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Marine Bank of Crisfield  
Crisfield  
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Standing on the northwest side of Maryland Avenue, the Marine Bank of Crisfield is a well-preserved early twentieth-century bank building designed with simple, but clear references to classical orders and symmetry. The southwest elevation is divided into three bays by four Ionic pilasters that rise from simply molded granite bases. The pilaster shafts are of a brownish brick, while the capitals are made of carved limestone. Located between each pair of pilasters is a large door or window opening with a finely tooled keystone arch. Dating to 1905, this bank represents a prime period in Crisfield history, when the earlier frame buildings were replaced with more permanent brick structures. Now serving as a community museum, the structure is used to interpret local history.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marine Bank of Crisfield

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number NW side of Main Street (or Maryland Avenue)  not for publication

city, town Crisfield  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 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

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

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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 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 Old Marine Bank of Crisfield stands on the northwest side of Maryland 413 in downtown Crisfield. Facing southeast, the single-story brown brick building has been converted to a small local museum.

Built in 1905, the single-story three-bay stretcher bond pressed brick building rests on a smooth granite foundation and is covered by a flat roof hidden by a parapet. A shorter single-story section extends to the rear of the one-room plan main block.

The southeast (main) elevation is divided into three bays by four Ionic pilasters that rise from simply molded granite bases. The pilaster shafts are of brown brick while the capitals are of carved limestone. The pilasters support a rectangular beige-colored brick panel that stretches across the upper portion of the building. The parapet roof is capped by a course of limestone blocks. Located between each pair of pilasters is a large door or window opening with a finely tooled keystone arch. The center door and the flanking windows have been reduced in size. Curved iron grills protect the two window openings.

The sides of the building that are not covered by adjacent commercial structures have been stuccoed. A narrow brick stack rises from the southwest side.

The northwest (rear) elevation of the old bank consists of a shorter single-story section that extends from the taller main block. Extending farther from the main block is a one-room concrete block addition. Large windows have been cut through the upper wall of the main block on either side of a brick chimney stack. The rear wall of the shorter section is marked by four segmental arched window openings, three of which are now covered by the concrete block addition. Iron bars remain on the northern-most window opening.

The bank interior has been converted into a small town museum, but the iron vault remains in place. The high ceiling permitted the insertion of small offices above the vault.

# 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
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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 checked="" 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** 1905 **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.

The Marine Bank of Crisfield is a well-preserved early twentieth century bank building designed with simple, but clear reference to Classical orders and symmetry. Dating to 1905, this bank represents a prime period in Crisfield's history, when the earlier frame buildings were being replaced with more permanent brick structures. Now serving as a community museum, the structure is used to interpret local history.

10. Geographical Data

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

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

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

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

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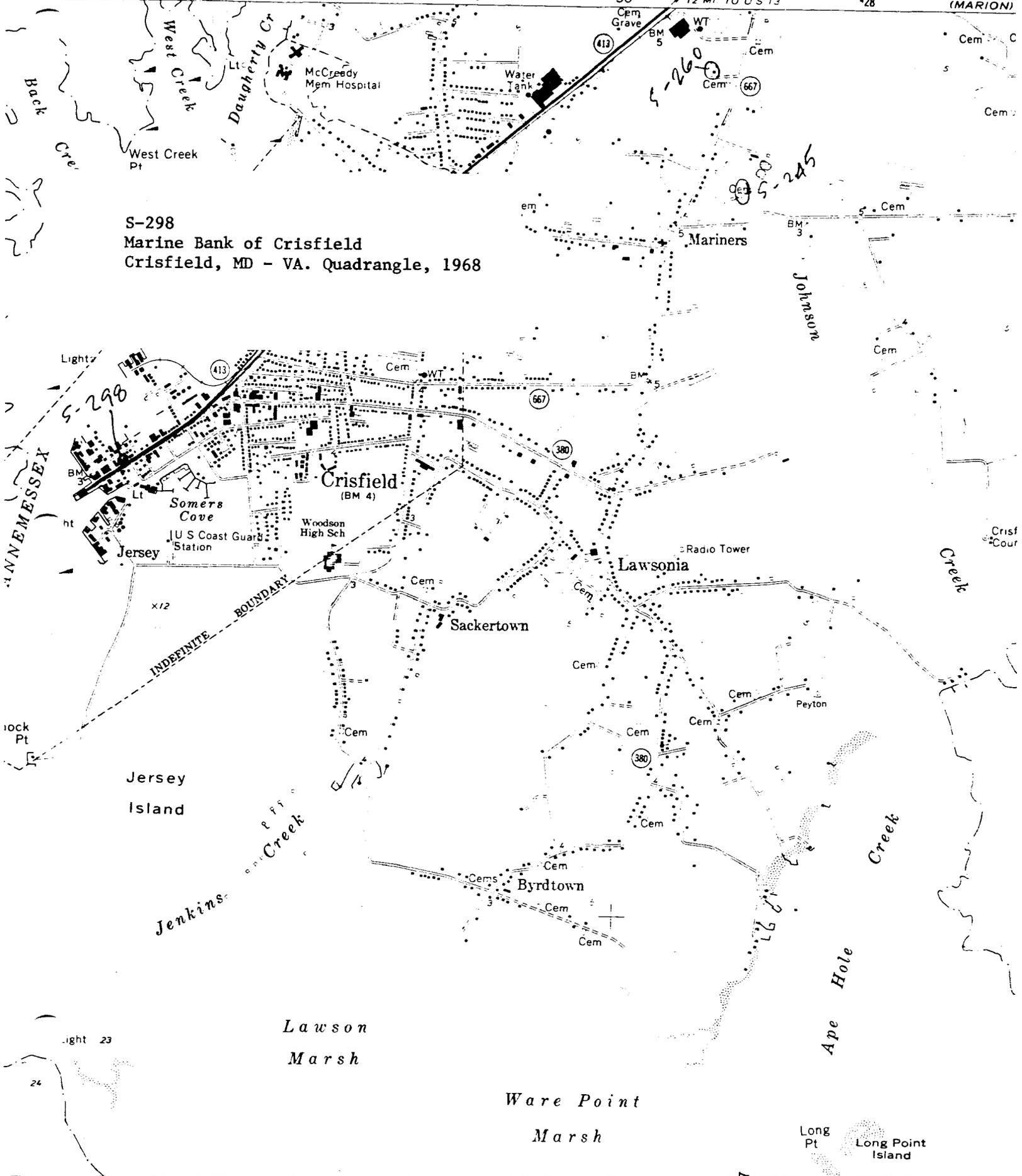
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Crisfield, MD - VA. Quadrangle, 1968

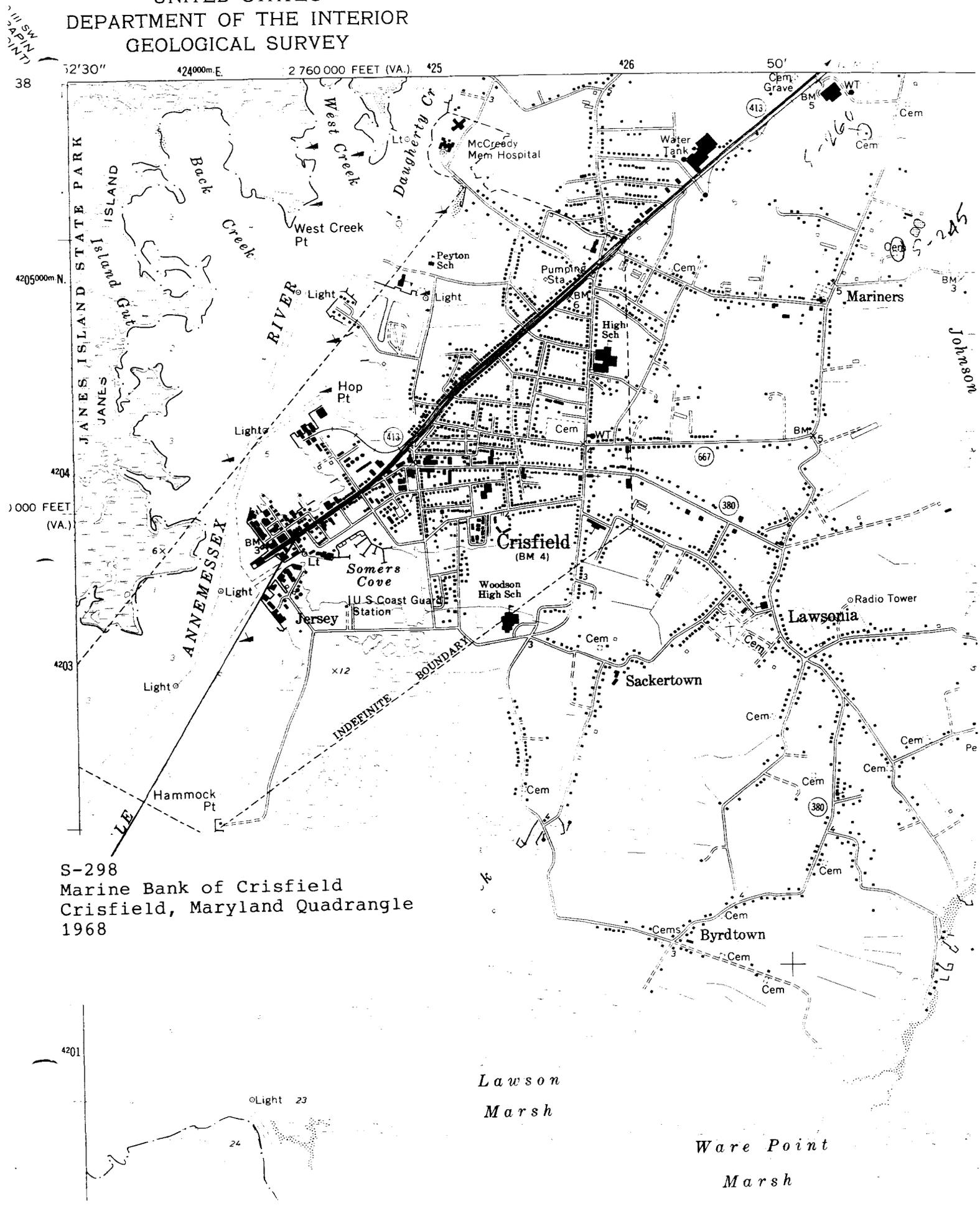
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1968

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Crisfield, Somerset County

Northwest Elevation

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