

WI-368
Old Odd Fellows Lodge
Mardela Springs
Private

c. 1860, c. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Old Odd Fellows Lodge (William M. Cooper House)

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-368

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-368

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Odd Fellows Lodge William M. Cooper House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 107 Branch Street not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs vicinity of congressional district First

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 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	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 Tracy and Yvonne Green

street & number P. O. Box 6 telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code MD 21837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 496

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 35

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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 old Odd Fellows Lodge, also known as the William M. Cooper house, is located at 107 Branch Street on the northeastern edge of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built as an Odd Fellows Lodge around 1860-70 and moved to this site around 1900, the two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame house is supported by a low brick foundation and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding over plain weatherboards. Wide corner pilasters were taken off the house when the vinyl siding was attached. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing dating around 1900. A single-story brick-ended frame wing was built to the north around 1960.

The west (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door has a decorative frosted glass upper panel. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The south gable end is pierced by a single replacement window on each floor. The gable end is finished flush, and the moldings are covered with vinyl.

Attached to the rear of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing extended on two sides by shed roofed additions.

The interior retains late nineteenth century bracketed mantels. Located between the two first floor rooms is an enclosed staircase. A c. 1870 four-panel door opens into a small closet beneath the staircase.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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William M. Cooper acquired this parcel of land in 1903² and maintained ownership until 1926.³

Due to its modifications this house qualifies for listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings of modern architectural and historical merit.

¹ John L. Graham, ed. The 1877 Aliases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 21.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 34/351, 7 January 1903.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 148/543.

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107 Branch Street
Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

496/35 Gelston Dougherty
 Martha L. Dougherty

to

4/1/1960 Tracy and Yvonne Green

JCK 148/543 William M. Cooper
 Elizabeth D. Cooper

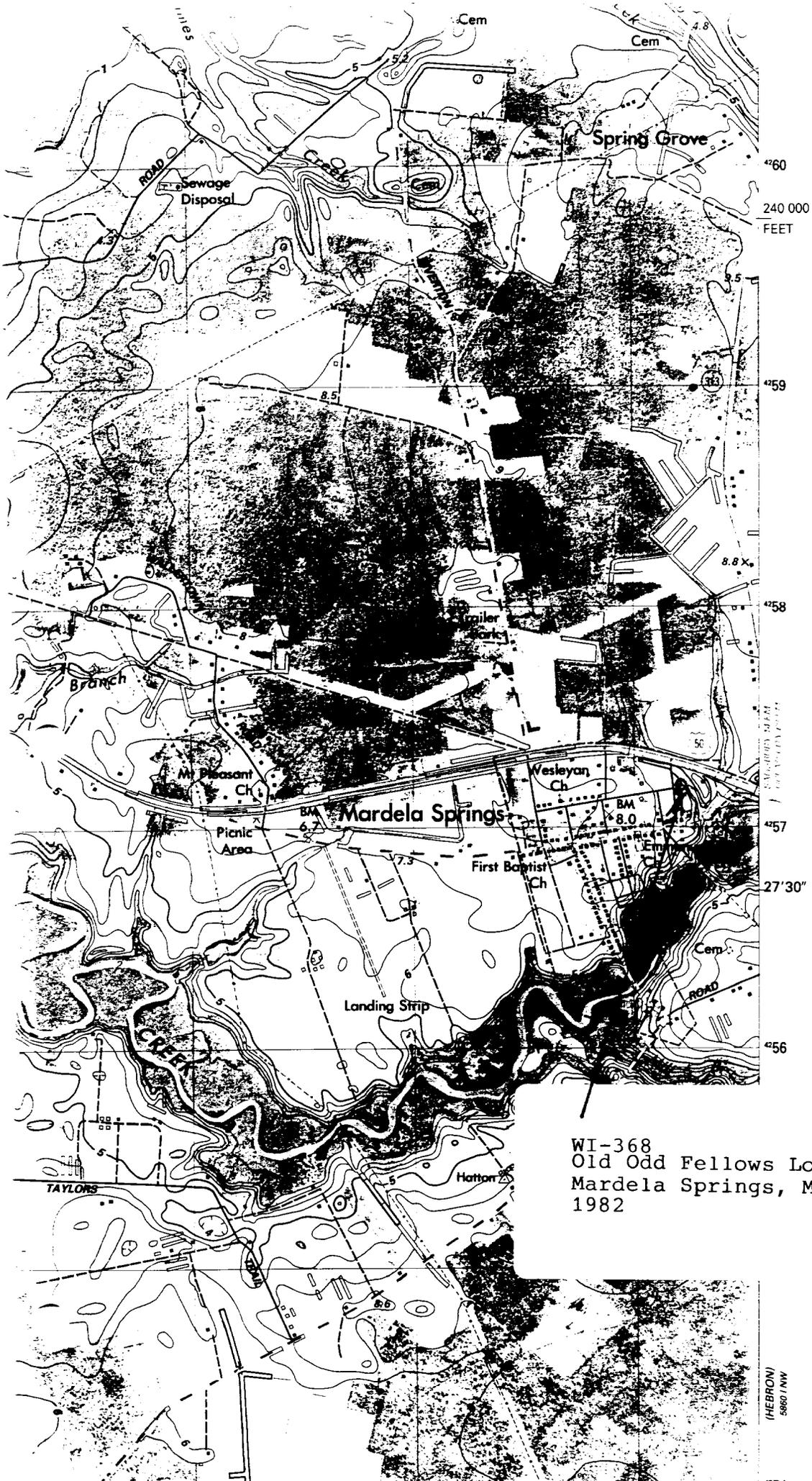
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12/20/1926 Gelston Dougherty

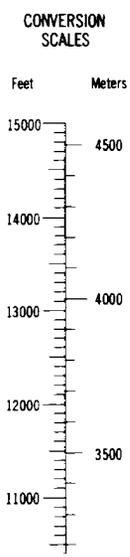
JTT 34/351 Jay Williams, Trustee

to

1/7/1903 William M. Cooper



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Old Odd Fellows Lodge
Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle
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