

T-812
Nancy Copper House
Copperville
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: NANCY COPPER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-812

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common NANCY COPPER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number End of dirt lane off Copperville Road not for publicationcity, town Copperville vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

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 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: vacant

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-812

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 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 Nancy Copper house is located at the end of dirt lane that intersects Copperville Road in the center of Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story weatherboard frame house faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Estimated to date to around 1890, the two-story, two-part frame dwelling rests on a minimal brick pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with German style siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. From exterior evidence it appears the two-story, three-bay hall/parlor main house was enlarged shortly after construction with two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The southwest (main) facade of the original house is a slightly asymmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. A four-panel door along with the adjacent windows are sheltered by a hip roof turned post porch distinguished by sawn corner brackets. The windows retain louvered shutters. The second floor is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that also survive with louvered shutters. The east end kitchen wing is one bay wide with a four-panel door opening on the first floor and a six-over-six sash window on the second floor.

The gable ends are simply treated. Piercing the east end is a single six-over-six sash window, while the west end is a blind weatherboard wall. The eaves are slightly extended.

The back of the house is treated in a similar manner as the front without the porch.

Inside the main house is divided into two rooms by a plastered partition. Plain late nineteenth century woodwork frames the window and door openings. A winder stair is located in the east room. Due to a deteriorated roof, the kitchen interior has rotted. A built-in cupboard remains in the southwest corner.

8. Significance

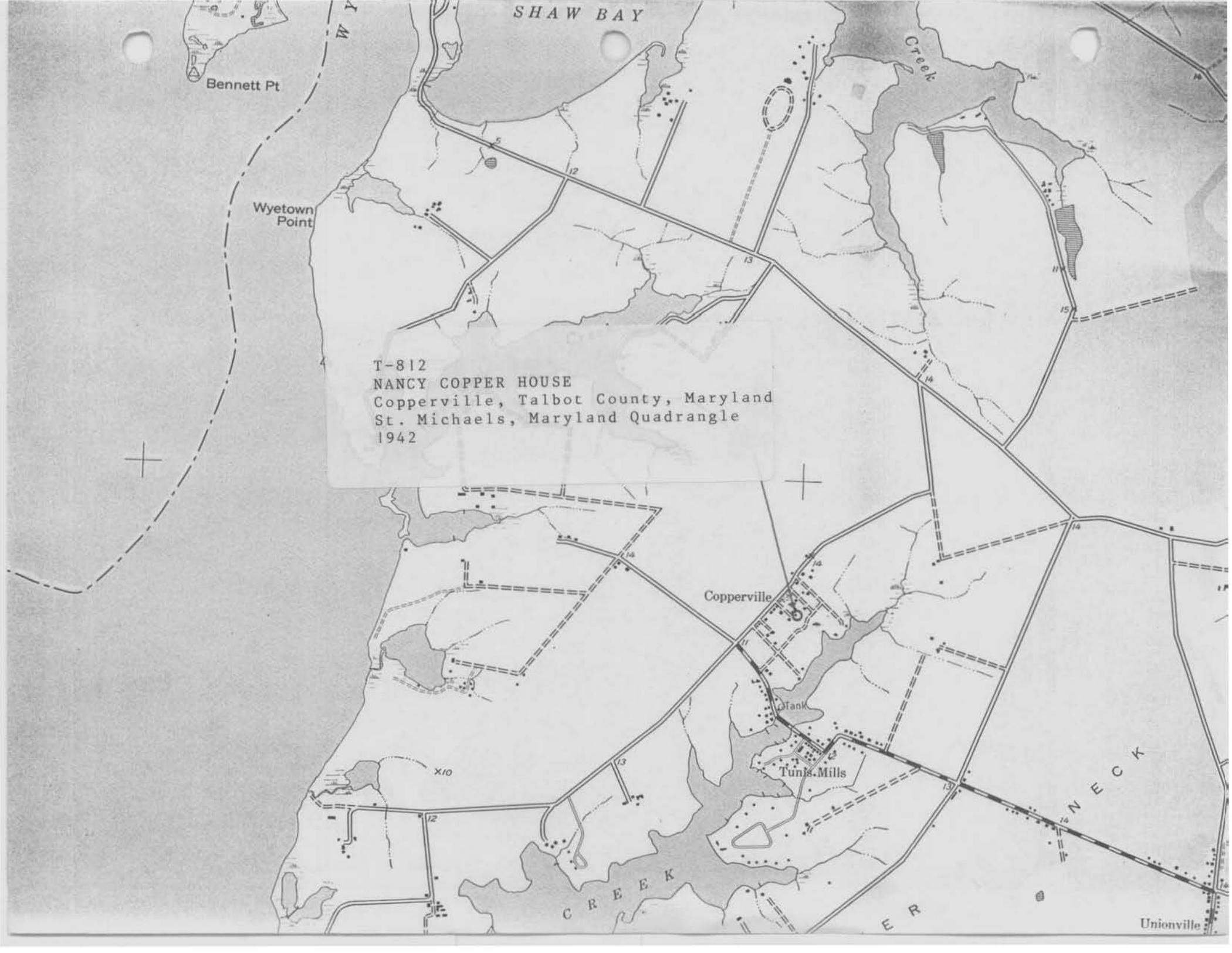
Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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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Bennett Pt

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Creek

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NANCY COPPER HOUSE
Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland
St. Michaels, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

Copperville

Tank

Tunis Mills

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NANCY COPPER HOUSE

Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland

Southwest elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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NANCY COPPER HOUSE

Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland

Porch, Southwest elevation

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