

S-501  
George A. Christy & Son  
Crisfield  
Private

c. 1912

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The oldest land transfer for Jersey dates from 1872 when Harvey F. and Mary Johnson transferred "in marsh land the quantity of 126 perches and in water the quantity of 4 acres" to Charles C. Gardener of Columbia County, New York for \$500. The tract of marsh and water was called "Floral Highlands." By the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas was published in 1877 the land had been significantly filled, squaring the edges to provide adequate support and frontage for a row of oyster shucking houses. C. C. Gardener is designated on the atlas along with Thomas Dixon and several others. The Jersey Island property was developed and subdivided through the years, however the chain of ownership for some of these parcels is clouded in vague or now missing land transfers.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. S-501

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic George A. Christy & Son, Wallace Quinn  
 other H. Glenwood Evans & Son, Inc. (preferred)

## 2. Location

street and number Jersey Road  not for publication  
 city, town Crisfield vicinity  
 county Somerset

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

name Robert P. Evans III  
 street and number P. O. Box 468 telephone 410-968-1717  
 city, town Crisfield state Maryland zip code 21817

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 427 folio 435  
 city, town Princess Anne tax map 102 tax parcel 188, 189, 190, 191 tax ID number

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			_____	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The former George A. Christy Company packinghouse and before that the seafood facility of Wallace Quinn, now operated by the firm of H. Glenwood Evans & Son, is located on Jersey Island on the south side of the city of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay common bond brick structure faces northwest and it stands on oyster shell filled land with a bulkheading on two sides of the property.

Built around 1915, the two-story, four-bay, brick packinghouse is a squarish common bond brick main block is defined by an uneven northeast (main) elevation with a single-story open porch stretching across the northwest and southwest sides. Laid in seven-course common bond, the sheltered first story is defined by an uneven series of door and window openings. Two single-pane sash window openings retain double rowlock segmental arches and brick sills as well as iron bars fixed to the jambs. The outside corners are defined by slightly projecting corner pilasters that rise to the top of the second story. The second story is pierced by three single-pane sash window openings spanned by double rowlock segmental arches. Stretching across the wall surface above the windows is a decorative, corbelled brick cornice. The top of the parapet wall is plainly finished.

The southwest side elevation is defined by an asymmetrical elevation of single-pane sash windows spanned by double rowlock segmental arches. A staircase rises through the roof of the shed porch to reach a second floor entrance. Squarish iron anchors are fixed to the wall surface above the second floor windows. The top of the wall is finished with a stepped parapet that descends in height toward the back of the main block. The rear wall of the packinghouse was erected in several periods with a variety of brick and bonding methods.

The northeast side wall was built on an inward angled line that is not at right-angle with the front wall. The inward angle of the wall was due to the corresponding angle of the angle structure that formerly stood directly adjacent. The wall surface is similarly arranged to the southwest elevation with an asymmetrical fenestration of single-pane sash windows spanned by double rowlock segmental arches. Anchor plates are fixed to the upper wall surface. The top of the wall is finished with a stepped parapet that descends in height toward the back of the building.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT OF GEORGE A. CHRISTY & SON

George A. Christy established George Christy & Son, an oyster shucking company in Crisfield, Maryland, in 1890. As a boy, he only attended school one half a day, and then went to work aboard oyster dredge boats. In 1880 he went to work for himself with a skiff and a pair of oyster tongs, selling his oysters where he could. The following year, in 1881, he married and continued to tong for oysters. His wife, Elizabeth Sterling Christy, shucked what he caught and sold them locally in Crisfield. By the beginning of the 1882 oyster season, they had accumulated enough money to buy a small sloop for \$500. This enabled Christy to catch more oysters, and they hired others to help shuck the oysters which were shipped to Baltimore by steamer. In 1890, they were able to purchase property on the dock side at the foot of Tenth Street, and established Geo. A. Christy & Co. packinghouse. In 1910, Clarence A. Christy entered the business as partner with his father and the company name was changed to Geo. A. Christy & Son. George A. Christy died in 1932.<sup>1</sup>

Richard W. Christy became a partner in the company with his father in 1937.<sup>2</sup> In 1938 the company letterhead advertised as "Catchers & Shippers of Selected Sea Foods. Our specialties: soft shell crabs, hard crabs and crab flakes, fish, oysters and clams." Seafood was packed under the brand name "Christy's." An advertisement in the May 1939, *Seafood Buyer*, stated "Specializing since 1890 in Soft Shell Crabs." Another advertisement in the September issue listed the company as "Planters, Packers and Shippers of Quality Oysters, Clams and Crabmeat Since 1890."

<sup>1</sup> Woodrow T. Wilson, *Crisfield, Maryland 1676-1976*, Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1977, pp. 443-45.

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The company was located on Jersey Island and a 1940s photograph shows a company truck that had fallen through the wooden drawbridge connecting the island with downtown Crisfield. In 1942 the United Oysterman's Union Local #19600 (CIO) negotiated an employment agreement with twenty-one packers in Crisfield, including Clarence A. Christy, trading as George A. Christy & Son.<sup>3</sup> However, in a December 8 letter to commissioner William H. Conklin, attorney for the union, Albert K. Plone, noted that for an unknown reason George A. Christy & Son had not yet signed the contract. In 1943 a union meeting of Seafood Workers Local 453 selected shop stewards including William Gerald of George A. Christy & Son.<sup>4</sup>

George A. Christy was involved in a wage dispute with the union in September 1944, when the Union requested a raise of ten cents per cup for shucking oysters. There was also a deadlock in negotiations for a renewed contract on wages and closed shop. A majority of the packers agreed to a wage increase for the shuckers and packing-room help. At that time, Geo. A. Christy & Son employed 52 people, 26 men and 26 women.<sup>5</sup> In December of that same year, another dispute arose between 27 oyster packing companies and Seafood Workers Local 453 (AFL). The dispute arose over the efforts of the employers to increase the size of the measuring cup used, in compliance with a directive of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries of the State of Maryland. The union contracts provided for the use of an 8 pint measuring cup. Early in December, 1944, all of the employers were arrested and convicted of violations of Article 72, Section 90 of the Maryland Code, which allegedly required the use of a 9 pint measuring cup, and all of the cases were appealed. The Union would not agree to the use of a 9 pint cup, contending that the Maryland law was optional and not mandatory.<sup>6</sup>

The company completed construction of a new building of two and three stories in 1945 to house the office and a plant for processing oysters.<sup>7</sup>

In 1948, the Union won an election to serve as bargaining agent for the seafood establishment in Crisfield, including G. A. Christy. The vote at the company was 32 for the establishment of a Union shop with 7 against. A year later, Seafood Workers Local 453 was again fighting to maintain present wage rates for 500 oyster shuckers in Crisfield where employers, including George A. Christy & Son, had proposed a reduction. The controversy went to an arbitration board and the decision was to continue the present rate of \$.85 per gallon.<sup>8</sup>

In 1947, Clarence A. Christy, son of George A. Christy, was president of the George A. Christy Company,

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Labor, United States Conciliation Service Files 1942, National Archives, College Park, Maryland.

<sup>4</sup> *The Butcher Workman*, December 1943, p. 5.

<sup>5</sup> U. S. Department of Labor, United States Conciliation Service, Office of Regional Supervisor, Baltimore, Maryland, September 5, 1944, Case No. 442-2230.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Labor, United States Conciliation Service, Office of Regional Supervisor, Baltimore, Maryland, December 20, 1944, File No. 442-3312.

<sup>7</sup> *The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia*, Vol. III, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., Inc. 1950, p. 130.

<sup>8</sup> "Oyster Workers Win Arbitration: Maryland Shuckers Coming Into Amalgamated," *The Butcher Workman*, November 1949, p. 2.

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packers and shippers of oysters, crabs, and other seafood.<sup>9</sup> In 1950, the company employed a workforce of about 200 people. Clarence Christy was also the president of the Ledge Rock Oysters Farms, Inc., planters of oysters, and of Christy's Marine Railway, a shipbuilding business engaged in the building, rebuilding, and repair of fishing vessels. Christy was also active in the Crisfield Sea Food Packers Association and the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce.<sup>10</sup> His son, Richard Christy, was a partner and vice-president in the seafood business as well as in the marine railway.<sup>11</sup> Clarence Christy died March 23, 1952, and Richard purchased his father's interest in the business from his mother. In 1954, the company employed over 200 men and women opening oysters, and started branching out into other seafood such as fish and soft-shell crabs.<sup>12</sup>

In 1964, recent renovations to the main plant included an expansion of the company's freezer and cold storage facilities that provided about 75,000 pounds of daily freezing capacity, and the ability to store up to 1,250,000 pounds of frozen soft crabs, oysters, fish, and crab bait. Christy's was estimated to be among the nation's top suppliers of soft shell crabs, with a capacity of up to 225,000 peelers in the company's shedding pounds. The soft-shell crabs were frozen, dressed, individually wrapped, and packed in institutional-sized cartons. Oyster shucking operations in the main plant were supplemented by shucking operations in two other Christy plants located in Crisfield. Oysters were packed and shipped frozen or fresh as were sea squab and rockfish. The company processed and froze alewives as bait for crabpots. The company had substantial icemaking equipment with ten, four-ton York ice-making machines, and ice was sold in bags to area users. In August 1964 the company installed a new pre-fabricated "Bally" freezer box, to supplement two other blast tunnels completed earlier in the year.<sup>13</sup>

George A. Christy & Son, in 1965, employed 77 people (57 men and 20 women) processing fresh and frozen oysters, frozen soft crabs, sea squab, shad roe, and scallops.<sup>14</sup> In 1973 the company processed fresh and frozen oysters, frozen soft shell crabs, sea squab, shad roe, scallops, and crab bait.<sup>15</sup> The company began processing soft shell clams that were found in commercial quantities in Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds in 1976. They shipped clams in the shell, fresh shucked, and breaded and blanched.<sup>16</sup> The *Directory of Maryland Manufacturers* for that year listed the company with 150 employees (125 men and 25 women) processing fresh and frozen oysters, frozen and soft shell crabs, and shad roe.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Letterhead in the collection of Kevin Davidson, Cambridge, Maryland, dated November 11, 1947.

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<sup>11</sup> *The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia*, Vol. III, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., Inc., 1950, p. 214.

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<sup>13</sup> "75 Years in Seafood," *Fishing Gazette*, October 1964.

<sup>14</sup> *Directory of the Maryland Manufacturers 1965-1966*, Maryland Department of Economic Development, p. 233.

<sup>15</sup> *Directory of the Maryland Manufacturers 1973-1974*, p. 347.

<sup>16</sup> Woodrow T. Wilson, *Crisfield, Maryland 1676 to 1976*, Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1977, pp. 443-445.

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In the 1940s, Quinn had a soft-shell crab shedding plant on the North Carolina coast near Marshallburg, with headquarters at Morehead City.<sup>21</sup>

In 1948 a union election drive in Crisfield included "Wallace & Quinn" with eight employees voting for the union and one against.<sup>22</sup>

In addition to partnership in the seafood houses, Wallace Quinn owned two tent factories during World War II. He sold the Crisfield Shipbuilding Company to Harry Spear about 1942, and owned the Crisfield Fertilizer Company that produced fertilizer from crap scraps. He also owned several fish fertilizer factories in the South.

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<sup>22</sup> *The Butcher Workman*, May 1948, p. 6.

<sup>23</sup> Hulbert Footner, "Thriving Oyster Trade Brings New Prosperity," *The Sun*, December 28, 1942.

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Robert P. Evans III  
P. O. Box 468  
Crisfield, MD 21817  
Account Number 7-114370

Map 102, Parcels 188, 189, 190, 191, 192

Conveyed to Robert P. Evans with five parcels:

ITP 427/435

R. Preston Evans  
Carolyn H. Evans

to

2/1/1995

Robert P. Evans III, Parcel 1 & 2  
Plat by W. Ballard Miles, 7/8/1945, BLB 132/67  
...being same property conveyed 11/21/1990, 393/459, from John W.  
Parks, Jr., John L. Parks et al. to R. Preston Evans and Carolyn Evans

393/459

John W. Parks, Jr.  
John L. Parks

to

11/21/1990

R. Preston Evans  
Carolyn H. Evans  
"Floral Highlands"

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332/156

L. R. Carson, Inc.

to

4/5/1982

John W. Parks, Jr.  
John L. Parks

BLB 132/65

Isaac H. Tawes, et al. (Addie B. Tawes, Bank of Crisfield)

to

6/23/1945

L. R. Carson, Inc.

Whereas the said Isaac H. Tawes acquired land by two deeds, one from George S. Payne dated 6/15/1901, 31/70 and the other from John H. Riggin and wife dated 10/21/1908, 49/515, acquiring an undivided one-half interest in and to a tract known as Floral Highlands, and whereas by deed from A. Wellington Tawes, et al. Dated 2/9/1943, 124/55, the said Isaac H. Tawes acquired the remaining undivided half-interest in said land

49/515

John H. Riggin  
Annie E. Riggin

to

10/21/1908

James C. Tawes, et al. (Isaac H. Tawes)  
"Jersey"

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31/170

George S. Payne of Worcester County

to

6/15/1901

James C. Tawes  
Isaac H. Tawes  
John H. Riggin  
\$1,800 "Floral Highlands" "Jersey"

HFL 14/35

Isaac H. Tawes

to

12/28/1893

George S. Payne

HFL 11/485

Thomas S. Hodson and wife  
Clara M. Hodson, of Somerset County, Maryland

to

10/8/1892

Isaac Henry Tawes  
\$3200. ...all that marsh piece or parcel of ground situate....it being the same  
property conveyed by deed of Harvey T. Johnson to Charles C. Gardener,  
3/16/1872, LW 13/326 -27

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LW 13/326-27

Harvey F. Johnson, Somerset County  
Mary Johnson

to

3/16/1872

Charles C. Gardener, Columbia County, N.Y.  
\$500 "Somers Cove" "Floral Highlands"  
plat-containing in marsh land the quantity of 126 perches and in water  
the quantity of 4 acres

Parcel Two: (Site of two-story concrete block oyster packing house)

ITP 262/413

M. Eugene Wharton and Lenox B. Wharton, Jr.

to

4/15/1971

L. R. Carson, Inc.  
Parcel One of a deed from Addie R. Tawes to A. Earl Dize

ITP 262/366

Estate of A. Earl Dize

to

4/15/1971

M. Eugene Wharton  
Lenox B. Wharton  
"Floral Highlands" Parcel One...being on the south side of the  
Little Annemessex River...being bounded on the north by the Crisfield  
harbor and on the west by a slip which separated the property hereby  
conveyed and the property owned or formerly owned by William

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Gibson and on the east by the property of L. R. Carson

BLB 151/378

Addie R. Tawes, widow

to

11/20/1950

A. Earl Dize

...all that which Isaac H. Tawes owned in Jersey at the time of his death and which he devised by Last Will and Testament to Addie B. Tawes, 11/1/1947, FED 35/237

Parcel One: All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the town of Crisfield...being bounded on the north by the Crisfield harbor on the west by which divides the property hereby conveyed from the property of W. E. Gibson, on the east by the property of L. R. Carson, Inc. and on the south by the Jersey Road and on which property is an oyster house....

124/55

A. Wellington Tawes  
Minnie D. Tawes, Bank of Crisfield

to

2/9/1943

Isaac H. Tawes  
(Conveyed to A. Wellington Tawes from Bank of Crisfield, 9/18/1942, B.L.B. 123/278)

JMT 112/481

Clarence P. Lankford, attorney

to

2/4/1937

Bank of Crisfield

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OTB 31/170

George S. Payne

to

6/15/1901

James C. Tawes

Isaac H. Tawes

John H. Riggin

(the interest of the said John H. Riggin having been conveyed  
unto James C. Tawes and Isaac H. Tawes, 10/21/1908,  
SFD 49/515)

"Floral Highlands" "Jersey"

HFL 14/35

Isaac H. Tawes

to

12/28/1893

George S. Payne

Parcel Four: (Site on which there is a parking lot south of the boat slip.)

363/635

Aldine Gibson, et al.

to

12/30/1986

R. Preston Evans

Carolyn H. Evans

....bounded on the south by Jersey Road on the west by the  
lands of R. Preston Evans and Carolyn Evans on the north by  
the Crisfield harbor on the east by the lands of John W. Parks,  
Jr. and John L. Parks

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...being all that land owned by the heirs of W. E. Gibson and Benjamin F. Gibson in the Jersey section of Crisfield and being that property conveyed to William E. Gibson and Benjamin F. Gibson HFL 11/88

ITP 327/544

Mercantile-Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Personal Rep. of the estate of Esta Gibson

to

2/13/1981

Elaine D. Green  
Mary Louise Snyder  
This transfer contains a long series of lots in Crisfield

HFL 11/88

Thomas J. Dixon

to

7/2/1892

William E. Gibson  
Benjamin F. Gibson  
\$2,000 ....trading as W. E. Gibson & Bro.  
...all that piece or parcel of ground situated in the town of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland and in that part of said town, known as Jersey and commonly called the Dixon Oyster House being fully described in a deed to the said Thomas J. Dixon from the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court to value and divide the real estate of Nathaniel Dixon, dec'd

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Parcel Five: (Site of the two-story brick packing house)

271/194 Richard W. Christy and Elva N. Christy

to

1/24/1973 R. Preston Evans and Carolyn N. Evans

220/417 The Crisfield Realty Company

to

4/13/1964 Richard W. Christy and Elva N. Christy  
Plat book 3/71 of the land of the Quinn Office & Crab House  
Parcel 2, 16,614 square feet

BLB 166/576 Olive S. Christy et al. (Richard W. Christy & Elva N. Christy)

to

12/28/1954 The Crisfield Realty Company  
Parcel 2... and undivided 1/2 interest conveyed to Clarence A. Christy  
from Richard N. Christy and Elva N. Christy, 1/18/1946, BLB 136/204,  
Interest of Clarence A. Christy to wife Olive S. Christy by will,  
3/19/1952, FED 35/372

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135/197

Wallace M. Quinn and Augusta C. Quinn

to

1/5/1945

Richard W. Christy  
Reserved land of said Wallace M. Quinn

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History & Culture.  
Somerset County Land Records, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1/4 acre  
Acreage of historical setting 1/4 acre  
Quadrangle name Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic metes and bounds of this property have been modified with various transactions over the years.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian and Virginia Jenkins, Business Historian CBMM		
organization	Private Consultants	date	12/10/2001, 2/20/2002
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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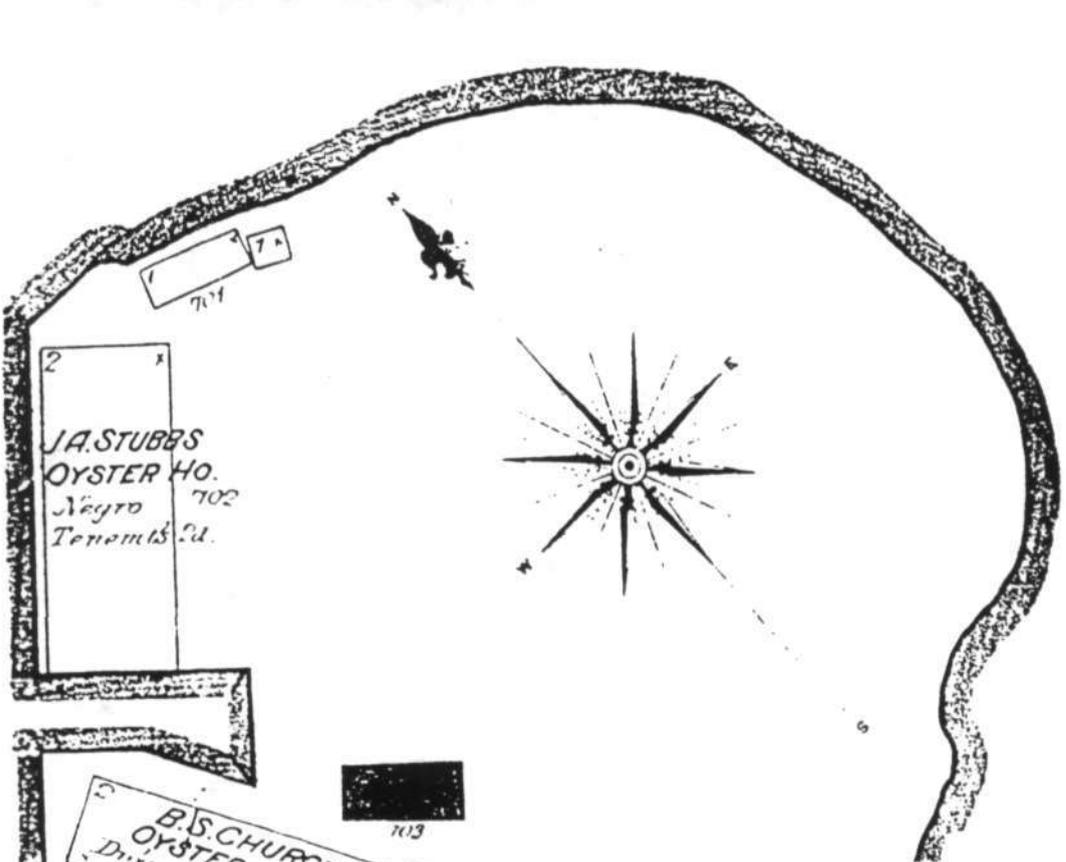
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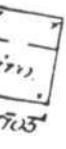
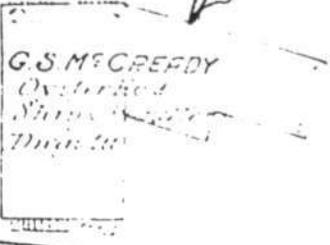
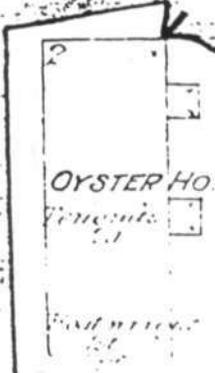
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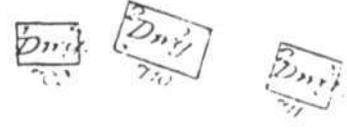
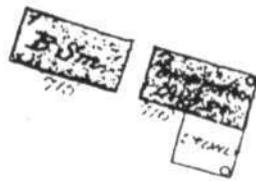
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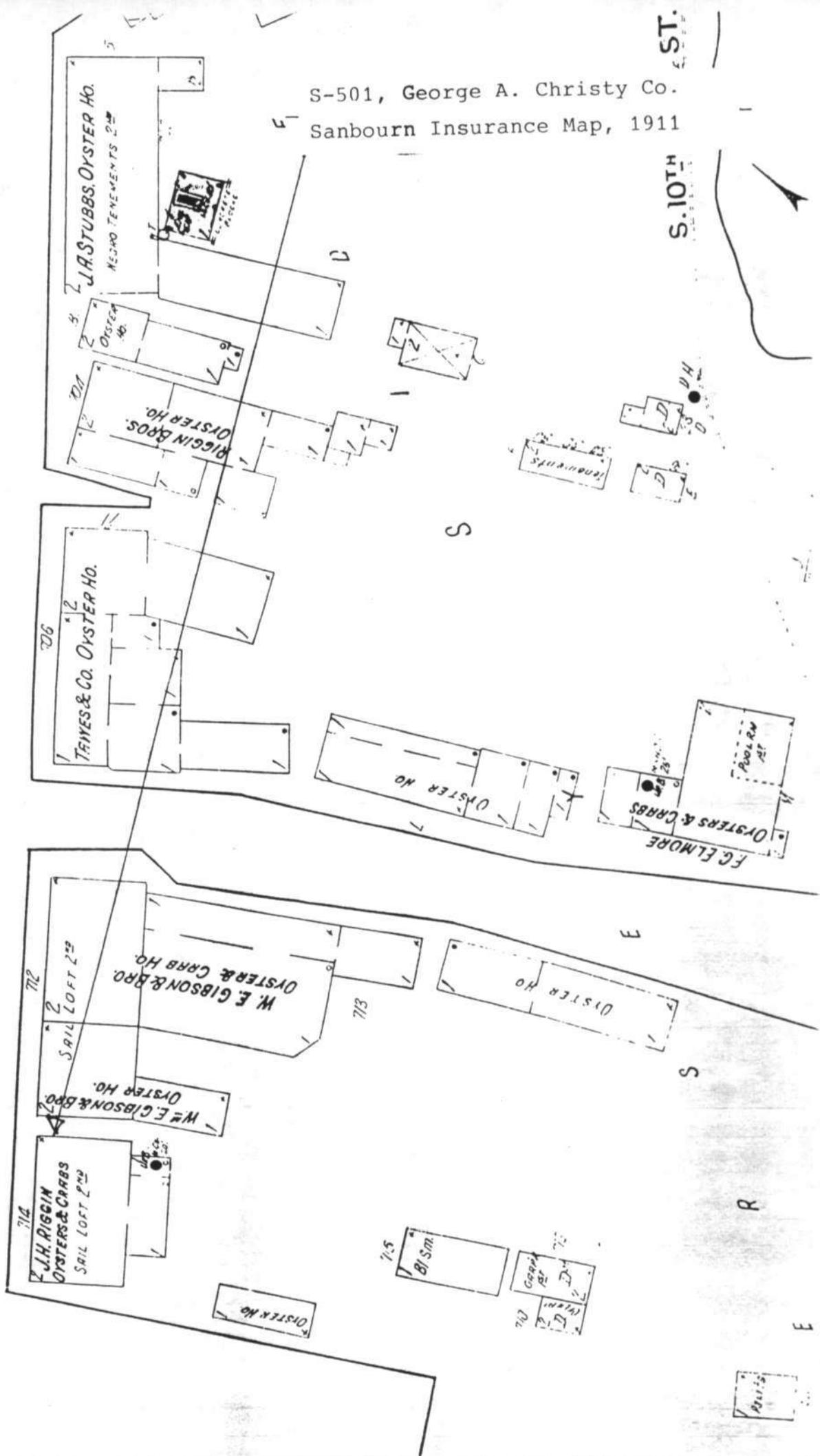
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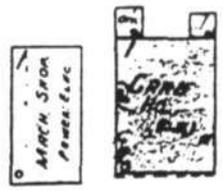
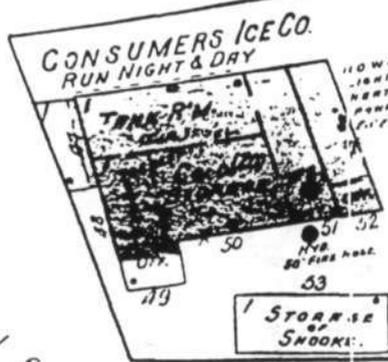
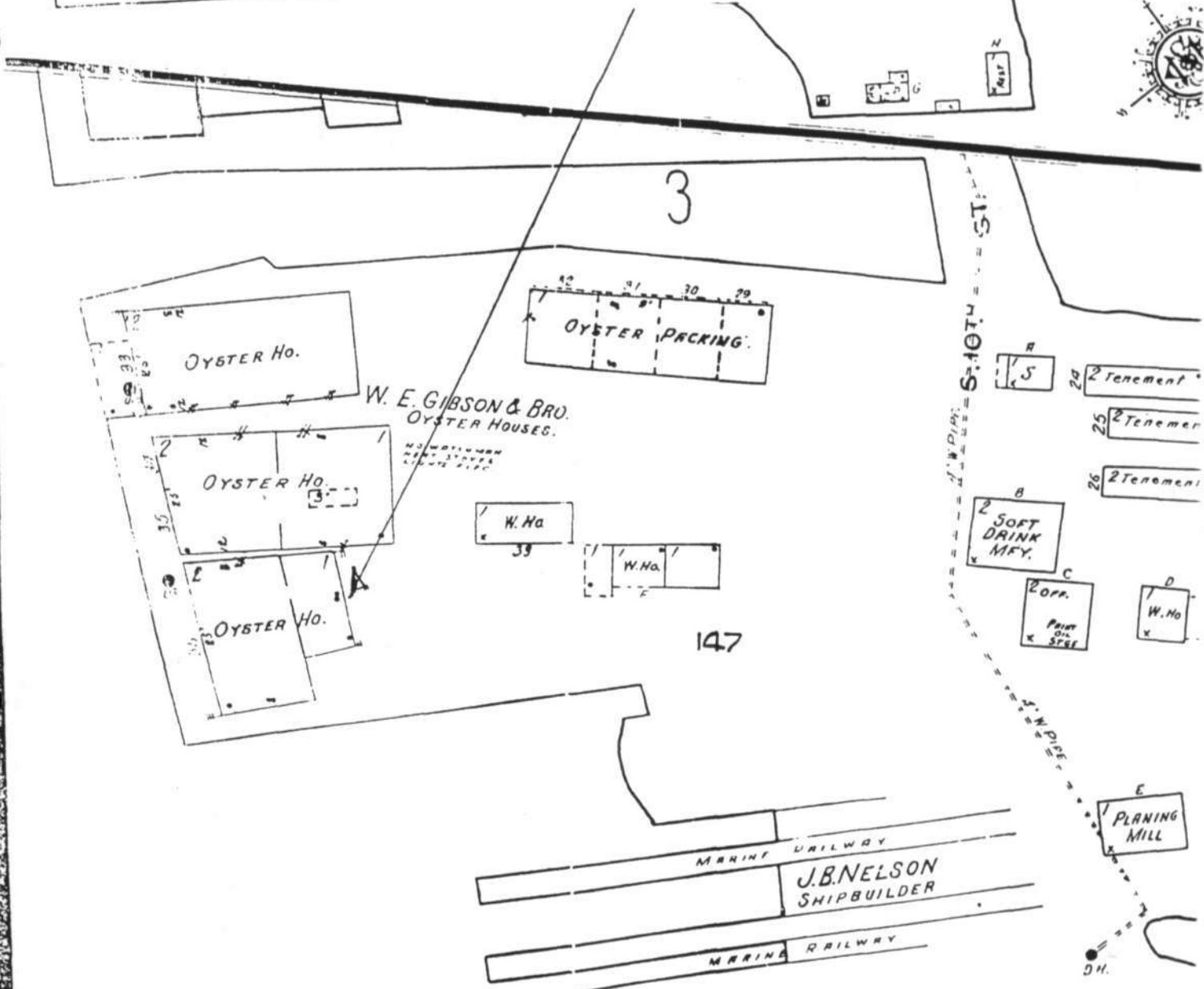
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S. 11<sup>TH</sup> ST.

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OYSTER HO.  
SHEWAN TOMES & CO. LTD.

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# CRISFIELD HARBOR

DEC 29 1954

1954

N. 47°09'E - 97.05'  
20' "QUINN OFFICE & CRAB HOUSE"  
2 STORY-BRICK

PARCEL

2

16614.0 SQ. FT.

PARCEL No. 1 is a part only of all that tract of land conveyed to Clarence Christy and wife from L. Cresten Beauchamp, Assignee & Trustee by deed dated Aug. 14th 1945, recorded in Liber HLB No. 132, folio 180; and by deed dated Aug. 14th, 1945, recorded in Liber HLB No. 132, folio 181. Also see deed of Partition dated Aug. 29th, 1941, recorded in Liber HLB No. 121, folio 41.

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CHRISTY FENCE  
N. 26°20' W. LINE  
PROPERTY  
OLD

SLIP  
MARINE RY.  
1995  
FOR BUSH  
N. 34°25' W. - 199.5  
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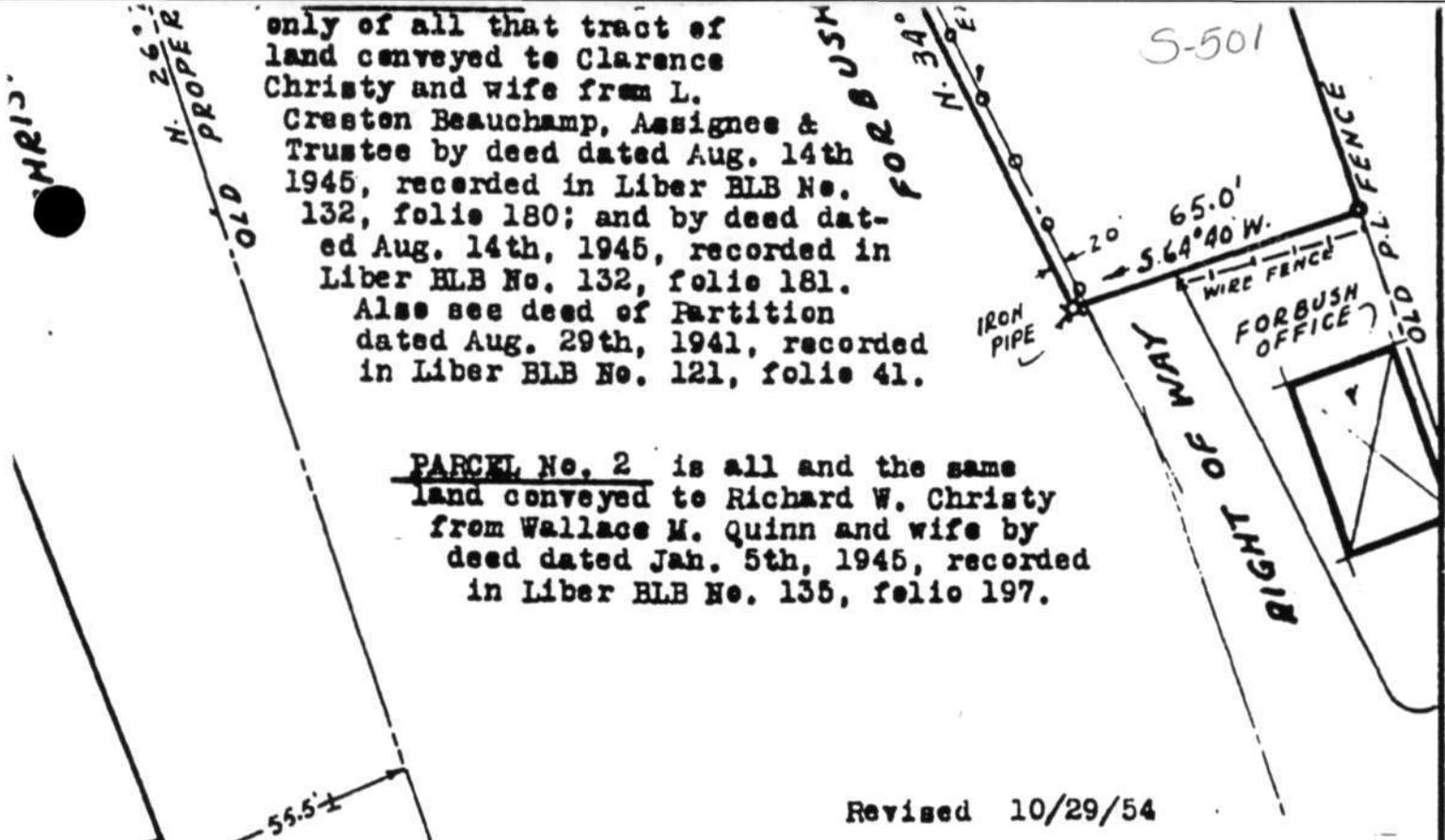
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5.64°40' W.  
WIRE FENCE  
FORBUSH OFFICE  
RIGHT OF WAY  
OLD P.L. FENCE  
IRON PIPE

55.5'

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Crisfield, Md.

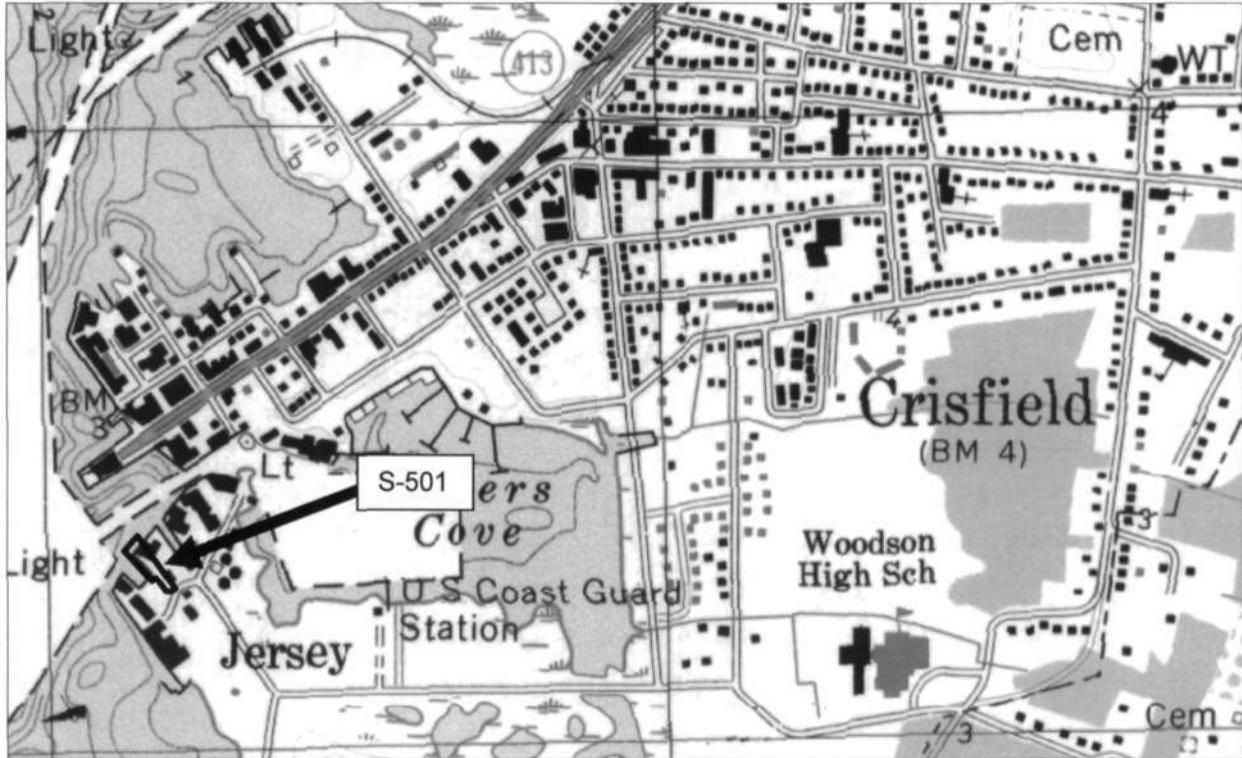


Et. Dist. Crisfield No. 7	FILE D-442
Date Oct. 14, 1954	Scale 1" = 40 ft.
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<i>Wallace M. Quinn</i> Surveyor for Somerset County, Md. Reg. #575, Md.	

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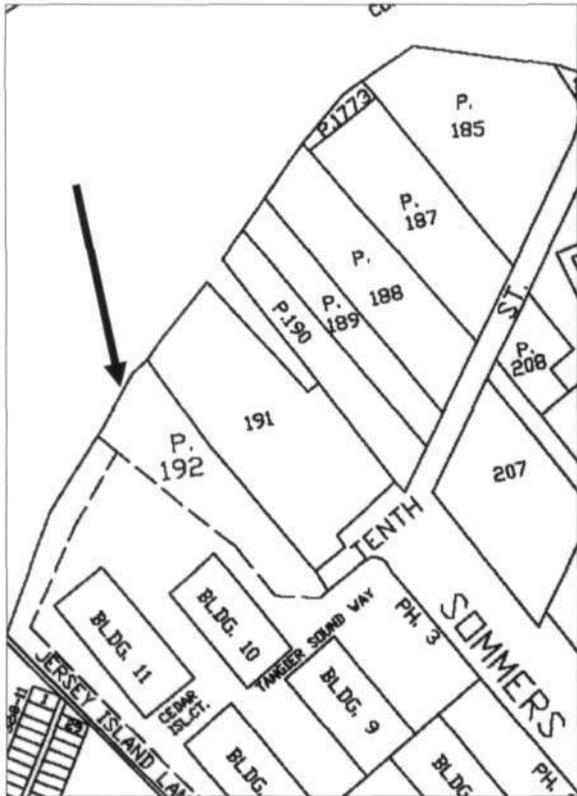
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Crisfield quad 1968, Photorevised 1980, Bathymetry Added 1986, Minor revision 1992



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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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CRIFFIELD, SOMERSET CO., MD.

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