

AA-1899

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Polling House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 37 Lafayette Ave, not for publication

city, town Annapolis vicinity of congressional district 30th

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

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

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

name City Gate Venture Inc.

street & number Glenco Bldg. telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Cty Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Annapolis, Inc.

date Sept. 1983 federal state county local

pository for survey records 194 Prince George St.

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. AA-1899

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1908 - 1913 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

Original use not known, was used as a store and as a residence in early 20thC. Contributes to streetscape. Traditionally known as the Polling House.



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION — PART 1
(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of ~~1976~~ 1981)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: The Polling House
Address of property: Street 37 Lafayette Avenue
City Annapolis County Anne Arundel State Maryland Zip Code 21401
Name of historic district in which property is located: City of Annapolis, Maryland

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)
One Room House, now Stucco, but originally clapboard. Two front doors for entry and exiting the polling house. Stucco is believed to have been applied about 30 years ago.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)
The Polling House is located in the oldest part of the Murray Hill section of Annapolis, Maryland, and is in the portion of Lafayette Avenue within the Historic District of Annapolis. (see over)
Date of construction (if known): 1880's Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:
Name City Gate Venture, Inc.
Street 1919 West Street,
City Annapolis, State Maryland Zip Code 21401
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (301)269-5506 (301)268-4242

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.
Signature *Norman Understein* Date April 30, 1983
Norman Understein, President

For office use only
The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.
The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).
The structure is located in a district which appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and appears does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.
Signature *[Signature]* Date 6-3-83
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
 is hereby certified a historic structure.
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.
Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: AA 1899	
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing	
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Polling House	
PRESENT USE: Vacant	
ORIGINAL USE: Commercial	
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good () Fair (X) Poor: ()	
THEME:	
STYLE: Vernacular	
DATE BUILT: 1908-1913	

COUNTY: Anne Arundel
TOWN: Annapolis
LOCATION: 47 Lafayette Avenue 37
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Comm Map30 Par 45B (22)
OWNER: City Gate Venture Inc. ADDRESS: Glenco Building Annapolis, MD 21401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (✓) State () National () <input type="radio"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
 Structural System
 1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (X) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 2. Wall Structure
 A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco (X) Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
 4. Roof Structure
 A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 B. Other:
 5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
 6. Engineering Structure:
 7. Other:
 Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:
 Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
 Other:
 Number of Stories: 1
 Number of Bays: 4 x 2
 Approximate Dimensions: 30 x 20
 Entrance Location: Right & Left

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Small early 20thC structure with boxed cornice, entrances at both end bays of four bay facade.

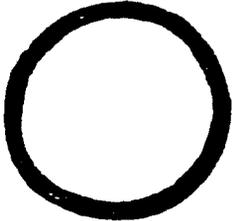
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

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REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up(✓) Densely-Built Up()
- Residential() Commercial()
- Agricultural() Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

RECORDED BY: Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED: Aug. 1983



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AT Lafayette

AA 1899

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

56 Elevation/camera facing NW

41 Lafayette

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