

WI-136
Brattan-Taylor Store Building
Mardela Springs
Private

c. 1838, c. 1855 and later

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Brattan-Taylor Store Building

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-136

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Commerce

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Store

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-136

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brattan-Taylor Store Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Northeast corner of Main and Branch Streets not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Wicomico

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 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name J. Howard and Louise Adkins

street & number 1010 Camden Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber AJS 921

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 357

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town Salisbury state MD

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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 Brattan-Taylor store building is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main and Branch streets in the village of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, gable-front frame store faces south with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in stages during the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century, the two-story gable-front structure incorporates a single-story 16' x 22' structure that comprised the initial store, probably only a single story in height around 1838. During the third quarter of the nineteenth century, between c. 1855 and the 1870s several additions and alterations were made to the original structure which produced the current two-story building that is extended on two sides by single-story additions. The entire building is uniformly sheathed with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The brick foundation is covered with a coat of stucco.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay gable-front facade with a center double-door entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The double leaf doors have boldly molded lower panels typical of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Unusual to the door design are removable top panels that provide an alternative between a solid upper panel or a glazed panel. The first floor is sheltered by a hip roof porch supported by metal posts encased in wood. The second floor is lighted by two six-over-one sash windows. The edge of the roof is extended and encased with vinyl. Short returns finish the base.

The east side of the store is extended by a single-story addition that has a separate entrance on its narrow south front. The second floor of the store is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and a narrow brick stove flue pierces the edge of the roof. The west side is marked by an asymmetrical fenestration of six-over-six sash windows. The current owner of the property, J. Howard Adkins, described the location of a pilaster that marks the wall under the vinyl siding. The pilaster probably defined the original end of the mid nineteenth century building.

Attached to the back of the two-story structure is a single story addition that is accessed by a side entrance.

The store interior dates from the third quarter of the nineteenth century with shelving on the east and west sides. A trap door in the narrow board floor allows access to the full cellar. The cellar space reveals the original size of the second quarter of the nineteenth century store. A part of the herringbone brick floor is exposed. Overhead the original floor joists and wide pine flooring remain in deteriorated but intact condition. Located on the east side of the foundation is a small extension of the foundation that formerly housed a ladder stair for a bulkhead entrance. On the other walls, the brick foundation is pierced by small window openings that have been made obsolete by the later additions.

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		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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¹ John E. Jacob. *Graveyards and Gravestones of Wicomico*, Salisbury, MD. p. 12.

² Somerset County Register of Wills, JP 5/35, Probated 11 December 1838.

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Main Street
Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland

A J S 921/357 Maurice C. Elliott
Mary C. Elliott

to

7/6/1979 J. Howard Adkins
Louise H. Adkins

“Store House Lot”

A J S 915/70 Mary C. Elliott

to

2/5/1979 Maurice C. Elliott
Mary C. Elliott

JWTS 285/85 J. Asbury Holloway

to

1/23/1947 Mary C. Elliott
A. Rowe Elliott

Part of the Stephen Calloway real estate

JWTS 285/84 A. Rowe Elliott
Mary C. Elliott

to

1/21/1947 J. Asbury Holloway

“Store House Lot”

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Chain of title continued

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JCK 112/9

Pattie E. Calloway

to

1/4/1919

Mary C. Elliott
A. Rour Elliott

JTT 37/214

Jay Williams, Executor of Thomas B. Taylor, de'cd

to

4/6/1903

Stephen A. Calloway

Decree of Circuit Court, William R. Elzey against Jay
Williams, executor of Thomas B. Taylor

Lot No. 1 and 12
Chancery Case No. 1380

Lot No. 1 sold at \$955
Lot No. 2 sold at \$875 (Store Lot)

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Chain of title continued

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Somerset County
Land Record
LW 1/149

Joseph Brattan
Elizabeth Brattan

to

2/20/1852

Thomas B. Taylor

\$50.00 a lot of land at Barren Creek Springs laid out
of a tract called Ill Neighborhood

Somerset County
Will Book
JP 5/35

Last Will and Testament of Joshua Brattan

Probated
12/11/1838

I give and devise unto my son Joseph Brattan all that
tract of land which I purchased of the United States
commonly known by the name of Barren Creek
Springs, all of my lands which I purchased of Thomas
Gillis....also my right in the store at Barren Creek
Springs and the accounts....and also my right in the
schooner Eliza Eleancr

SIGNIFICANCE (continued)
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The store deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings of high architectural and historical merit.

³ Seventh Census of the United States, Somerset County, Transcribed by Ruth Dryden.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Somerset County Land Record, LW 1/149, 20 February 1852. Note: This deed does not mention the store specifically, but records held by the store’s current owner, J. Howard and Louise Adkins, indicate that John B. Taylor started to make substantial changes to the building between 1852 and 1855.

⁶ Eighth Census of the United States, Somerset County, Transcribed by John C. Barnes.

⁷ Lists of building materials for the *Chesapeake Trader* are owned by J. Howard and Louise Adkins. The ship was owned by John B. Taylor and Dr. Levi R. Brattan.

⁸ *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, New York and Chicago: Chapman Publishing Company, 1898, p. 680.

⁹ Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 37/214, 6 April 1903.

¹⁰ J. Howard and Louise Adkins, “Brattan-Taylor Village Store, Mardela Springs,” no date, no pagination.

hood and also to assist in the support of the family, and this work he bravely took upon himself, discharging his duty to his parents with filial affection and caring for them as long as they lived. After the death of his father, in 1869, he married Mary A. Baxter, and at the same time built the house that he has since occupied. He and his wife are the parents of seven children, named as follows: Charles V.; Annie, wife of William Thomas; Carrie; Thomas E., Kirby, Howard A. and Celia M.

When a mere lad our subject began life upon the bay, sailing from Baltimore and working at dredging along the Eastern Shore. For his life-work he has engaged in tonging and oystering, in which he has met with success. He owns a farm comprising eighteen acres, upon which there is a valuable peach orchard. By industry and economy he has acquired an independence and financial prosperity that make him one of the prominent men of his neighborhood. The principles of the Democratic party always receive his active support, and in fraternal relations he is identified with the Improved Order of Heptasophs.



HON. THOMAS B. TAYLOR is identified with many of the important interests of Wicomico County, for, though to some extent retired from active business pursuits, he still has sufficient to occupy his attention in the management of his various investments. In partnership with James E. Bacon, he owns the well-known Mardela Springs and hotel. In the early days of Maryland's history, when the red men still roamed through its forests and in its valleys, the Indians knew of the existence of this spring and frequently resorted to it. As early as 1795 a hotel was built on the grounds by Major Russum, and from that time to this the place has been visited by health-seekers. The water is a strong alkaline chalybeate and aids digestion, besides being of value in the treatment of chronic diseases. It is carbonated and bottled at the springs and its virtues

are those endowed by nature only. It contains the essentials for building up the vital forces after mental strain or overwork. Testimonials from the leading physicians of Baltimore indicate that its use is curative in many diseases where other waters have failed.

Mr. Taylor was born near Mardela Springs September 5, 1823. His grandfather, Levin Taylor, was born in Barren Creek district, then Somerset County, and, with his four brothers and their father, James, rendered brave service in the Revolution. James was a son of William, who came to Maryland from England and settled in Somerset County, where succeeding generations have dwelt. Thomas, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Barren Creek district and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Throughout active life he was a sailor, and while following that occupation died of yellow fever in Key West in 1832. He married Eliza Smith, of Delaware, who died at the birth of our subject. She left three children, Ellen, who married Henry Vickers, of Baltimore; Uriah and Thomas B.

At the age of nineteen, having completed his education, our subject began to teach school, and that occupation he followed for three years. He then secured employment as clerk in a store. In 1850 he purchased his employer's stock of goods, and from that time until 1890 he carried on the store at Mardela Springs, meeting with financial success in the enterprise. After a mercantile experience of forty years he sold out and retired from the business. Besides this line of work he has done considerable surveying. He is the owner of five farms, aggregating about twelve hundred acres, and also has some valuable town property. He is a Democrat in his political belief, and on that ticket was elected a member of the board of county commissioners in 1869. In 1883 he was elected a member of the state legislature, serving one term, and was more than once offered the nomination as judge of the orphans' court, but declined. Religiously a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he serves as a trustee, he has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty-one years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Temple

No. 170, of Sharptown; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Goodwill Lodge No. 112, of Mardela Springs, and of the Heptasophs, of Salisbury.



ARTHUR B. COCHRANE is the senior member of the firm of A. B. Cochrane & Co., of Crisfield, Somerset County. This firm owns the largest lumber yards in the place and keeps in constant operation two mills for the manufacture of all kinds of finished and rough lumber. They carry a full line of sash, doors, moulding, etc., in short, everything required by builders or the general trade. They own a sawmill situated on the Pocomoke River, in this county, and also import great quantities of lumber from other parts of the southern states.

The father of our subject was James L. Cochrane, who died a few years ago in Kent County, Del., where he had resided from the time of his retirement from the commercial world. He was a native of Massachusetts and there spent his early life. He followed the occupations of contracting and building in the Bay State and later in New York City, and was very successful. When about sixty years old he retired to enjoy the competence which he had laid aside for the purpose in his vigorous prime, and in quiet contentment the remainder of his days, some eighteen years, were passed. His father, also James by name, was a native of Massachusetts and lived to the extreme age of ninety years. He was of Scotch extraction and served in the war of 1812. He was an agriculturist as had been many of his ancestors. The mother of our subject was a Miss Mary Hallock in her girlhood. She was born in England and is now in her seventy-ninth year. Of her four children Robert W. is a resident of this town; Addie is the wife of John W. Thawley; and Lucy is Mrs. J. Edward Cahill, of Caroline County, Md.

Arthur B. Cochrane was born May 27, 1862, in Windham County, Conn. He remained there until he was nine years old, when with his

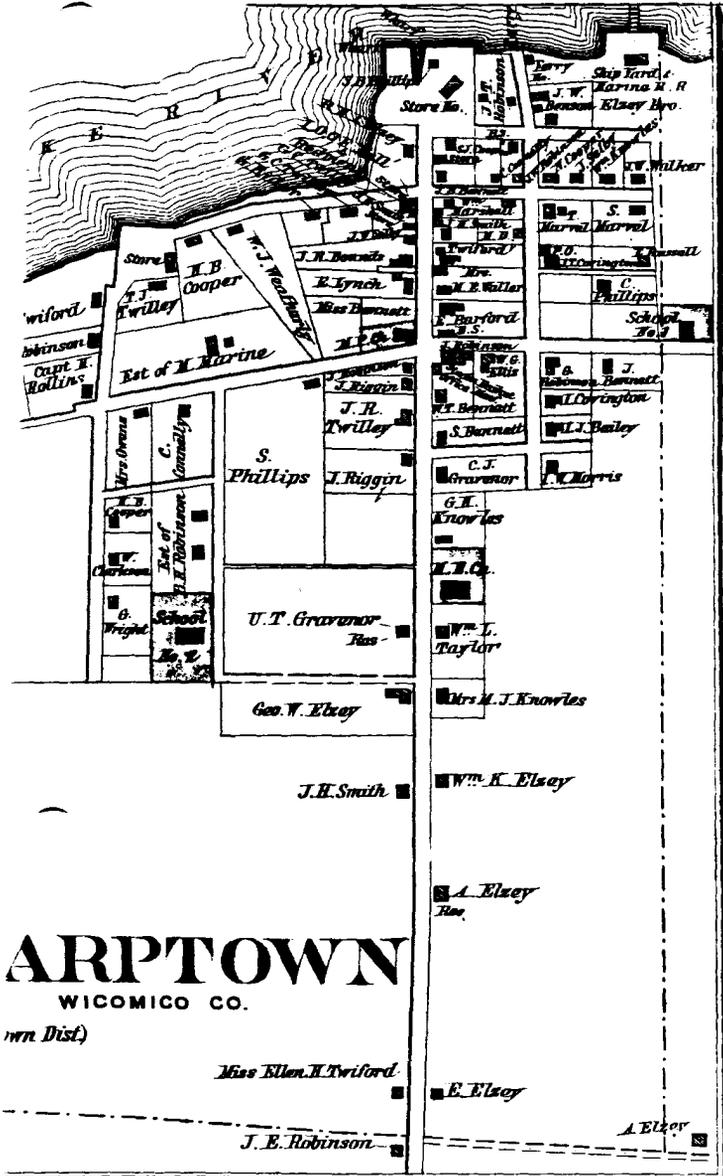
parents he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y. He received a public-school education, supplemented by a commercial course of training in Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Soon after passing his majority he came to Somerset County and was interested in a saw mill business here up to 1893. At that time he took charge of a lumber yard and sawmill, as manager, and in 1893 entered into partnership with I. H. Coulbourn and George W. Long (see sketch of former printed upon another page.) in the same line of business. He is still acting as manager of the plant and is doing well.

A Master Mason, Mr. Cochrane belongs to Chesapeake Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., of Crisfield. He is a staunch Democrat and quite a worker in the party. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. In 1892 Mr. Cochrane married Miss Amy Coulbourn, daughter of Joseph Coulbourn, of Lawson's district, and they have two children, Stanley and Ada.



MACKENZIE GOLDSBOROUGH is now living retired from the arduous duties which rest upon the active participants in the battles of the world of commerce, and enjoys his quiet retirement in the society of his loved ones in their beautiful and cultured home. This country seat is called Ammere, and consists of a tract of well-improved land, numbering sixty-two and a-half acres, in the first district of Talbot County. The pretty and accomplished wife of the subject of this notice is a charming hostess and delights to extend a cordial welcome to the many sincere friends of herself and husband.

The father of Mr. Goldsborough, James N., was born in this county, upon the place known as Ottwell, and was a son of Nicholas Goldsborough. The chief occupation of James N. was that of agriculture, in which he was quite successful. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church, and died strong in the faith he had professed many years, in 1870. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary, daughter of Commodore Ken-

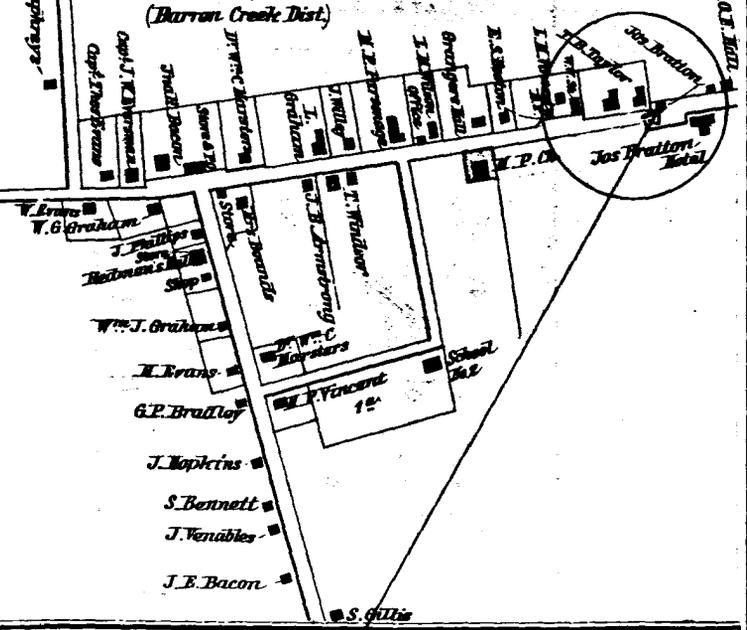


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WICOMICO CO.

(Barren Creek Dist.)
Miss Ellen H Twiford
J. E. Robinson

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WICOMICO CO.

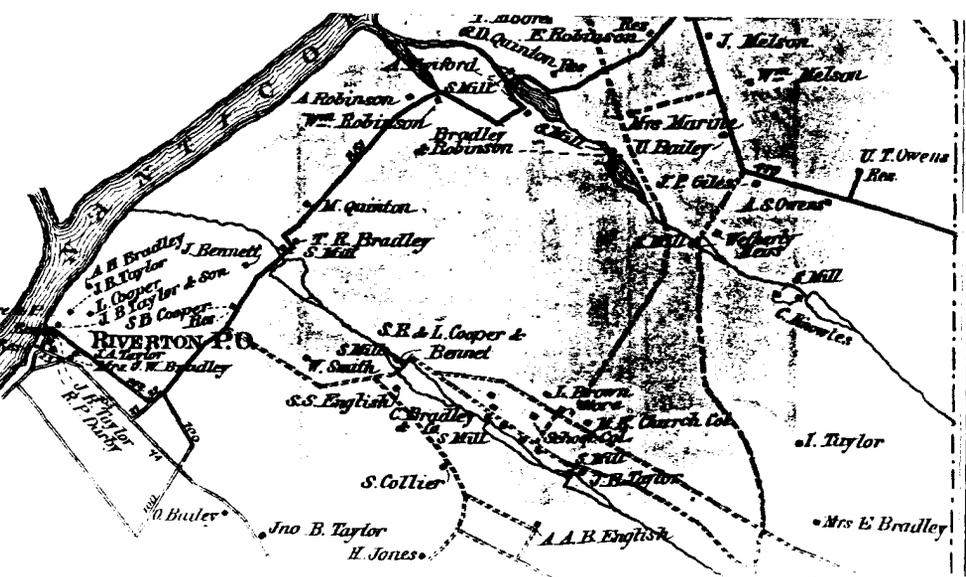


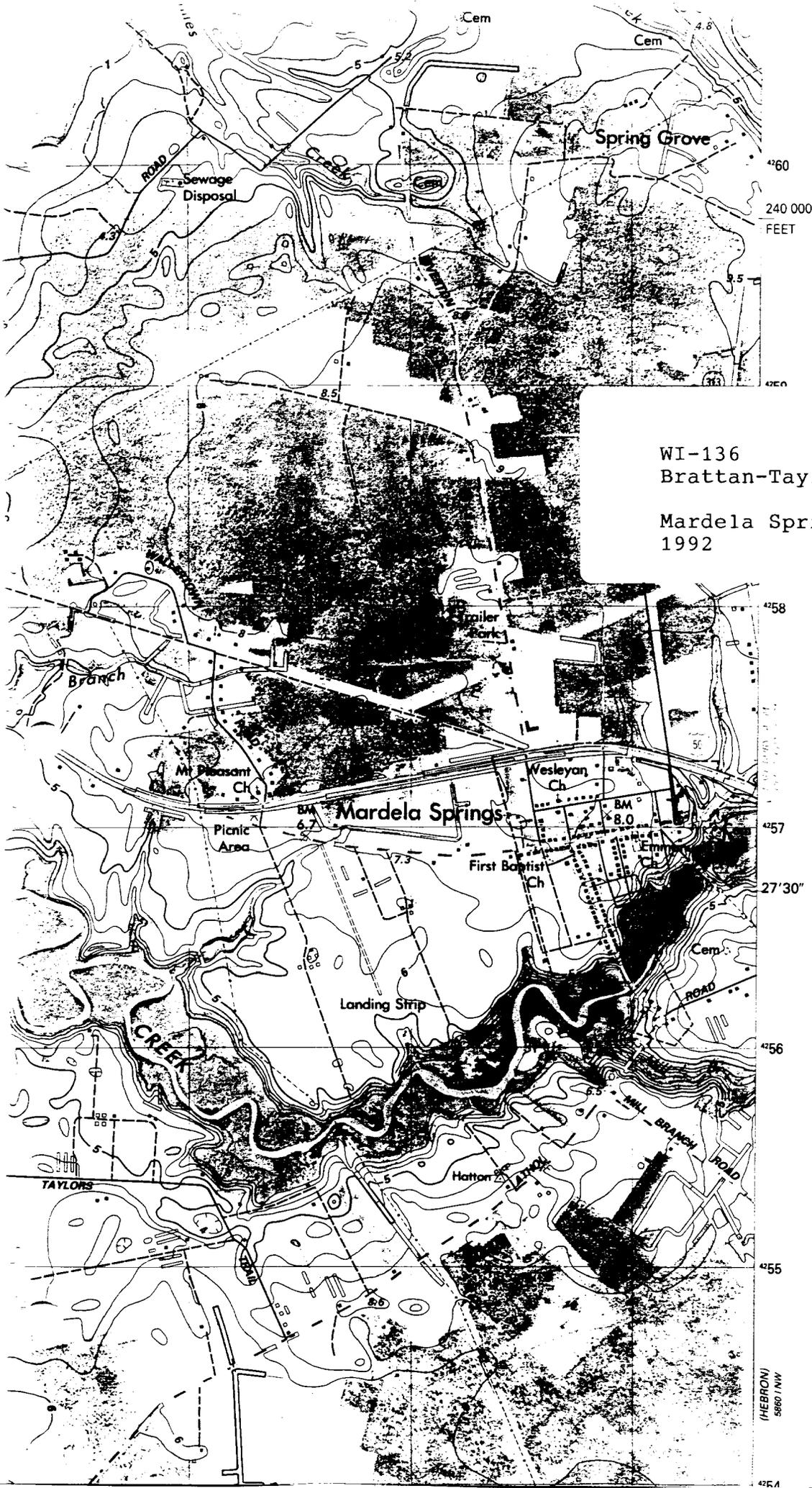
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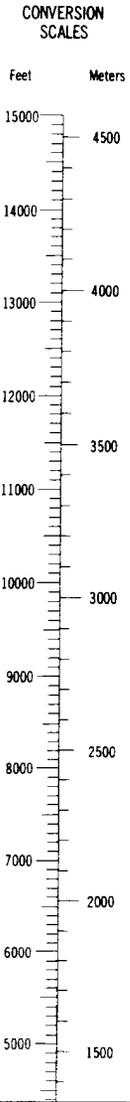
**BARREN CREEK BUSINESS REF-
ERENCES.**

- LEVIN M. WILSON, Farmer and Tax Collector for Wicomico Co.
- THOMAS B. TAYLOR, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and all Kinds of Goods usually kept in a Country Store.
- J. B. ARMSTRONG, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, &c.
- L. M. VINCENT, Wheelwright. All Works in his line done to order.
- E. S. BOSTON, Blacksmith. All Work in his line done neatly and to order.
- JOHN H. BACON, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a country store.
- J. W. PHILLIPS, Proprietor of "Barren Creek Springs Hotel."
- W. C. MARSTERS, Physician and Surgeon.
- W. J. WEATHERLY, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder.
- THOS. J. WINDSOR, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder.
- A. E. ACWORTH, Teacher and Farmer.
- A. H. CALLAWAY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions and all Goods usually kept in a country store.
- J. W. BRADLEY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries Notions and all Goods usually kept in a country store.
- ISAAC L. ENGLISH, Teacher and Farmer.
- ALBERT M. BOUNDS, School Commissioner.
- ROBERT L. LLOYD, Ship Carpenter.
- ROBERT W. HOWARD, Saloon-Keeper.





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 Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle
 1992



(HEBRON)
 5680 / NW

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Brattan-Taylor Building**

AND/OR COMMON **Country Store, Store House**

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **Main and Branch Streets**

1st

CITY, TOWN

Mardela Springs

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Wicomico

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. Howard and Louise Hammond Adkins

Telephone #: **749-4871**

STREET & NUMBER

1010 Camden Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21801

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wicomico County

Liber #: **AJS 921**

Folio #: **357**

STREET & NUMBER

Main and N. Division Streets

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland 21801

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES **Circa 1838**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brattan-Taylor Country Store is an example of a typical village general store of the mid to late 1800s. Usually the store owner/keeper "wore many hats," so the country store was the hub of activity in the community. Country stores, such as the Brattan-Taylor one, have been removed from the American scene in many cases, therefore, eradicating a past lifestyle.

Based on the will of Joshua Brattan who died November 29, 1838, the store house was in existence at that time, and it is assumed that Mr. Bratten was the original storekeeper.

In 1845, Thomas B. Taylor was working in the store as a clerk. He "bought out" his employer's stock of goods in 1850. The owner of the store at that time was Joseph Brattan, a son of the original owner. Thomas B. Taylor had a business partner named Washington R. Melson, and they operated their store under the name of Melson & Taylor until 1853. Melson terminated his partnership with Taylor in 1853 and moved to St. Michaels, Maryland.

Thomas B. Taylor, in partnership with a member of the Brattan family, had a schooner, "Chesapeake Trader," built in 1856. Based on documents relating to the schooner, it is believed it was designed for coastal trading.

Between 1869 and 1890, Taylor held many responsible positions in Wicomico County. He was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, served as treasurer of Wicomico County, and was elected and served one term in the Maryland General Assembly. He and a partner became well known in 1890 for their bottled mineral water taken from Barren Creek Springs.

After Thomas B. Taylor died in 1901, the store owners have included Stephen A. Calloway, Pattie E. Calloway, his wife; Mary A. and A. Rowe Elliott; Maurice C. and Mary C. Elliott; and currently, J. Howard and Louise H. Adkins. When the Adkinses purchased the property in 1979, valuable documents were found in the store, i.e., store ledgers, invoices, post office records, Barren Creek Springs Hotel records (hotel burned in 1914), information about the sailing schooners that brought the merchandise in from the ports of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other places.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____ Town Lot**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Corner of Main and Branch Streets in the town of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County. These two streets are the west and the south boundaries. East and north boundaries go to adjoining property owned by J. Howard and Louise H. Adkins known as the Gelston Daugherty property.

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

STATE	COUNTY
N/A	

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Lucile H. Horsley, Member, Wicomico County Committee	
ORGANIZATION	Jacqueline F. Dianich, Chairman, Wicomico County Committee	DATE
	Wicomico County Committee	May 26, 1982
STREET & NUMBER	203 E. William Street	TELEPHONE
		Office 749-3696 Home 543-1703
CITY OR TOWN	Salisbury,	STATE
		MD 21801

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

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Telephone #:

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CITY, TOWN

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COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

SURVEY

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION*See MHT slide nos. 53405 thru 53412**WI-136*

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
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The west side of the old store has three 6/6 sash windows on the first floor and three 6/6 sash windows on the second floor. A new door is situated between the back two windows.

The back (north) side of the structure has a rectangular addition completely covering the store and the addition houses apartments. The addition has two 6/1 sash windows. There is one 6/6 window on the second floor.

On the east side of the building the addition extends the full length of the store on the first floor. The addition has three sets of double windows which are 6/1 and one single window. Between the two back sets of windows is a single door. On the second floor are three 6/1 windows which are on the store structure. A single brick chimney is on the east side of the old store structure.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Contd.

Further elaboration about the storekeeper's role in the community is given in the attached story by the Adkinses entitled By the Fountain of Sweet Waters - Mardela Springs, Maryland.

The store operated continuously from 1838 to 1966.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Brattan-Taylor Building
 (Old Country Store)
 Main and Branch Streets
 Mardela Springs, Maryland 21837

- 1838 Joshua Brattan, of Somerset County, transferred to his son Anthony
 3/28 Brattan a part of a tract of land, adjoining "Young's Purchase"
 lying on Barren Creek, known by the name of "Ill Neighborhood".
 Somerset County Land Records. Liber GH No.9, f376-377.
- 1840 Anthony Brattan and Sarah Ann Brattan, his wife, sold to Joseph
 11/13 Brattan a parcel of land "containing one acre three quarters and
 twenty square perches"*part of a tract called "Ill Neighborhood",
 beginning at the first boulder of a tract called "Young's Purchase"
 and lying on the road from Barren Creek Springs to Vienna.
 Somerset County Land Records. Liber LH, f425-426.
- 1852 Joseph Brattan and Elizabeth Brattan, his wife, sold to Thomas B.
 2/20 Taylor, of Somerset County, a lot or parcel of land at Barren Creek
 Springs, "laid out of a tract of land called 'Ill Neighborhood'...
 on north side of the County road leading from Barren Creek Springs
 to Vienna".
 Somerset County Land Records. Liber LW 1, f149.
- 1902 Stephen A. Calloway purchased "all that lot of ground at the corner
 2/26 of Main and Branch Streets in the said village" (Mardela Springs,
 formerly known as Barren Creek Springs), "improved by a store house".
 Wicomico County Chancery Court. Liber EAT No.8, f289. Item 12.
- 1903 Stephen A. Calloway received a deed from Jay Williams, executor of
 4/6 Thomas B. Taylor, deceased, for the property purchased at the estate
 sale of Thomas B. Taylor held on February 26, 1902.
 Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JTT No. 37, f214.
- 1915 Stephen A. Callaway, "merchant of Mardela Springs", in his will
 3/9 entered for probate March 9, 1915, left his property in Mardela Springs,
 including the store house and merchandise, to his wife, Pattie E.
 Calloway, during her natural life, and after her death the store house
 and merchandise was to go to his daughter, Mary A. Elliott, wife of
 A. Roe Elliott.
 Wicomico County Wills. Liber JWD No.1, f61.
- 1919 Pattie E. Calloway, wife of Stephen A. Calloway, deceased, deeded to
 1/4 Mary A. Elliott and A Rour Elliott, her husband, all her life interest
 in "the store house and lot, being the same property conveyed by deed
 from Jay Williams to S. A. Calloway."
 Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JWTS No.285, f84.

* perches

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- 1947
1/21 A.Rowe Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, his wife "(the same as Mary A. Elliott)", of Wicomico County, received a deed from J. Asbury Holloway for the parcel of land in Barren Creek Election District on the northside and binding on Main Street, bounded on the west by Branch Street, and known as the "Store House Lot", being part of the same land which Stephen A. Calloway devised to his wife, Pattie E. Calloway, as life tenant, and at her death to her daughter Mary A. Elliott.
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JWTS No.285, f84.
- 1979
2/5 Mary C. Elliott, widow, transferred to Maurice C. Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, as joint tenants, that lot lying in Barren Creek District on the northside and binding on Main Street in Mardela Springs, known as the "Store House Lott".
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber AJS No.915, f70.
- 1979
7/6 Maurice C. Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, of Wicomico County, conveyed to J. Howard Adkins and Louise H. Adkins, his wife, "all that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Earren Creek Election District of Wicomico County, on the northside and binding upon Main Street in Mardela Springs;... and bounded on the west by Branch Street; and known as the "Store House Lot".
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber AJS No.921, f357.

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 Mardela Springs, Maryland 21837

Researched by:
 Lucile H. Horsley
 January 12, 1982

Joshua Brattan, b. 27 Jan 1784 - d. 29 Nov 1838, married
 Nancy Porter, b. 6 Apr 1781 - d. 8 Oct 1838.
 Graveyards and Gravestones of Wicomico, by John E. Jacob. Salisbury,
 Md., Salisbury Advertiser, 1971. p.12.

Joshua Brattan died 29 Nov 1838. The following sons were named in
 his will drawn 26 Nov 1838 and entered for probate 11 Dec 1838:

Anthony Brattan, eldest son, tract.
 Franklin Brattan, exec., land pt. of ALLINS
 Joseph Brattan, exec., tract on Barren Creek Springs and tr.
 purchased of Thomas Gillis and John Powers
 Samuel Brattan)
 Lemuel Rush Brattan) land left by uncle Joseph D. Venables
 James Thomas Brattan, if he should return home

Somerset County Wills. Liber JP 5, f35. (Somerset County Md. Wills, 1837-59,
abstracted by Ruth Dryden. nd. p9)

- 1838
 3/28 On March 23, 1838, Joshua Brattan, of Somerset County, conveyed to his
 eldest son, Anthony Brattan, "for and in consideration of the natural
 love and affection which he...hath and beareth unto the said Anthony
 Brattan and also for the better maintenance, support, livelehood and
 preferment of him"... "all that part of a tract of land called and
 known as 'Young's Purchase' lying and being on a creek called Barren
 Creek in the county of Somerset... on the western side of the County
 road leading from Barren Creek to Sharptown, also a part of another
 tract of land adjoining the aforesaid tract upon the southside called
 and known by the name of 'Ill Neighborhood'... containing 154 acres
 and seven eighths of an acre more or less together with ... the house,
 buildings..."
 Somerset County Land Records. Liber GH No.9, f376-377.
- 1838
 11/29 Joshua Brattan died November 29, 1838. In his will, drawn November 26
 and entered for probate on December 11, 1838, he leaves to his son
 Joseph Brattan the tract on Barren Creek Springs. Reference is made in
 the will to the store house, thereby confirming its existence as early
 as 1838.
 Somerset County Wills. Liber JP5, f35.
- 1840 Anthony Brattan and his wife, Sarah Ann Brattan, sold "one acre three
 quarters and twenty sq. peices (perches) ...together with all and
 singular the buildings, improvements" to Joseph Brattan for the sum of
 \$70.00. This parcel of land was a part of the tract called "Ill
 Neighborhood", "beginning at the first bounder of a tract called
 'Young's Purchase' thence south five perches to the public road leading
 from Barren Creek Springs to Vienna..."
 Somerset County Land Records. Liber LH, f425-426.

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1847
12/4 An entry in the store ledger for December 4, 1847 records the payment of \$12.00 to Joseph Brattan for rent. At this time Joseph's brother Samuel Brattan was the storekeeper and was also postmaster for the post office which was located in the store according to the day book of postal records.
Original documents in possession of J. Howard Adkins.

The exact date the store house was built is unknown but the records indicate it was in existence as early as 1838. The size of the original building was 16' x 22'. This can be established from the measurements of the brick-floored basement beneath the store. The original cellar windows, which were removed when the building was enlarged in 1855/56 are still stored in the basement.

1849-
1850 Lemuel Rush Brattan, a brother of Joseph, operated the store 1849 and 1850. It was during this period that Thomas B. Taylor went to work in the store as a clerk. Lemuel Rush Brattan was appointed as postmaster for 1849-50. Brattan decided to become a doctor and entered the University of Maryland Medical School where he completed his training in February 1854. He returned to Barren Springs to start his medical practice the following month. His office was located in a small building back of the Brattan-Taylor store building.
Original documents in possession of J. Howard Adkins.
To Speak of Many Things, About Some Maryland Doctors, Cemeteries and Bible Records, by J. Howard Adkins & Louise H. Adkins. 1981. p.6.
(Xerox copy of typescript)

1850
11/20 Thomas B. Taylor purchased the store merchandise from his employer in 1850 and with Washington R. Melson as his partner began operating the business. They paid \$5.25 to the Clerk of the Somerset County Court on November 20, 1850 for a "license to retail merchandize at Barren Creek Springs" under the name of "Melson & Taylor".
Photocopy of license from Clerk of the Court, Somerset County.

1851
1/17 The day book of postal records shows Thomas Beauchamp Taylor was appointed postmaster. The notice of his appointment was signed by Postmaster General M. K. Hall January 17, 1851.
Original documents in possession of J. Howard Adkins.

Thomas B. Taylor was born near Barren Creek Springs on September 5, 1923, the youngest son of Thomas Taylor and Eliza Smith of Delaware. His mother died when he was born and his father, who was a sailor, died of yellow fever in Key West in 1832. There were two other children--Ellen Taylor who married Henry Vickers of Baltimore and Uriah Taylor.

Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
NY, Chapman Publishing Co., 1898. p.680.

Brattan-Taylor Building
(Old Country Store)

- 1852 In a deed of the 20 February 1852, Joseph Brattan and Elizabeth Brattan, 2/20 his wife, conveyed to Thomas B. Taylor for \$50.00 "a lot of Land at Barren Creek Springs laid out of a tract of land called 'Ill Neighborhood' ... beginning at a Cedar post on the northside of the County road leading from Barren Creek Springs to Vienna... with all and singular buildings, improvements...".
Somerset County Land Records. Liber LW 1, f149.
- 1853 In 1853 Washington R. Melson left the business and moved to St. Michaels, Maryland. With the termination of the partnership Mr. Taylor became sole owner.
Letter from Washington R. Melson to Thomas B. Taylor in possession of J. Howard Adkins.
- 1855- In 1855 and 1856 the store records include invoices made out to Mr. 1856 Taylor personally for building materials which indicate that during this period the store building was enlarged to its present size. The original outside entry to the cellar is still visible but access is now by an inside stairwell. The store still contains the original 14 inch heart pineshelf boards and counter tops. The remains of a glass candy case and an antique milk cooler are in the basement. The very old lock on the front door has a folding iron key. The wooden post office mail boxes are still in place. Except for the installation of electricity the store itself is essentially the same as it was following the 1856 expansion.
Original documents in the possession of J. Howard Adkins and evidence available upon examination of the store structure.
- 1856 In 1856, Mr. Taylor, in partnership with a member of the Brattan family, had a schooner built at Vienna, Maryland. The account books show a net cost for the "Chesapeake Trader" of \$4,206.38. The schooner was fitted with jib rigged sails indicating it was designed for coastal trading. The invoice for paint was dated July 1856 suggesting she was launched after that date.
Original documents in the possession of J. Howard Adkins.
- 1869 In 1869 Thomas B. Taylor was elected^{ed} member of the Board of County Commissioners.
Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
NY., Chapman Publishing Co., 1898. p.680.

Brattan-Taylor Building
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- 1871 The State Gazette and Merchants' and Farmers' Directory of Maryland and District of Columbia, published in 1871, lists the following stores in Barren Creek.

Bacon, John H, grocer
Bodsworth, J. L., general mdse
Bradley, Azariah, grocer
Mills, Stephen, grocer
Spencer, McAllister, groceries
Taylor, Thomas B., country store
Waller, E. M., grocer

The Star Gazette... Baltimore, Sadler, Drysdale & Purnell, 1871. p.753.

- 1871 In 1871 Thomas B. Taylor was serving as treasurer of Wicomico County. Salisbury Advertiser, August 31, 1871. p.

- 1877 In the "Barren Creek Business References" listed in the 1877 Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties, Thomas B. Taylor's name is entered as follows:

Thomas B. Taylor, Dealer in Dry Goods
Groceries and all Kinds of Goods usually
kept in a Country Store

Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset & Worcester Cos., Md., Philadelphia, Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877. p. 22.

- 1883 Thomas B. Taylor was elected to the Maryland General Assembly in 1883 and served one term.

- 1887 About 1887, the water from the mineral spring near the east entrance to the village of Barren ^{Creek} Springs was analyzed and the water bottled and sold by John Bacon and Thomas B. Taylor. The Salisbury Times, January 9, 1957. p.

- 1890 In 1890, Mr. Taylor retired from active participation in the operation of his store business, though he maintained ownership of the store until his death several years later. Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. NY., Chapman Publishing Co., 1898. p.680.

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- 1901
10/9 Thomas B. Taylor died October 9, 1901. In his will drawn October 4th and entered for probate October 22, 1901, he made no disposition of his property. He instructed his attorney, Jay Williams, "to attend to my business affairs for me in my name and stead according to his judgment and discretion and in event of my death to be my sole Executor upon my estate".
Wicomico County Wills. Liber LJC No.1, f36.
- 1901
9/13 On the 29th of October 1901 the creditors of Thomas B. Taylor, deceased, filed suit against the estate in Wicomico County Chancery Court. Mr. Taylor was a *bachelor*. His only surviving heirs were five nieces and nephews, the children of his deceased sister.
Wicomico County Chancery Court. Liber EAT No.8, f269-303. No.1380.
- 1902
2/26 The personal estate of Thomas B. Taylor being insufficient to pay his creditors, the Court ordered a sale of the real estate of the deceased be held on February 26, 1902.
Wicomico County Chancery Court. Liber EAT No.8, f269-303. No.1380.
- 1902
9/13 The report of the sale filed with the Chancery Court on September 13, 1902 included the following:
- Item 12. All that lot of ground at the corner of Main Street and Branch Street in said village, improved by a storehouse, beginning for the outlines of the same in the center of Main Street and running by and with the west side of the store house ... by and with Branch Street to a cedar post... containing sixty four square perches, sold to Stephen A. Calloway for \$875.00.
Wicomico County Chancery Court. Liber EAT No.8, f289.
- 1903
4/9 The sale having been duly ratified by the court, Jay Williams, executor of Thomas B. Taylor, dec'd, on April 9, 1903 conveyed to Stephen A. Calloway "No.12. All that lot of ground at the corner of Main and Branch Streets in said Village, improved by a storehouse... containing sixty four square perches of land more or less together with improvements thereon...
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JTT No.37, f214.
- 1908 In the listing of the Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia Directory issued in 1908-1909 appears the following listing of stores in Mardela Springs (Barren Creek Springs)
- Calloway, S. A., general store
Elliott, Charles L., general store
Jackson, C. G. & Sons., general store
Wilson, J. T., general store
- Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia Directory, 1908-1909
R. L. Polk & Company (title page missing)

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(Old Country Store)

- 1915
3/9 Stephen A. Calloway, "merchant of Mardela Springs", in his will drawn July 30, 1913 and entered for probate March 9, 1915, left to his wife "the storehouse and merchandise if any during her natural life," Pattie E. Calloway, only and from and after her death I give the same to my daughter, Mary A. Elliott, wife of A. Roe Elliott". To his daughter, Margaret E. Truitt, wife of Josiah C. Truitt, he left "the merchandise if any which may be in the store house at Athol, at the time of my my decease".
Wicomico County Wills. Liber JWD No.1, f61.
- 1919
1/4 Pattie E. Calloway sold to Mary A. Elliott and A. Rour Elliott, her husband, for \$100.00 her life interest in "the store and lot" devised to her by the will of her late husband, Stephen A. Calloway, being the same property conveyed to S. A. Calloway by deed from Jay Williams, Executor of Thomas B. Taylor, deceased.
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JCK No.112, f9.
- 1947
1/21 J. Asbury Holloway conveyed to A. Rowe Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, his wife, for \$1.00 "all that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Barren Creek Election District...on the northside and binding upon Main Street, bounded on the north and east by the land of Gelston Daugherty and wife; bounded on the West by Branch Street; and being known as the 'Store House Lot' and being a part of the same land which Stephen A. Calloway devised to his wife, Patti E. Calloway, as life tenant, and at her death to her daughter, Mary A. Elliott (same person as Mary C. Elliott), said being dated July 30, 1913 and recorded among Records in Office of Register of Wills for Wicomico County, Maryland in Will Book JWD No.1, f61 and the said Pattie E. Calloway conveyed her life interest in said property unto 'Mary A. Elliott and A. Rour Elliott, her husband as joint tenants' being the same person as Mary C. Elliott and A. Rowe Elliott".
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber JWTS No.285, f84.
- 1979
2/5 Mary C. Elliott, widow, conveyed to Maurice C. Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, for \$10.00 and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations a lot or parcel of land known as "Store House Lot" it "being a part of the Stephen A. Calloway Real Estate; and being the same land that was conveyed to Mary C. Elliott and A. Rowe Elliott, her husband, as tenants by the entireties by the first item of a deed from J. Asbury Holloway, dated January 23 (21) 1947 and recorded among Land Records of Wicomico County in Liber JWTS No285, f85 (f84), the said A. Rowe Elliott having subsequently departed this life whereupon the title to said property became vested absolutely in Mary C. Elliott, the survivor of them."
Wicomico County Land Records. Liber AJS No.915, f70.
(description of location the same as that given in deed of June 7, 1979 which follows)

Brattan-Taylor Building
(Old Country Store)

1979
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Maurice C. Elliott and Mary C. Elliott sold to J. Howard Adkins and Louise H. Adkins, his wife a parcel of land "situate, lying and being in Barren Creek Election District of Wicomico County on north side of and binding upon Main Street in Mardela Springs and bounded on the north and East by lands of Gelston Daugherty and wife; and bounded on the West by Branch Street; and known as the 'Store House Lot' and being the same land conveyed unto Maurice C. Elliott and Mary C. Elliott, joint tenants, by Mary C. Elliott by deed dated February 5, 1979, and recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland," in Liber AJS No.915, f70.

Wicomico County Land Records. Liber AJS No.921, f357.

Brattan-Taylor Building

Dimensions at present time

Entire Building

36 Feet wide by 48 Feet long Rectangular

Store portion

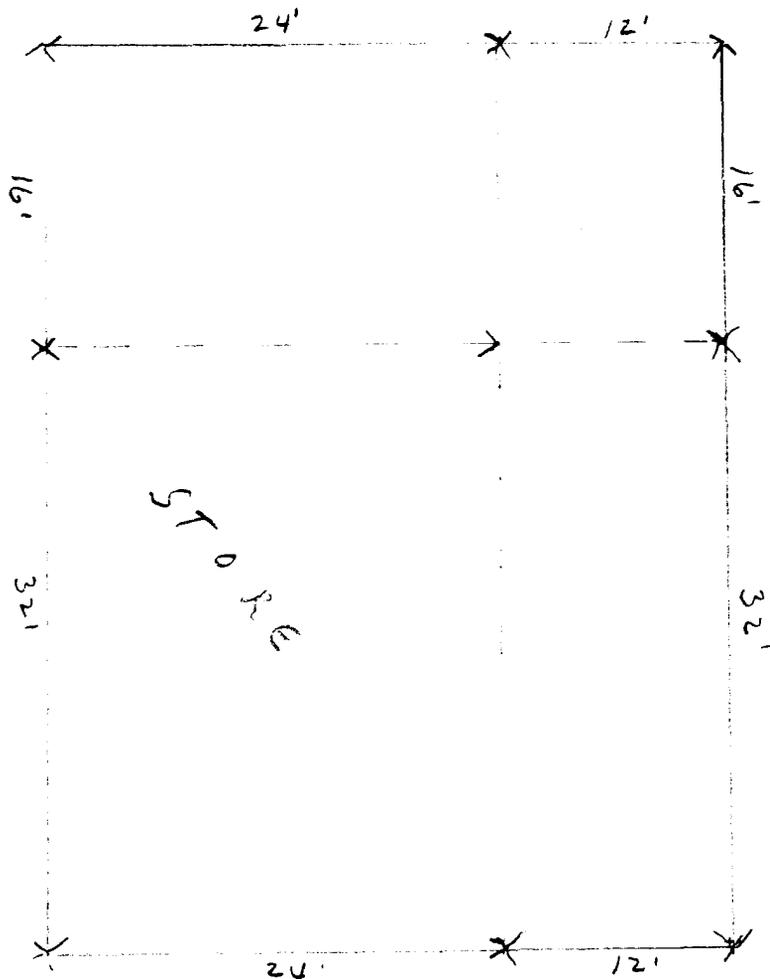
24 feet wide by 32 feet long

1st Floor apartment

L Shaped

12 feet wide by 48 feet long on east side

16 feet wide by 24 feet wide on north side



2nd floor apartment 24 feet wide x 38 feet long

Each apartment contains living and dining space, kitchen, bath and 2 bedrooms.

Window changes

- 1st floor 1930's L shaped addition
Window relocations for remodeling
2. 2nd floor
North end originally had 2 windows
in remodeling one window was removed entirely and
second window relocated leaving one window on 2nd.
floor in north end.
3. In attic, windows were closed entirely

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 Property Maps of Wicomico County. Liber 966.
 Supplementary Sheet WI 8-A. Sheet 1 of 2.
 Mardela Springs. Wicomico County Election District No. 1.
 Scale: 1" = 100'

LIMIT

EDWARD C WRIGHT ETAL
 617/43
 395 A

ELIZABETH
 A GLASGOW
 615/590
 1.8 A

GELSTON
 DOUGHERTY
 617/190
 0.75 A

GELSTON N DOUGH
 373/228
 1.07 A

BRANCH ST

GELSTON DOUGHERTY
 617/30
 1.33 A

TRACY A
 GREEN
 496/35
 616/399
 0495 Z

HARRY
 A
 SEVERN,
 JR.
 964/450

RUTH A. GI
 325/13
 1.88 A

J. HOWARD
 ADKINS
 618/286

WALTER F
 COHEE, JR
 857/260

921/357 Z

SYLVESTER
 MILLER
 965/219

MYKA
 EVANS
 413/1

MARGARET
 BENNETT ETAL
 775/239

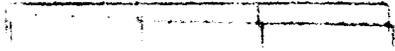
BRATTEN ST.

(MAIN STREET)

E
 N SR.
 14
 403
 7'
 8' Z
 40'
 102'
 ELLOWS
 DGE
 1/133
 633/82

114 1.00A
 538

ROBERT



MAP	BLOCK	PARCEL
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Salisbury, Md.
Sanborn Map Company, Pelham, NY

1931 with update to 1949

Scale: 1" = 50'

MAR. 1931
SALISBURY
MD.

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PICKLE WORKS

BAILEY

UNPAVED

MARDELA SPRINGS

Located 12 Miles N.W. of Salisbury Court House

POPULATION 475

PREVAILING WINDS S.W

WATER FACILITIES:

Fire service supply only 6 driven wells equipped with pumper connection

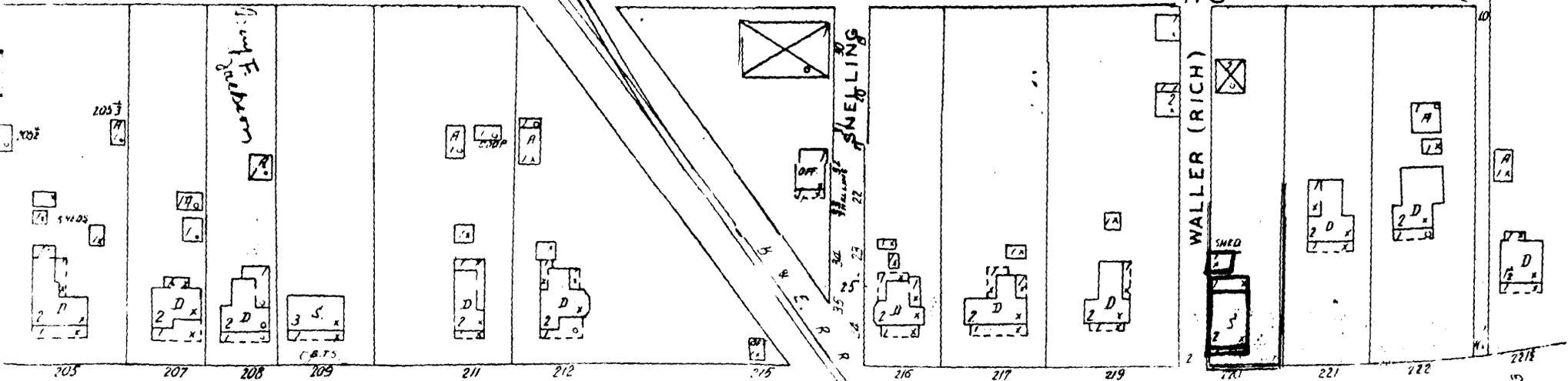
FIRE DEPT.:

volunteer, 1 chief, 2 asst chiefs, 35 men. 1 American-LaFrance 500 G.P.M. pumper, 300 gal booster tk, 750' 2 1/2" hose & 150' booster hose. 1 Ford truck with a 500 G.P.M. Hale pump, 500 gal booster tk, 250' 2 1/2" hose & 300' 1 1/2" hose

Fire alarm by siren on Fire Station
Paving on main streets
NO FIRE LIMITS NO FIRE RESISTIVE ROOFING Ord.

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MAIN

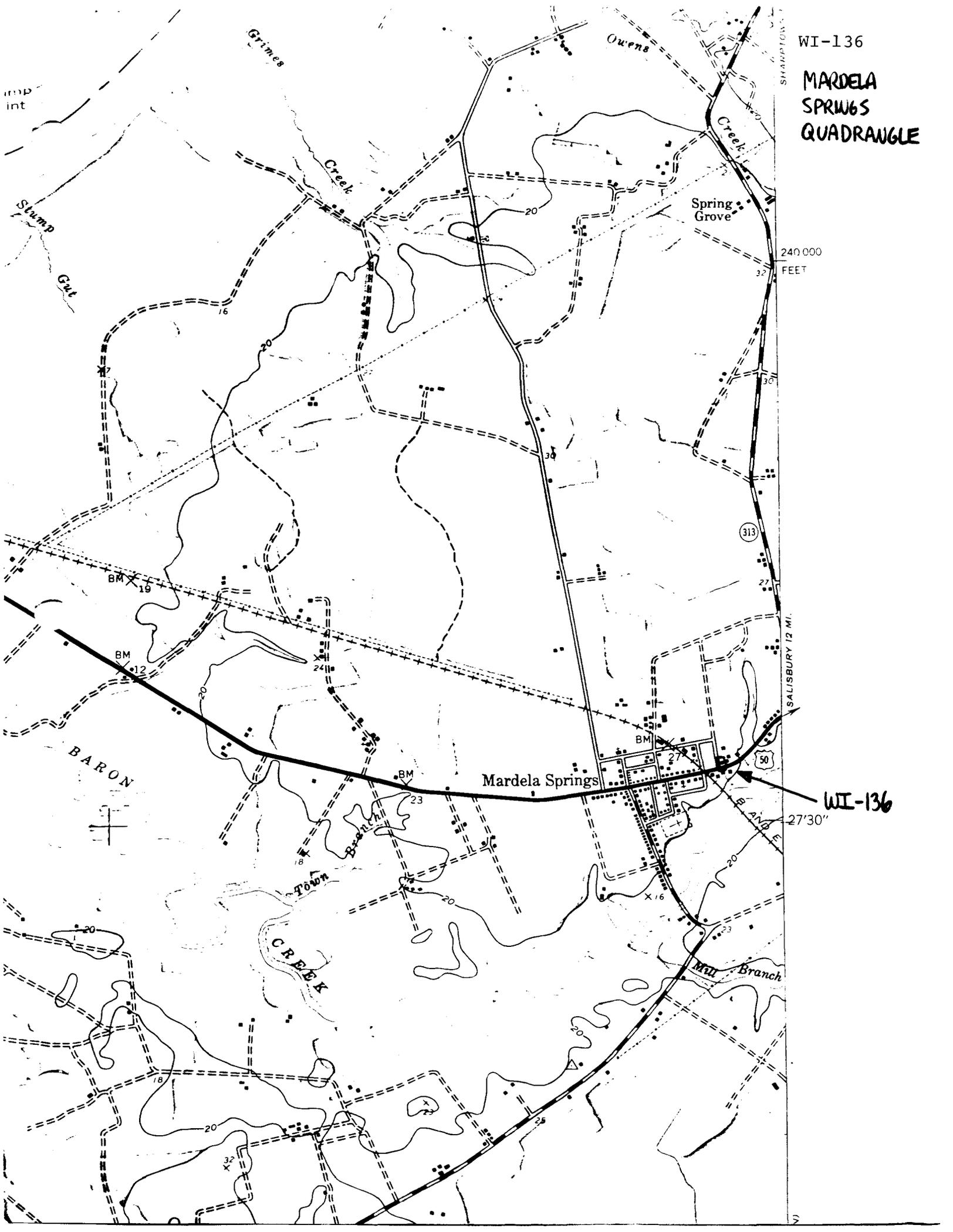
WALLER (RICH)

EMMANUEL
METHODIST
CHURCH

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MARDELA
SPRWGS
QUADRANGLE



240 000
FEET

SALISBURY 12 MI.

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27'30"

mp
int

Slump
Gut

Grimes
Creek

Owens
Creek

Spring
Grove

BM
19

BM
12

BM
23

BM
24

BARON

Mardela Springs

TOWN

CREEK

Mul Branch

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Grattan - Taylor County State
Mudela Springs, Wilkes County
Jacqueline F. Diamic, Photographer
Taken May 7, 1982
Southwest view



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Brattan - Taylor Country Store
Wicomico County
Jacqueline F. Redman, photographer

Taken May 7, 1952

South facing Mass Street



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Grattan-Taylor Country Store
Winnico County
Jacqueline F. Daniels, photographer
Taken May 7, 1982
Southeast view



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Stattan - Taylor County Store
Maidela Springs, Wilkes County
Jacqueline F. Deane, photographer
Taken May 7, 1982
West view



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Scottan - Taylor County Store
Mandela Springs, Wisconsin County
Regueline Ft. Okauch; photog. by
Taken May 7, 1982

Interior - original heart pine counter



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Brattan-Taylor Country Store
Waxela Springs, Holmes County
Jacqueline F. Deane, photographer

Taken May 7, 1982

Interior - Original counter, front door
and two windows



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Brattan-Taylor Country Store
Mendota Springs, Wisconsin County
Jacqueline F. Danich, Photographer

Taken May 7, 1982

Original wooden panel from front
door



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Brattan-Taylor County Store
Marsden Springs, Wilkes County
Judith F. Deane, photographer
Taken May 7, 1982
Original front door (south view) &
hardware



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Beathan-Taylor County Store
Wardela Springs, Wisconsin County

Jacqueline F. Daniels, photographer
Taken May 7, 1982
Memorabilia found in store



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Grattan-Taylor Country Store
Waconna County
Jacqueline F. Deam, photo

April, 1981

Louise and Howard Baker

Country Store
Main & Grand St.
Moulton Springs, Md