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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Saxis Island Historic District

Other names/site number: VDHR #296-0001

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: Saxis Road and feeder lanes

City or town: Saxis State: VA County: Accomack

Not For Publication:  N/A Vicinity:  N/A

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,


I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A  B  C  D

	<u>10-3-17</u>
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u>	
<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>	

In my opinion, the property <input type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Title :</b>	<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Jon Elson H. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

*9.24.17*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

<u>192</u>	<u>209</u>	buildings
<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>215</u>	<u>219</u>	

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling, secondary structure

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store, department store

SOCIAL: meeting hall

GOVERNMENT: fire station, post office

EDUCATION: school, schoolhouse

RELIGION: religious facility

FUNERARY: cemetery

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: processing (seafood), storage (seafood), animal facility

LANDSCAPE: unoccupied land

TRANSPORTATION: road-related, water-related: boat docks/piers

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling, secondary structure

COMMERCE/TRADE: restaurant

GOVERNMENT: fire station, post office

RELIGION: religious facility,

FUNERARY: cemetery

RECREATION AND CULTURE: museum

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: processing, storage, animal facility

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: waterworks

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: processing (seafood), storage (seafood), animal facility

LANDSCAPE: parking lot, unoccupied land, street furniture/object

TRANSPORTATION: road-related, water-related: boat docks/piers

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## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE VICTORIAN: Gothic, Queen Anne

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Colonial Revival

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS:

Bungalow/Craftsman

OTHER: Folk Victorian, Late Greek Revival, Minimal Traditional

MODERN MOVEMENT: Ranch

MIXED

NO STYLE

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: ASPHALT; BRICK; CONCRETE; METAL;

Aluminum, Steel; SYNTHETICS: Vinyl; WOOD: Weatherboard, Shingle, Log

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Saxis Island Historic District encompasses the Town of Saxis and immediate environs, a 350-acre peninsula on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in the northeastern corner of Accomack County, Virginia. Fishing and oyster dredging prospered here as commercial enterprises beginning in the 1860s, but were limited until construction of an offshore wharf to the west in 1903 and then dredging and bulkhead/dock construction by the Works Progress Administration along Starling Creek in 1937. Since the eighteenth century, a single road across Freeschool Marsh has provided access to the Eastern Shore mainland; currently the road is Route 695, but other alignments have existed over the centuries. Although European settlement on Saxis began in the seventeenth century, the district's oldest buildings date from the 1870s and generally consist of late nineteenth- to mid-twentieth-century dwellings on open residential lots along both sides of Saxis Road, the town's north-south artery, and along short lanes and loop roads extending to the east and west. Predominant architectural styles among the district's 215 contributing resources include Folk Victorian, Craftsman, Queen Anne, and Minimal Traditional. Along the bulkhead/dock, a single pre-1965 crab house with shedding tanks has survived after hurricanes in 1999 and 2012 destroyed several others. The area east of the dock is dominated by mid-twentieth-century buildings used for seafood processing. Other historic buildings within the Saxis Island Historic District include the 1949 Saxis Post Office (part of which now houses the Saxis Museum); the ca. 1949 Saxis Elementary School (now the local fire department); and the 1924 Saxis Holiness Church. Perhaps the most visually striking aspect of the architectural



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heritage of Saxis is the presence of eighteen family graveyards and a single church cemetery. Due to the limited amount of available land on Saxis and a shallow water table, the cemeteries are highly visible in the front and back yards of residences as clusters of concrete burial vaults.

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### Narrative Description

Located on the Virginia Eastern Shore, Saxis Island Historic District lies within Accomack County's northwestern corner, approximately ten miles south of the Virginia-Maryland line by automobile, but less than two miles by water. The district encompasses the Town of Saxis and its immediate environs, all of which are located on a 350-acre peninsula off the Chesapeake Bay, bounded by Pocomoke Sound (north and west), Starling Creek (south), and, to the east by a large salt marsh known as Freeschool Marsh. Although water does not completely surround the landform, it has been commonly known for two centuries as Saxis Island, due to its relative isolation. North to south, Saxis is less than two miles in length and, between the sandy shoreline to the west and marshes to the east, the town—more of a hamlet—is less than two thousand feet at its widest section. When land was first patented by European settlers in 1666, Saxis Island was divided into two sections; the north end, the 150-acre property of Robert Sikes was known as "Sikes's Island," and the remaining 200-acre parcel to the south was owned by George Parker who called his land "St. George's Island." This boundary is still partly visible by a drainage ditch between 20404 and 20422 Saxis Road.<sup>1</sup> Most of the historic contributing built resources in Saxis are located within the "St. George's Island" section. The district's terrain is flat and less than 3 feet above sea level, with sparse vegetation other than cultivated grass and trees, flowering shrubs, and small plantings. Many properties, especially close to the water, are overrun by marsh grass and phragmites, an invasive non-indigenous plant.

Saxis Road (Route 695), a two-lane asphalt road, provides the only land access to Saxis from Temperanceville along U.S. Route 13, the Eastern Shore's main north-south thoroughfare. Route 695 extends about nine miles through pine forests and patches of open farmland. Beyond the village of Sanford (about five miles from Saxis), this landscape gives way to open marshland affording vistas of Robin Hood Bay and Pocomoke Sound in the distance. Portions of Saxis Road follow the earliest known roadway to Saxis, constructed by local citizens in 1784 on the trace of a footpath utilized from as early as 1743. An 1870s route, known as the "First Road," went directly from Sanford to Saxis through Freeschool Marsh, before the basis of Route 695, also known as "the Island Road" outside of Saxis town limits, was opened in 1888.<sup>2</sup> From the vista of the marsh, the rooftops of Saxis emerge to the west and southwest.

As Saxis Road curves westward south of Robin Hood Bay, the north end of Saxis Island and its large expanse of marsh and open space is visible. Historically, of the two tracts comprising Saxis Island, Sikes's Island had the most wetlands and the least arable land by comparison to St. George's Island, but there were nevertheless dwellings on the north tract during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.<sup>3</sup> In this part of Saxis, which has suffered a great deal of shoreline

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<sup>1</sup> Kirk Mariner, *Almost an Island: The History of Saxis, Virginia* (Onancock, Virginia: Miona Publications, 2011), 9.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 18.

<sup>3</sup> 1853 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey map; 1907 U. S. Coast Survey Map.

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erosion, nearly all houses and trailers are elevated on raised concrete block foundations. The traditional waterman's life continues, as can be seen by boats, crab pots, and peeler tanks in the yards of 20502, 20510, and 20445 Saxis Road, and by narrow parcels on the road's west side extending to the Pocomoke Sound shoreline. Besides Saxis Road, the other road on the north end is Wayne's Drive, running north from Saxis Road to Pocomoke Sound as Saxis Road takes a sharp bend to the west and then extends southward. Period maps show that four farms in the Marshall and Linton families stood within the Waynes Drive vicinity in 1850, but none of these houses or associated structures are extant.<sup>4</sup> Of the ten houses on Wayne's Drive, only two are pre-1940 dwellings. An altered vernacular frame dwelling at 8118 Waynes Drive, built for the Collins family at the turn of the twentieth century, retains its original side-gable, two-bay, two-story house form. 8146 Waynes Drive is a frame, two-story three-bay Folk Victorian house, with elements of Carpenter Gothic and Italianate style, constructed between 1880 and 1895. The house's balloon-frame structure rests upon heavy brick piers, and is clad in replacement asbestos shingle siding, probably implemented between 1940 and 1965. The design of its shallow, projecting two-stage gabled center bay on the façade is found on other Saxis houses.

Among three older dwellings clustered south of the Saxis Road/Waynes Drive intersection is the 1880s Lodie Linton House. The narrow, two-story, frame vernacular dwelling reportedly was moved from a nearby site to its current location at 20428 Saxis Road in 1910. Across the road is the Justice Cemetery, the island's third-largest cemetery, containing forty-nine concrete burial vaults, several of which are unmarked. The plots are loosely grouped into family plots, with the Ewell family's six whitewashed vaults enclosed within a low brick and concrete-block wall; other plots, such as the Bailey, Thomas, Linton, Furniss, and Lewis plots, are less formally grouped. From the Justice Cemetery south to Free School Road (T-808), Saxis Road residences are a blend of turn-of-the-twentieth-century Folk Victorian side-gable dwellings, Minimal Traditional frame houses, and prefabricated housing, nearly all sited close to the street.

Between Saxis Road's sharp eastward curve at the former Rechabite Hall and its southeast extension past the Isaac Furniss Store is a community focal point, where the town's schools, commercial buildings, and ecclesiastical buildings were concentrated in the late nineteenth century. The area continued as a local hub for business and social gatherings into the mid-twentieth century. Converted to a dwelling in the 1920s, Rechabite Hall's original core—a frame, one-and-a-half-story, front-gable two-bay building—was built as a temperance order meeting house in 1885. Following its conversion into a dwelling, the building received two early twentieth-century additions—a one-story, two-bay, side-gable north wing, from which extends a one-story full-façade rear shed extension. Within viewing distance is another of the island's larger burial grounds, the Baptist Cemetery located at the northeast corner of Free School Road and Saxis Road. With little landscaping other than a grass lawn and a few shrubs, forty-six concrete burial vaults, dating from 1909 to the early twenty-first century, are grouped northeast of the church site. At least ten of the vaults are unmarked; the other vaults identify their decedents by a foot marker or grave marker. Furniss family members, who were the church's primary attendees, occupy many of the identified vaults. Two other burial grounds, the Lewis

<sup>4</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 27; USACE, 1851.

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and the Miles cemeteries, together containing at least forty-four graves, are in close proximity, separated from the Baptist Cemetery by a wooded area and the 1949 Saxis Post Office. North of Baptist Cemetery, the former Saxis Elementary School (8337 Free School Lane) faces south and is visible from Saxis Road. The one-story Colonial Revival-style one-story brick building served as a school from its completion in 1949 until 1970; since 1972 it has housed the local volunteer fire company. Saxis Elementary School stands in close proximity to the sites of two earlier schools. The 1908 town school was located to the south, close to Baptist Cemetery, and the 1890s Moore School stood west of Rechabite Hall.<sup>5</sup> At 20322 Saxis Road (northeast of the bend), only a poured-concrete floor survives from Adolph Marshall's Store, which operated in this location from ca. 1930 until the first decade of the twenty-first century.<sup>6</sup> An older commercial establishment, the former Isaac Furniss Store, stands immediately east of the Post Office at 20260 Saxis Road. Built in 1884, the frame, two-story side-gable late Greek Revival-style building, with its two-story rear ell, retains its weatherboard cladding, plain door and window surrounds, and small corner pilasters.

From the Isaac Furniss Store southeastward to Starling Creek Road, buildings along the meandering course of Saxis Road are primarily residential except for a commercial building and a church. This stretch of Saxis Road is the primary location of short lanes and loop roads extending to the east and west; according to longtime residents, these roads, except for Marys Road, were named for longtime members of the Saxis Fire Department. On Saxis Road's east side, Kirks Drive, Robs Lane and Guys Lane lead to a small enclave of Folk Victorian and vernacular dwellings adjacent to the Linton and Evans cemeteries. The two cemeteries appear to have overlapped over the years, with the Linton Cemetery primarily to the north and the Evans Cemetery to the south, east, and west. Historic Saxis families represented in these two cemeteries are Linton, McCready, Marshall, Thomas, Thorne, Miles, Spence, Lewis, Fisher, Bonawell, Chance, Young, and Mister. There are no walls or demarcated family plots. Nearly all of the markers—mostly granite headstones—date from the mid- to late twentieth century. Some concrete vaults are molded with beveled corners, but most are of simpler construction. Few are whitewashed. Volunteer trees and overgrowth have damaged some of the vaults, particularly the James A. and Beulah Fisher plot, but most are in fair condition. East of the Linton and Evans cemeteries is 8386 Kirk's Drive, an altered two-story frame house built ca. 1880-1900 in a vernacular style befitting a late-nineteenth-century fisherman or oysterman of modest means; the raised concrete block foundation and replacement vinyl siding does not dispel this sense, nor does the ca. 2000, one-story rear ell. On the west side of Saxis Road, Charles Drive retains four late nineteenth-century dwellings: 8343 Charles Drive, a one-story, center-hall plan Queen Anne-style house; 8359 Charles Drive, a balloon frame, two-story, two-bay side-gable vernacular dwelling; 8363 Charles Drive, a frame, two-story I-house with limited access; and, deeper into the woods and overgrowth, the Harley-Mister House at 8347 Charles Drive, a ca. 1900, frame one-and-a-half-story Folk Victorian-style house, one of a few surviving examples in Saxis of a one-room plan dwelling with extensions. Other side roads yield less intact resources; Dennis Drive, Bobbys Lane, Lees Circle, and Keiths Lane have varying built resources, from

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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 46, 138).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, 106-107)

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substantially altered Folk Victorian and Queen Anne dwellings to Ranch-style and prefabricated manufactured houses, and trailers.

Not immediately visible from Saxis Road at the south side of Dennis Drive is a large berm consisting of earth dredged from the harbor and Starling Creek. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presently has a ninety-nine year lease on this 7.9-acre site from the Town of Saxis.<sup>7</sup> Along the southernmost portion of Saxis Road, residences range from Minimal Traditional-style brick and vinyl-sided dwellings, Folk Victorian and Queen Anne-style houses, Craftsman bungalows, trailers, and Neo-Eclectic-style Ranch houses, as well as Ranches. One intact property compound is the Milton L. Drewer house and office at 20172 Saxis Road. The Colonial Revival-style, one-story with attic, three-bay frame bungalow was constructed ca. 1920 for Drewer, who survived World War I as a prisoner of war in Germany to become an oysterman back in his hometown.<sup>8</sup> Set back from Saxis Road, the house rests on a raised, rock-faced concrete block foundation with a poured-concrete basement and is covered by a high-hipped roof with hipped-roof dormers at its façade and side elevations. Immediately east of the house is a 1940s frame, one-story side-gable building that Drewer used as his office; a short walk farther east was a one-room, balloon-frame building that Drewer moved from the vicinity of the present town dock and used as an office prior to 1940.<sup>9</sup>

Former commercial buildings on lower Saxis Road include the Crockett Store, a ca. 1918 front-gable frame store at 20101 Saxis Road currently undergoing restoration, and the circa-1923 Payson Lewis Store at 20062 Saxis Road, a one-story, hipped-roof commercial building with rock-faced concrete block walls. The façade of the Payson Lewis Store has a central single-leaf entrance flanked by three-part commercial windows. The door and windows have glass block transoms, which replaced the original mullioned transoms.

The southern portion of Saxis Road also features the town's two churches. The ca. 1913 Saxis United Methodist Church at 20139 Saxis Road, a frame Gothic Revival ecclesiastical building, was destroyed by fire in 2000, and rebuilt in 2000-2003 by the architectural firm of George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC (GMB) in an eclectic pastiche of what they termed "Eastern Shore Victorian." The 7,000 square foot church rests on a raised, continuous brick and concrete foundation and is sheathed with vinyl weatherboard siding.<sup>10</sup> Decorative elements, such as the bell tower and the façade's vergeboard gable, are rendered in a simplified version of Victorian-era styles. Remarkably, the townspeople of Saxis were able to save significant elements of the earlier building, such as stained-glass windows and original, dated cornerstones, which GMB incorporated into the new building. At 20001 Saxis Road is Saxis Holiness Church (also known as Pilgrim Holiness Church), a one-story, front-gabled frame building. A double-leaf paneled door is centered on the façade, flanked by two-over-two double-hung sash windows, and a large cross is affixed to the facade above the entrance bay. The building's foundation is concealed by

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, 81)

<sup>8</sup> Moody K. Miles, personal communication, April 2016.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> "Saxis United Methodist" page on GMB Architects-Engineers website < <http://www.gmbnet.com/portfolio/saxis-united-methodist-church/>>

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pressed-metal skirting, and its exterior is clad in vinyl siding. Two large cemeteries within this area are the Drewer Cemetery at the northwest intersection of Lee's Circle and Saxis Road and the Ellis Cemetery, where 130 decedents are buried.<sup>11</sup>

Between 19478 and 19496 Saxis Road are four Minimal Traditional-style dwellings, with some Craftsman-style features, known by locals as "Fisherman's Row" because the houses were built in 1949-1950, after their owners had enjoyed an especially successful fishing season.<sup>12</sup> In contrast to these modestly prosperous mid-twentieth-century dwellings is the Noah Miles House at 19460 Saxis Road, considered the oldest dwelling in town. The exterior is in the Folk Victorian style, two stories high, and cruciform in plan with a cross-gabled roof. One-story, shed-roofed porches with chamfered wooden posts extend from the façade's northeast and northwest intersections. The primary entrance, on the northwest porch, is a single-leaf exterior door, but the projecting gabled two-story bay, according to longtime residents, is a late nineteenth-century addition, along with the exterior's decorative jigsaw trim, and that the original section of the house is early-to-mid-nineteenth century.<sup>13</sup>

Although there are peeler tanks and small, family-based fishing, oystering, and crabbing operations throughout the town, the main center of the seafood industry is at the southern terminus of Saxis Road and along Starling Creek Road. In 1937, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed the Saxis Dock (19352 Saxis Road) using upright soldier beams reinforced with lagging and filled with dredge spoils. The asphalt-covered dock connects to the end of Saxis Road and is accessible to motor vehicles. Some areas of the dock serve as storage for watermen's equipment, such as crab pots. In 1965, Martin's Crab House was constructed on the north side of the dock. This complex includes the side-gable frame processing plant, "peeler" tanks (a holding area for softshell crabs during the shedding process), and a small fish hatchery. Shore Seafood consists of a complex of one- and two-story concrete block buildings along the north wharf area and along Starling Creek Road. These buildings house fish hatcheries, areas for growing oyster spat and holding molting crabs, and operations for processing oysters and crabs before distribution. Past 9108 Starling Creek Road is a manmade cove and deep water inlet known to local residents as the Harbor of Refuge. Following the destruction wrought by Hurricanes Hazel (1954) and Donna (1960), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed the 167 feet by 252 feet basin in 1965. The harbor provides a docking area for small commercial vessels and pleasure boats that is well-sheltered from damaging storms. It was upgraded in 1991 at the cost of \$1.4 million with a bulkhead, ramp, and eighty slips. At its north and east corners are poured concrete pads with a derrick at the north and a utility shed at the east.

## Inventory of Resources

Properties in the Saxis Island Historic District inventory are organized alphabetically by street (under centered street name headings) and numerically by street number. The headings in bold-italics include street number and street name. Occasionally, a parcel containing only a site or a

<sup>11</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 116).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, 73.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, 109.



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structure, but no building, appears without a street number. These properties without street numbers appear under that street heading *after* the properties with street numbers. To the right on the same line is the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Identification Number. This consists of an 11-digit number, with the first seven digits identifying the district (296-0001) and a four-digit suffix. In one case, where a property had been previously recorded individually, the originally assigned seven-digit identification number appears, followed by the Other DHR ID# (11-digit number). Each resource within a property appears on a separate line. Information for the primary resource includes the description or resource type (e.g., Bridge, Dwelling, Church, Cemetery, etc.); the National Register resource type in parentheses (Building, Structure, Site, or Object); the number of stories (if the primary resource is a building); architectural style; date of construction; status—whether contributing (abbreviated C) or non-contributing (NC) to the district—and the quantity of resources of that description. Below the primary resource entry, less detailed information appears for the property’s secondary resources. Resources are keyed to the attached Sketch Map/Photo Key using the last four digits of their identification number.

Contributing resources date to sometime within the district’s period of significance (1850-1966) and have retained a sufficient degree of integrity to contribute under Criterion A and/or C. Dates are based on field observation, local history sources, court records, and/or tax records. Resources identified as non-contributing were either of more recent date or have been moved, altered, or deteriorated to such an extent that they lack minimum integrity requirements. Unless otherwise indicated, all dwellings are single dwellings.

***Inventory Abbreviations:***

C = Contributing; No disc. style = No particular architectural style discernible; NC = Non-contributing; St. = Story

**AUBREYS DRIVE**

- 8455 Aubreys Drive**                      **296-0001-0215**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Mixed, ca. 1920 C: 1  
(3+ styles from different periods)  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 8462 Aubreys Drive**                      **296-0001-0209**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 C: 1
- 8465 Aubreys Drive**                      **296-0001-0179**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, 1972 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Communications Tower (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2
- 8466 Aubreys Drive**                      **296-0001-0115**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, ca. 1965 NC: 1

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### BOBBYS LANE

- 8450 Bobbys Lane**                      **296-0001-0174**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 8457 Bobbys Lane**                      **296-0001-0176**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Well House (Building) C: 1
- 8459 Bobbys Lane**                      **296-0001-0175**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1940 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

### CHARLES DRIVE

- 8343 Charles Drive**                      **296-0001-0188**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1
- 8347 Charles Drive**                      **296-0001-0212**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Folk Victorian, ca. 1900  
C: 1
- 8359 Charles Drive**                      **296-0001-0190**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 8363 Charles Drive**                      **296-0001-0189**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1
- 8367 Charles Drive**                      **296-0001-0213**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1

### CHRIS LANE

- 8474 Chris Lane**                      **296-0001-0113**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1938 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

### DENNIS DRIVE

- 8362 Dennis Drive**                      **296-0001-0185**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1950 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 8425 Dennis Drive**                      **296-0001-0214**

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- Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
**8434 Dennis Drive**                      **296-0001-0186**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1960 C: 1  
**8435 Dennis Drive**                      **296-0001-0187**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1940 C: 1

### DONS PLACE

- 8250 Dons Place**                      **296-0001-0191**  
*Primary Resource:* Other (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
**8263 Dons Place**                      **296-0001-0092**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Other, ca. 2010 NC: 1

### FREE SCHOOL LANE

- 8337 Free School Lane**              **296-0001-0123**  
*Primary Resource:* School (Building), 1-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1947 C: 1  
**8364 Free School Lane**              **296-0001-0125**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
**8372 Free School Lane**              **296-0001-0126**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
**Free School Lane**                      **296-0001-0124**  
*Primary Resource:* Chicken House (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1985 NC: 2

### GUYS DRIVE

- 8385 Guys Drive**                      **296-0001-0143**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1  
**8397 Guys Drive**                      **296-0001-0141**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1  
**8408 Guys Drive**                      **296-0001-0142**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

### KEITHS LANE

- 8475 Keiths Lane**                      **296-0001-0178**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 2004 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

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**8499 Keiths Lane 296-0001-0210**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 1.5-St., Vernacular, ca. 1870 NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) NC: 1

**9000 Keiths Lane 296-0001-0182**

Primary Resource: Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Fish Hatchery (Structure) NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Processing Plant (Building) NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) NC: 1

**9001 Keiths Lane 296-0001-0184**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1959 NC: 1

**KIRKS DRIVE**

**8377 Kirks Drive 296-0001-0138**

Primary Resource: Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1990 NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Cemetery (Site) C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Garage (Building) NC: 2  
Secondary Resource: Outbuilding, Domestic (Building) NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8386 Kirks Drive 296-0001-0140**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1890 C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Privy (Building) NC: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) NC: 2

**Kirks Drive 296-0001-0139**

Primary Resource: Cemetery (Site), Vernacular, ca 1947 C: 1

**LARRYS CIRCLE**

**9065 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0064**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Garage (Building) C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) C: 1

**9076 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0065**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St, Vernacular, ca. 1910 C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Garage (Building) C: 1  
Secondary Resource: Shed (Building) C: 1

**9084 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0066**

Primary Resource: Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1

**9092 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0067**

Primary Resource: Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1

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*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**9100 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0068**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1910 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) Contributing C: 1

**LARRYS CIRCLE**

**9065 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0064**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**9076 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0065**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1910 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**9084 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0066**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1

**9092 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0067**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**9100 Larrys Circle 296-0001-0068**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1910 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1

**LEES CIRCLE**

**8481 Lees Circle 296-0001-0173**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), Stories 1, Style: No disc. style, 1970 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Outbuilding, Domestic (Building) NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8491 Lees Circle 296-0001-0208**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1910 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**8497 Lees Circle 296-0001-0172**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1980 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8507 Lees Circle 296-0001-0171**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1



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**8519 Lees Circle 296-0001-0170**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Colonial Revival, 1947 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Dairy (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Stilted Milkhouse (Structure) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8525 Lees Circle 296-0001-0169**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8529 Lees Circle 296-0001-0168**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1962 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 2

**8535 Lees Circle 296-0001-0167**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**Lees Circle 296-0001-0207**

*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), Other, ca. 1912 C: 1

**MATTHEWS ROAD**

**8083 Matthews Road 296-0001-0180**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1965 C: 1

**NATHANS DRIVE**

**8491 Nathans Drive 296-0001-0177**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1982 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed - Vehicle (Building) NC: 1

**9017 Nathans Drive 296-0001-0183**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 2000 NC: 1

**ROBS LANE**

**8372 Robs Lane 296-0001-0144**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1

**SAXIS ROAD**

**19352 Saxis Road 296-0001-0166**

*Primary Resource:* Wharf/Pier (Structure), Stories, No disc. style, 1938 C: 1

**19365 Saxis Road 296-0001-0008**

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*Primary Resource:* Processing Plant (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1965 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) C: 1

**19423 Saxis Road 296-0001-0011**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, No disc. style, ca. 1950 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**19424 Saxis Road 296-0001-0012**

*Primary Resource:* Office/Office Building (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1970 NC: 1

**19430 Saxis Road 296-0001-0013**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, 1950 C: 1

**19431 Saxis Road 296-0001-0014**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, No disc. style, 1946 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**19438 Saxis Road 296-0001-0015**

*Primary Resource:* Factory (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1980 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**19439 Saxis Road 296-0001-0016**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, 1936 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**19448 Saxis Road 296-0001-0017**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, 1973 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**19460 Saxis Road 296-0001-0018**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1918 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Well House (Building) C: 1

**19461 Saxis Road 296-0001-0019**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, 1970 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**19465 Saxis Road 296-0001-0020**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, 1910 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Gazebo (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Secondary Dwelling (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**19470 Saxis Road 296-0001-0021**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 2005 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 2

**19473 Saxis Road 296-0001-0022**

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*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, 1910 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**19478 Saxis Road 296-0001-0023**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, No disc. style, 1950 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**19479 Saxis Road 296-0001-0024**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1930 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Secondary Dwelling (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**19484 Saxis Road 296-0001-0036**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, No disc. style, 1949 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**19485 Saxis Road 296-0001-0025**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St..5, Vernacular, 1955 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 3  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**19490 Saxis Road 296-0001-0037**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Craftsman, 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**19493 Saxis Road 296-0001-0058**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, 1945 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 2

**19496 Saxis Road 296-0001-0038**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, 1965 C: 1

**19499 Saxis Road 296-0001-0059**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, 1945 C: 1

**19504 Saxis Road 296-0001-0061**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, 1955 C: 1

**20001 Saxis Road 296-0001-0060**

*Primary Resource:* Church/Chapel (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1924 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Privy (Building) C: 1

**20004 Saxis Road 296-0001-0062**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1955 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**20007 Saxis Road 296-0001-0073**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

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- 20009 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0074**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1955 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Animal Shelter/Kennel (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Carport (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2
- 20012 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0069**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1910 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1
- 20018 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0070**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, 1945 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 2
- 20019 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0075**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Craftsman, 1946 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2
- 20024 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0071**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, 1955 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Gazebo (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1
- 20025 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0076**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Vernacular, 1945 C: 1
- 20030 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0072**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1965 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 2
- 20031 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0077**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Vernacular, ca. 1880 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2
- 20037 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0078**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1930 NC: 1
- 20045 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0114**  
*Primary Resource:* Restaurant (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 2012 NC: 1
- 20051 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0079**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, 1945 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2  
*Secondary Resource:* Well/Well House (Building) NC: 1
- 20054 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0081**  
*Primary Resource:* Shed (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1940 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

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*Secondary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building) C: 1

**20055 Saxis Road 296-0001-0080**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Well/Well House (Building) C: 1

**20060 Saxis Road 296-0001-0083**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, 1980 NC: 1

**20061 Saxis Road 296-0001-0116**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1920 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20062 Saxis Road 296-0001-0082**

*Primary Resource:* Store (Building), 1-St., Commercial Style, 1923 C: 1

**20071 Saxis Road 296-0001-0117**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Gothic Revival, ca. 1915 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**20072 Saxis Road 296-0001-0084**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20081 Saxis Road 296-0001-0119**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, 1945 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**20082 Saxis Road 296-0001-0085**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, 1996 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**20086 Saxis Road 296-0001-0086**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Vernacular, ca. 1870 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20089 Saxis Road 296-0001-0120**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1945 NC: 1

*C: Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20092 Saxis Road 296-0001-0087**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1925 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1

**20093 Saxis Road 296-0001-0121**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Craftsman, 1942 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1



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- 20096 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0088**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1929 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20101 Saxis Road**                      **296-5001**                      **Other DHR Id#: 296-0001-0112**  
*Primary Resource:* Store/Market (Building), 1-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1918 C: 1
- 20102 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0089**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1935 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1
- 20108 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0090**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Craftsman, ca. 1940 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1
- 20117 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0201**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1920 C: 1
- 20118 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0202**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1
- 20129 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0200**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 C: 1
- 20133 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0199**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20134 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0206**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1  
*C: Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20137 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0198**  
*Primary Resource:* Church/Chapel (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 2003 C: 1
- 20139 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0197**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, ca. 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Kitchen (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building) C: 1
- 20143 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0196**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20146 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0205**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Craftsman, ca. 1925 C: 1
- 20149 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0195**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1
- 20152 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0204**

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- Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1
- 20153 Saxis Road 296-0001-0194**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 NC: 1
- 20158 Saxis Road 296-0001-0203**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20159 Saxis Road 296-0001-0193**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1
- 20164 Saxis Road 296-0001-0158**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1965 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20165 Saxis Road 296-0001-0192**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1962 C: 1
- 20172 Saxis Road 296-0001-0155**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1920 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Office/Office Building (Building) C: 2  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20181 Saxis Road 296-0001-0157**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1945 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1
- 20183 Saxis Road 296-0001-0156**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1
- 20186 Saxis Road 296-0001-0154**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 2000 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Outbuilding, Domestic (Building) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20189 Saxis Road 296-0001-0153**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Vernacular, ca. 1900 NC: 1
- 20196 Saxis Road 296-0001-0152**  
*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1990 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2
- 20199 Saxis Road 296-0001-0151**

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*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1990 NC: 1

**20211 Saxis Road 296-0001-0150**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20214 Saxis Road 296-0001-0146**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20217 Saxis Road 296-0001-0149**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

**20224 Saxis Road 296-0001-0145**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1958 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

**20227 Saxis Road 296-0001-0148**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20235 Saxis Road 296-0001-0147**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20240 Saxis Road 296-0001-0137**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Contemporary, ca. 1967 C: 1

**20241 Saxis Road 296-0001-0136**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1905 C: 1

**20245 Saxis Road 296-0001-0135**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1

**20248 Saxis Road 296-0001-0134**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1970 NC: 1

**20259 Saxis Road 296-0001-0130**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1980 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1

**20260 Saxis Road 296-0001-0132**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Greek Revival, ca. 1884 C: 1

**20264 Saxis Road 296-0001-0127**

*Primary Resource:* Post Office (Building), 1-St., Commercial Style, ca. 1949 C: 1

**20267 Saxis Road 296-0001-0129**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

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- 20288 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0111**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Colonial Revival, ca. 1900 C: 1
- 20289 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0110**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1
- 20294 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0109**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20299 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0108**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1
- 20301 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0107**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1960 NC: 1
- 20303 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0106**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Folk Victorian, ca. 1884 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1
- 20309 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0102**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 2005 NC: 1
- 20315 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0093**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1
- 20316 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0105**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1950 C: 1
- 20322 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0104**  
*Primary Resource:* Store/Market (Building), 1-St., Commercial Style, ca. 1940 NC: 1
- 20325 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0094**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1948 NC: 1
- 20334 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0103**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, ca. 1940 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20339 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0095**  
*Primary Resource:* Service Station (Building), 1-St., Commercial Style, ca. 1940 C: 1
- 20344 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0031**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St..5, Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- 20366 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0032**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 NC: 1
- 20378 Saxis Road**                      **296-0001-0033**

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*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Queen Anne, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

**20387 Saxis Road 296-0001-0096**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 NC: 1

**20388 Saxis Road 296-0001-0034**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 2000 NC: 1

**20394 Saxis Road 296-0001-0035**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., No disc. style, ca. 1880 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20397 Saxis Road 296-0001-0097**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1880 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**20404 Saxis Road 296-0001-0026**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1

**20411 Saxis Road 296-0001-0098**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1947 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20422 Saxis Road 296-0001-0027**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1980 NC: 1

**20425 Saxis Road 296-0001-0099**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1900 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Cemetery (Site) C: 1

**20428 Saxis Road 296-0001-0028**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St..5, Vernacular, ca. 1880 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Outbuilding, Domestic (Building) NC: 2

**20431 Saxis Road 296-0001-0100**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1990 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20434 Saxis Road 296-0001-0029**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St..5, Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

**20440 Saxis Road 296-0001-0030**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1965 NC: 1

**20445 Saxis Road 296-0001-0101**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1



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*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20455 Saxis Road 296-0001-0047**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

**20481 Saxis Road 296-0001-0046**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Minimal Traditional, ca. 1950 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building) NC: 1

**20482 Saxis Road 296-0001-0044**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1985 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**20497 Saxis Road 296-0001-0045**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 2002 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20502 Saxis Road 296-0001-0043**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Craftsman, ca. 1930 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**20510 Saxis Road 296-0001-0042**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1976 NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed - Wood (Building) NC: 1

**20511 Saxis Road 296-0001-0211**

*Primary Resource:* Shed (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1995 NC: 1

**20526 Saxis Road 296-0001-0041**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1960 NC: 1

**20534 Saxis Road 296-0001-0040**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Minimal Traditional, ca. 1940 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**20540 Saxis Road 296-0001-0039**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1890 C: 1

*Secondary Resource:* Shed - Equipment (Building) NC: 1

**Saxis Road 296-0001-0122**

**Baptist Cemetery**

*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1

**Saxis Road 296-0001-0128**

**Miles-Lewis Family Cemetery**

*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), Vernacular, ca. 1893 C: 1

**Saxis Road 296-0001-0131**

**Martin's Crab House**

*Primary Resource:* Commercial Building (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 2007 NC: 1

**Saxis Road 296-0001-0181**

*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), No disc. style, ca. 1909 C: 1

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### SONNYS DRIVE

- 8516 Sonnys Drive**      **296-0001-0091**  
*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1930 C: 1
- Sonnys Drive**      **296-0001-0118**  
*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), No disc. style, ca. 1915 C: 1

### STARLING CREEK ROAD

- 9076 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0007**  
*Primary Resource:* Office/Office Building (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Processing Plant (Building) C: 2  
*Secondary Resource:* Pump House (Structure) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Storage (Building) C: 1
- 9088 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0004**  
*Primary Resource:* Processing Plant (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1
- 9094 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0003**  
*Primary Resource:* Processing Plant (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1955 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) NC: 3
- 9104-9110 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0002**  
*Primary Resource:* Processing Plant (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1955 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Restaurant (Building) NC: 1
- 9261 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0006**  
*Primary Resource:* Shed (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1960 C: 1
- 9262 Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0005**  
*Primary Resource:* Shed (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, 1950 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Fish Hatchery (Structure) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0001**  
*Primary Resource:* Pier/Boat Ramp (Structure), Stories, No disc. style, 1965 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Pier/Boat Ramp (Structure) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1
- Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0009**  
*Primary Resource:* Commercial Building (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1950 C: 1
- Starling Creek Road**      **296-0001-0010**  
*Primary Resource:* Cemetery (Site), No disc. style, ca. 1870 C: 1

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## WAYNES DRIVE

**8074 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0057**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Neo-Eclectic, ca. 1981 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Garage (Building) NC: 1

**8078 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0056**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Contemporary, ca. 1990 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8084 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0055**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St..5, Neo-Eclectic, ca. 2000 NC: 1

**8118 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0054**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Vernacular, ca. 1900 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8124 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0053**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1962 NC: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 2

**8134 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0052**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1960 NC: 1

**8140 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0051**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8146 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0050**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 2-St., Folk Victorian, ca. 1880 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

**8156 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0049**

*Primary Resource:* Mobile Home/Trailer (Building), 1-St., No disc. style, ca. 1970 NC: 1

**8162 Waynes Drive 296-0001-0048**

*Primary Resource:* Single Dwelling (Building), 1-St., Ranch, ca. 1960 C: 1  
*Secondary Resource:* Shed (Building) NC: 1

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE  
MARITIME HISTORY

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**Period of Significance**

ca. 1850–1967

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**Significant Dates**

1866 Rail line completed to Crisfield, Maryland  
1903 Disconnected wharf constructed  
1896 Town of Saxis incorporated  
1912 Town government dissolved  
1937 Town dock constructed  
1959 Town of Saxis reincorporated  
1965 Harbor of Refuge completed

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The 353-acre Saxis Island Historic District encompasses the Town of Saxis and adjacent areas on a narrow peninsula along the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Accomack County, Virginia. Due to its isolation—separated from the Eastern Shore mainland by maritime tidal marsh and bounded by water on the north, south, and west—the peninsula has been known as Saxis Island since European settlers and speculators claimed land there beginning in 1661. Although remnants of colonial-period boundary ditches survive, the earliest extant building dates to the 1870s. By then, a transition from small-scale agriculture to the seafood industry had been underway for two decades. In 1866, the extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad to nearby Crisfield, Maryland, helped to spur local growth of commercial oystering. The seafood industry on Saxis boomed at the beginning of the twentieth century, with the 1903 construction of an unconnected wharf 650 yards offshore at the edge of the shipping channel. Although the number of Saxis residents who continue to work in the seafood industry has diminished in the second half of the twentieth century, oysters and softshell crab from the Chesapeake Bay, Pocomoke Sound, and other tributaries of the bay remain an important local economic resource. The district is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Maritime History as a waterman’s community with an uninterrupted tradition of seafood harvesting since the mid-nineteenth century. Under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, the historic district is locally significant for its surviving historic buildings associated with the heyday of the seafood industry at Saxis. The architectural assemblage is dominated by modest dwellings, commercial buildings, associated outbuildings, and a handful of public buildings (including a post office, a former school [now a fire station], and a church). In addition, the architectural heritage of Saxis is notable for its nineteen recorded cemeteries. Apart from one cemetery associated with a church, the rest are family graveyards, most of which are highly visible in the yards of residences as clusters of concrete burial vaults. The district is being nominated with a Period of Significance beginning with the town’s founding in 1850 through 1967, the traditional 50-year cutoff for properties where significant activities have continued into the more recent past.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

***Early Developmental History***

From as early as 8000 BCE through the period of European contact in the seventeenth century, prehistoric populations periodically visited Saxis Island, probably to procure plants, shellfish, and game from its rich marine and marsh environments. The source of information for the prehistoric period on Saxis is a small collection of stone tools and pottery currently housed at the Saxis Museum. Former Saxis Mayor Harry Tull recovered the artifacts from various dry-land areas of Saxis in the 1960s. Among this collection, archaeological staff at the College of William and Mary’s Center for Archaeological Research identified projectile point types from the Early, Middle, and Late Archaic periods (8000–1500 BCE) and the Early, Middle, and Late Woodland periods (1500 BCE – 1607 CE). In the absence of systematic survey and testing, little is known

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about the prehistoric era on Saxis other than the presence of populations during nearly the entire span of human occupation in Virginia prior to European contact.

The earliest documentary record related to Saxis occurs on Capt. John Smith's map of the Chesapeake Bay region and in his published description of an exploratory voyage in the summer of 1608. During a foray up the Pocomoke Sound, Smith and his party encountered a village inhabited by the Pocomoke Indians along the south shore of the sound just east of Miona, but they did not observe any signs of human habitation on Saxis. As Smith navigated around Saxis, he sketched a close approximation of the peninsula's outline, which appears distinctly on his map. Permanent European settlement in the Pocomoke Sound area of Virginia's Eastern Shore would not begin in earnest for another four decades. By the 1630s, though, fur traders based in Maryland and rival Virginia traders on Kent Island were active all along the bay side of the Eastern Shore.<sup>14</sup> After the final boundary between Maryland and Virginia was determined in 1668, mapping errors resulted in the incorrect depiction of Saxis on the Maryland side of the line into the nineteenth century.<sup>15</sup>

In 1666, Robert Sikes received the first patent for land on Saxis, acquiring 150 acres at the northern end. Under the headright system, the colonial government granted him fifty acres for himself and for each immigrant whose transatlantic passage he had paid. In 1668, George Parker patented the 200 acres south of Sikes. A boundary ditch that divided the two tracts is still visible between the lots of 20404 and 20422 Saxis Road. Neither man resided on the island, but instead, they speculated, hoping to resell their land for a profit. Parker did just that when he sold his portion to Sikes in 1670. With both tracts in the possession of Sikes, the locale took on his name and so became Sikes's Island. The modern spelling of Saxis, dating to the late nineteenth century, is suggestive of how locals pronounced the original name.<sup>16</sup>

In 1671, Sikes sold the 150-acre tract to William Onaughton, and the southern 200 acres to John Parker and William Anderson. Onaughton may have been the first landowner to live on Saxis, but not for long. He sold his portion to John West in 1672, and then Anderson acquired the entire island by 1679. During his ownership, he lived across the marsh to the east near Sandford, while tenants, including two enslaved persons known as Indian Betty and Dick, tended a farming operation on the island. Rather than cultivating tobacco—the cash crop of choice on the Eastern Shore and across Tidewater Virginia—Anderson and subsequent owners in the eighteenth century raised cattle, which required no enclosures because the animals were penned in by the natural boundaries of water and marsh. Small areas were also set aside for subsistence crops and orchards that provided food for tenants and caretakers on Saxis.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 1-4; John Smith, "Virginia[,] discovered and discribed by Captayn John Smith, 1606; graven by William Hole," 6th state, Map reprinted in *The Generall Historie of Virginia, New-England, and the Summer Isles*. London [Originally published 1612.] Accessed online, Library of Congress digital collections. <<http://memory.loc.gov/>>

<sup>15</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 6-7.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 9.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, 10-11.

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Upon the death of William Anderson in 1698, his daughters and granddaughters inherited portions of Saxis, and the subdivision of the island into smaller parcels got underway. Several of the side lanes such as Dennis Drive, Lees Circle, Nathans Drive, and Larrys Circle follow early boundary lines that delineated the parcels of William Anderson's descendants.<sup>18</sup>

For much of the eighteenth century, the Anderson descendants retained possession of the island's properties. The population remained quite small, reaching only 48 persons by 1800. A pattern of raising livestock (cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses) supplemented with subsistence farming continued. Although seafood was not harvested commercially, it provided a welcome addition to the local diet, as documented in an account by a traveler who visited Saxis in 1758 and enjoyed a feast of oysters and hominy with local residents. After 1743, land access to Saxis improved with the construction of a road along the alignment of an old footpath across the marsh, running between the north end of Saxis and Sanford.<sup>19</sup>

In the late eighteenth century, the Anderson descendants sold off their holdings, and their land was taken up by many of the families whose names would be associated with Saxis over the following two centuries: Marshall, Linton, and Starling. Even though Saxis was not an area of labor-intensive crops, at least three enslaved persons are known to have lived on the island in the early nineteenth century. A fourth soon-to-be common name on the island was Lewis. Probably sometime in the first decade of the nineteenth century, Revel Lewis opened the first store on Saxis. It was present by the time of the British raids in the Chesapeake Bay in the War of 1812, when a party of British soldiers came ashore in 1812 and appropriated supplies from the Lewis store. According to an estate auction held after Lewis's death in 1848, the store sold the kinds of supplies commonly needed in an agricultural community, including hand tools and plows, household items like curtains, quilts, blankets, mirrors, cooking implements, crockery, and glassware. Staples included coffee, pipe tobacco, molasses, rum, and whiskey. This entrepreneurial resident also owned a schooner that transported supplies for his store and operated a 60-acre farm. Many of Lewis's descendants still live on Saxis.<sup>20</sup>

### ***Maritime History and Architecture Significance***

By the mid-nineteenth century, the Saxis economy began a gradual shift from subsistence farming and livestock to seafood. One factor, which is apparent elsewhere along the Eastern Shore at this time and slightly earlier, was an increase in population. According to census records, a high birth rate and intermarriage of local young women with men who then moved to the island resulted in more than a twofold increase in the population from 48 in 1800 to 111 in 1850. New families were established as outsiders with last names such as Crockett, Drewer, Ellis, Justice, Russell, and Spence married daughters of earlier settlers and took up plots on the island. With 17 households living on Saxis, the average size of land parcels had diminished from about 30 acres to 15 acres. In some cases, smaller parcels of an acre or two only allowed enough

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<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, 11-12.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, 12, 14, 18-19.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, 19-21.



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space for a dwelling, some outbuildings, and a garden. As the denser settlement pattern made farming less viable, local residents turned to oystering for a livelihood.<sup>21</sup>

Commercial harvest of seafood in the Chesapeake Bay had begun by the first decades of the nineteenth century. Vessels from the north dredged for oysters and carried them to Philadelphia and New York, where rapid increases in population and demand for seafood had begun to exhaust the supplies in the waters surrounding those urban areas.<sup>22</sup> Whereas the seafood industry developed earlier in nearby communities such as Tangier Island (1840s), limited access to transportation networks delayed commercial-scale oystering and crabbing at Saxis until the second half of the nineteenth century. Tangier Island's proximity to a deep channel allowed watermen there to load their harvests of oysters directly onto large cargo vessels, which shipped them north to feed the increasing demand in large urban markets.<sup>23</sup> Despite the isolation of Saxis from shipping channels due to the surrounding shallow waters, the population increase at mid-century necessitated a shift in the occupation of local residents from farmers to watermen. Even if they had to travel a greater distance to sell their catches to "buyboats" than their Tangier neighbors, the income from seafood made the inconvenience worthwhile. Over the course of one decade—1850 to 1860—the number of farmers on Saxis dropped from fourteen to four, while the number of oystermen spiked from one to seventeen.<sup>24</sup>

With population growth, the first church was established by the Methodist denomination ca. 1852. Although an 1853 chart of Pocomoke Sound does not depict the church (the topographic portions had been surveyed in 1851), it shows the distribution of island households, parcel lines, vegetation, and the forerunner of Saxis Road. With some minor variations from the current alignment of Saxis Road, the island's main thoroughfare generally ran north-south along the spine of the high, dry ground. Evenly spaced enclosures containing houses and outbuildings stood amid cleared land, which had served for nearly two centuries as pastures and small cultivated fields. Using the order of households enumerated in the 1850 census, author Kirk Mariner has identified the heads of households with structure symbols on the map and labeled them on an illustration of the chart in his history of Saxis. The most common name was Marshall, with households distributed all along the east side of the island road and along the west side on the northern end. Interspersed among the Marshall households were residences occupied by the Linton, Lewis Crockett, Miles, and Spence families. The store that John T. Lewis inherited from his father, Revel Lewis, stood near the geographic center of Saxis.<sup>25</sup>

By 1860, the population had risen to 169 residents, including 15 free African Americans. Early in the Civil War, Pocomoke Sound became a center of smuggling supplies for Confederates through a Union blockade of the Chesapeake Bay. Marking the line between the Union (Maryland) and Confederacy (Virginia), smugglers could easily cross from one zone to another

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<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, 22-24.

<sup>22</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 24.

<sup>23</sup> Lily A. Richards et al., "Tangier Island Historic District, Accomack Co., VA" National Register nomination, listed 2014, p. 45.

<sup>24</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 24.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, 25-27.

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without detection. In response, a Union naval flotilla was sent to patrol the local waters and interrupt smuggling operations. On November 16, 1861, the Union Army quickly marched south from the Maryland line and occupied the Eastern Shore of Virginia unopposed. At the same time shore parties from three Union ships came ashore on Saxis to obtain supplies. According to official reports, many of the residents may have been in hiding. Only two Saxis residents are known to have enlisted in the Confederate army. After the Union gained control of the Eastern Shore, local tradition holds, at least two vessels from Saxis engaged in blockade running, carrying supplies to Confederate troops in Virginia on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Besides the unconfirmed oral tradition of local blockade runners, Saxis is mentioned in Union reports and correspondence as the site of capture of blockade-running vessels based in other ports of the Eastern Shore.<sup>26</sup>

The postwar period began with a major boost to the seafood industry along the Eastern Shore. In 1866, the Pennsylvania Railroad completed a line that extended to Crisfield, Maryland, only 12 miles north of Saxis along the Maryland bay side of the Eastern Shore. The earliest building stock extant today in the historic district dates roughly to this period. The overwhelming majority of dwellings are modest in terms of size and detailing. Folk Victorian dwellings feature simple stylistic references such as pedimented gables and turned posts. Forms are similarly modest, primarily consisting of gabled, one- to two-story buildings, often with a later, small rear gabled addition.

Through the last decades of the nineteenth century, major transportation improvements included a line from the north connecting to the rich oyster grounds at Chincoteague on the sea side of the Eastern Shore in 1876. Less than a decade later, track extended along the entire length of the Delmarva Peninsula, reaching Cape Charles in 1884.<sup>27</sup> Steamboat traffic near Saxis increased as well. Although the island's shallow shores remained off limits to large vessels, by 1874 a group of investors established a steamboat wharf on Messongo Creek at Hammocks, across the marshes about 3 miles southeast of Saxis. The entrance to Messongo Creek was more than 2.5 miles southeast of the southern end of Saxis and the wharf at Hammocks was approximately 5 miles upstream from the confluence of the creek with the Chesapeake Bay. Steamboats began to provide regular access to Hammocks in 1883. Land access between Saxis and Hammocks improved significantly with two more southeasterly road alignments constructed in 1875 and 1888, respectively. In the late nineteenth century, a community with a general store, sawmill, and warehouses developed around the steamboat landing.<sup>28</sup>

While Saxis remained more isolated than other communities in the area, the transportation improvements led to unprecedented growth in the island's seafood industry, prosperity, and community development. Oysters were fetching high prices and hundreds of small, open tonguing boats plied the shellfish-rich waters of Pocomoke Sound.<sup>29</sup> In 1887, an article by "Drummer" in the *Peninsula Enterprise* argued that Saxis and Pocomoke Neck were the areas of

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, 29-34.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, 36.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, 19, 36.

<sup>29</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 38.

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most rapid growth in Accomack County. This development was facilitated by construction of roads to Saxis and Sanford and the Eastern Shore Steamboat Company's wharf at Sandford. Saxis now had a post office, whereas previously the closest one had been at Jenkins' Bridge. Previously, the only option for Saxis's white children was a school "near the [Maryland] line"; by 1887 they had a "good" school" (built in 1877 on a site near 20258 Kirks Drive) and were "clamoring for a graded school." Another sign of education was the circulation of the newspaper on the island. The island also boasted its own church, Connors Chapel (the Methodist church), which was already being outgrown.<sup>30</sup> To accommodate a growing student body, a new school house was built on a site near 20303 Saxis Road. In 1896, the community had grown to the point that the Town of Saxis was incorporated by the Virginia legislature and the official name changed from Sykes. That year, a Baptist church was constructed on the open ground between the current post office and fire station; the church cemetery indicates the general location. Other signs of growth included the establishment of a voting precinct on the island in 1878, a post office in 1884, and the first telephone connection in 1898. The oldest extant store building on Saxis dates to this period, the Isaac Furniss Store at 20260 Saxis Road, constructed in 1884 and now used as a residence.<sup>31</sup>

During this period, the temperance movement was influential nationwide. On Saxis the Jerusalem Tent of the Rechabites foreswore alcoholic beverages. In addition to a campaign against the use of alcohol, the Rechabites contributed to a fund that provided an early form of health and burial insurance. The society remained active until 1905.<sup>32</sup> Their social hall was built in 1884 at 20303 Saxis Road, where it still stands, now converted for residential use. Such adaptive reuses are not uncommon on the island, representing both changing lifeways and salvaging of both the building and its land in a place that could not afford to waste either. Several former stores in the district also have been converted to dwellings, such as the aforementioned Isaac Furniss Store. This pattern has been with other building types as well, such as the island's elementary school which now houses a fire department. The district's architecture thus preserves past patterns of development while incorporating practical remedies for current uses.

As the oyster industry boomed in the late nineteenth century, signs of overharvesting led to the first regulatory measures in 1889. An act of the legislature permitting the private lease of barren oyster grounds (at \$1 per acre annually) was designed to motivate watermen to plant new beds of oysters in order to replenish stocks. An 1894 law, which followed a detailed survey of Virginia waters, designated 150,000 acres of public oyster beds, but access was limited to watermen who procured an annual license. A third law in 1908 only allowed the harvest of oysters larger than 3 inches.<sup>33</sup>

Growth on Saxis in the second half of the nineteenth century had taken place with a backdrop of major transportation improvements at Crisfield (1866) and Hammocks (1883). Their significance would be dwarfed by the construction of the Saxis pier, completed in 1903. Disconnected from

<sup>30</sup> Drummer, "Pocomoke Neck and Sykes," *Accomack Court House Peninsula Enterprise*, July 23, 1887.

<sup>31</sup> Mariner, *Almost an Island*, 46-47, 99.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, 46-47, 56.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, 41.

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the west side of the island, the pier provided a convenient location for oystermen to offload their catches and have it shipped directly to large urban markets. Approximately 500 barrels of oysters were shipped from the wharf each week. In addition to oystermen who would offload their harvests of oyster on their return from tonguing, residents plied back and forth between the island and the pier, carrying supplies to local stores and catching passenger service up and down the bay to destinations such as Crisfield, Pocomoke City, Baltimore, and Norfolk. A small wharf to the rear of the Rechabite Hall was a launching point for many small vessels headed to the pier. Such convenient access to shipping from the island led to the nearly immediate demise of the landing at Hammocks.<sup>34</sup>

At the turn of the century and with the advent of efficient, convenient transportation, the rate of development on the island peaked along with population growth (636 residents by 1910).<sup>35</sup> Most of the historic dwellings on Saxis date from the time of this building boom as watermen prospered from increased business. Even though oyster harvests began to decline at the turn of the century, business on Saxis boomed with diversification in the seafood industry. Local watermen began to meet the growing demand for softshell crab and clams. They also used pounds or traps/weirs to catch shad, herring, rockfish, and perch in Pocomoke Sound. In the 1910s further changes to the seafood industry occurred with the transition of small craft from sails to gasoline engines.<sup>36</sup>

Although the town government was dissolved for unclear reasons in 1912, the community continued to thrive. A third church, Saxis Holiness Church, was built in 1918 and then rebuilt in 1924 following a fire. In the 1910s and 1920s, the town boasted at least 12 stores, an opera house (1911) and then the Evans Picture Parlor (1920), both of which featured films and plays. By that time, many residents owned automobiles, which crowded the town's streets.<sup>37</sup>

During the 1930s, Saxis suffered from the general economic malaise of the Great Depression, as demand for local seafood stagnated. The Depression and changes in modes of transportation led to a watershed event that signaled an end to the boom of the early twentieth century: the closing of the Saxis Pier in 1932. Due to competition from increasingly economical transportation by automobile and truck, the Baltimore & Virginia Steamboat Company, which serviced the Saxis Pier, became bankrupt and closed its operations. Less than two weeks later, on March 6, 1932, a severe storm wrought havoc on waterfront infrastructure and boats. This was followed by a similarly destructive storm event with extremely high tides in February 1933 and then the devastating hurricane of August 23, 1933. As the local seafood industry declined following this series of setbacks, some families moved away from the island in search of work.<sup>38</sup>

Offsetting the dismal economic growth of the 1930s were the achievements of public works programs. Only five years after the closing of the Saxis Pier, watermen would begin to profit

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<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, 47-48.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, 54.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, 51-57.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, 55-56.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 60-61.

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from the signal improvements to the town's docking and transportation. In 1937, the Army Corps of Engineers dredged a channel from the bay into Starling Creek. At the southern end of town, the channel hugged the shore and widened into a 7-foot-deep anchorage basin. Dredged spoils were pumped into a bulkhead to form the present 600-foot-long town dock. The entire project was completed by the summer of 1938.<sup>39</sup>

Following World War II, the seafood industry underwent modernization and improvements in efficiency. Large processing buildings sprang up along the dock area, where oysters were shucked, packed, and shipped overland by trucks to the mainland. Watermen based in Saxis took advantage of boats with powerful engines to harvest oysters from grounds across the bay on the Potomac and James rivers, for example. Since the turn of the twentieth century, crabs had been monitored in pounds, areas in the shallow waters where watermen anchored floats (cages) to the creek bottoms. In the mid-1960s, the process was improved with the construction of waist-high tanks, which could be more easily checked for crabs that had molted than by lifting heavy floats from the often chilly waters of Starling Creek.<sup>40</sup>

The greatest change to life on Saxis came in the form of mobility, thanks to automobiles, buses, and trucks. During the postwar period, the variety and number of local stores and other businesses decreased as residents made frequent trips to the mainland for groceries and high school. The lower grades still attended school on Saxis and in 1949, they were served with a new brick building that included an auditorium (now converted to a fire station). The era also saw the reestablishment of town government in 1959.<sup>41</sup>

After a lull of two decades, another disastrous storm event struck Saxis. In 1954, Hurricane Hazel brought a storm surge that caused heavy damage to two oyster houses, destroyed eighty boats, and disrupted the productivity of local oyster beds. Six years later, Hurricane Donna caused similar damage. To avoid damage to watermen's livelihoods, in 1965 the Army Corps of Engineers constructed the Harbor of Refuge, east of the dock. Surrounded by land except at its access point, the Harbor provides excellent protection for small craft and currently accommodates up to 80 boats.<sup>42</sup>

The post-World War II era also saw Saxis adopt trends occurring nationally in housing design and construction trends. Minimal Traditional dwellings of brick or frame construction are among the most common twentieth century housing types in the district. A group that especially illustrates postwar events is "Fisherman's Row," which were built in 1949-1950, after their owners had enjoyed an especially successful fishing season, thus marrying the district's maritime heritage and architectural legacy.

Besides attracting duck hunters, the island had never had a tourism industry such as Chincoteague, for example. In the late 1960s, Virginia Beach businessman William F. Pefley

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<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, 65.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, 69-72.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, 73-74.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, 75.

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purchased a large tract at North End Point, dug a series of canals, and hoped to attract buyers for 135 lots with views of Pocomoke Sound and Robin Hood Bay. After the land was surveyed, he sold several lots but had to abandon the development, when permitting for the canals to connect with Robin Hood Bay was rejected.<sup>43</sup>

By 1960 the population had fallen by less than a hundred since its 1910 peak of 636. A sharper decline was registered in the next census and by 1990 it was just over half of its early twentieth century total. By 2010, the island had only 241 residents. Continued mobility and more lucrative opportunities have drawn younger generations to seek opportunities farther afield. Although disease and overharvesting diminished harvests in the 1980s and 1990s, recent improvements in breeding seed oysters has resulted in a comeback in production. Crabbing has remained an important local seafood product as well. Modern oystering and crabbing thus maintains a link to the strong tradition of a seafood economy that had developed and flourished on Saxis since the mid-nineteenth century. Nevertheless, only a small fraction work as watermen or in related occupations such as the processing plants along the dock. As members of long-established local families have moved out, many of their houses and some old stores have been purchased and maintained as vacation or retirement dwellings by outsiders from Delaware and urban areas around the bay. Investment of newer residents undoubtedly has helped to preserve some of the district's historic resources as these building might otherwise have been abandoned or demolished.

As noted previously, the historic district's cemeteries are a character-defining aspect of the district's cultural landscape. The lack of arable land and the shallow water table have necessitated use of concrete burial vaults and groupings of burials, often by family, in whatever land is available, which has limited possibilities for formal landscape design or even ornamental objects such as fencing or plantings. The Justice Cemetery, for example, contains forty-nine concrete burial vaults, several of which are unmarked, with family plots including the Ewell, Bailey, Thomas, Linton, Furniss, and Lewis families. At the Baptist Cemetery, there are forty-six concrete burial vaults, dating from 1909 to the early twenty-first century, and nearby are the Lewis and Miles cemeteries, together containing at least forty-four graves. The Linton and Evans cemeteries include resting places for long-time Saxis families such as Linton, McCready, Marshall, Thomas, Thorne, Miles, Spence, Lewis, Fisher, Bonawell, Chance, Young, and Mister. These two cemeteries have no walls or demarcated family plots, and nearly all of the markers—mostly granite headstones—date from the mid- to late twentieth century. Some concrete vaults are molded with beveled corners, but most are of simpler construction.

The Saxis Island Historic District's cultural landscape and built environment today comprise an ensemble of buildings, structures, landscape features, and sites that, overall, tell the story of the town's historic development and its continuing identity as a watermen's village.

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<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*, 77.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
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Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The true and correct historic boundary for the Saxis Island Historic District appears on the attached scaled map, entitled "Sketch Map/Photo Key - Saxis Island Historic District." The boundary follows the edges of existing tax parcel lines, even where they extend slightly into the shallow waters off the northwest end of Saxis.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The historic boundary encompasses the current town limits of Saxis along with adjacent areas to the north that have been associated historically with the development of Saxis as a watermen's community. The entirety of the landscape and waterscape of the so-called island were significant in the historical development of the district. The northern portion of the district boundary is drawn to include the cove at the northern end of the island, which served



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as a workboat anchorage for watermen living nearby until dredging of Starling Creek and construction of the town dock and the Harbor of Refuge shifted the focus of the commercial seafood industry to the southern end of Saxis. The northeast corner of the district extends across marshland to include Robin Hood Seafood, a crab processing facility and dock originally owned and operated by the Miles family in the first half of the twentieth century.

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Unless otherwise indicated, the following information applies to all photographs.

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1 of 28. View: View of Saxis from northeast end of district, looking southwest.

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2 of 28. View: View of Saxis from north end of Matthews Road, looking south.

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3 of 28. View: Bulkhead and seafood houses from town dock, looking east.

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4 of 28. View: Martin's Crab House alongside town dock, looking southwest.

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5 of 28. View: Harbor of Refuge, looking northwest.

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6 of 28. View: *Harry A. Drew* buyboat and its cabin, located on west side of Starling Creek Road near the northwest corner of the Harbor of Refuge.

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7 of 28. View: View toward former location (red buoy in center distance) of Saxis steamboat pier from beach near town dock, looking north.

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8 of 28. View: Remnant of pier on Robin Hood Bay associated with canceled 1960s Pefley's Beach residential development at north end of Saxis, looking north.

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9 of 28. View: Detail view of crab shedding tanks at Martin's Crab House, looking northeast.

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10 of 28. View: Robin Hood Bay Seafood House, looking north.

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11 of 28. View: Linton Crab Company, looking south.

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12 of 28. View: 20434 Saxis road, example of a house with a large extension, looking south.

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13 of 28. View: View along Saxis Road from intersection with Lees Circle and Dennis Drive toward Methodist Church, looking south.

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14 of 28. View: View along Saxis Road from intersection with Chris Lane, looking northeast.

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15 of 28. View: Clarie Marshall House at 20031 Saxis Road (left) and Beatrice Tull house at 20037 Saxis Road (right), looking west.

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16 of 28. View: View along east side of Saxis Road from 20214, looking north/northeast.

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17 of 28. View: Baptist Cemetery with Saxis Elementary School (currently a fire station) in background, looking north.

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18 of 28. View: Rechabite Hall (20303 Saxis Road), east elevation.

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19 of 28. View: Cutler Cemetery with slab of demolished Wayside Mission behind (under gazebo), looking northeast.

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20 of 28. View: Remnant of boundary ditch that divided the seventeenth-century Robert Sikes and George Parker patents, looking southeast.

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21 of 28. View: House at 20227 Saxis Road, east and north elevations, looking northwest.

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22 of 28. View: Dorsey Marshall House at 9100 Larrys Circle, northwest elevation.

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23 of 28. View: Noah Miles House at 19460 Saxis Road, west elevation.

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24 of 28. View: House at 19473 Saxis Road, south and west elevations.

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25 of 28. View: Remnant of Adoph Marshall Store at 20322 Saxis Road, west and south elevations.

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26 of 28. View: House at 19496 Saxis Road, façade, looking southeast.  
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27 of 28. View: Henry Linton House at 9084 Larry's Circle, north and east elevations.  
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28 of 28. View: House at 20309 Saxis Road, east and north elevations, looking northwest.  
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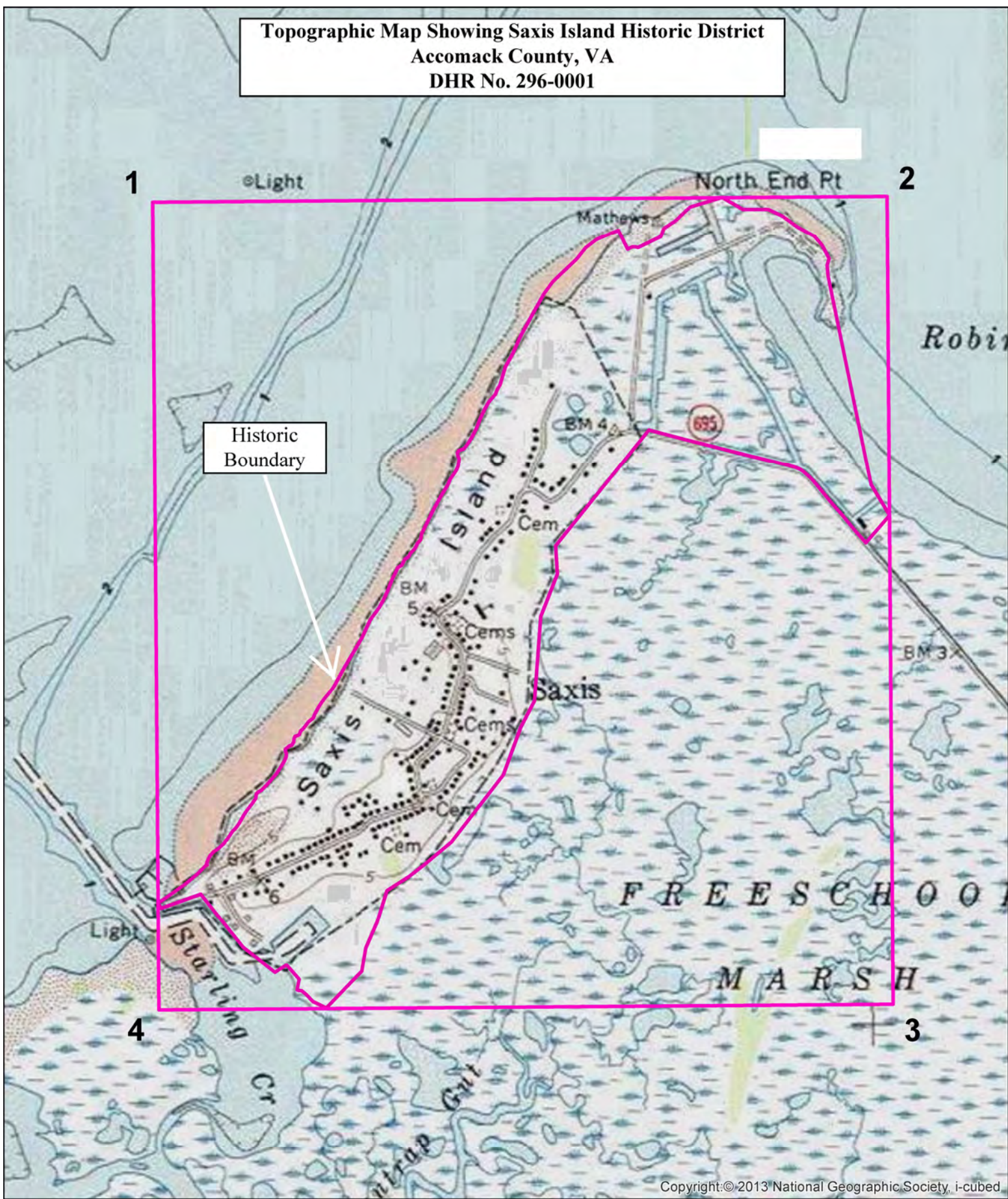


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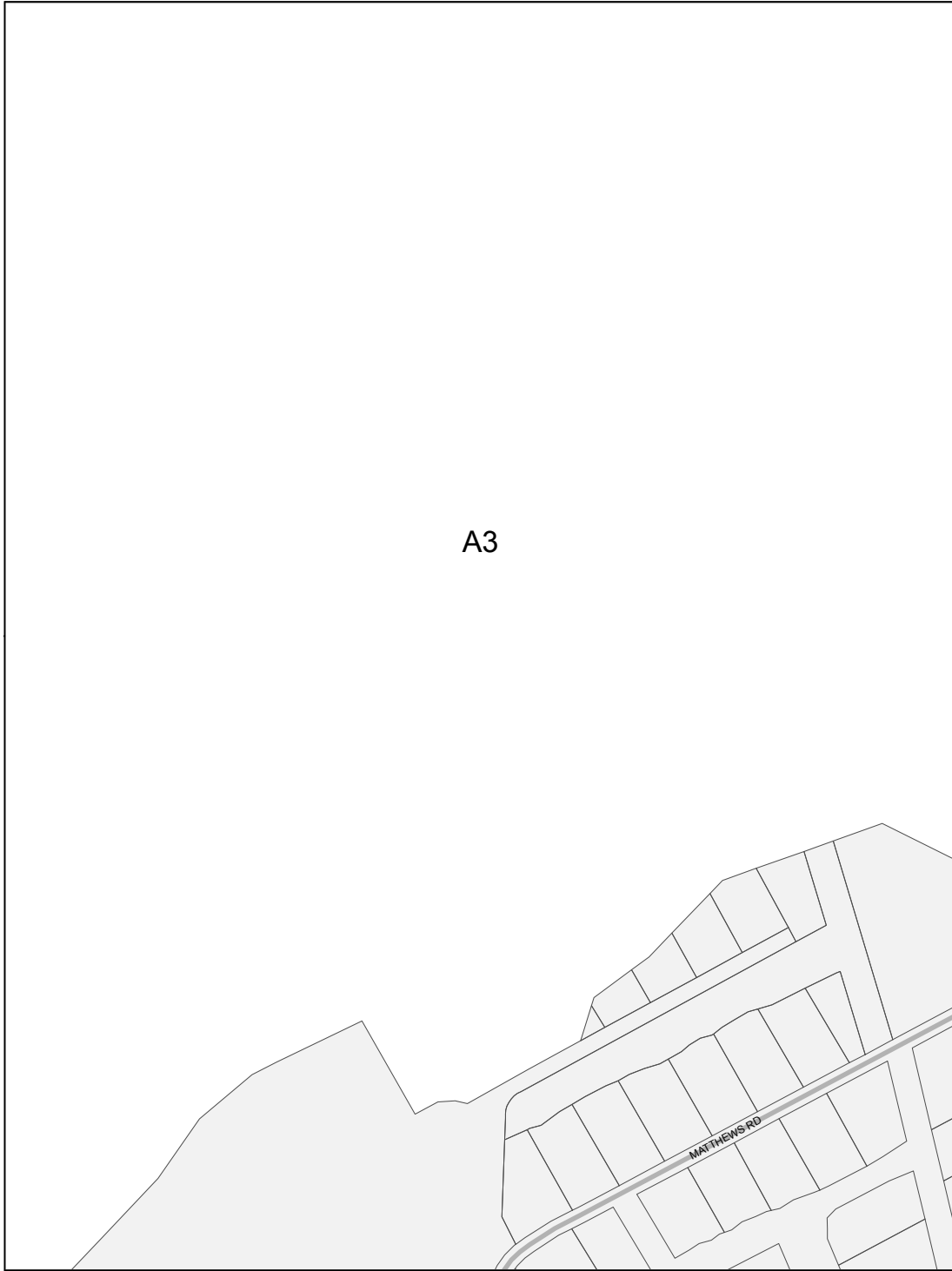
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




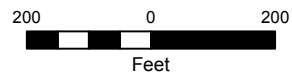
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


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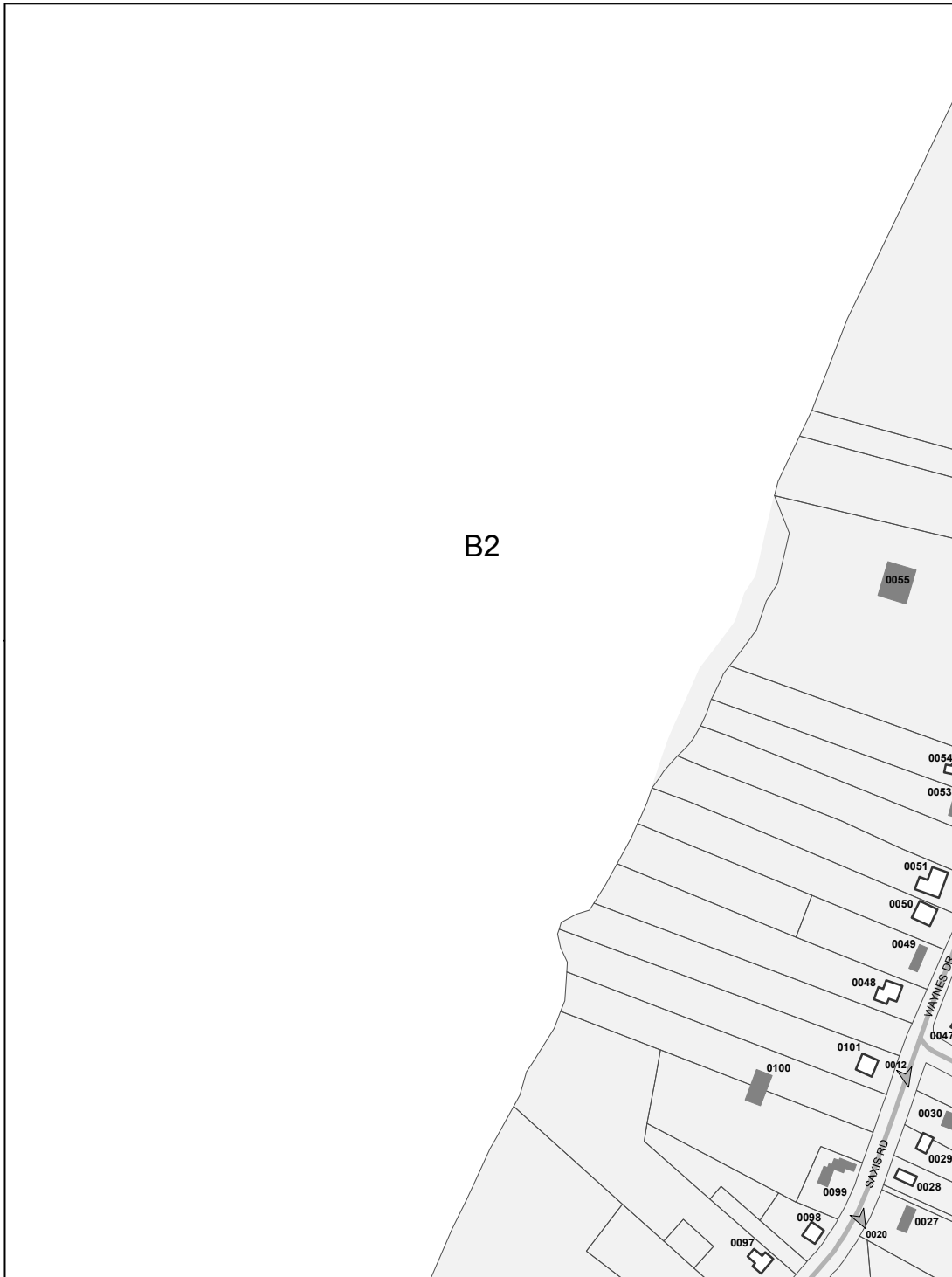







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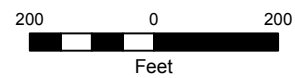


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


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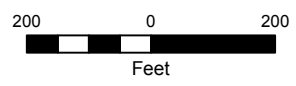


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


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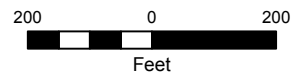


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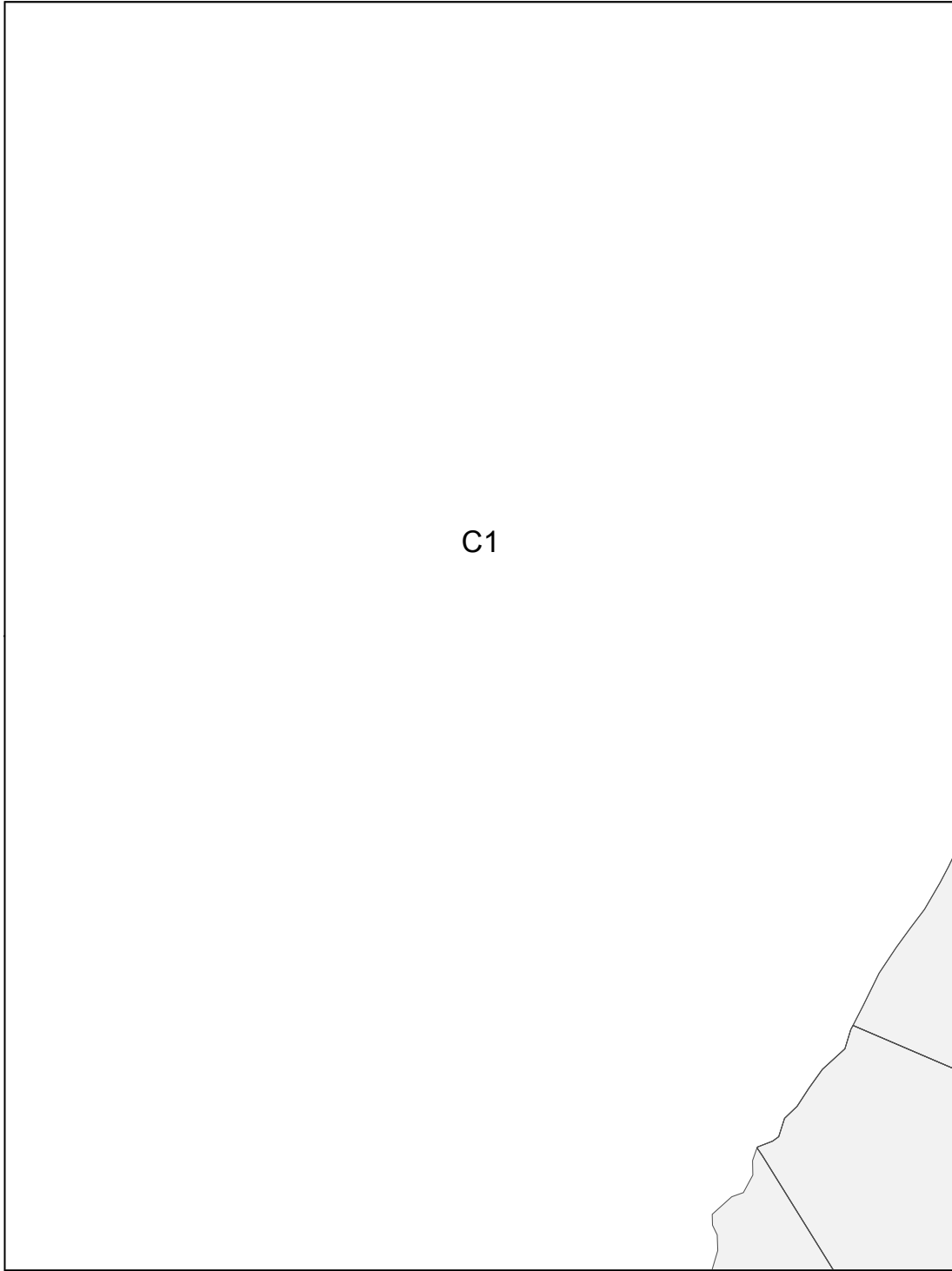







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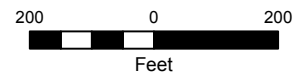


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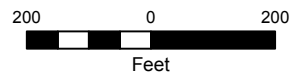


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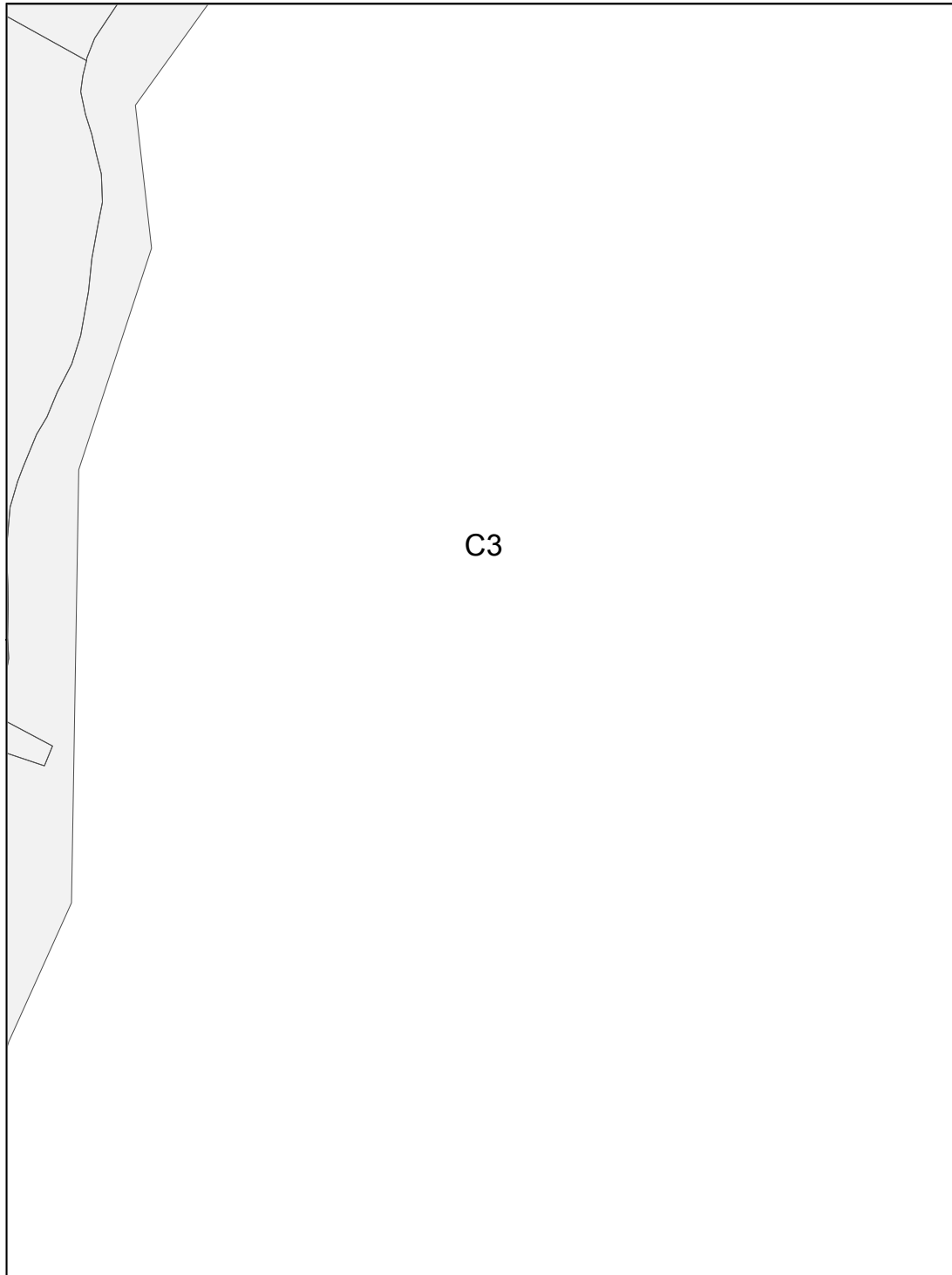







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




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


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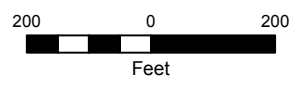


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 10/10/2017      Date of Pending List: 11/14/2017      Date of 16th Day: 11/29/2017      Date of 45th Day: 11/24/2017      Date of Weekly List: 11/24/2017

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept       Return       Reject      11/24/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Edson Beall      Discipline Historian

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



Michael T. Mason, CPA  
County Administrator

May 19, 2017

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Mr. James Hare, Director  
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Richmond, VA 23221

**Re: Saxis Island Historic District, Accomack County**

Dear Mr. Hare:

I am in receipt of your letter in reference to the aforementioned. The Accomack County Board of Supervisors is in support of the proposed nomination of Saxis Island as a Historic District to the Virginia State Review Board and the Virginia Board of Historic Resources for recommendation to the National Register of Historic Places and for inclusion in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Mason".

Michael T. Mason, CPA  
County Administrator





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October 5, 2017

Mr. Paul Loether  
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National Register of Historic Places  
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### Re: Saxis Island Historic District, Accomack County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the **Saxis Island Historic District** to the National Register of Historic Places. Submitted for your review, the nomination has been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board and the Virginia SHPO has recommended it for listing. Any letters of comment or objection have been copied at the end of the nomination material, along with any FPO notification letters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-482-6439.

Sincerely,

Lena Sweeten McDonald  
National/State Register Historian

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