

Capsule Summary  
SM-501  
Clark's Landing  
Hollywood vicinity  
Private

Circa 1890 and later

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In 1908, Robert King Clarke devised thirty acres of woodland known as "Part of the Ignatius Dorsey Land" to Robert A. Clarke. In 1930, Clarke's interest in the property was purchased by Charles "Charlie" King Clarke who built the series of cottages that are located here. The first of these cottages were built to take advantage of summer boarders who traveled from Washington to vacation in St. Mary's County. Located southeast of the main house, many of the small buildings were constructed by John Mattingly for \$350 a piece. More cottages were constructed in the 1940s and, once World War II began, they were rented out to employees of the Patuxent Naval Air Station. These cottages are still occupied as rental properties today.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.  
Modern Period, 1930 - .

Historic Period Theme: Architecture  
Commerce  
Military

Resource Type

Category: Structures

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residences

Known Design Source: none

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Clark's Landing

## 2. Location

street & number Clarks Landing Road  not for publicationcity, town Hollywood  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Philip E. Clarke estate c/o Diane Bean

street &amp; number 897 Clarks Landing Road telephone no.: 301-373-5004

city, town Hollywood state and zip code MD 20636

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber JMM 7

street &amp; number folio 92

city, town Leonardtown state MD 20650

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<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	
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<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.

Contributing Resource Count: 16

Clark's Landing is located at the end of Clark's Landing Road near the village of Hollywood in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Clark's Landing is located at the confluence of Hickory Landing Creek, Nat's Creek, and Cuckold Creek on the Patuxent River. This property is improved by a two-story, frame house and a series of fifteen cottages. West of the main house are three outbuildings, one of which has been converted for use as a home. Three cottages are located southwest of the main house. The remainder of the cottages are located east of the house along the water's edge. The cottages were built around 1943 for use as rental housing for Patuxent Naval Air Station employees. The main house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

According to the current owner, Robert King Clarke built the house located here around 1890. The foundation of the large, two-story structure is not visible. The house is sheathed with artificial siding and the roof is covered with wood shingles.

The east (main) elevation of the house is pierced by a multi-light central door with a two-light transom. To the north of this door is a four-light-over-three-panel door. Both doors have wide surrounds with an interior bead. To the south of the central door is a picture window flanked by one four-over-four-sash window on either side. A screened porch extends across the full width of this elevation. The porch retains the original wood floor and wainscoted ceiling. The second floor of the house is pierced by three one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds and an interior bead. A cross gable pierced by a six-over-six sash window with an arched upper sash breaks the roofline. A one-story shed roof wing extends to the north of the main block. This wing is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds.

The north elevation of the shed roof wing consists of an enclosed eastern section pierced by a six-over-six sash window and a screened western section. The main block is pierced by a one-over-one sash window. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline. To the west of the main block is a two-story, shed roof enclosed porch. The enclosed porch is pierced by one six-over-six sash window on the second floor.

The west elevation of the main block is completely obscured by the two-story enclosed porch. The former porch is pierced by four six-over-six sash windows on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof slope.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-501

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"/> invention		

**Specific dates** None **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

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In 1908, Robert King Clarke devised thirty acres of woodland known as "Part of the Ignatius Dorsey Land" to Robert A. Clarke. According to the current owner, this property would have included Clarke's home. In 1930, Clarke's interest in the property was purchased by Charles "Charlie" King Clarke.

During Charles King Clarke's ownership, the series of cottages that are located on the property were erected here. The first of these cottages were built to take advantage of summer boarders who traveled from Washington to vacation in St. Mary's County. Located southeast of the main house, many of the small buildings were constructed by John Mattingly for \$350 a piece. More cottages were constructed in the 1940s and, once World War II began, they were rented out to employees of the Patuxent Naval Air Station. These cottages are still occupied as rental properties today.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-501

Insley, John H. Telephone Interview, July 1995.  
Joy, Helen. Telephone Interview, July 1995.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 30 acres

Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage including main house and cottages.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor</u>		
organization	<u>St. Mary's County DPZ</u>	date	<u>June 1995</u>
street & number	<u> </u>		
city or town	<u>Leonardtwn</u>	state	<u>MD 20650</u>

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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7.1 Description

The south elevation of the shed roof porch is pierced by a pair of six-over-six sash windows and a multi-light door with a hand-crafted surround. The second floor is pierced by one six-over-six sash window. The main block gable end is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows on both the first and second floors. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline.

The interior of the house consists of a parlor, a kitchen, two bedrooms, and two bathrooms on the first floor. The second floor consists of three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The house is heated with kerosene heaters.

Seven cottages are located northeast of the main house. The one-story, gable-end buildings face east with the roof oriented on a north/south axis. These cottages currently serve as year round rental units. They are supported by a concrete foundation and are sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The east end of each building is pierced by a central entrance door flanked by a window on either side. Exterior brick chimneys are located on the longitudinal elevations. The interior consists of three rooms.

Eight additional cottages, most of which serve as summer rental units, are located south of the main house. These three-bay, one-story buildings face east with the roof oriented on a north/south axis. The cottages are supported by a masonry pier foundation and are sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles and the ridgeline is pierced by a central brick chimney. The interior consists of four rooms.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Charles K. Clarke

FROM: William E. Clarke, sheriff of St. Mary's County

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 7, folio 92.

DATE: August 18, 1930.

NOTES: Sale by virtue of an execution issued out of Circuit Court of that interest of Robert A. Clarke in the 30 acres tract "Part of Ignatius Dorsey's Land" having been devised to Robert A. Clarke by R. King Clarke.

TO: Robert A. Clarke

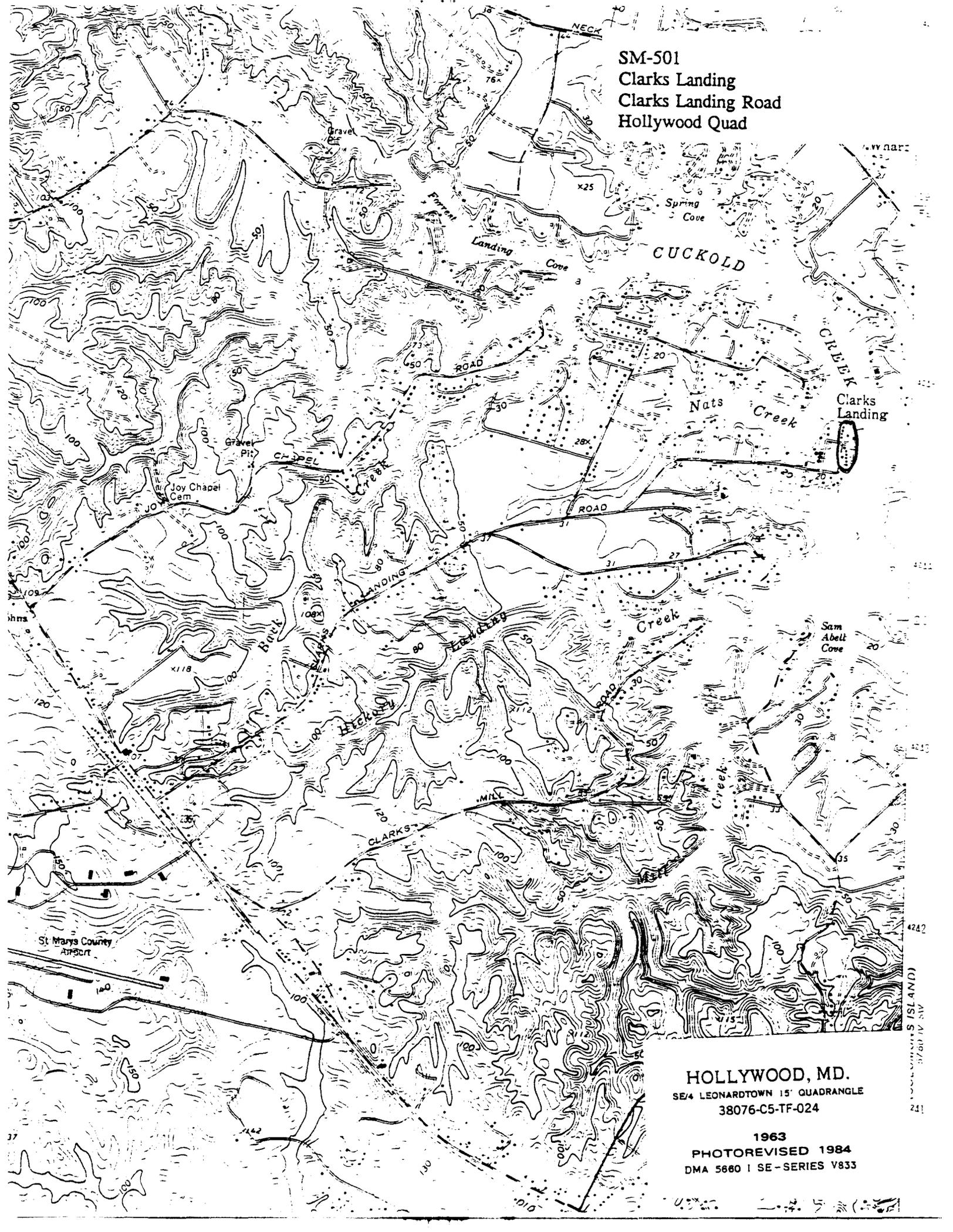
FROM: R. King Clarke

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber PHD 1, folio 263.

DATE: May 26, 1908.

NOTES: Devision of a piece of woodland known as "Part of the Ignatius Dorsey Land" being about 30 acres.

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Clarks Landing Road  
Hollywood Quad



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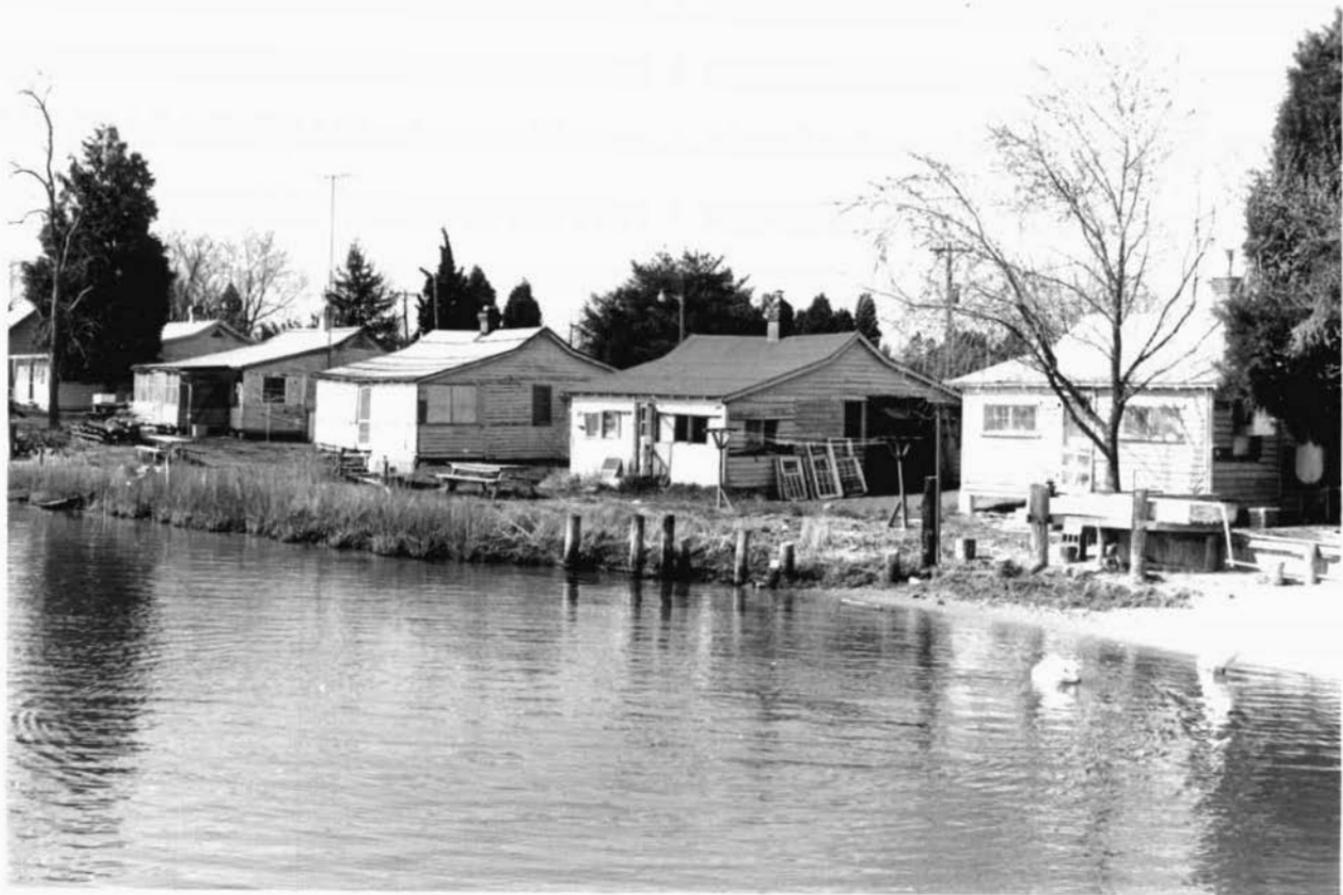
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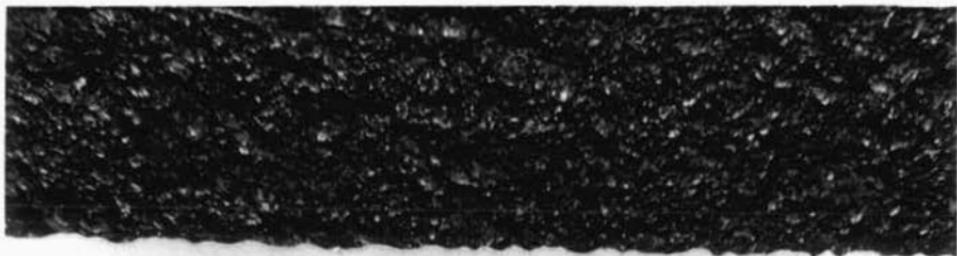












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