

CARR-1459

Taneytown Bank and Trust Company Building
Taneytown

1887

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Taneytown Bank and Trust Company

2. Location

street & number 24 E. Baltimore St. ___ not for publication

city, town Taneytown vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mayor and City Council, Taneytown

street & number 17 E. Baltimore St. telephone no.: 756-2677

city, town Taneytown state and zip code MD 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1459

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.

Contributing Resources: 1

The Taneytown Bank and Trust Company Building is located at 24 East Baltimore Street in Taneytown, in northwestern Carroll County, Maryland. The building is located on the west side of the street and faces east. It is a two-story, three-bay brick building, with a hip roof of slate and a pediment on the east elevation. The east elevation foundation is rubble stone covered by formstone. Above it is a water table that appears to be granite. The east elevation has Flemish bond brick work. The first story has a new window opening to the south with an architrave that appears to be granite. To the north is a new door opening with the same stone trim. There is a small new metal pent roof between the first and second stories and a granite belt course. The second-story, center bay has two 1/1 sash with shouldered depressed arches. The arch has a stone voissior on each end and one in the center. They appear to be granite. The center voissior is carved with a four-lobed leafy design. There are brick voissoirs between the stone voissoirs. The end bays have segmentally-arched Queen Anne sash above a single-light sash. There is a pressed-metal cornice with brackets, and segmental arches in the frieze between the brackets. There are large end brackets that have fleur de lis, and there is a pediment in the center with "1887". There is also cast iron roof cresting with a finial.

The north elevation has 8- and 9-to-1 common bond brick. The cornice is of corbelled brick brackets. There is a vertical joint in the brick work between the eastern two-thirds of the building and the western one-third of the building. The corbelled brackets in the cornice of the western third of the building are the same, except spaced closer to each other as those in the eastern portion.

On the west elevation, the north bay of the first story has a segmentally-arched 1/1 sash with steel bars. There is a hurricane door to the cellar beneath this window. A new brick vault has been added to the center of this elevation. The south bay has a door with one light over one panel. The second story has new brick and mortar and a new door in the north bay. The center and south bay windows match the first story. The cornice is identical to the north elevation. The roof is hipped on the west. The south elevation is basically inaccessible, but has the same cornice as the north elevation.

The first story has been completely remodeled and has new mouldings that have an old profile, with a quirked ogee and bevel and a beaded interior edge. The second-story plan has been mostly or completely altered. The original architrave appears to have had a backband with a bullnose and a small cavetto inside of it. There are several four-panel doors on the second story that may be original. There is a change in floor level in the middle of the building, the eastern half being one step higher than the western half. The floor level at the eastern half is level with the sills of the east windows.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887 **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.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
Historic Period Themes: Architecture
Resource Types: Small town commercial

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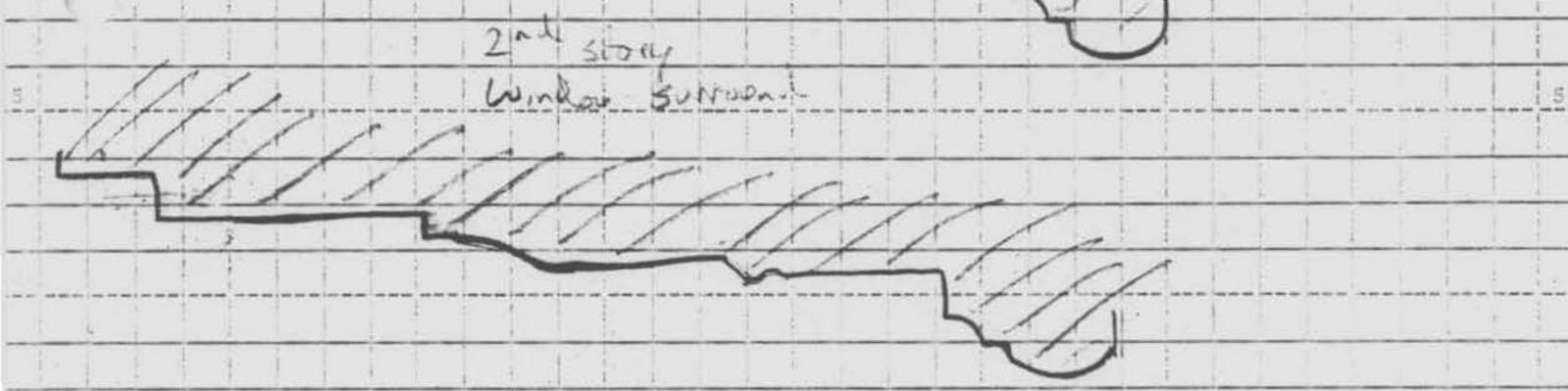
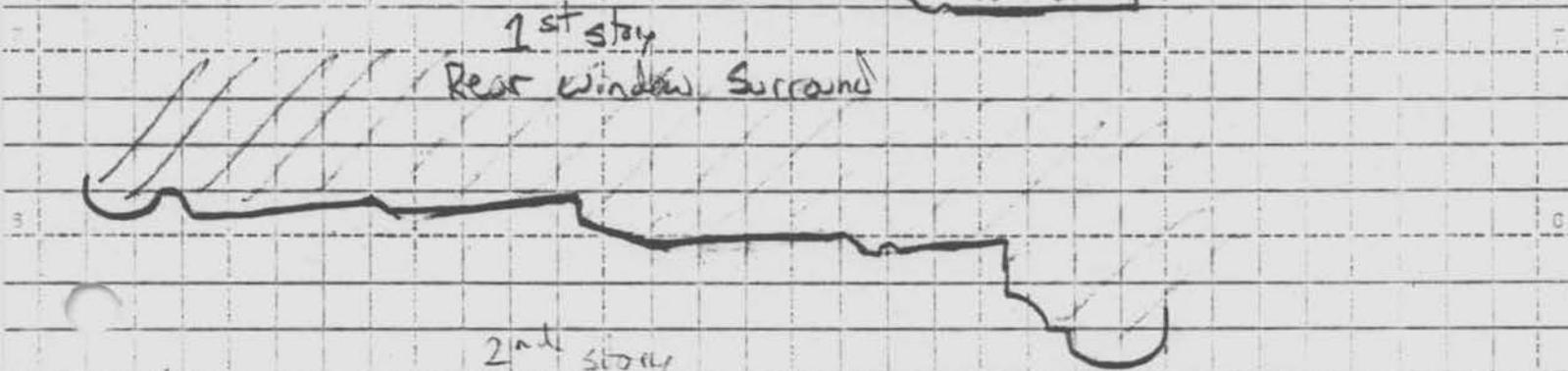
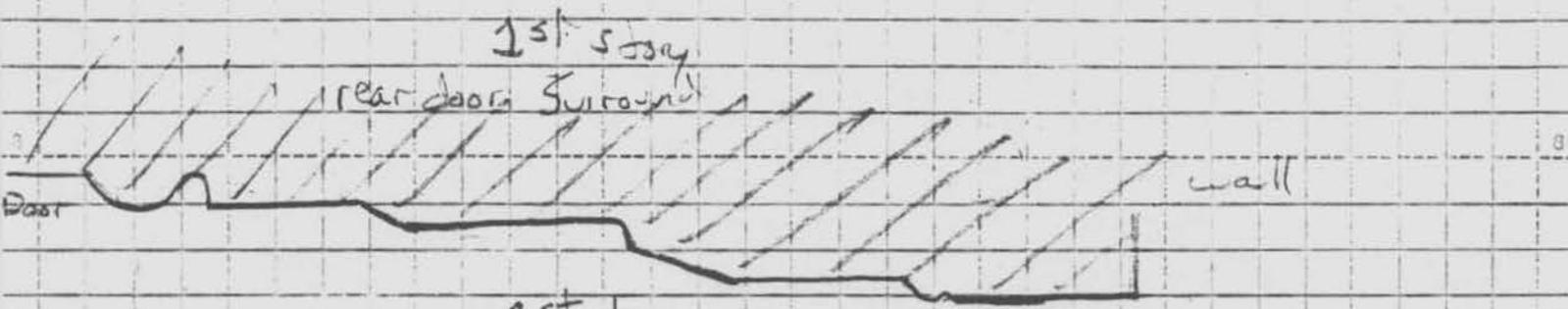
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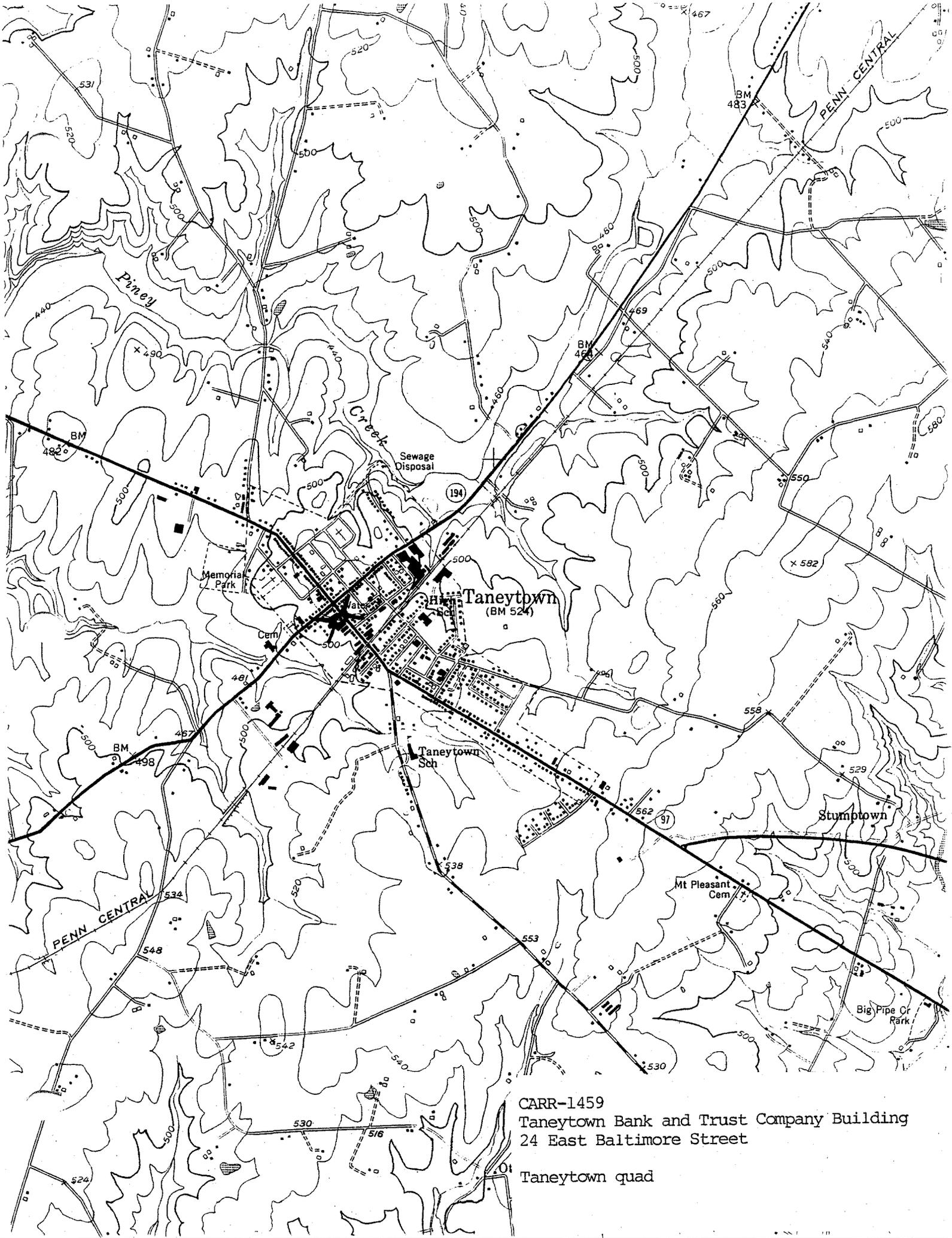
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Taneytown Bank and Trust Company Building
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Taneytown quad



Taneytown Bank & Trust Co.

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east elev.

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