

## **Smokehouse (SM-513), Point Lookout Light Station**

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**Maryland Historical Trust  
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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-513

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Smokehouse (Point Lockout Station)

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number South terminus of Maryland State Route 5 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Scotland \_\_\_X vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	___ private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	___ other:

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

name Point Lookout State Park (Maryland Department of Natural Resources)

street & number P.O. Box 48 telephone no.: (301) 872-5688

city, town Scotland state and zip code Maryland 20687

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of Lands and Licenses liber

street & number 1 Courthouse Drive folio

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

See continuation sheet 7.1.

# 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"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	

**Specific dates**    unknown                      **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.

See continuation sheet 8.1.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet 9.1.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approx 3

Quadrangle name Point Lookout, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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

The boundary for the Point Lookout Light Station, which includes the smokehouse, roughly corresponds to the bounds of the Navy property at the southern tip of Point Lookout. It includes all historic resources associated with the operation of the light station.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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Section 7 (Description)**

*Description Summary:* The smokehouse is part of the Point Lookout Light Station, which was established in 1830 at the tip of Southern Maryland in St. Mary's County, where the Potomac River enters the Chesapeake Bay. The late-nineteenth-century smokehouse is located north of the lighthouse. It is a small, one-bay, brick building with a steeply-pitched, gable-front roof and a corbelled chimney. The vertical-plank door is hung with metal strap hinges. A small view port, cut into the door, allows visitors to see the interior of the smokehouse. The Point Lookout Light Station also includes a lighthouse, buoy shed, coal sheds, and the remains of a wharf. (Separate Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms have been completed for the lighthouse, buoy shed, and coal shed).

*Description of Smokehouse*

The small, one-bay, rectangular smokehouse probably served as a smokehouse or storage building for the light station. It measures 10 x 12 feet and is oriented to the south. The brick walls are laid in eight-course common bond and have recently been repointed. Recessed panels topped with a course of mouse-tooth brick are located on the east and west sides.

The steeply-pitched, gable-front roof is finished with a box-cornice. It is covered with tar paper and missing its original metal or wood shingle covering. A small chimney is corbelled high on the north side of the building and rises only a few courses above the gable roof. The entrance on the south facade is set beneath a two-course segmental arch. The door is composed of four vertical planks held in the jamb by two strap hinges.

The door may not be original to the building because the brick above the door has been altered, the jamb is framed with measured lumber, and the strap hinges appear to be reproduction

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hardware, not wrought iron. A small hinged opening, serving as a view port, has been cut in the door to allow visitors to see the interior of the smokehouse.

The brick interior of the one-room smokehouse appears to have been repointed. The fireplace in the center of the north wall features a small brick hearth. The opening has been filled with cement and possibly rebuilt. The wood-plank floor appears to have been added recently and the unpainted brick walls have been repointed and reworked at the level of the cornice. The ceiling joists and rafters do not appear to be original to the building, indicating that the roof was rebuilt. Some of the framing elements are blackened, suggesting that the building may have been used to smoke meat.

A placard located above the fireplace describes the function of smokehouses: "A Smoke House is a building used to cure meat with smoke. The smoking process consists of hanging the meat to be smoked from the rafters and then building a smoldering fire in a chimneyless air restricted stove. The house is soon filled with drying smoke. In addition to flavoring the meat, the smoke adds to the meat's resistance to spoilage."

The date of construction and original use of the smokehouse have never been firmly established because, as a secondary resource, little documentation exists to establish a definitive history of the building. The building does not appear in an 1864 bird's eye view of Point Lookout and, based on its architectural characteristics, it is unlikely that the building was built as early as the 1860s.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>"View of Hammond Hospital & U. S. General Depot for Prisoners of War, Point Lookout, Md," 1864, in Edwin W. Beitzell, *Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates* (Abell, Maryland: E. W. Beitzell, 1983), 22.

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The style of the smokehouse and construction materials indicate that the building was probably built during the late nineteenth century. The arched entrance, recessed panels, and mousetooth brickwork are decorative details characteristic of the late nineteenth century. If the building was constructed earlier in the nineteenth century or in the late eighteenth century, the walls might have been laid up in Flemish bond, rather than common bond. Although analysis of nails can sometimes help determine when a building was built, little of the original woodwork and few, if any, nineteenth-century nails remain in the smokehouse.

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*Statement of Significance Summary:* The smokehouse at Point Lookout Light Station was built by the Lighthouse Service during the late nineteenth century. It is located north of the lighthouse on a tract of land that was purchased as a garden plot when the site of the lighthouse was acquired in the 1830s. The Lighthouse Service recognized small-scale farming as an important component of lighthouse operations. At Point Lookout, the Service purchased arable land for the lighthouse keeper to cultivate vegetables and grain. The smokehouse is the only surviving outbuilding at Point Lookout associated with the agricultural activity of the lighthouse keeper and the daily operations of the light station. The smokehouse is eligible for listing in the Maryland Register of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because of its association with maritime history in Maryland.

*History of the Smokehouse at Point Lookout Light Station*

The origin and function of the smokehouse have never been firmly established because, as a secondary resource, little information and documentation exists to establish a definitive history of the building. Three functions have been attributed to the building: photographic laboratory, smokehouse, and corn crib.

Local lore suggests that the building was the Spaulding Photographic Gallery during the Civil War. However, the building does not appear in an 1864 bird's eye view of Point Lookout,<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Ralph Eshelman, "Point Lookout Light Station: Condition Assessment Report." Historic background. (Williamsport Preservation Training Center, Williamsport, Maryland, 1995), 100; "View of Hammond Hospital & U. S. General Depot for Prisoners of War, Point Lookout, Md," 1864, in Edwin W. Beitzell, *Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates* (Abell, Maryland: E. W. Beitzell, 1983), 22.

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and analysis of the building's architectural characteristics suggest that the building was built at the end of the nineteenth century.

It is most likely that the building was built by the Lighthouse Service or an individual lighthouse keeper as a smokehouse. Gerald J. Sword, former Superintendent of Point Lookout State Park, believed that William Yeatman, lighthouse keeper at Point Lookout from 1871 to 1908, built the smokehouse in the late 1800s from brick left from the Point Lookout Hotel after it burned in 1877. Sword also notes that the smokehouse has been used for many different purposes since it was constructed.<sup>3</sup>

Although there is no direct evidence of animal husbandry at the light station until a 1933 plat that indicates stables and a chicken house,<sup>4</sup> it is most likely that the building was, in fact, built to smoke meat. This is suggested by the steeply-pitched roof and exposed rafters from which meat would hang, and the air-tight, windowless construction of the walls, which enables one to better regulate air-flow during the smoking process. It is possible that the lighthouse keeper kept pigs at the light station or purchased pigs from local farmers, and smoked the meat to see him through the winter.

The third use identified for the building was corn storage, as indicated on the 1933 plat. Although this may have been a later adaptation of the building, it unlikely that this was its original function. Typically, corn is stored in wooden cribs with vented walls to enable air to

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<sup>3</sup>Eshelman, "Point Lookout Light Station," 102.

<sup>4</sup>"Point Lookout Light Station," 28 July 1933, Point Lookout Site File, Record Group 26, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

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circulate and dry the corn. It is more likely that this is a later use of the building as Gerald Sword suggested.<sup>5</sup>

*Farming at Point Lookout Light Station*

Agricultural activity was an important part of the light keeper's existence at Point Lookout Light Station from the earliest days of the light station. Agriculture was discussed in the earliest correspondence relating to the planning and construction of the lighthouse. William Maury, Superintendent of Lighthouses in Maryland, selected five-and-one-half acres at the tip of Point Lookout as the most suitable site for the new lighthouse. In December 1825, Maury described the site in a letter to Stephen Pleasanton, fifth auditor of the Treasury and director of the Lighthouse Service from 1820 to 1852:

where the lighthouse should be placed is but a bleak, barren sand beach for many acres; and I concluded it best to locate the site for the lighthouse and dwelling immediately at the Point, and to lay off for the use of the keeper, about four acres of tillable, tho very poor, land at some hundred yard distance including in all 5½ acres.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>"Point Lookout Light Station," 28 July 1933, RG 26; Eshelman, "Point Lookout Light Station," 102.

<sup>6</sup>Gerald J. Sword, "Acquisition of the Point Lookout Lighthouse Site by the United States Government from Jenifer Taylor" (Scotland, Maryland, 1976), 1.

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In February 1826, Maury described Point Lookout in a letter to Pleasanton: ". . . on the Point which is nothing but sand land as would be sufficient for the lighthouse, dwelling, etc. and three or four acres a short distance off for a garden patch . . ."7

In 1832, the Lighthouse Service purchased one acre and forty-six square perches8 "at the junction of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay" as the location for the lighthouse, and a second two-acre plot north of the point for the light keeper's garden. The diamond-shaped garden plot was purchased from Mr. Jenifer Taylor as a discontiguous parcel north of the lighthouse.

Farming at Point Lookout was consistent with the practices of light keepers throughout the United States. Keepers engaged in a variety of activities to supplement their keeper's pay, which was notoriously low. The Lighthouse Service permitted outside occupations that did not interfere with a keeper's ability to maintain the light in working order and to be at his post at sunset. Vegetable farming was the most common activity where location and soil conditions were favorable. In New England, where coasts are rocky, keepers engaged in fishing, lobstering and boat building.9

Agriculture remained the principal occupation throughout St. Mary's County during the period that the light station was active. Records show that lighthouse keeper William Yeatman

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7Sword, "Acquisition of Point Lookout Lighthouse Site," 2.

8One rod is equivalent to 16.5 linear feet; a perch equals one square rod, or 272.25 square feet.

9F. Ross Holland, *America's Lighthouses: An Illustrated History* (New York: Dover Publications, 1972), 47-50.

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cultivated the two-acre garden plot north of the lighthouse at the end of the nineteenth century. It is assumed that other keepers tended the garden also. Correspondence from the mid-1870s indicates that only one acre was actually productive, the remainder "being too low and near the waters edge."<sup>10</sup> It is not certain what Yeatman was cultivating, although it is likely that at least part of his garden was devoted to vegetables. The smokehouse was probably built during Yeatman's tenure as keeper and he may have overseen its construction.

The Lighthouse Service built outbuildings at Point Lookout throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to support the operation of the light station. These were mostly small, frame structures that no longer survive. In 1888, a new summer kitchen was added to the complex and in 1895, a 1,000-gallon iron oil house was built. Other outbuildings supported the keeper's agricultural interests, including a chicken house and stable. Information on earlier outbuildings is incomplete.

In 1883, a buoy depot was established at Point Lookout. The lighthouse keeper at Point Lookout was responsible for supervising the operations of the buoy depot in addition to maintaining the light in good working order. That same year, the Lighthouse Service raised the one- and one-half-story lighthouse to two full stories and added new front and rear porches, "for the better accommodation of the keepers" and additional personnel assigned to Point Lookout.<sup>11</sup> It is possible that the smokehouse was built during this period when efforts were underway to build the buoy depot and improve the accommodations of Lighthouse Service personnel.

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<sup>10</sup>J. M. Moyer to M. C. Meigs, 20 December 1877, Point Lookout General Correspondence File, Record Group 26, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

<sup>11</sup>Bowerman to Booth, 13 August 1928, Point Lookout General Correspondence File, Record Group 26, National Archives, Washington, D. C.; Eshelman, "Point Lookout Light Station," 95.

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The smokehouse is not identified on a 1915 plat based on a plat of 1888. Prepared by the Office of the Lighthouse Inspector, the 1915 plat identifies only the lighthouse, buoy shed, and coal shed and the two-acre garden plot. No outbuildings are indicated.<sup>12</sup>

A second plat, produced in 1933, depicts the garden plot with three outbuildings: a stable, chicken house, and corn house. Identified as the corn house, the plat indicates another use that the smokehouse may have served. This plat also provides the first direct evidence that farm animals were kept by the keeper.<sup>13</sup>

In 1939, the administration of Point Lookout Light Station was transferred to the U. S. Coast Guard, which managed the light station until it was deactivated in 1965. It is unclear how operations under the Coast Guard may have affected agricultural activity at the light station or impacted the smokehouse. The light station, including the smokehouse, was transferred to the United States Navy in 1967.

The Navy then transferred the smokehouse to the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The small, rectangular-shaped parcel includes approximately twenty-five feet on each side of the building, or .058 acres. Bounded by the Navy property on north, south, and west sides, the National Park Service property extends roughly sixteen feet to the Maryland Route 5 cul de sac. The Navy retained title to the remainder of the light station, including lighthouse, buoy shed, and coal shed.

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<sup>12</sup>"Point Lookout Light Station, Maryland," 21 May 1915, Point Lookout Site File, Record Group 26, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

<sup>13</sup>"Point Lookout Light Station," 28 July 1933, RG 26.

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In 1981, the National Park Service deeded the property to the State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources for inclusion in Point Lookout State Park. The park was established in 1965 and comprises between 1,200 and 1,400 acres north of the light station. The smokehouse is currently administered by state park personnel. Unlike the other light station buildings which have restricted access, the smokehouse is accessible to public. The door, however, is kept locked and access to the interior is limited to the view port cut into the door. An interpretive sign posted on the front of the building explains the function of a smokehouse.

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
PLANNING DATA**

The smokehouse at Point Lookout Light Station is evaluated at the state level of significance. Based on the statewide historic contexts delineated in the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan, the geographic organization; chronological and developmental periods; associated historical theme; resource type; and design source are outlined below:

1. **Geographical organization:**  
Western Shore
  
2. **Chronological/development periods:**  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition (A. D. 1815-1870)  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (A. D. 1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-Present)
  
3. **Historic-period theme:**  
Maritime History
  
4. **Resource type:**  
Category: Building  
Historic environment: Rural  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): smokehouse/agricultural outbuilding
  
5. **Known Design Source: Unknown**

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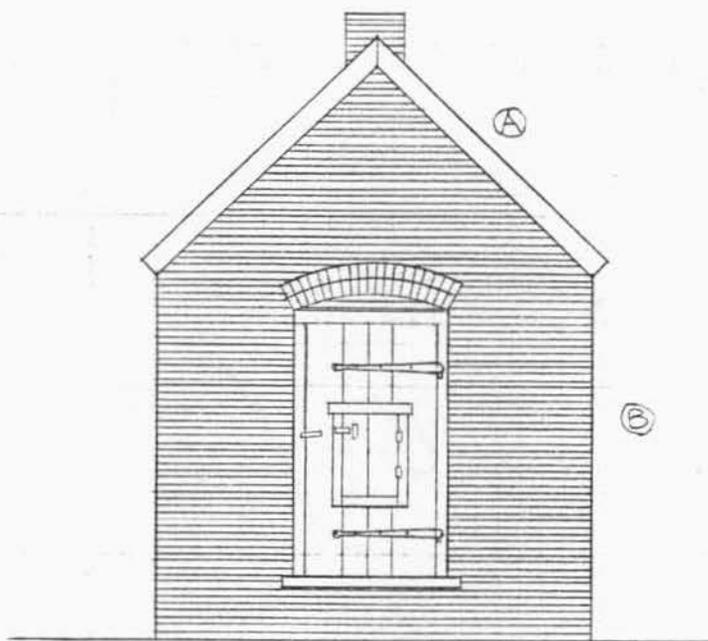
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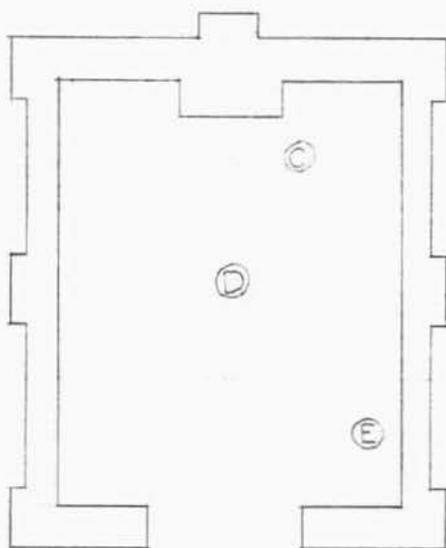
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SOUTH ELEVATION

NOTES:

- Ⓐ ROOF COVERED WITH TAR PAPER
- Ⓑ DOOR MAY NOT BE ORIGINAL TO BUILDING



PLAN

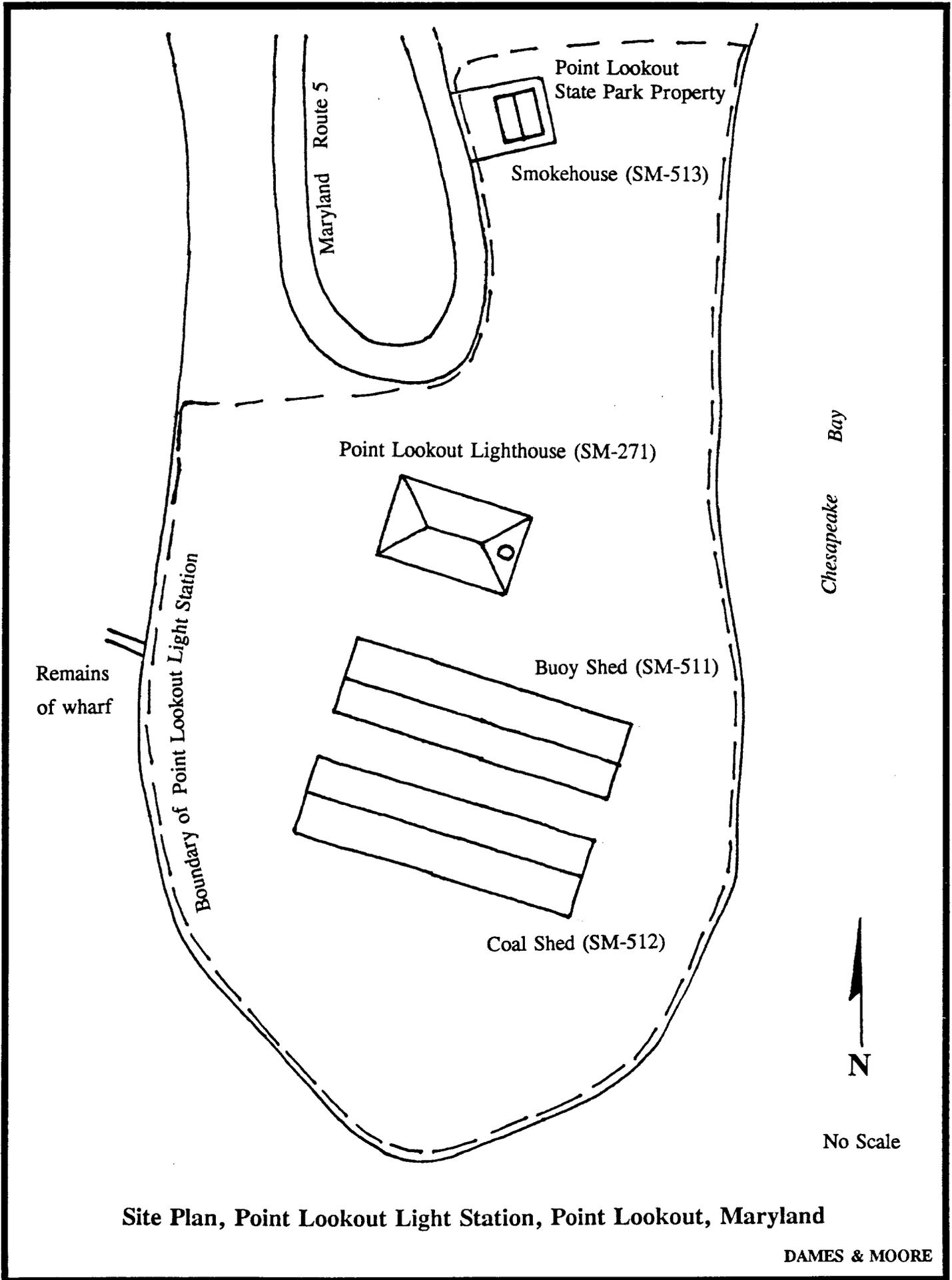
NOTES:

- Ⓒ FIREPLACE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH CEMENT
- Ⓓ FLOOR BOARDS AND RAFTER BLADES ARE NOT ORIGINAL
- Ⓔ INTERIOR BRICK HAS BEEN REPOINTED



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 DRAWING BY DAMES & MOORE, STEVEN H. MOFFSON, AUGUST 1995

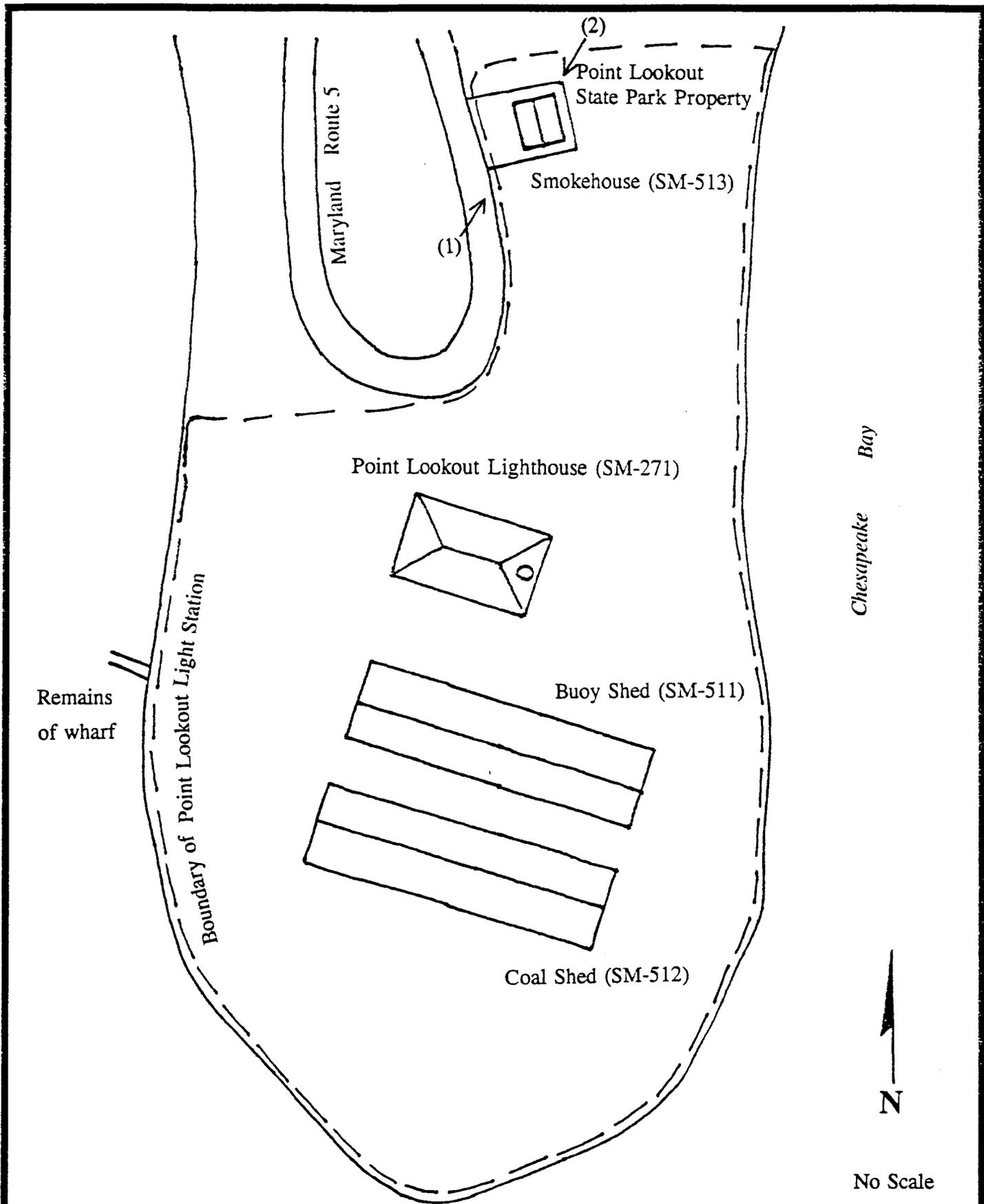
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Site Plan, Point Lookout Light Station, Point Lookout, Maryland

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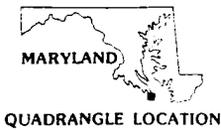
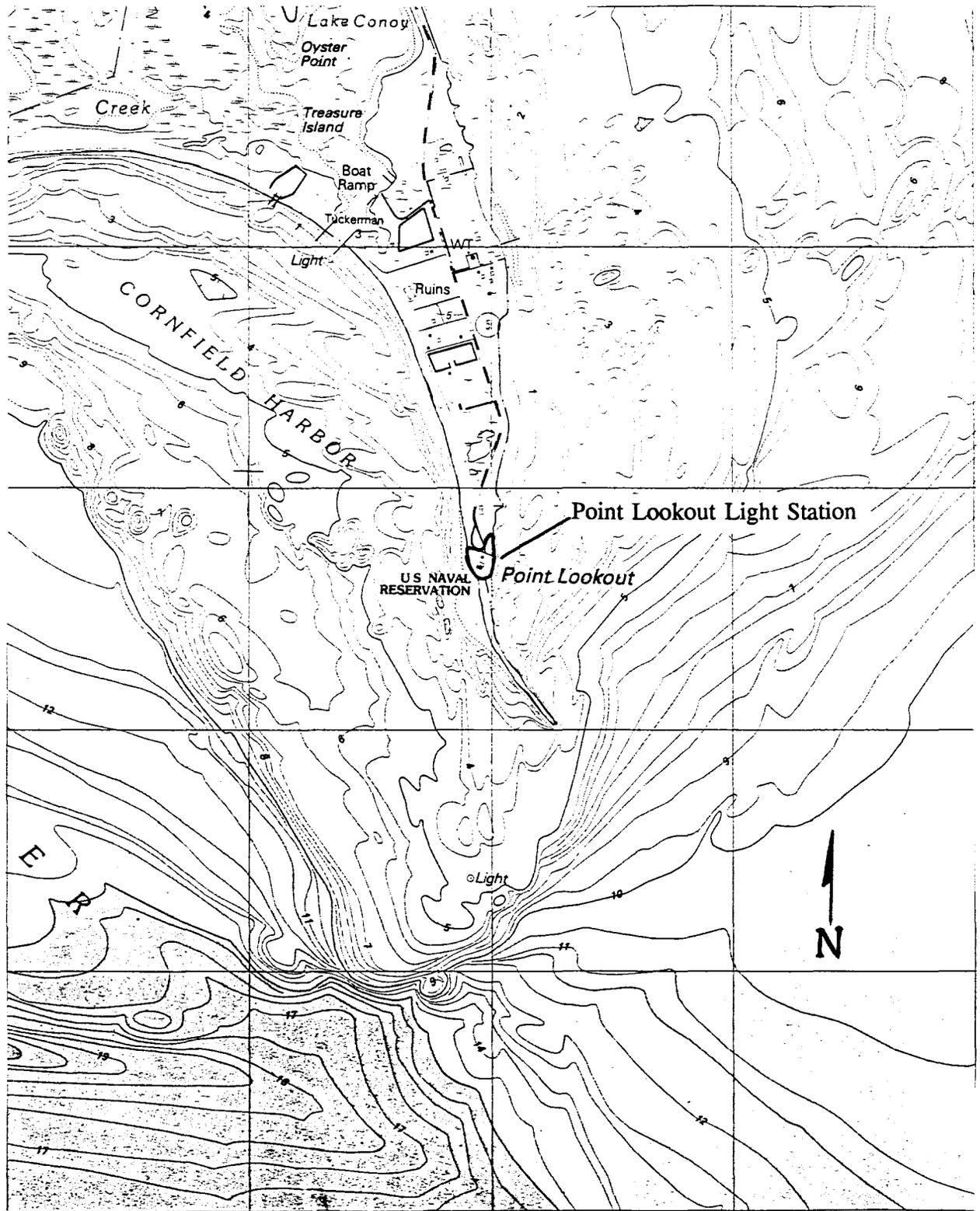
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**KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS, SMOKEHOUSE  
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Point Lookout, Maryland  
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1952

1953

1954

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1960

1961

1962

1963





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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Spaulding's Photography Galley

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

east side of Maryland Route 5 where the Potomac River

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

empties into the Chesapeake VICINITY OF Point Lookout St. Mary's

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

St. Mary's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

St. Mary's County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

MD

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Spaulding's Photograph Gallery, located on the east side of Maryland Route 5 a few hundred feet north of the Point Lookout Lighthouse is a curious one storey, gable-roofed brick structure probably dating from the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

An entrance (or window) which has been boarded up is found on the south gable end. A corbeled, segmental-arched brick lintel is visible above the plywood board. A slightly projecting (roughly 3 inches) brick chimney with a corbeled base extends one-third of the way down the north gable facade. The east and west facades are identical displaying two inset brick panels. A row of saw-toothed bricks above two bands of corbeling define the lintel area.

Rake boards and plain fascias outline the tar papered-over-wooden planked roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This modest brick structure according to Edwin W. Beitzell was Spaulding's Photograph Galley. The building is shown on a print of 1864 near the site of Hammond General Hospital. Thus it represents the sole surviving building of the Prison Camp of the Confederates at Point Lookout.

Recommendation

When the Department of Natural Resources acquires full title to this structure every attempt should be made by park personnel to rejuvenate the building for it could easily be adapted to accommodate a variety of uses.

The old prison site has been developed by the Department of Natural Resources into a 500-acre state park with extensive recreational facilities available for visitor use. (Ironically, in the immediate years prior to the outbreak of the Civil War this area was establishing itself as a seaside resort. By the early 1860s Point Lookout boasted a hotel, wharf, and several summer cottages.) The brick building could be converted into a satellite information center. The interior space would be ideal for small exhibits on the Civil War history of the area. Maps and vintage photographs and a possible diorama of the camp could also be displayed. The building could house a collection of archeological artifacts of the area. Appropriate explanations of their importance in the reconstruction of the history of Point Lookout should accompany these exhibits.

Point Lookout State Park holds a wealth of archeological and historical resources which should be more fully recognized by the Department of Natural Resources. Efforts should be made by park authorities to combine the recreational aspects of the area with these important resources.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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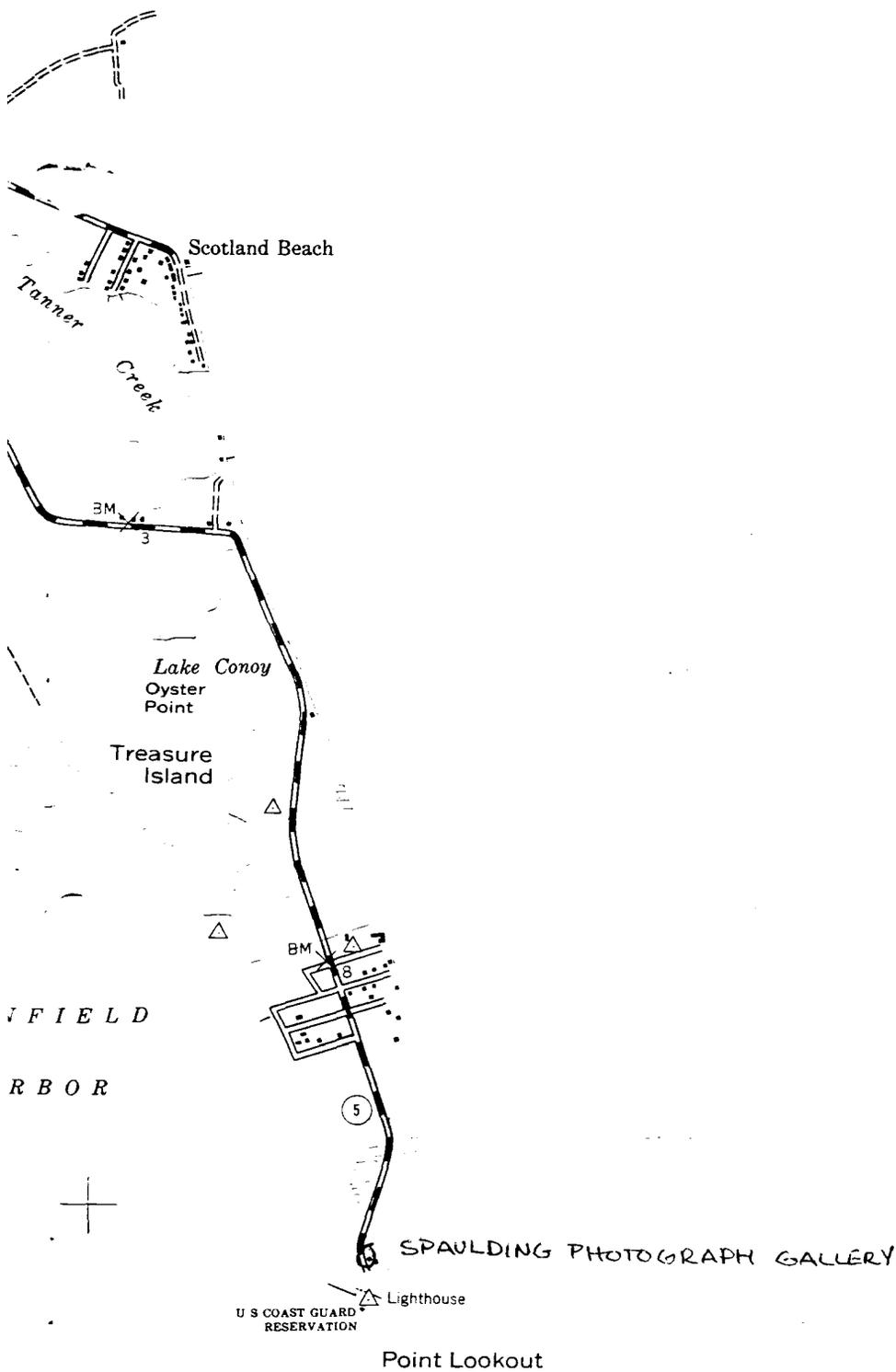
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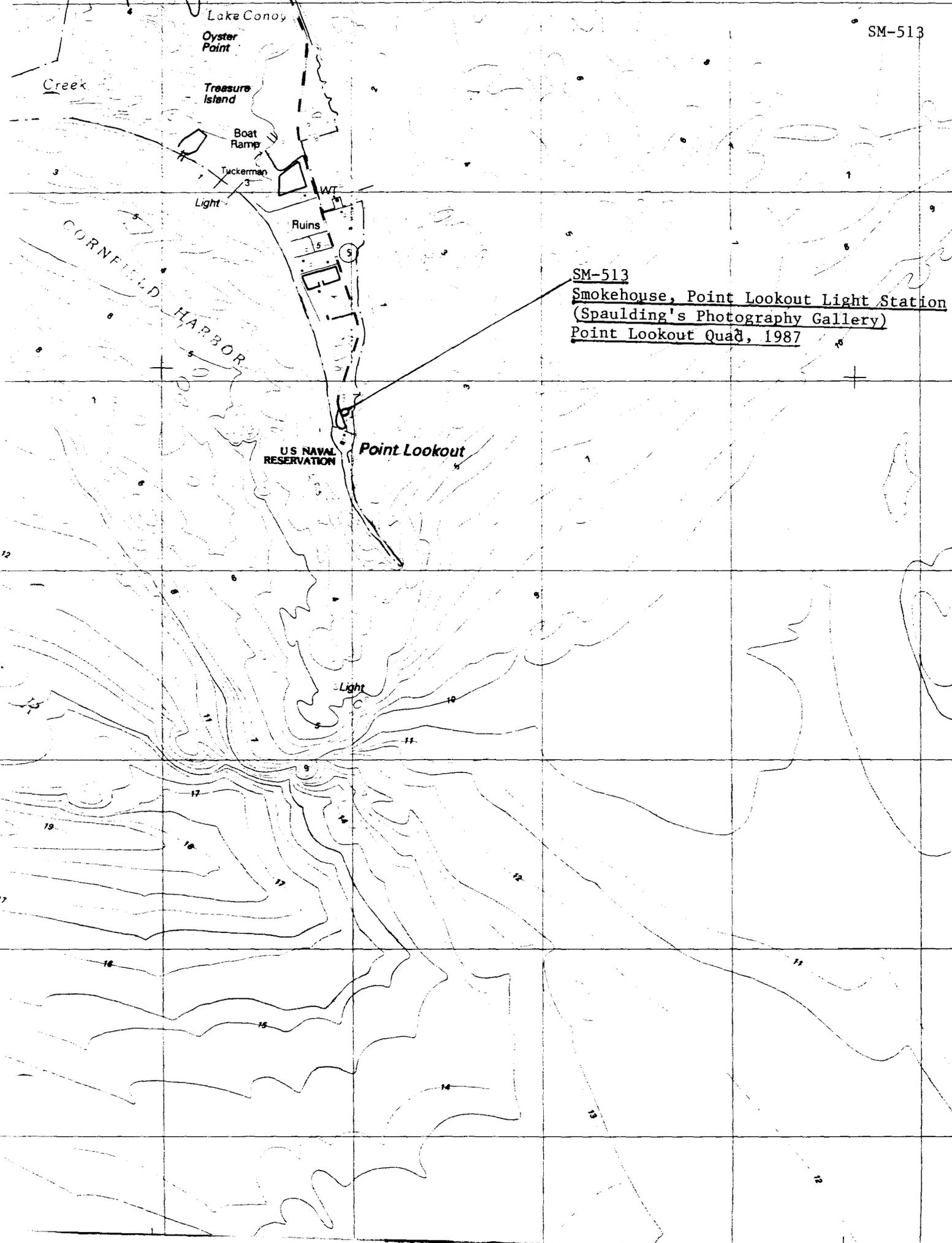


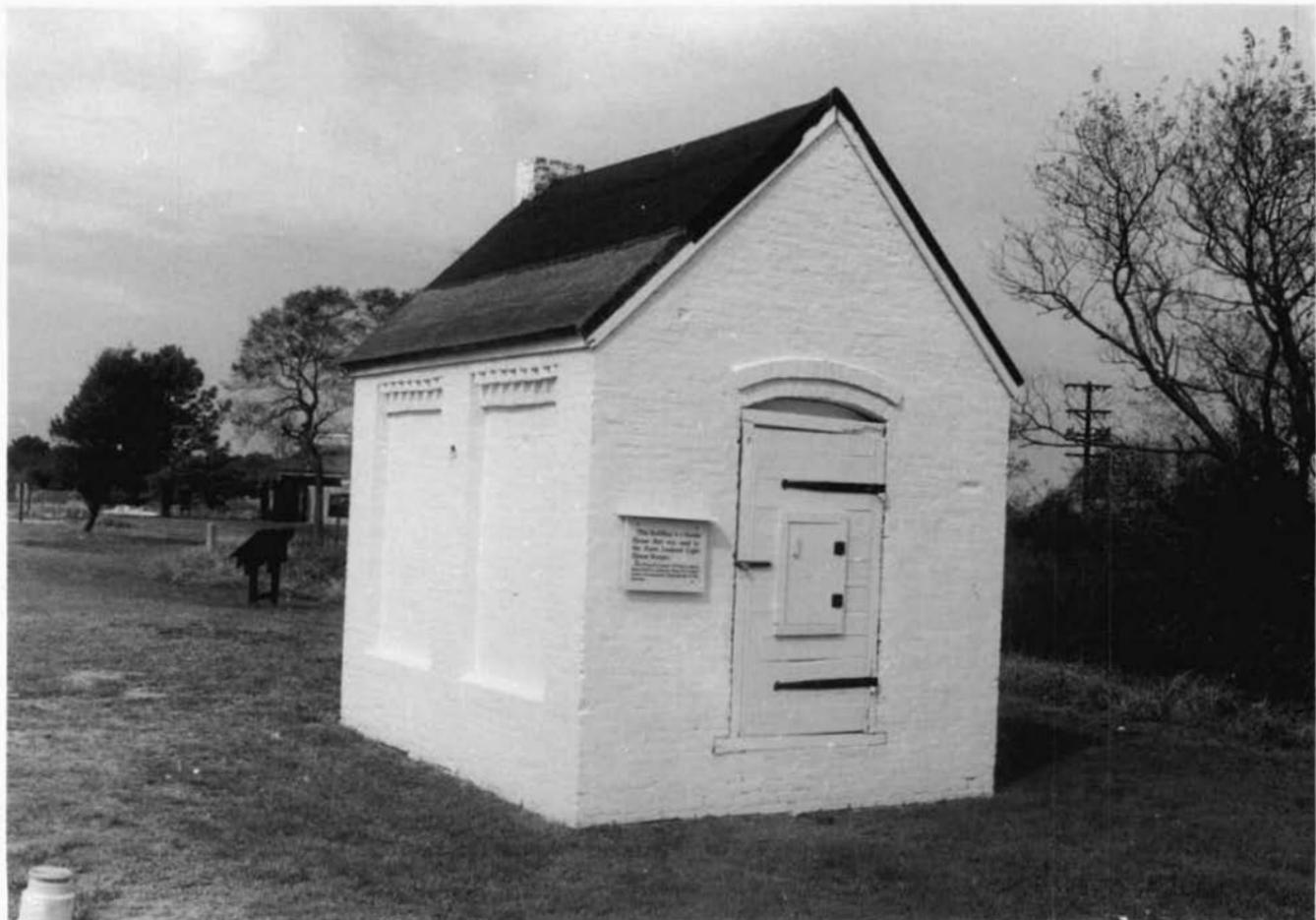
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Spaulding's Photographic Gallery - (now called a cement house)

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