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Scher's Clothing Store
Crisfield
public

c. 1930

Scher's Clothing Store stands on the north side of West Main Street in the center of uptown Crisfield. The c. 1930-1940, two-story commercial front was erected with a yellowish-brown brick, while the side elevations are red, common bond brick walls. Unlike many store buildings, the first floor front has not been significantly altered. A recessed entrance has a vaulted ceiling and flanking display windows. The second floor is pierced by four six over one sash windows, and the upper portion of the wall is finished with a decorative rectangular panel of basketweave brick. The slightly projecting corner pilasters frame the building and support a cornice of diagonally set bricks.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Scher's Clothing Store

2. Location

street & number N. Side of West Main St.

 not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Scher's

street & number 380 Main Street

telephone no.: 968-0698

city, town Crisfield

state and zip code Md. 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court

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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. S-309

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.

Scher's Clothing Store description

Scher's Clothing Store stands on the north side of West Main Street in the center of uptown Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story brick store faces south and has a flat roof.

The c. 1930-1940 two-story stretcher bond brick front was laid in a yellow-brown brick, while the side elevations are red, common bond brick walls. The flat roof is hidden by a parapet. The building is framed by plain brick pilasters.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a recessed store entrance flanked by glass display windows. The double door entrance is arched, and it is topped by a fanlight. The arched ceiling of the store entrance is plastered and flanked on the front wall surface by small paned colored glass lights. The knee walls of the display windows are ^{decorated} with small multi-colored tiles. A molded cornice separates the first floor from the second floor, which is pierced by paired six over one sash windows in the center bay and single six over one sash to each side. Located below the windows is the store name, "SCHER'S", in bold plastic letters. Stretching above the second floor windows is a decorative brick rectangular panel laid in a basketweave pattern and distinguished from the surrounding wall by a raised brick outline. The corner pilasters support a decorative brick cornice laid with a diagonally set brick row. The parapet is capped with a stone cap.

The common bond brick west side wall is fully covered by the neighboring store building, while the east side is an exposed common bond brick wall with an irregular pattern of window openings with flat or segmental arches. The wall is capped by a terra cotta tile cap.

The interior has been generally remodeled.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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.

SIGNIFICANCE

Scher's Clothing Store is a well-preserved 1930s brick store erected with simple features in a solid well-built design. The same type of corner pilasters with decorative brick cornice is found on several Crisfield buildings. The first floor recessed arched entrance, however is as unusual early twentieth-century survival. This store building post-dates the 1928 fire.

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

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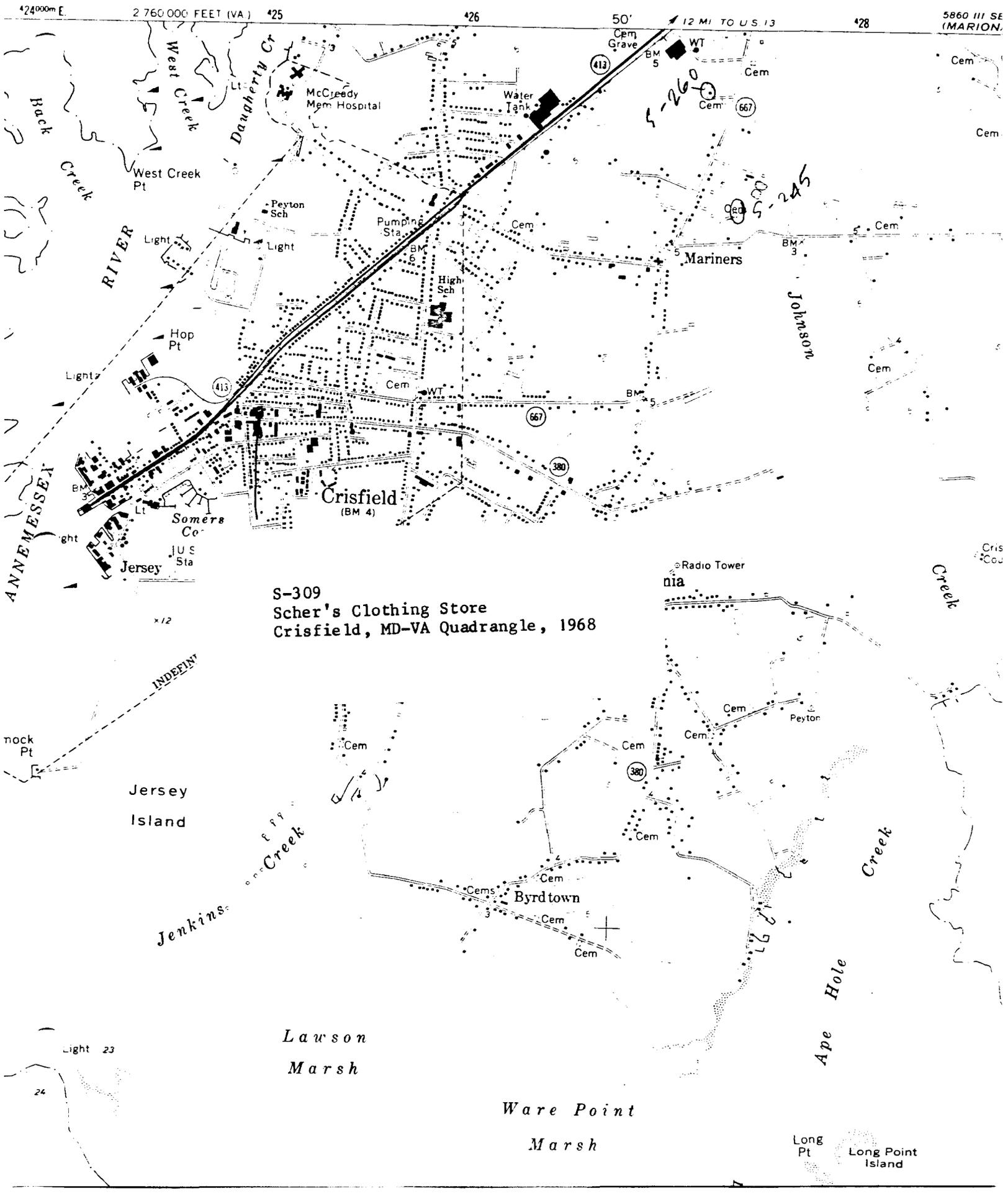
state Md. 21853

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Scher's Clothing Store
Crisfield, MD-VA Quadrangle, 1968

Lawson
Marsh

Ware Point
Marsh

Long Pt
Long Point
Island



Scher's Clothing Store
Crisfield, Somerset County
South Elevation
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