

S-479
Ward-Hall House
Freemantown
Private

c. 1900-1910

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WARD-HALL HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-479

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-479

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WARD-HALL HOUSE

and/or common CORNELIUS HALL HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Freedomtown Road not for publication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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

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

name Henry Lee and Famina Williams

street & number 3590 Freedomtown Road telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 397

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 67

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-479

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Ward-Hall house stands on the southwest side of "Freedomtown" Road in the community of Freemantown, east of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1890-1900, the two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame house is supported by a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear (south) is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The north (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with a side entrance and a flanking two-over-two sash window. The front door is partially glazed. Marking the second floor are two evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The east gable end is marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a small two-over-two sash window pierces the upper gable. The eave is extended and the soffit is enclosed.

The west gable end features an interior end brick stove chimney that pierces the gable end. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors.

The south (rear) elevation of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing. The east side of the kitchen is pierced by a center side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is marked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The medium sloped gable roof is not as high as the roof of the front block. Extending from the south end of the kitchen is a single-story addition.

The interior 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
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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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WARD-HALL HOUSE
Freedomtown Road
Crisfield vicinity, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

397/671 Katherine L. Hall
 John C. Hall

to

6/3/1991 Henry Lee Williams
 Famina Bowyer
 5/8 acre

148/122 William E. Ward
 Theodosia Ward

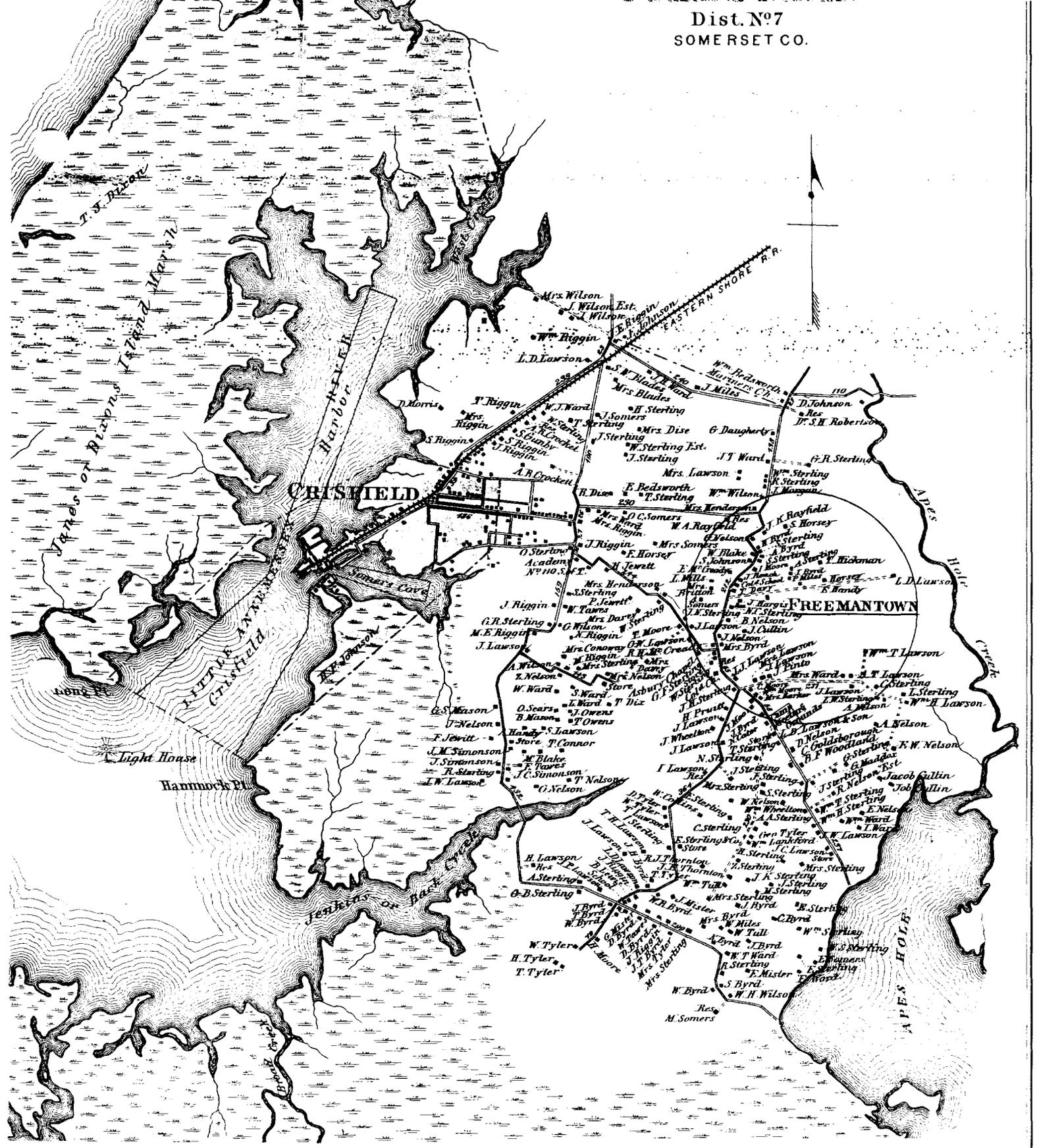
to

7/6/1949 Cornelius Hall
 Annie H. Hall

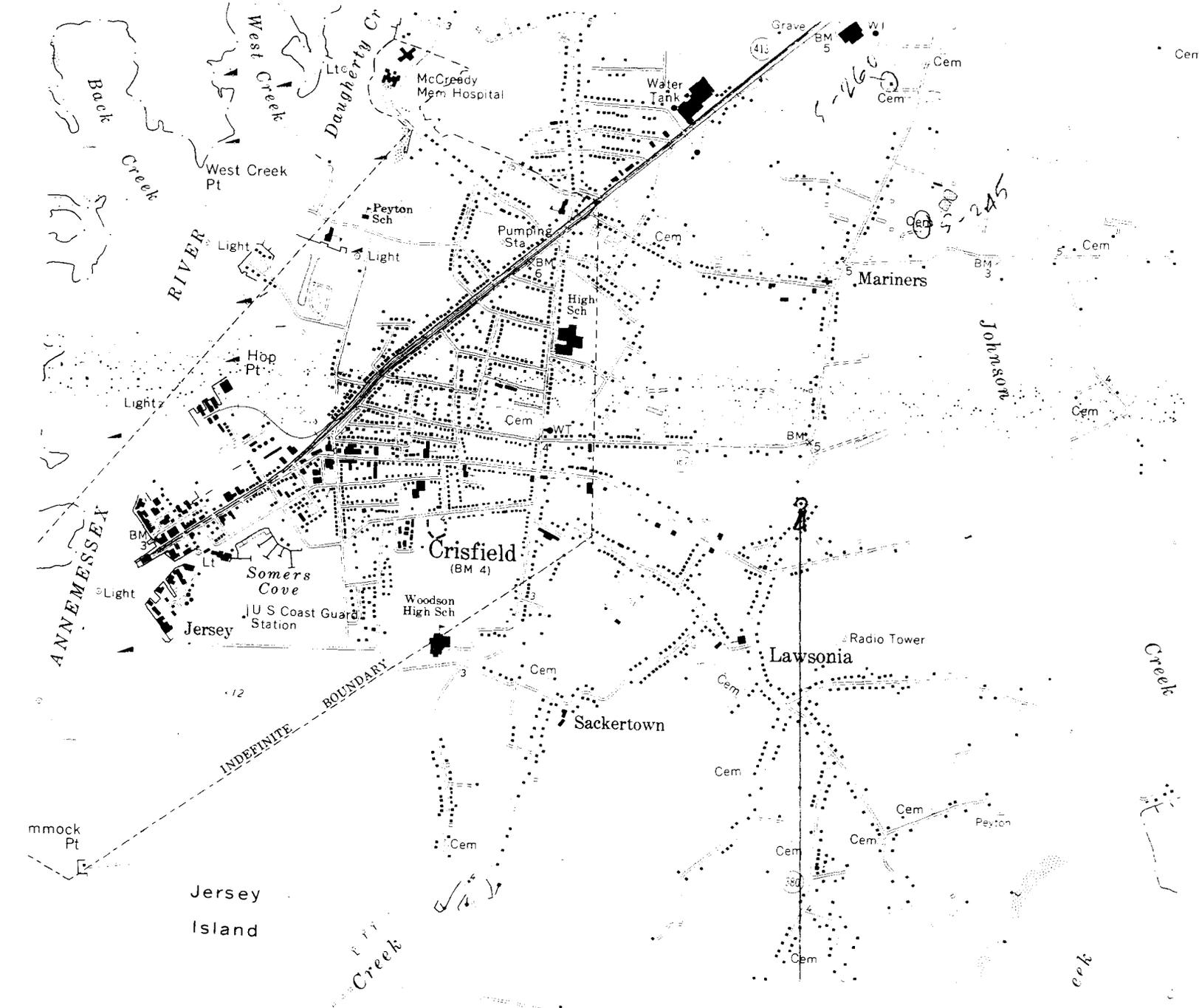
BLB 127/368 Samuel J. Blake
 Melissa E. Sterling

to

4/2/1908 William E. Ward
 Frederick Ward
 \$250.00 5/8 acre



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Crisfield vicinity, Somerset County
Maryland



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 WARD-HALL HOUSE
 Freedomtown Road
 Crisfield vicinity, Somerset County
 Maryland
 Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle 1968

Lawson
 Marsh

Ware Point
 Marsh

Long Pt
 Long Point Island

Tidal Flat

Big Island

Creek

Landing Gut
 Br

Masey

Little Ware P



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CRISPFIELD VICINITY, SIMMONSET CO, MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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