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Sea Isle Furniture  
Crisfield  
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c. 1900

The two-story, four-bay commercial building presently occupied by the Sea Isle Furniture Store is a standard common bond brick structure marked on the second floor by four segmental arched window openings. The first floor storefront has been altered; however, the rear elevation has survived largely intact on both floors with segmental arches of corbelled brick. The gable parapet roof is trimmed with decorative brick cornices.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sea Isle Furniture Store

## 2. Location

street & number NW side of Maryland Avenue \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Crisfield \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Firststate 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 Sea Isle Casual Furniture

street & number 1004 West Main St. telephone no.: 968-2142city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, 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 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 Sea Isle Casual Furniture Store is a two-story four-bay building that stands on the northwest side of Maryland Avenue in downtown Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The store building faces southeast.

Built c.1900, the two-story six-course common bond brick building is covered by a shallow gable roof hidden behind a parapet.

The southeast (principal) elevation is four bays across; however; the first floor storefront has been completely altered. The second floor has four window openings with corbelled brick arches. The parapet roof has a simple stepped coursing as well.

Each of the sides of the building has been covered partially by adjacent commercial structures. Rising from the southwest wall are small brick stove stacks.

The rear elevation, however, has remained largely intact. The first floor is divided into five bays with a center door and flanking window openings with corbelled brick arches. The second floor, on the other hand, is only pierced by four windows, since the center bay was left a blank brick wall. The upper wall surface has a pointed arch parapet finished in corbelled and dentiled brick.

The interior was not surveyed.

# 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/
<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

### 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 two-story four-bay commercial building presently occupied by Sea Isle Furniture Store is a standard common bond brick structure highlighted above the window openings by corbelled brick arches. The first floor has been altered. The back of the building has survived relatively intact on both floors with segmental brick arches of corbelled rows. This store building is one of a few c. 1900 structures surviving in downtown Crisfield.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

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

Quadrangle name Crisfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

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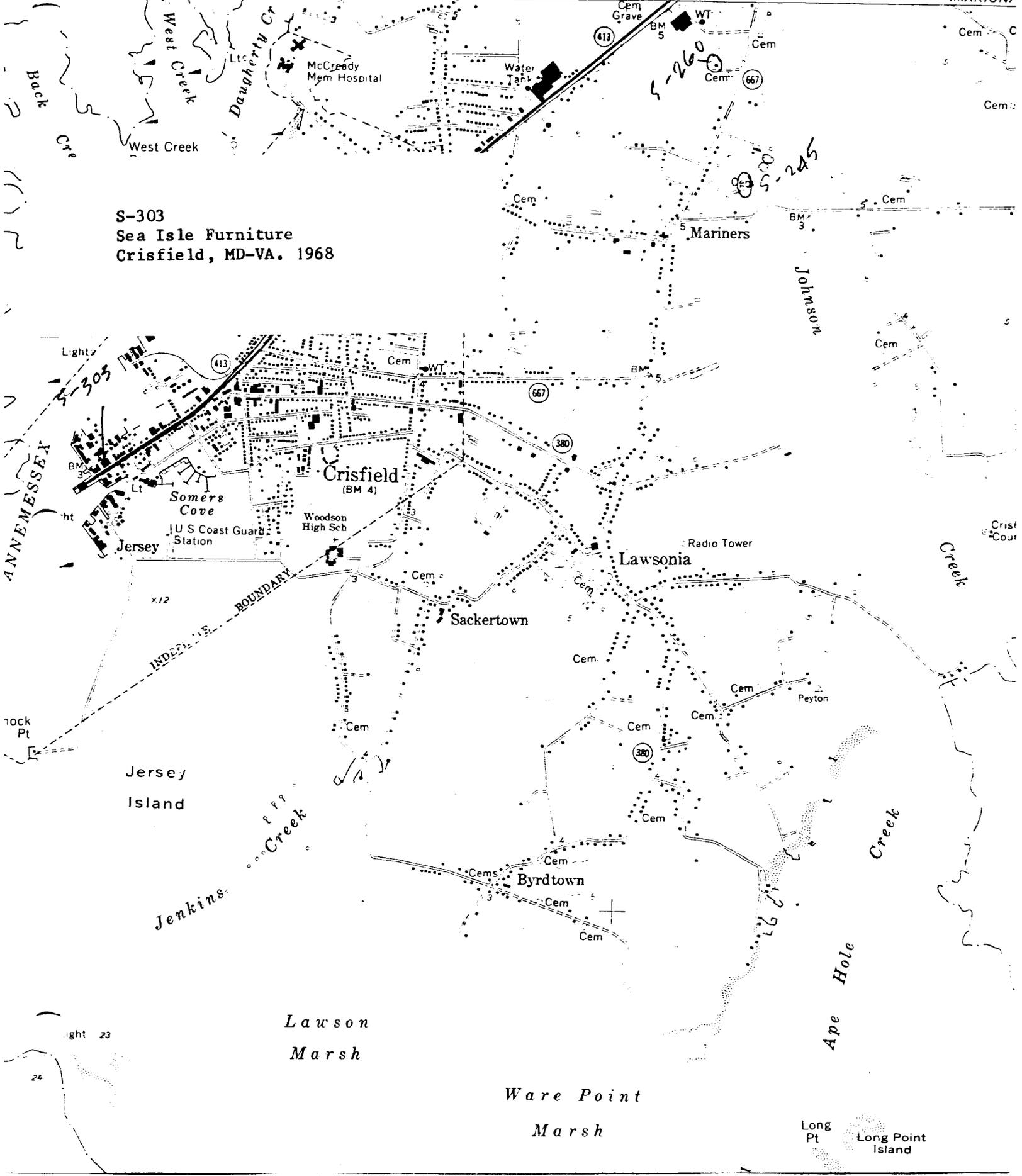
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Sea Isle Furniture  
Crisfield, MD-VA. 1968

Jersey  
Island

Lawson  
Marsh

Ware Point  
Marsh

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