

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc. Inventory Number: CT-832

Address: 162 Main Street Historic district: ___ yes no

City: Prince Frederick Zip Code: 20678 County: Calvert

USGS Quadrangle(s): Prince Frederick

Property Owner: Lusby Motor Co Tax Account ID Number: 014041

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 446 Tax Map Number: 24

Project: MD 231 at MD 765A Community Enhancement and Safety Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Agency Prepared By: Parsons Brinckerhoff

Preparer's Name: G. Blanchard K. Britt Date Prepared: 5/1/2014

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory Form for CT-832

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ___ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description

The Calvert Seed/Bless Inc. building is located at 162 Main Street; it was built in 1945. It is an altered, one-story, one-part commercial block building that rests on a concrete block foundation. Its exterior is covered with a brick veneer and a flat roof. The building is oriented on a northeast-southwest axis, with its facade facing Main Street to the southwest. The building is divided into two units. Although featuring classically inspired elements, the building exhibits no discernible architectural style.

The building's southwest facade contains its main entrances and is partitioned into two discrete business units. The western unit contains a polygonal projection from the facade. Its glazed entry door is located on the projection and is south-facing near the facade's center. West of the glazed door and across the projection are multi-light, fixed windows surmounted above small molded panels. The panels rest on a continuous brick, rowlock sill. Windows are generally twelve-light configuration. Three are southwest-facing while one is west-facing. Each window is flanked by fluted pilasters supporting a classical architrave that extends the length of the facade beneath a metal canopy.

The adjacent, eastern unit contains an off-center glazed entry door with an adjacent paired window to its east. The paired window

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Jim Talbot
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/6/2014
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/12/14
Date

is comprised of twelve-light fixed sashes over modestly molded panels. These panel-and-window configurations extend from the ground level to the architrave beneath the canopy. Fluted pilasters flank the glazed entry door and paired window and support the architrave. An additional window is located east of the paired window. It is of fixed, twelve-light composition and rests on a rowlock sill. Above these two commercial units is a metal, hip-roof canopy. A rowlock-laid brick row lines the canopy-facade juncture. Above, a stepped parapet wall adds additional height to the building above the roofline. It is lined with a classical cornice over a row of dentils.

The building's southeast elevation is comprised of four bays separated by vertical buttresses. Most bays contain a single, central window; the easternmost bay contains a door.

The building's flat roof is lined by a low stepped parapet wall.

The building has no set back from Main Street. It is located within a commercial corridor and is among other low-rise commercial buildings. Adjacent to the building's northwest elevation is another building, while a small grassy strip is located along its southeast elevation. To its rear, northeast elevation is an asphalt parking lot. Landscape features include young shrubbery plantings at its rear and young trees near its northwest elevation. The property surveyed as part of this evaluation was .4 acre.

Historic Context

Established in 1654, Calvert County is bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the east and the Patuxent River to the west and south. Today, the county encompasses 413 square miles of land. "A History of Calvert County" states that the county extended north and northwest of its present boundaries when established, including present-day Prince George's County in its entirety. In 1658, the Prince George's County region was separated from Calvert County.

Calvert County's early settlers recognized the region's suitability for growing tobacco and tobacco cultivation emerged as the county's driving economic force in the late seventeenth century. In turn, this impacted many aspects of life in Calvert County, including its social structure and physical development. Slaves worked on tobacco plantations and the crop became so integral to life in the county that residents used the plant's leaves for currency. Residential and agrarian growth initially occurred along the county's shorelines and riverbanks, and transportation centers for shipping tobacco via the region's waterways developed instead of roads. With little need for a central market, towns did not rapidly develop and growth within the county's central region. Poor roads, along with the county's location on the Calvert Peninsula, left Calvert County isolated for many years.

According to "The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland," the original county seat was likely itinerant, but a legislative report from March 23, 1697/98 first mentions a Calvert County courthouse. Calvert County established this first courthouse at Calvertown, located on the county's western side at Battle Creek, but many residents found this location inconvenient. After repeated complaints about the location and the courthouse's declining condition, the Assembly relocated the county seat. In 1722, an act establishing the county seat on a centrally located tract of unsettled land passed. This land, known as William's Old Field, was renamed Prince Fredericktown and later Prince Frederick for King George I's eldest son. (Within this historic context, the town will be referred to as Prince Frederick, its present name.) The Assembly did not appropriate sufficient funding to build the courthouse and jail until 1725, Prince Frederick's official year of establishment.

Early settlement patterns occurred along the water. However, prior to Prince Frederick's 1725 establishment, several Calvert County residents built homes in the central region and landowners established lots in this central region. William Kidd and John Critchard completed the first Prince Frederick courthouse and nearby jail in 1732. From this site, Prince Frederick's Main Street (present-day MD 765A) and downtown evolved. After Kidd and Critchard completed the courthouse and jail, local landowners

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW													
Eligibility recommended _____				Eligibility not recommended _____									
Criteria:	___ A	___ B	___ C	___ D	Considerations:	___ A	___ B	___ C	___ D	___ E	___ F	___ G	
MHT Comments:													
_____							_____						
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services							Date						
_____							_____						
Reviewer, National Register Program							Date						

laid out plots of land for homes in Prince Frederick during the 1730s. Small wooden buildings were constructed around the courthouse over time. These buildings in town primarily housed various merchants and law offices. Due to tobacco's dominance and the region's plantation-based economy, Prince Frederick's early residents and those living in the county seat's vicinity lived on large tracts of farmland. Residents came to town to shop for supplies, socialize, or attend court.

According to "The County Courthouse and Records of Maryland," Prince Frederick's first courthouse burned during a fire in 1748. Calvert County built a second courthouse, a brick building likely the same size as the first, on the site that year. Census data indicates that 3,788 Caucasian residents lived in Calvert County in 1800, but information for Prince Frederick's total population is not available. British forces burned Prince Frederick's second courthouse, along with several homes in the town, during the War of 1812. Anticipating the British forces' arrival, officials and residents removed the county records prior to the fire. Thus, Calvert County's records dating to the Colonial era were saved. Maryland's General Assembly did not authorize funding to repair and rebuild Prince Frederick's courthouse until 1816 and Calvert County completed the town's third courthouse in 1819. During the period after the attack on Prince Frederick, a new law office opened in town.

Referenced in the newspaper article "From Humble Origins: The Birth of Prince Frederick and Calvert County," an 1824 survey maps shows Prince Frederick's location at the intersection of two roads. The map only identifies the courthouse and two buildings opposite it on Main Street (MD 765A) in the town's center. These two roads, like those throughout Calvert County, were unpaved. Prince Frederick did not benefit from hard surface roads until the early twentieth century. Prior to 1830, the town's first post office was constructed. An 1835 newspaper advertisement also mentions a large building's existence, operating as a tavern, and likely Prince Frederick's first hotel.

Though census data pertaining to Prince Frederick is not available for the 1840s, an 1840 Calvert County map indicates that 2,895 Caucasians, 1,474 free African Americans, and 4,170 slaves (9,229 residents total) lived in the county at that time. According to this data, between 1800 and 1840, the number of Caucasian citizens living in Calvert County declined. However, Prince Frederick's population was large enough for residents to justify building a church in town. Many residents disliked traveling south to Port Republic to attend church. On March 1, 1841, residents organized Prince Frederick's first congregation, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Dr. James Duke oversaw construction the following year and builders completed the one-and-one-half story brick building in late 1842. St. Paul's Episcopal Church (CT-818) remains in its original location on present-day Church Street.

Prince Frederick experienced marginal growth during the following decades. An 1850 account specifically mentions the town's courthouse, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, an inn, lawyer's office, post office, and several homes. During the 1860s, the Civil War and slavery's end briefly interrupted Prince Frederick's economy and social order. Several plantations throughout the county were ceased to operate, but many freed slaves were employed as farm hands or tenant farmers after the war. Ultimately, the Civil War did not affect tobacco's standing as southern Maryland's primary cash crop and life in Prince Frederick and Calvert County returned to normal after the war. Farmers also continued growing wheat, another major cash crop, and orchards were common throughout the county.

Simultaneously, discussion and planning began in 1861 to develop a railroad connecting Baltimore with the harbor at Drum Point in southeastern Calvert County. The proposed Baltimore & Drum Point Railroad (CT-1295) would pass directly through Prince Frederick's town center. According to "Documentation of The Baltimore & Drum Point Railroad," the railroad's presence would have dramatically affected Prince Frederick's social and economic fabric in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, a region long isolated by poor roads and bodies of water. An 1866 USGS map illustrates moderate growth since 1850; the map notes ten buildings in Prince Frederick's town center, including the courthouse.

In 1868, the Baltimore & Drum Point Railroad received its charter. Before the railroad's construction began, the majority of Prince

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, National Register Program Date

Frederick burned during a devastating, accidental fire in 1882. An incident account and record, noting buildings destroyed, reveals Prince Frederick's moderate development since 1866. According to "Minutes and Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Calvert County, Maryland," Prince Frederick's "Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage, Courthouse, Shoe shop, Journal Office, a large store, property of J. W. Shemwell & Bro., a large and fine hotel, property of D.R. Magruder, a dwelling house occupied by Silas R. King, and the law offices of Joseph A. Wilson, John P. Briscoe, C.S. Parran, and John B. Gray" were destroyed during the fire. In total, fourteen of the town's eighteen buildings burned, along with deeds, wills, and court records. Sommerville Sollers, the county clerk, saved some documents. Two extant buildings, the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a Dowell family home (CT-739), survived the fire. Calvert County established a temporary courthouse in St. Paul's unoccupied rectory. Several months later on June 27, 1882, the church's rectory burned in a fire, likely caused by foul play, and records burned. According to "A History of Calvert County, Maryland," Prince Frederick and Calvert County documents dated prior to 1882 do not exist.

Calvert County built Prince Frederick's fourth courthouse on the same site; the March 1882 fire did not damage the previous courthouse's brick frame. During rebuilding, the Hotel Calvert was also constructed on Main Street (MD 765A), opposite and east of the courthouse. The hotel replaced the Brentford House, Prince Frederick's inn before the fire. In 1891, after years of legal battles and funding issues, the railroad company abandoned the Baltimore & Drum Point Railroad project. Though laborers prepared 25 miles of railroad bed by 1891, tracks were never laid. Due to the great fire and the railroad project's stoppage, Prince Frederick never experienced rapid growth or expansion during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

The 1986 newspaper article, "Shades of Old Prince Frederick," explains that local residents founded a Prince Frederick Development Company in 1894, "for the creation and maintenance of reading and lecture rooms in Prince Frederick." The same year, the company constructed a two-story Town Hall building on the lot located directly southeast of the courthouse. The first known photograph from the period after Prince Frederick burned, taken southwest of the small town, shows the Town Hall, young trees and shrubs, and narrow dirt roads lined by split-rail fences. Clapboard-clad one and two-story buildings surround the courthouse, the largest and only brick building. Typical of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century rural communities, there were a variety of I-house and gable-ell buildings. A turn-of-the-century account confirms that lawyers' offices, a local newspaper office, and a cobbler's shop occupied small buildings in Prince Frederick.

Calvert County's population rose from 9,229 in 1840 to 10,223 in 1900. Despite this marginal population growth, a 1901 map identifies several buildings along the road leading southwestward toward the Patuxent River (MD 231) from the town's center. The map also notes several buildings, likely residences, further south on Main Street (MD 765A) Prince Frederick expanded, albeit slowly, during the early twentieth century. The 1907 Maryland Geological Survey's Calvert County Survey indicates that Solomons was the county's largest town, not Prince Frederick; however, because it was the county seat, Prince Frederick continued to hold a prominent place within the county. Photographs from 1908 show that a one-story, gable-front building in Prince Frederick housed the county's first bank. A one-story, gable-front building also housed the town's school. In 1910, the town's name was officially changed from Prince Fredericktown to Prince Frederick. The county's population reached 10,325 in 1910.

During the 1910s, the Maryland State Roads Commission (SRC) sought to improve road conditions statewide, attempting to utilize modern methods and materials to improve transportation. Prior to 1911, the SRC began preparing the existing dirt road connecting Owings in Calvert County with Prince Frederick. Originally named MD 2 after the SRC improved it, the road between Owings and Prince Frederick was a portion of the 84-mile-long road that extended between Baltimore and Solomons Island in southern Calvert County. MD 2 passed through Prince Frederick as the town's Main Street, today MD 765A. Covered in gravel, the SRC completed MD 2 in 1915 and it was Prince Frederick's first hard-surface road and state road.

Built between 1914 and 1916, Calvert County constructed a new courthouse on Main Street on the same lot. This building's lawn is the site of the town's previous courthouses, but the 1916 building was set back from the street with a chain-link fence

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

encompassing the grounds. The two-story brick courthouse featured Neoclassical-style elements, including a prominent gable pediment supported by two-story columns. A photograph collection from 1917 offers additional information about the town's appearance from this time. Businesses and offices concentrated around the courthouse tended to flank Main Street directly, whereas the residences are set back from the street, having lots enclosed by picket or split-rail fences. A picket fence also enclosed the Hotel Calvert's lot.

One of Prince Frederick's most prominent citizens, the widely respected Louis Goldstein, was born in Calvert County in 1913. His father owned the Prince Frederick Department Store, later renamed Goldstein's Department Store, and he worked there as a boy, developing an affinity for dealing with both people and numbers. The younger Goldstein entered politics immediately after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and completing law school, serving first in Maryland's General Assembly, and later as the state comptroller from 1959 until his death in 1998.

Prince Frederick gradually became more modernized during the 1920s and 30s, but Calvert County experienced little change in population. In 1920, the county's population was 9,744 and in 1930, the county's population declined to 9,528. During the 1920s, officials established the town's first volunteer fire department and high school. The two-story building constructed for the high school also housed Prince Frederick's elementary school in one of its rooms. Prince Frederick's high school later absorbed two other area high schools, becoming Calvert County High School. Due to segregation, African American students attended the Colored Industrial School, a Rosenwald school completed in 1921 and enlarged in 1924; the building is extant and is located on Armory Road.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and city directories do not exist for Prince Frederick and the lack of courthouse records presents challenges to research. However, many local residents have provided important oral histories, recounting their memories of growing up in Prince Frederick. Local resident Arthur Wilson Dowell gave his personal account of the town in his book, "Growing Up in Prince Frederick During the 1920's & 30's." Dowell's book includes a sketch map showing a concentration of businesses surrounding the courthouse on Main Street (MD 765A). These businesses include various shops, lawyers' offices, doctors' offices, motor companies, the Calvert Journal newspaper office, a fire station, butcher, restaurant, library, bank, and hotels. Homes were primarily located north of the courthouse and business district, as well as further south on Main Street.

After the Eastern Shore Public Service Company ran a line from the Eastern Shore during the 1930s, the company introduced electricity to Prince Frederick for the first time. In 1939, the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative began offering electricity service on a larger scale throughout Calvert County. According to the 1974 Baltimore Sun article "Prince Frederick Inevitably Will Be 'A Different Place,'" the town's population barely exceeded 300 during the 1930s and 40s. Local author and newspaperman Hulbert Footner said, "Calvert is the least populated, the least improved, the least opulent, and is generally termed the least progressive county in Maryland, but I like it," regarding the county in 1942. However, World War II ushered in major changes for Prince Frederick and Calvert County. Between 1941 and 1945, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps established several training and testing bases at Solomons Island in southern Calvert County, introducing an influx of people to the region and new jobs for local residents. Between 1940 and 1950, the county's population increased from 10,484 to 12,100, but Calvert County's farming industry also began to decline the late 1940s and 1950s, following a nationwide trend of increased white-collar and industrial jobs in the post-war economy.

In 1951, the SRC completed a bypass, diverting traffic around the center of Prince Frederick from Main Street (MD 765A). During the 1960s, the bypass and extant portions of MD 2 were transitioned into the MD 2-4 dual highway, introducing change and development to the town and county; commercial strip malls soon populated the area around downtown Prince Frederick. The four-lane highway carried traffic from Washington, DC, through Prince Frederick, to southern Calvert County. In the mid-1970s, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant was established approximately sixteen miles south of Prince Frederick. Downtown Prince

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____
 Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

MHT Comments:

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

Frederick's appearance also changed quite a bit during the same time period when the present-day Calvert County Services Building was constructed in 1974. Since then, other historic buildings on Main Street have been demolished; in most cases, new construction or parking lots now occupy these spaces. Other historic residential buildings have been altered, many for commercial uses.

Commercial Architecture

During the early nineteenth century, common building types intended specifically for commercial enterprises emerged for the first time in American architecture. These design precepts permeated cities and towns throughout the United States, and distinct commercial centers developed. Even in rural regions of the country and newly established towns, buildings for commercial uses were often constructed first and town-building practices mirrored the commercial development in larger cities. By the mid-nineteenth century, these patterns of development were manifested in the American design fabric and would remain dominant over the next one-hundred years. According to "The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture," a main street or artery served as the "spine of this development," and buildings were built densely together along the street, abutting the sidewalk or street.

Generally, commercial buildings of this period can be divided into two distinct types, the one-part commercial block and the two-part commercial block. The building's stylistic features are not a factor in determining the commercial building type. The one-part commercial block is a one-story, box-form building. Typically, the building's street-facing facade features a recessed entry and prominent picture windows for displaying merchandise. These commercial buildings may also feature minimal decorative features and often have stylized parapet walls. The two-part commercial block's ground level is distinctly different from the facade's upper stories. The storefront level of these two to four-story commercial buildings mirror the one-part commercial block's facade, but the upper stories often display regular fenestration patterns, comprised of smaller openings than the facade's storefront level. These second stories were often residential. This division communicates the distinction between the building's public and private spaces. The two-part commercial block often displays more elaborate ornamentation and decorative features than the often modest, one-part commercial block.

Building History

Intensive-level research did not yield information on the specific history of the building, which was identified during the Maryland Historical Trust's 1986 survey of Prince Frederick. Because no Sanborn Fire Insurance maps or city directories exist for Prince Frederick, an established history of the use of the building could not be identified.

Significance Evaluation

The Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc. building was evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A, B, and C using guidelines set forth in the NRHP Bulletin "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation."

The building is not eligible under Criterion A. Research has not shown the building to be associated with events or trends important in history. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion A.

The building is not eligible under Criterion B. Research has not shown the building to be associated with people important in history. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B.

The building is not eligible under Criterion C. It is a common, ubiquitous commercial building form lacking distinction. The

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

building has been substantially altered, resulting in a loss of integrity, although it is well maintained. Therefore, the building is not eligible under Criterion C.

The property was not evaluated under Criterion D for this assessment.

Therefore, the Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc. building is not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Works Consulted

Arnett, Earl. "Prince Frederick Will Be A 'Different Place.'" The Baltimore Sun, May 17, 1974.

"The Baltimore Afro-American." October 15, 1957. Prince Frederick Vertical File, Calvert County Historical Society.

Baugh, Annesley Bond. "I Remember... When Ox carts Were Commonplace." The Baltimore Sun, June 26, 1960.

Bond, James A. C. "Historical Account of the Removal of the Court House." Calvert Independent, January 4, 1968.

Briscoe, Betty. "Dedication September 20, 1970." Calvert Independent. Prince Frederick Vertical File, Calvert County Historical Society.

---. "Gone But Not Forgotten." Calvert Independent, February 19, 1970.

Calvert County, Maryland. "1840 Map with Census Figures." Accessed March 3, 2014. <http://calvertgis.co.cal.md.us/historic/pages/1009.html>.

---. "History of Calvert County, Maryland." Accessed February 24, 2014. <http://md-calvertcounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=214>.

---. "'Prince Frederick' Quadrangle." Accessed March 3, 2014. <http://calvertgis.co.cal.md.us/historic/pages/PF1901.html>.

Calvert High School. "Patapeake: Calvert High School." Prince Frederick: Patapeake Staff, 1956.

---. "Patapeake: Calvert High School." Prince Frederick: Patapeake Staff, 1960.

---. "Patapeake: Calvert High School." Prince Frederick: Patapeake Staff, 1961.

Cole, Hannah L. "Documentation of the Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad Calvert County, Maryland (CT-1295)." 2010.

Dowell, Arthur Wilson. "Growing Up In Prince Frederick During the 1920's and 30's." Prince Frederick: A.W. Dowell, 1999.

Forstall, Richard L. "Population of Counties by Decennial Census: 1900 to 1990." Accessed February 27, 2014. <http://www.census.gov/population/cencounts/md190090.txt>

"Fire At Prince Frederick." The Baltimore Sun, July 29, 1941.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

Gibb, James G. "Railroad Ghosts." New Bay Times, May 19-June 1, 1999.

Gibb, James G. and Paula F. Mask. "A Road Without Rails: The Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad, 1868-1891," The Calvert Historian (1990): 27-39.

Gottlieb, Robin. "The Promise of Prince Frederick." Chesapeake Life, Winter 1998/99.

Gray, Carter T. "Calvert County." Charleston: Arcadia, 2000.

Hutchins, Ailene. "From Humble Origins: The Birth of Prince Frederick and Calvert County." The Calvert Recorder, February 27, 2002.

---. "Shades of Old Prince Frederick." The Calvert Historian (1986): 33-35.

---. "Then and Now." Prince Frederick Recorder, August 5, 1976.

---. "The Calvert County Courthouse has Seen Many Changes Since Early Days." The Calvert Independent, July 28, 2004.

---. "Prince Frederick, The County Seat with its Days of Trials and Tribulations." The Calvert Independent, November 16, 2005.

Hutchins, Ailene W., and David Mohler. "An Album of Old Prince Frederick, Maryland." Chesapeake Country Life, July 1981.

Janofsky, Michael. "Louis Goldstein, 85, Maryland Comptroller." The New York Times, July 7, 1988.

Maryland State Roads Commission. "First, Second, Third, and Fourth Annual Reports of the State Roads Commission For the Years 1908, 1909, 1910, and 1911 to the General Assembly of Maryland." Baltimore: 1912.

---. "Report of the State Roads Commission of Maryland. Operating Report for the Fiscal Years 1951-1952. Fiscal Report for the Fiscal Years 1951-1952." Baltimore: 1952.

"A Maryland Village In Ashes." The Baltimore Sun, March 7, 1882.

Miller, Benjamin L., Jay A. Bonsteel, William Henry Alexander, Frederick Haynes Newell, L. A. Bauer, F. W. Besley, and Maryland Geological Survey. "Prince George's County." Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1911.

"Minutes and Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Calvert County, Maryland." 1882. March 14. Prince Frederick Vertical File, Calvert County Historical Society.

"Prince Frederick North End. Plat 4252." 1940. June 14. Prince Frederick Vertical File, Calvert County Historical Society.

Radoff, Morris L. "The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland: Part One: The Courthouses." Annapolis: The Hall of Records Commission, 1960.

Radoff, Morris L., Gust Skordas, and Phebe R. Jacobsen. "The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland: Part Two: The Records." Annapolis: The Hall of Records Commission, 1963.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, National Register Program Date

“The Recent Fire At Prince Frederick.” The Baltimore Sun, March 11, 1882.

Scisco, Louis Dow. “Calvert County Court Houses and Records.” Maryland Historical Magazine XXVII (1932): 36-41.

Shattuck, George Burbank, Benjamin L. Miller, Jay A. Bonsteel, R. T. Avon Burke, Charles F. Von Herrmann, Nathan Clifford Grover, L. A. Bauer, Hugh McCollum Curran, and Maryland Geological Survey. “Calvert County.” Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1907.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. “History.” Accessed March 3, 2014. http://www.stpaulspf.org/?page_id=20.

Stein, Charles Francis. “A History of Calvert County, Maryland.” Baltimore: Calvert County Historical Society, 1960.

Sunderman, Anne. “The Money Crop: Calvert County After the Tobacco Buyout.” Crownsville: Maryland Historical Trust, 2004.

Warner, Paul S. “What’s In a Name? In Southern Maryland, A Lot.” Calvert Recorder, February 17, 2012.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

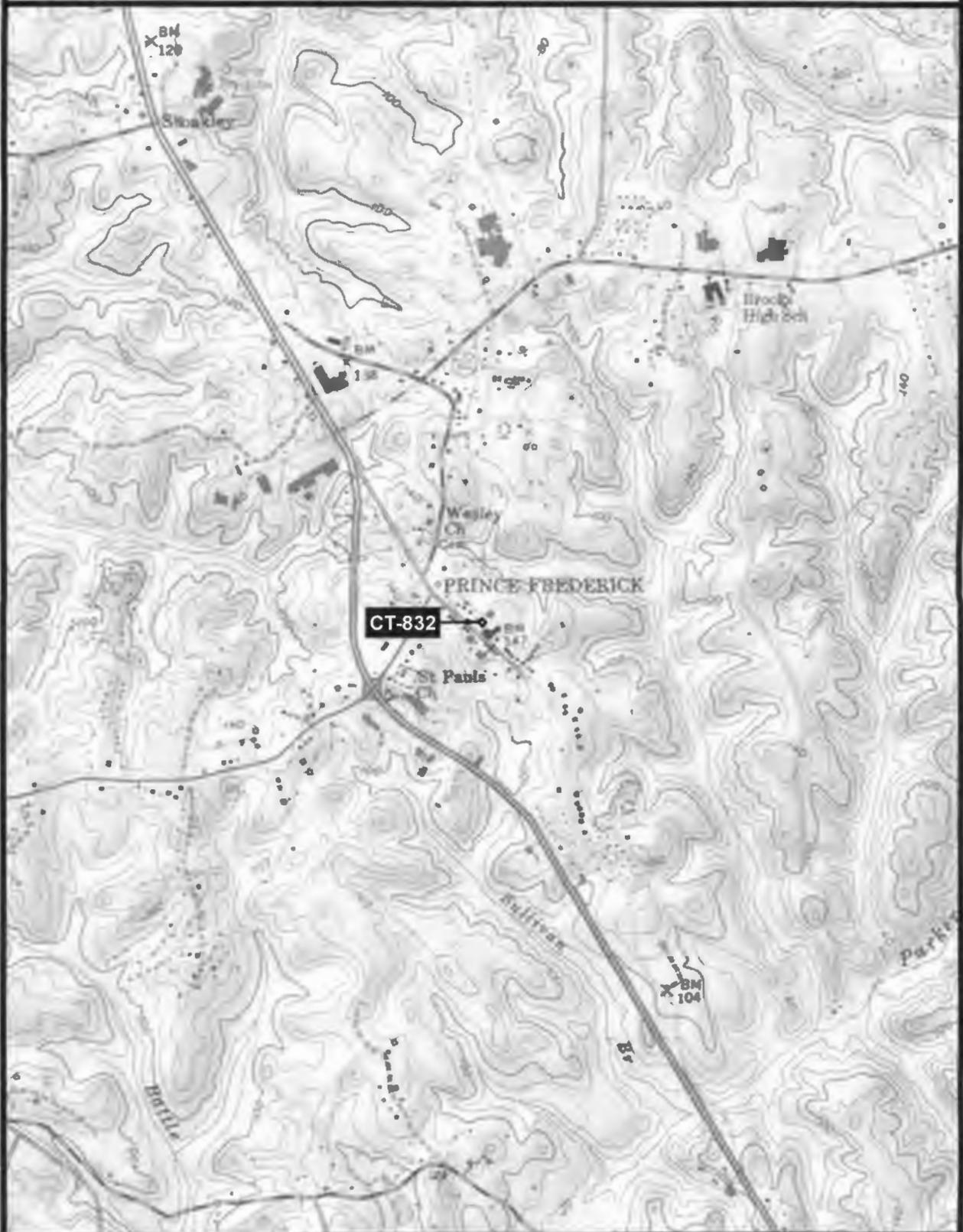
MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

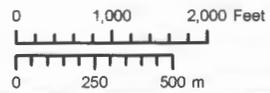
Reviewer, National Register Program

Date



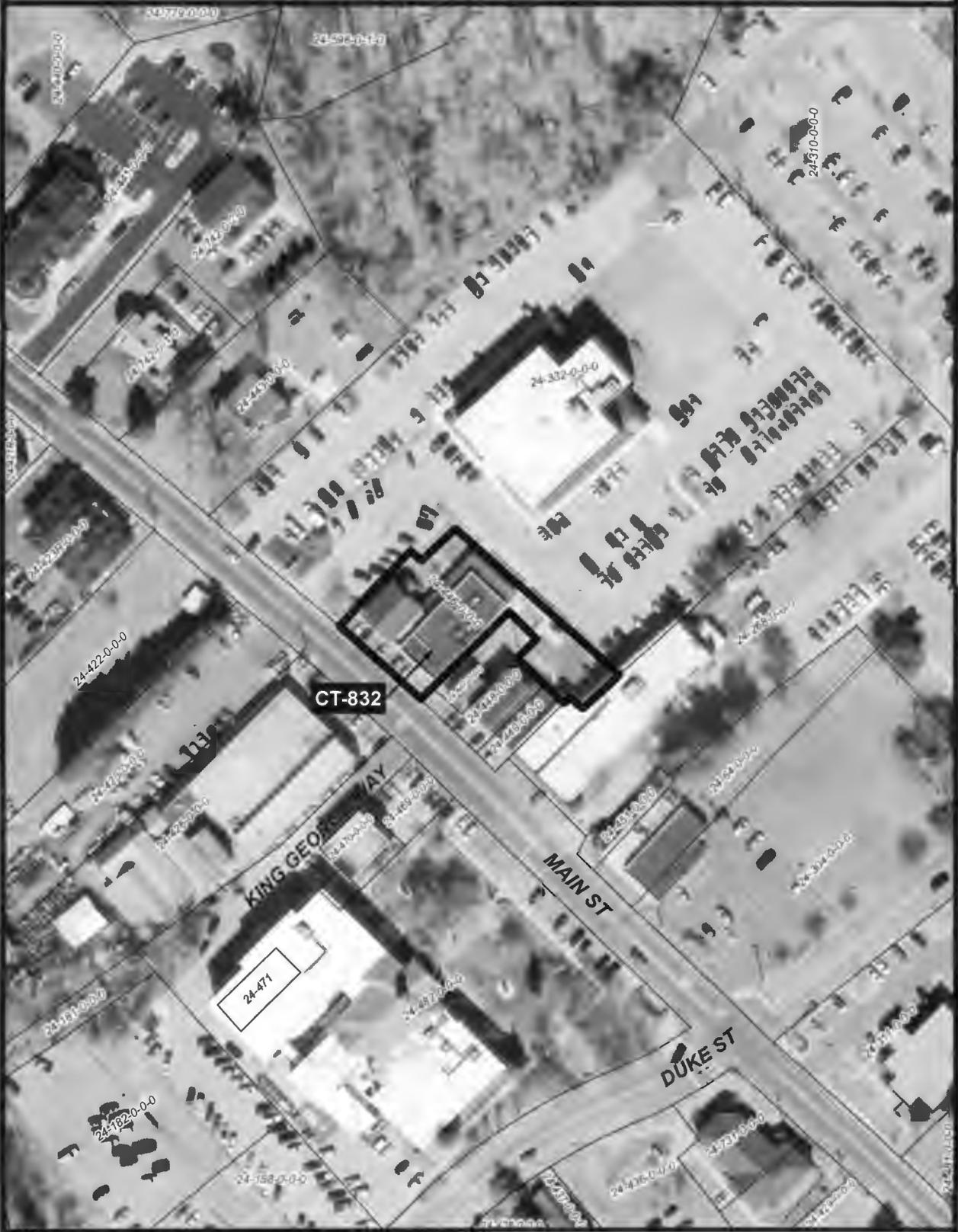
 Property Boundary

USGS 7.5 Minute Series 1:24000 Topographic Quadrangle: Prince Frederick (1993)



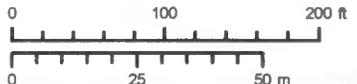
CT-832
Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc.

162 Main Street
Prince Frederick, Calvert County, MD
Parcel ID: 24-446



Property Boundary
 Parcels Annotated with Map-Parcel-Block-Lot-Section (Calvert County GIS)

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Maryland FIPS 1800



Map prepared: Mar 2014

Photo Log

CT-832, Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc.

All printed photographs were created using HP 100 Gray Photo Cartridge and HP Premium Plus Photo Paper, Soft Gloss.

CT-0832_2014-02-12_01

Facade, view to the northeast

LUSBY OFFICE SUITES

↑ **LALUNA SALON**

Loving Care Senior Services
IN REAR OF BUILDING, SUITE 3

Edward Jones



CT-832

Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc.

Calvert County, MD

S. Foell

2/2014

MD SHPO

Facade, view to the northeast

1/1

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Calvert Seed/Bless, Inc.

2. Location

street & number (Maryland Route 765) Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Prince Frederick ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

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

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

name Lusby Motor Company

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code Maryland 20678

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-832

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

This commercial building faces west onto Maryland Route 765. It is a concrete-block one-story structure with a flat roof concealed by a brick parapet wall. The brick veneer includes decorative rowlock courses of brickwork at the first-story ceiling level. The structure is partitioned into two commercial units. There is a hipped roof extension sheltering new plate-glass commercial windows and recessed entrances. This structure was probably built in the 1950s.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-832

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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

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

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-832

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camille Wells

organization MHT/Calvert Dept. of Planning & Zoning date 9/30/86

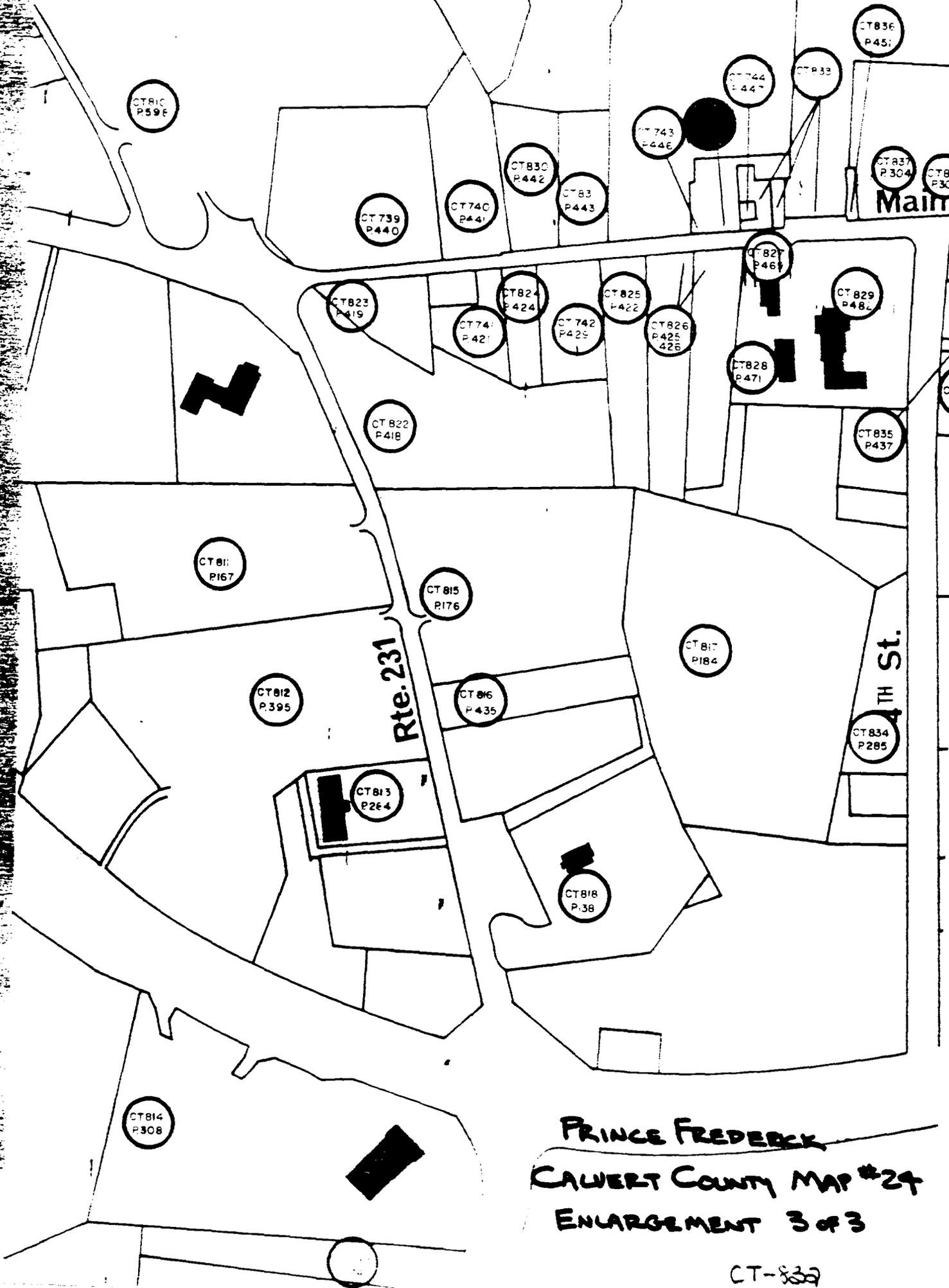
street & number Courthouse Annex, Main Street telephone (301) 535-2348

city or town Prince Frederick state Maryland 20678

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438



PRINCE FREDERICK
CALVERT COUNTY MAP #29
ENLARGEMENT 3 of 3