

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: MAYO CIVIC ASSOCIATION BUILDING Inventory Number: AA-2504

Address: 1175 MAYO RD City: MAYO Zip Code: 21106

County: ANNE ARUNDEL USGS Topographic Map: SOUTH RIVER

Owner: MAYO CIVIC ASSOCIATION Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 281 Tax Map Number: 0060 Tax Account ID Number: 05289351

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

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| <i>If the property is within a district</i>   |  | District Inventory Number: _____ |
| NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes   | Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes | District Name: _____             |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                                  |

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| <i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>                         |  |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no |  |

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

**Description of Property:** The Mayo Hall or Mayo Civic Association building, built in 1900, consists of a fame built, two story, T-plan structure with a center foyer on the principle façade. It is situated on a small 0.26-acre lot (11,326 square feet) that fronts Mayo Road (also known as RT 214 Central Ave, East) in suburban Anne Arundel County. The area is historically known as South River or Mayo but more recently is associated with Edgewater as that community has grown and spread south from it original boundaries. From the street, this community hall looks like an "I-House." However, the structure was never a domestic dwelling. The roof has a moderate pitch and is center-gabled. The principle façade is symmetrical and has two sets of three-section ribbon windows (or seven-ranked), with one single window centered over the front door equaling six windows on the first floor and seven on the second. The original windows were three-over-three sash hung but these have recently been replaced with modern vinyl windows of a similar style. The entrance has exterior double doors (swinging inward) that are plain, without panels or window. They are situated in a shallow foyer (five feet deep) that appears to be an enclosed porch as it obstructs the ground floor windows. This section has recently been covered with vinyl siding but was previously enclosed with simple windowless frame walls. It has a brick foundation now hidden by vinyl siding; there is no basement. It has a large one-story addition that is contiguous on the west and north sides that was constructed in 1956. The roof is not original and the roof framing type is unknown due to lack of access. Similarly, the wall framing type is unknown. The original exterior consists of wide clapboard attached with machine cut nails however, this has recently been covered by vinyl siding.

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| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>  | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |
| Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| Comments: <u>lacks integrity</u>  |  |
| <u>[Signature]</u><br>Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services   | <u>6/16/14</u><br>Date   |
| <u>[Signature]</u><br>Reviewer, NR Program  | <u>6/16/14</u><br>Date   |

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<sup>1</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records, Patents 1750, Book BY and GS 2, p. 374.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua Dorsey Warfield, *The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland: A genealogical and biographical review from wills, deeds and church records*. (Baltimore: Kohn & Pollock, 1905), 172-173.

<sup>3</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1835, Book WSG 19, p. 401.

<sup>4</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1895, Book JCB 4, p. 0195.

<sup>5</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1890, Book SH 37, p. 0323.

<sup>6</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats, Patented Certificate 614, 1854/01/03; Gresham, Isaac Mayo, 998 Acres.

<sup>7</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1899, Book GW 15, p. 205-206.

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<sup>9</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1894, Book SH 47, p. 278.

<sup>10</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, Land Records 1900, Book GW 17, p. 234-235.

<sup>11</sup> Richey Russell E., etal. *The Methodist Experience in America*. Vol. 1. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010), np.

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The community's watermen formed the Mayo Beneficial Association in 1897 to provide sick and death benefits for its membership.<sup>12</sup> James W. Lee, Jr. served as the organization's first president.<sup>13</sup> The majority of the residents, including Nicholas G. Collison and his sons, in the South River/Mayo area in 1900 were watermen involved in the oyster industry, some were small-scale farmers.<sup>14</sup> Nicholas G. Collison also had a store in Scabbletown. Many worked out of the Rhoad River and Cadle Creek on the southwest side of Scabbletown and the southernmost end of the peninsula, just south of Mayo.<sup>15</sup> The "Mayo Hall" was constructed in 1900 and was held by the Mayo Beneficial Association MBA until purchased by the Mayo Community and Recreation Association (MCRA) in 1956, for \$4,600.00.<sup>16</sup> The MBA was formed in 1953 and had 227 charter members.<sup>17</sup> This was a large group as the "village of Mayo on the west shore of Cadle Creek, (2 3/4) miles southeast of village of South River" had a population of only 216 in 1941.<sup>18</sup>

Shortly after purchase in 1956, the building was renovated and enlarged under MCRA president Richard B. McCrone with the addition of two bathrooms and an enlarged kitchen.<sup>19</sup> At the same time, the association purchased an additional 7.15 acres behind the hall lot and worked with the University of Maryland to develop public recreation facilities for the community with the goal of providing activities for Mayo's teens.<sup>20</sup> It was known as the Mayo Community Recreation Area and consisted of tennis and basketball courts and a baseball field.

The Mayo Civic Association was incorporated as a "non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization working for the benefit of the community" and obtained 501 (c) 3 non-profit status in 1977.<sup>21</sup> Over the last century the "Mayo Hall" has been the meeting location for local women's and men's community groups, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the 4-H, community political meetings, a venue for the Bloodmobile, community garage sales and flea markets, theater performances for children and home of the short-lived "Mayo Players" theater group in the mid-1960s.<sup>22</sup> It has also hosted "oyster & chicken roasts," picnics, and square dancing for the Mayo community for generations.

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Date Prepared: 5/16/2014

<sup>12</sup> Evening Capital, "New Recreation Building Acquired by Mayo Community Group." *Annapolis Capital*, May 10, 1956: 10.

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<sup>14</sup> Ancestry.com. "1900 United States Federal Census." Maryland, Anne Arundel, First Election District, Second Precinct (Provo, UT, 2004), Sheet 4B.

<sup>15</sup> C. Jane Cox, etal. *Survey and Limited Assessment of Archaeological Resources in the Rhode River Region, Anne Arundel County, Maryland*. MHT Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant. (Annapolis: Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project, 2007), 37.

<sup>16</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, Land Records 1956 GTC 1025, p. 0233.

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<sup>18</sup> Maryland State Archives. "Gazeteer of Maryland, 1941." *Archives of Maryland*. Volume 478. Maryland State Planning Commission and the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources. Annapolis: Maryland State Archives, 2002.

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<sup>20</sup> Evening Capital. "Recreation Area Planned in Mayo." *The Capital*, Feb 5, 1965: 8.

<sup>21</sup> Evening Capital. "Recreation Area Planned in Mayo." *The Capital*, Feb 5, 1965: 8.

<sup>22</sup> See the Annapolis newspaper(s), *The Annapolis Capital*, *The Capital*, *The Evening Capital* from the 1940s to the 1980s.

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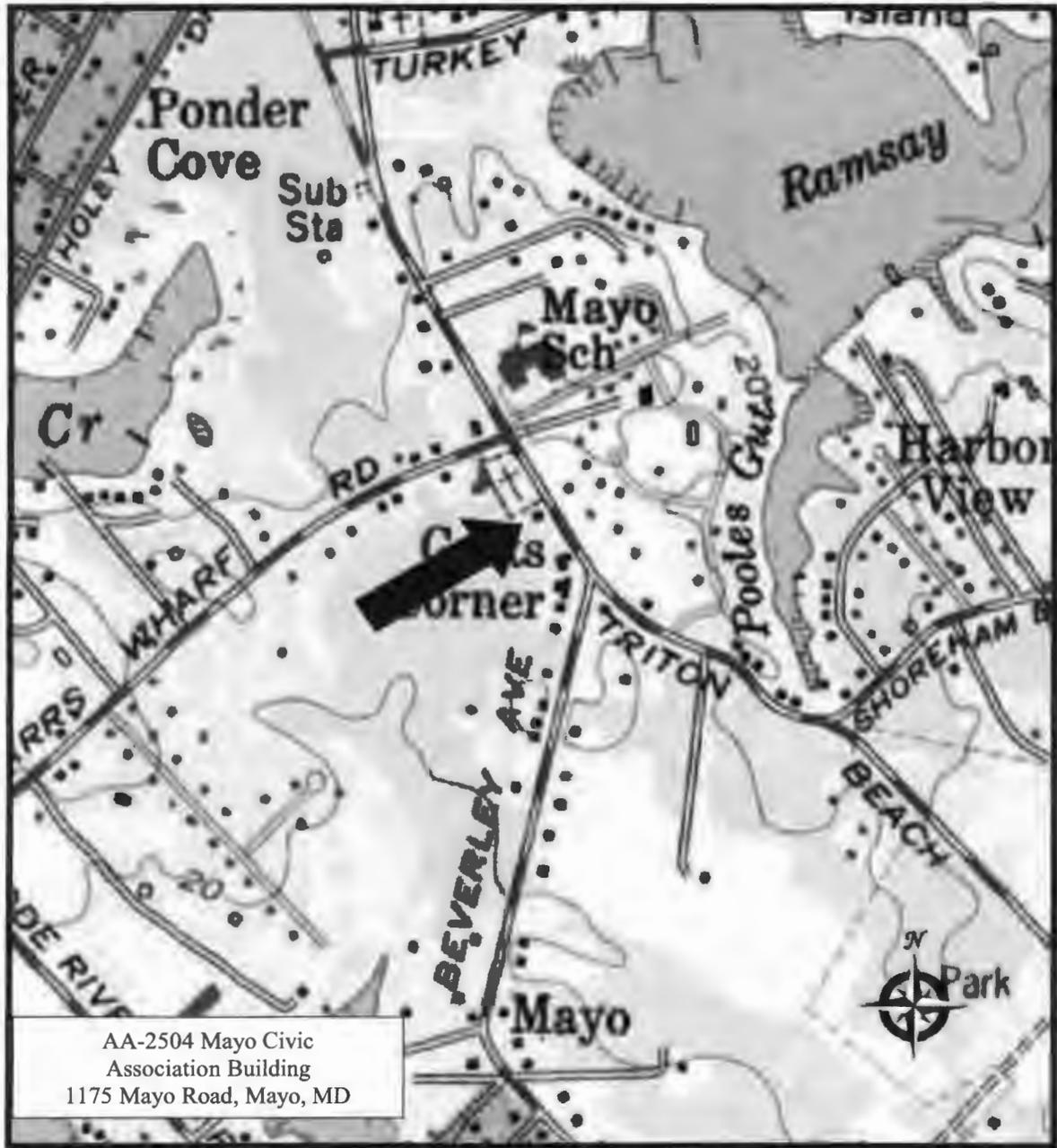
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Map 2: USGS, SOUTH RIVER Quad Map Detail, 1993 (SERIES: 7.5 SCALE: 1:24000)

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Map 3: Ariel of 1175 Mayo Road, Mayo MD (2011)

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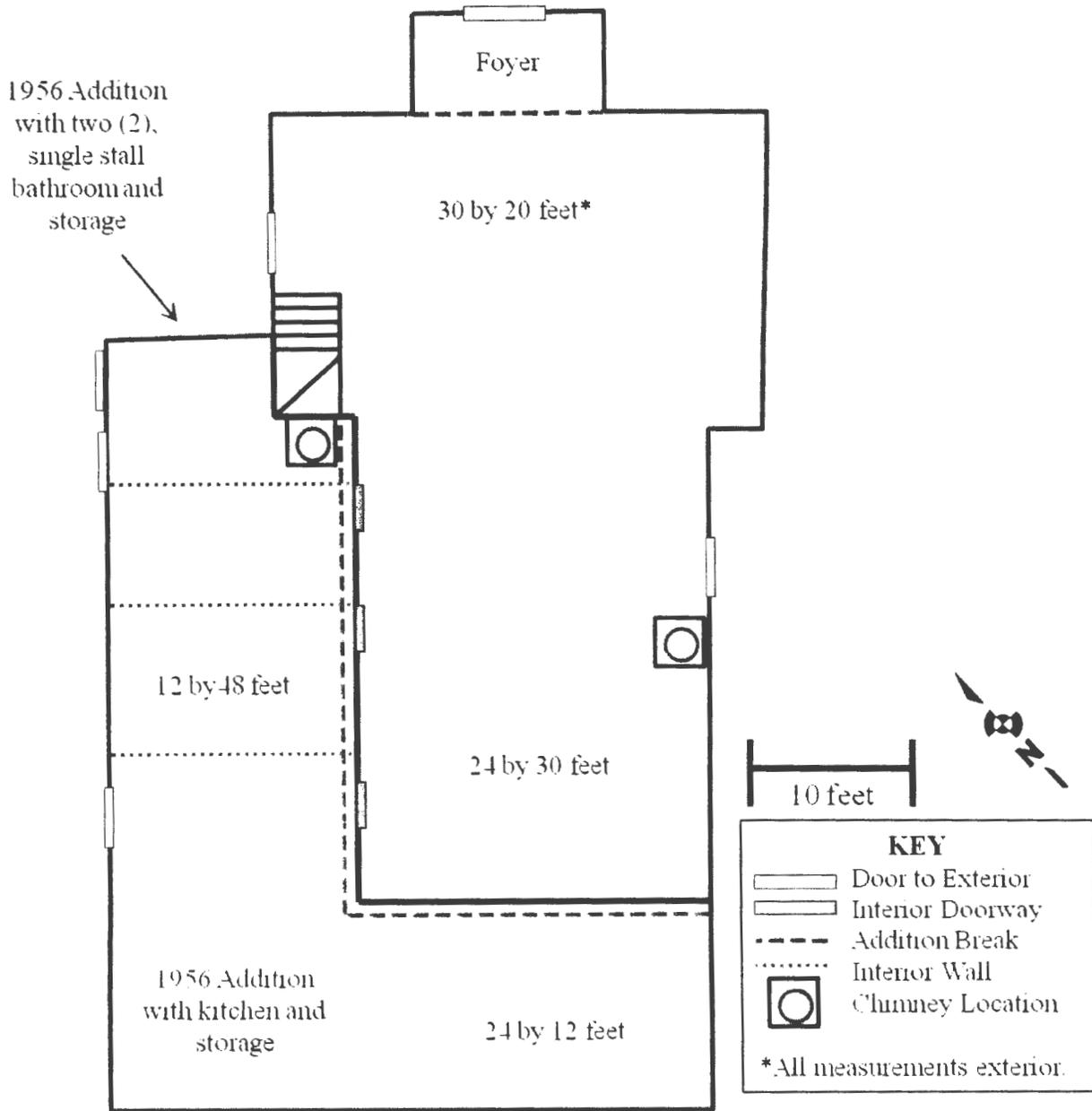


Map 4: Ariel Detail of 1175 Mayo Road, Mayo MD (2010)

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Drawings  
Mayo Civic Association Building (AA-2504)  
Mayo, Maryland  
First Floor

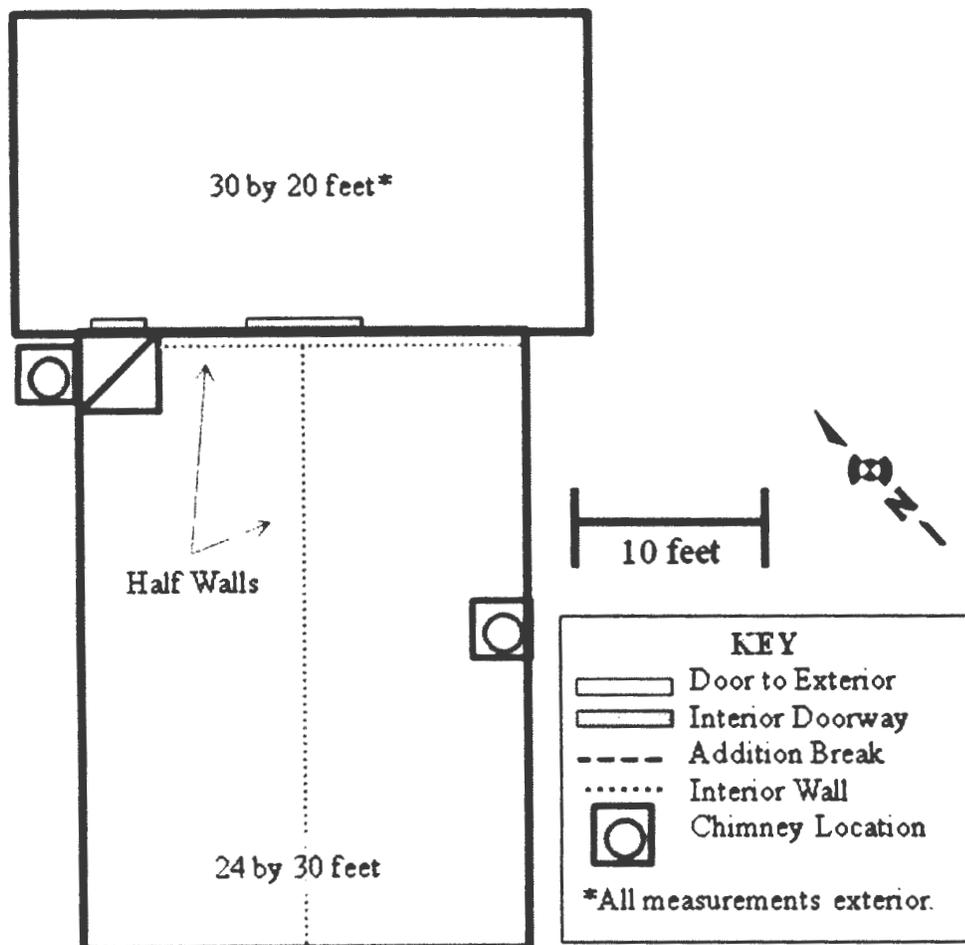


Drawing 1: First Floor Plan

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**Mayo Civic Association Building (AA-2504)**  
**Mayo, Maryland**  
**Second Floor**



Drawing 2: Second Floor Plan

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**Photograph Log for Archival CD**

**Mayo Civic Association Building AA-2504  
Photo Log for DOE Form**

| <b>File Name</b>      | <b>Title</b>                               | <b>Facing</b> |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_01 | Principle Façade, Street View              | SW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_02 | Principle Façade, with Addition            | SW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_03 | South Side                                 | NW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_04 | South Side                                 | N             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_05 | South Side Detail                          | N             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_06 | South West Corner                          | NE            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_07 | Rear Façade                                | W             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_08 | North Side                                 | E             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_09 | North Side                                 | S             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_10 | North Side 1 Addition                      | SW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_11 | North Side 2 Addition                      | SW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_12 | North Side Detail                          | SE            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_13 | North Side Foyer Addition                  | S             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_14 | South Side Foyer Addition                  | N             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_15 | Interior Main Room Facing Principle Façade | NE            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_16 | Interior Main Room Facing Rear Façade      | SW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_17 | Stairs to 2nd Floor, Ascending             | W             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_18 | Stairs from 2nd Floor, Descending          | E             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_19 | Interior Main Room, South Side             | S             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_20 | Interior Main Room, North Side             | N             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_21 | Doorway to 2nd Floor, Off Stairway         | W             |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_22 | Rear Room, 2nd Floor, North Side           | NW            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_23 | Front Room, 2nd Floor North Side           | NE            |
| AA-2504_2014-05-19_24 | Front Room, 2nd Floor South Side           | SE            |

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2504

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic MAYO CIVIC ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
 other Mayo Hall

### 2. Location

street and number 1175 MAYO ROAD \_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town MAYO, MARYLAND 21037 \_\_\_ vicinity  
 county ANNE ARUNDEL

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

name MAYO CIVIC AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 street and number PO BOX 23 telephone 410-798-0937  
 city, town MAYO state MD zip code 21106

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES liber 01025 folio 00233  
 city, town ANNAPOLIS, MD tax map 0060 tax parcel 0281 tax ID number 05289351

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: DOE on file at MHT

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                        |   | Resource Count                      |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape          | Contributing                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | <u>1</u>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense        | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           | Noncontributing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social  | <input type="checkbox"/> buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education      | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     | <input type="checkbox"/> sites      |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary       | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress   | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government     | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown            | <input type="checkbox"/> objects    |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care    | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use  | <input type="checkbox"/> Total      |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry       | <input type="checkbox"/> other:             |                                     |

**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**  
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive 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"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture        | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                               | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology         | <input type="checkbox"/> education                               | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy                |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000-     | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce           | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage                         | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                   |
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|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation       |  | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____              |

**Specific dates** 1900 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1900

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In August of 1899, William D. and Cora M. Collison sold a parcel of land containing 20 and 3/10<sup>th</sup> acres to Nicholas G. Collison for \$800.00.<sup>7</sup> It was noted to be "Lot No. 6 of the subdivision" of a part of the real estate conveyed to Thomas H. Gaither, Jr. by Thomas H. Gaither, son-in-law of Isaac Mayo, in July of 1890.<sup>8</sup> The 20 acre parcel was a subdivision of the combined tracts, "Cotter's Desire and Gresham" as surveyed in 1894 for the heirs of Isaac Mayo.<sup>9</sup>

In March of 1900, Nicholas G. and Susan E. (nee Hubbard) Collison sold a one-quarter acre of the tract to the Mayo Beneficial Association (MBA) for \$30.00. The property came with the stipulation, "...that no building or part of any building thereon or

<sup>1</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records, Patents 1750, Book BY and GS 2, p. 374.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua Dorsey Warfield, *The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland: A genealogical and biographical review from wills, deeds and church records*. (Baltimore: Kohn & Pollock, 1905), 172-173.

<sup>3</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1835, Book WSG 19, p. 401.

<sup>4</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1895, Book JCB 4, p. 0195.

<sup>5</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1890, Book SH 37, p. 0323.

<sup>6</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats, Patented Certificate 614, 1854/01/03; Gresham, Isaac Mayo, 998 Acres.

<sup>7</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1899, Book GW 15, p. 205-206.

<sup>8</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1899, Book GW 15, p. 205-206.

<sup>9</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Land Records 1894, Book SH 47, p. 278.

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hereafter placed thereon shall ever be occupied or used for the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors."<sup>10</sup> The Collison family was members of the Mayo United Methodist Church, found in 1878, and both are buried in the graveyard. The Methodist Church was aligned with the temperance movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century thus the stipulation against alcohol consumption.<sup>11</sup> The Collison family was one of the founding families involved in the MBA and continued so for generations.

The community's watermen formed the Mayo Beneficial Association in 1897 to provide sick and death benefits for its membership.<sup>12</sup> James W. Lee, Jr. served as the organization's first president.<sup>13</sup> The majority of the residents, including Nicholas G. Collison and his sons, in the South River/Mayo area in 1900 were watermen involved in the oyster industry, some were small-scale farmers.<sup>14</sup> Nicholas G. Collison also had a store in Scabbletown. Many worked out of the Rhoad River and Cadle Creek on the southwest side of Scabbletown and the southernmost end of the peninsula, just south of Mayo.<sup>15</sup> The "Mayo Hall" was constructed in 1900 and was held by the Mayo Beneficial Association MBA until purchased by the Mayo Community and Recreation Association (MCRA) in 1956, for \$4,600.00.<sup>16</sup> The MBA was formed in 1953 and had 227 charter members.<sup>17</sup> This was a large group as the "village of Mayo on the west shore of Cadle Creek, (2 3/4) miles southeast of village of South River" had a population of only 216 in 1941.<sup>18</sup>

Shortly after purchase in 1956, the building was renovated and enlarged under MCRA president Richard B. McCrone with the addition of two bathrooms and an enlarged kitchen.<sup>19</sup> At the same time, the association purchased an additional 7.15 acres behind the hall lot and worked with the University of Maryland to develop public recreation facilities for the community with the goal of providing activities for Mayo's teens.<sup>20</sup> It was known as the Mayo Community Recreation Area and consisted of tennis and basketball courts and a baseball field.

The Mayo Civic Association was incorporated as a "non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization working for the benefit of the community" and obtained 501 (c) 3 non-profit status in 1977.<sup>21</sup> Over the last century the "Mayo Hall" has been the meeting location for local women's and men's community groups, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the 4-H, community political meetings, a venue for the Bloodmobile, community garage sales and flea markets, theater performances for children and home of the short-lived "Mayo Players" theater group in the mid-1960s.<sup>22</sup> It has also hosted "oyster & chicken roasts," picnics, and square dancing for the Mayo community for generations.

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<sup>10</sup> MSA, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, Land Records 1900, Book GW 17, p. 234-235.

<sup>11</sup> Richey Russell E., etal. *The Methodist Experience in America*. Vol. 1. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010), np.

<sup>12</sup> Evening Capital, "New Recreation Building Acquired by Mayo Community Group." *Annapolis Capital*, May 10, 1956: 10.

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<sup>14</sup> Ancestry.com. "1900 United States Federal Census." Maryland, Anne Arundel, First Election District, Second Precinct (Provo, UT, 2004), Sheet 4B.

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<sup>18</sup> Maryland State Archives. "Gazeteer of Maryland, 1941." *Archives of Maryland*. Volume 478. Maryland State Planning Commission and the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources. Annapolis: Maryland State Archives, 2002.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of surveyed property 0.26 Acre  
 Acres of historical setting 0.26 Acre  
 Quadrangle name South River

Quadrangle scale: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verbal boundary description and justification

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**Account Identifier:** District - 01 Subdivision - 000 Account Number - 05289351

**Owner Name:** MAYO COMMUNITY & REC ASSOC INC

**Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Principal Residence:** NO

**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 23  
 MAYO MD 21106-0023

**Deed Reference:** 1) /01025/ 00233  
 2)

**Premises Address:** MAYO RD  
 MAYO 21106-0000

**Legal Description:** .26 ACRE  
 MAYO RD  
 MAYO

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|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Map:</b> | <b>Grid:</b> | <b>Parcel:</b> | <b>Sub District:</b> | <b>Subdivision:</b> | <b>Section:</b> | <b>Block:</b> | <b>Lot:</b> | <b>Assessment Year:</b> | <b>Plat No:</b>  |
| 0060        | 0023         | 0281           |                      | 000                 |                 |               |             | 2012                    |                  |
|             |              |                |                      |                     |                 |               |             |                         | <b>Plat Ref:</b> |

**Town:** NONE

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| city or town    | Annapolis                  | state        | MD           |

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Mayo Civic Assoc

A.A. CO MD

Mechelle KEANS

4/3/2014

MD SHPO

5558618, Primary 1-022

<ILFORD>, <Fromex True B&W>, 05/05/14

Principle Facade  
Facing SW

1/24



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Mayo Civic  
Assoc. Building

5558618. Primary with addition 4/13/14

AA Co. MD

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PRINCIPLE FACADE  
w/ Addition

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South Side

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Assoc. Building  
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North Side  
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North Side  
Foyer Addition

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South Side  
Foyer Addition

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Mayo Civic  
Assoc. Building

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Medulla King

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Interior Main Room  
Facing Principle Facade

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Interior Main  
Room, Facing Rear

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Mayo Civic  
Assoc. Building

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Stairs to 2nd Fl

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Mayo Civic  
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South Side

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Interior Main Rm  
North Side

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Mayo Clinic  
Assoc. Building

AA Co. MD

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Doorway to 2nd Fl

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Mayo Civic  
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Front Rm, 2nd Fl

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5558618, 2nd floor room front of building

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Mayo Civic  
ASSOC. Building

5558618, 2nd floor room front of building

AA CO. MD

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Front Rm 2nd Fl  
North side

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