horsey Brothers Department Store was one of the largest retail merchandise businesses in Crisfield.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Horsey Brothers Department Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Southwest Side of Maryland Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Crisfield _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

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

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

name

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Circuit Court _____ liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse _____ folio

city, town Princess Anne _____ state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No. S-296

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.

Horsey Brothers Department Store Description

The Horsey Brothers Department Store is a large, squarish brick commercial building that stands on the northeast corner of Maryland Avenue (MD 413) and the alley that leads to the J. Millard Tawes Museum in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The store faces northwest.

The c. 1900 two-story five-bay eight-course common bond brick store is six bays deep and covered by a pair of gable roofs which are hidden from the front and side by a parapet roof.

The northwest (main) facade has an altered first floor front, now covered with modern materials and pierced by recent windows and doors. The second floor, on the other hand, has not been changed significantly and is marked by five evenly spaced two over two sash windows with segmental arched headers. The upper portion of the stepped parapet front is pierced by diamond shaped brick vents.

The southwest side elevation is an uneven fenestration of six bays with six over six sash windows on the first floor and two over two sash windows on the second, all with segmental brick arches embellished with dentiled cornices. A corbelled brick parapet stretches across to disguise the double gable roof.

The northeast side elevation is essentially the same, however, the first floor is fully covered by the adjacent store building.

The southeast or rear elevation has been partially rebuilt and is characterized by an assortment of large and small window or door openings. Iron tie rods protrude through the rear wall.

The first floor interior has been generally reworked, but Tuscan support columns survive under a paneled bearing beam. The second floor was not seen.

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
<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
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Horsey Brothers Department Store is a basic turn-of-the-century commercial building with a parapet roof and simple brickwork finishes. The arched and dentiled window headers as well as corbelled brick cornices add interest to an otherwise utilitarian commercial building. The Horsey Brothers Store, during the early twentieth century was one of the largest retail merchandise operations in Crisfield. Period photographs taken by Peter M. Tilghman during the early twentieth century capture the exterior and the interior with the Horseys and their employees.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-296

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Crisfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

state	code	county	code

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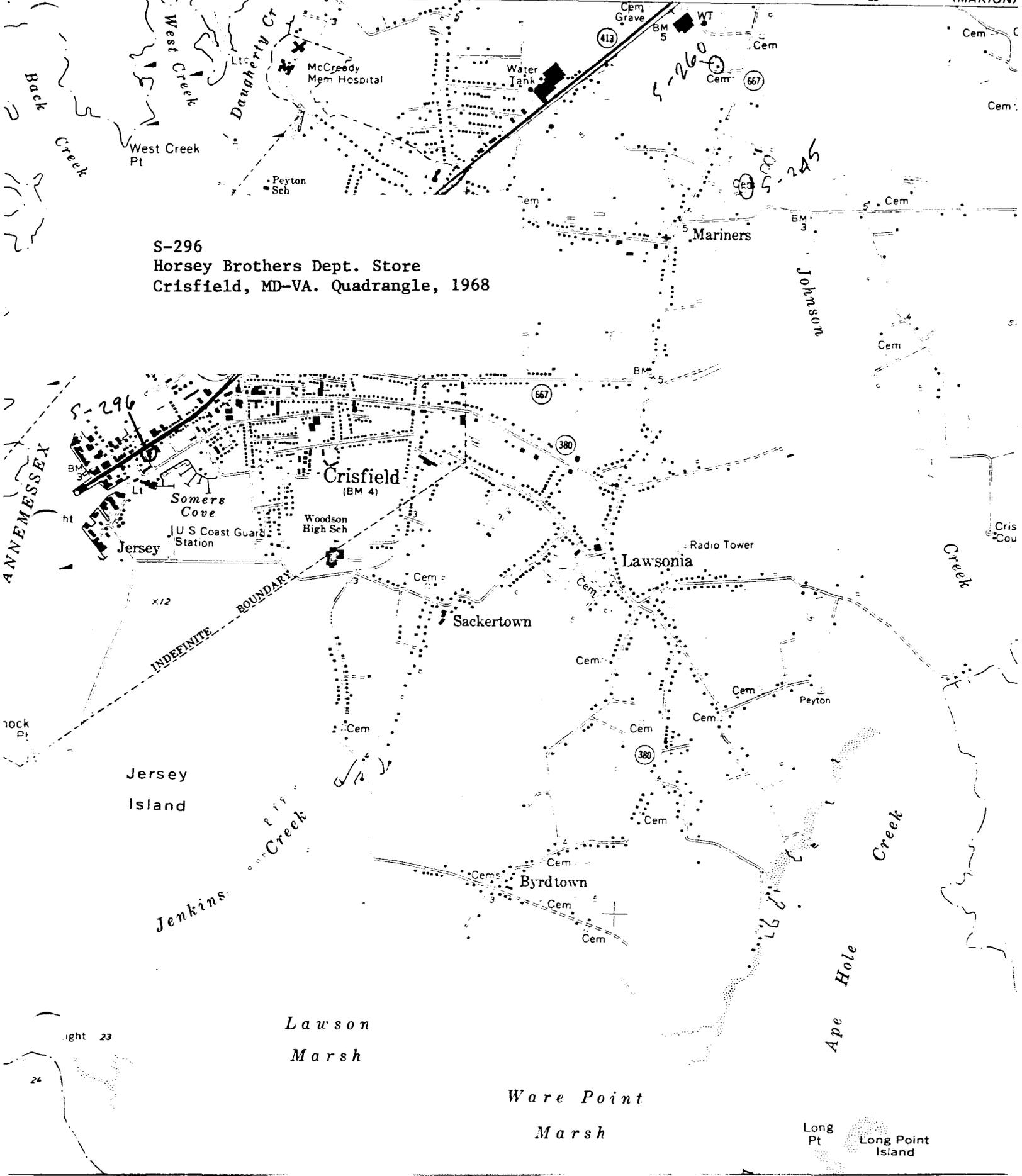
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Horsey Brothers Dept. Store
Crisfield, MD-VA. Quadrangle, 1968

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Island



Horsey Brothers Dept. Store
Documentary Photograph c. 1900-1910
Crisfield, Somerset County
Collection of Karen Ruckman
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South Elevation
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Northwest Elevation
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