

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bayard House; Harriott Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Battersby--Bayard House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side adjacent canal

CITY, TOWN

chesapeake City

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENC
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Albert W. Battersby

Telephone #: (301) 885-5968

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 103

Folio #: 178

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Cecil County Survey

DATE

1967-68

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The old Harriott Hotel is composed of two major sections with porch and block additions.

It appears to be the earliest brick structure in the town, being a three bay long, two bay deep, two story structure built on a stone foundation which forms another story on the north side. Its white painted walls are laid in Common bond and there is neither water table nor belt course, but it does posses a four brick corbeled cornice. The entrance door is located upon the south side of the east facade and possesses a semicircular transom with three lights. The first story windows have 12/12 sash and two-panel shutters with applied panel molding. The window frames are very narrow and have ovolo trim. On the second story are 12/8 sash.

On the north gable are two windows with 6/6 sash. The roof is covered with corrugated tin. From the apex of the roof, almost centered is a tin stove pipe projecting from what appears to be the location of the original chimney.

To the rear of the building, also built upon a stone foundation, is a five bay long, frame, two story structure with two story pod on its west gable and a leanto porch entrance and wood stair from the ground level thereto. In the north wall of its foundation are two entrances with batten doors. All the windows above have 6/6 sash. Two seams below one window probably indicate the position of an earlier door to a continuation of the porch.

On the east and north sides of the brick portion is a porch with shed roof, turned posts, and plain balustrade. It apparently was added around the first decade of the twentieth century. Beneath the porch is a framed room, now used as part of the bar. A block addition with flat roof was added recently on the north side of the porch.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Battersby-Bayard House is the earliest brick building in Chesapeake City and the only structure to possess the form and detail of the early nineteenth century. It is essentially a vernacular structure, but the arched transom above the entrance is a common detail on Federal period buildings. Being located on the Canal, it has a prominent role in the visual quality of the town. It is also of great importance because of its use over much of its life as a hotel and inn for those who traveled the Canal.

Sarah Beaston is the probable builder of this brick hotel. Charles and Sarah Beaston owned much property along Back Creek in the early nineteenth century. Sarah died a widow in 1865, at age eighty but before her death, she sold this building to Richard H. Bayard in 1842. Around 1850, the hotel was known as the Maxwell House, and appears on Martinet's Map of 1858. Captain Firman Layman operated the hotel until his death in 1881 as the Bayard House. He apparently rented the building from the Burhages and later from the Smiths for his name does not appear on the title. Captain Layman, like his predecessors, did a very good business and advertised "bed and board for man and beast" for a large livery stable was on the back of the hotel grounds. Captain Layman owned the furniture and fixtures in the hotel and at his death, devised them to his daughter except for the furnishings in room number six, which went to his faithful housekeeper, Eliza Ross.

In 1911, William Harriott bought the property, both stable and hotel, at the settlement of the John Smith estate. He continued to keep a hotel with a popular bar room and dining room, catering largely to Canal travellers and employees. A store selling tobacco and necessities was maintained on the ground level, beneath the main floor of the hotel. Mr. Harriott built a dance pavillion on the Canal side of the hotel and approached from the first floor porch. This was a popular amusement center in the early twentieth century. Later the pavillion was converted to a storehouse and eventually torn down. The Harriott Hotel fell upon hard times partly because of the great depression in the late 1920's and early 1930's, partly due to stringent prohibition laws, and partly due to the change in traffic on the Canal. In 1927, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened the sea-level Canal that shortened the trip through the Canal and eliminated the stop at Chesapeake City to wait for a bill of lading

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April 8, 1976

ORGANIZATION

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

TELEPHONE

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

Chesapeake City

STATE

Maryland 21915

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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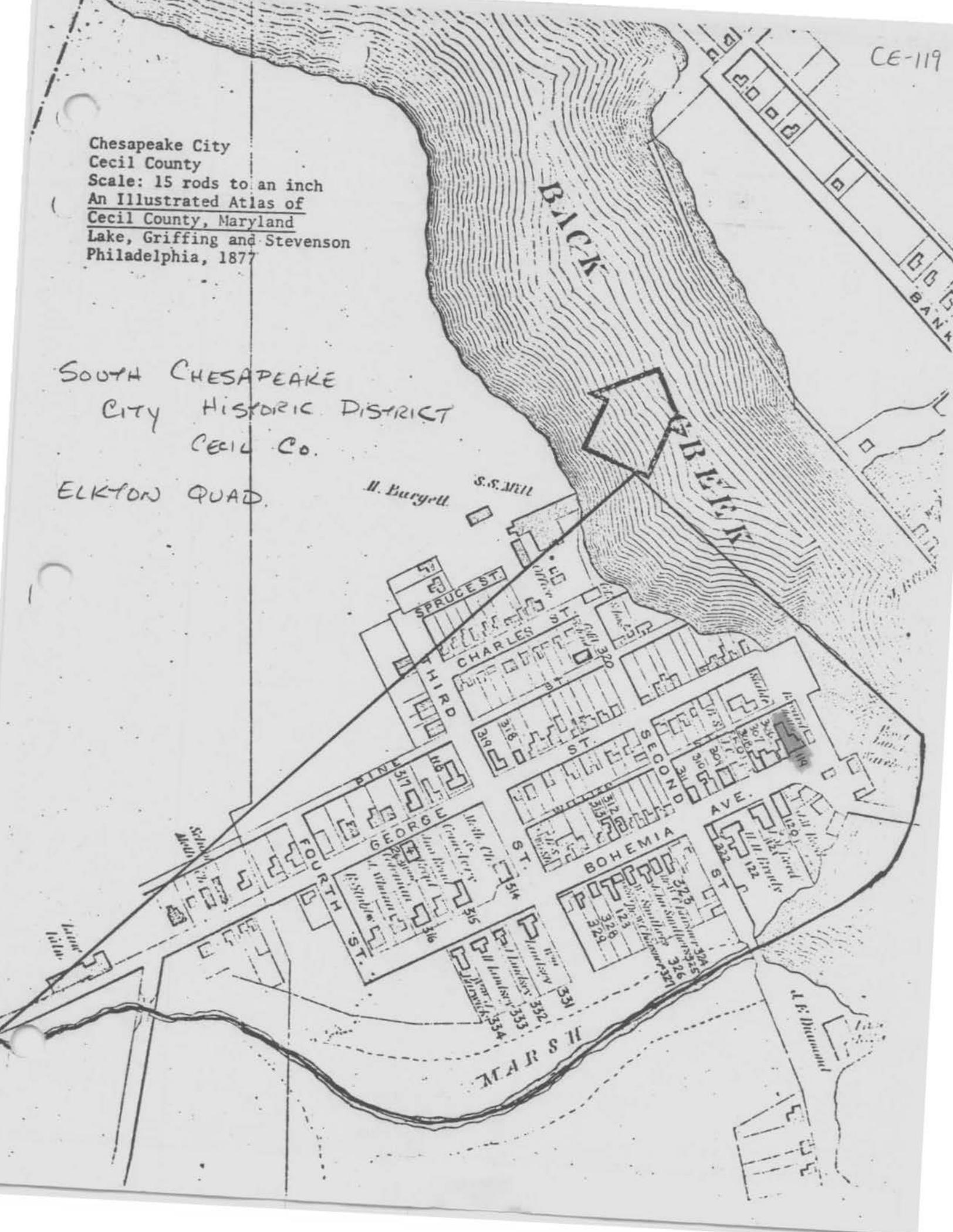
In 1930, the property was sold at public auction and the hotel was bought for \$1,000.00 by a nephew of Mr. William Harriott, Frank Harriott. The stable was sold separately for \$650.00. At this time there were 6075 square feet in the hotel property. (MD 5/209)

The hotel remains in service as a bar serving mostly local customers. It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Battersby and operated by their family, all of whom make their home on the upper floors.

In Gray's, The National Waterway, a footnote on page 68, refers to two houses that existed in Chesapeake City in 1829, at the time the Canal was opened to traffic. This is undoubtedly one of the houses.

Chesapeake City  
Cecil County  
Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE  
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CECIL CO.  
ELKTON QUAD.



BACK

M. B. BANK

H. Buryell

S.S. MILL

SPRUCE ST.

CHARLES ST.

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SECOND ST.

FOURTH ST.

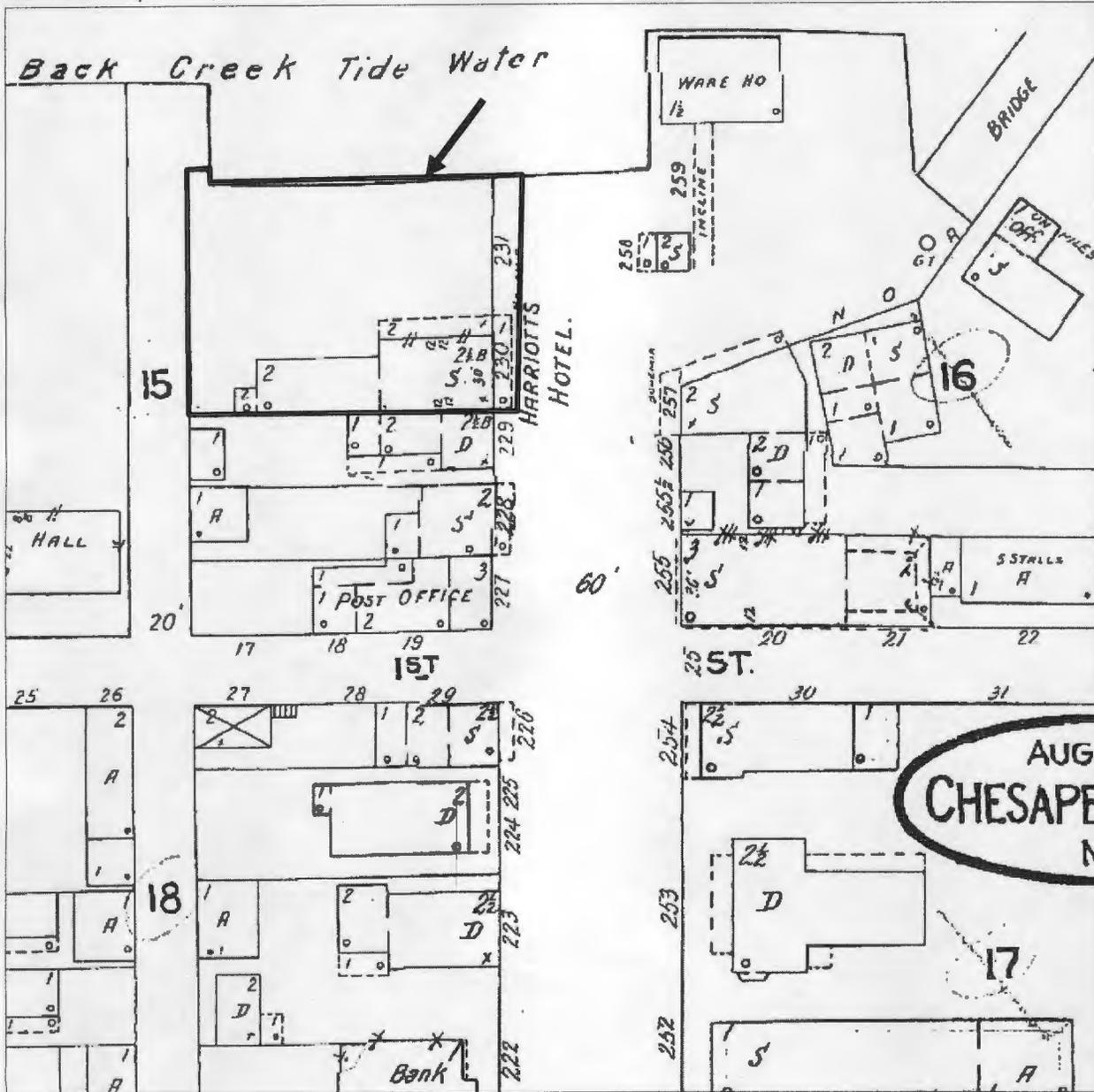
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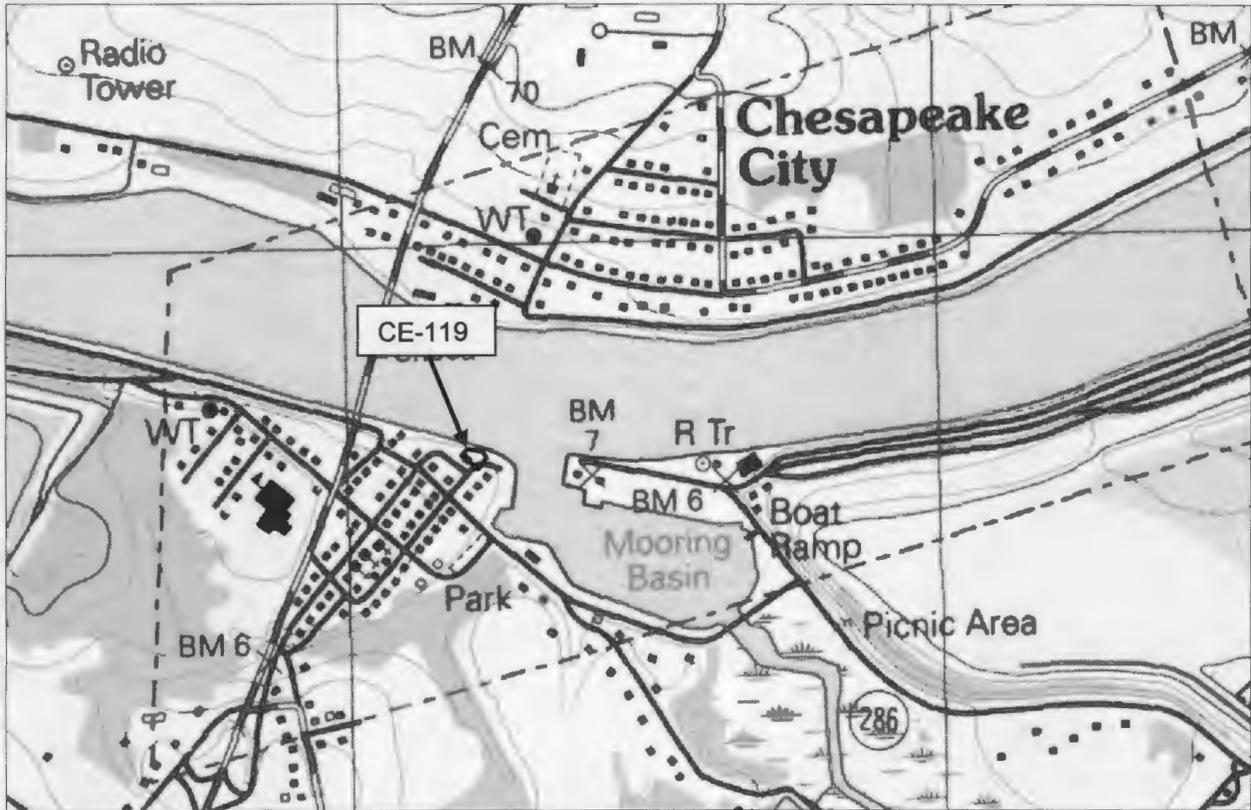
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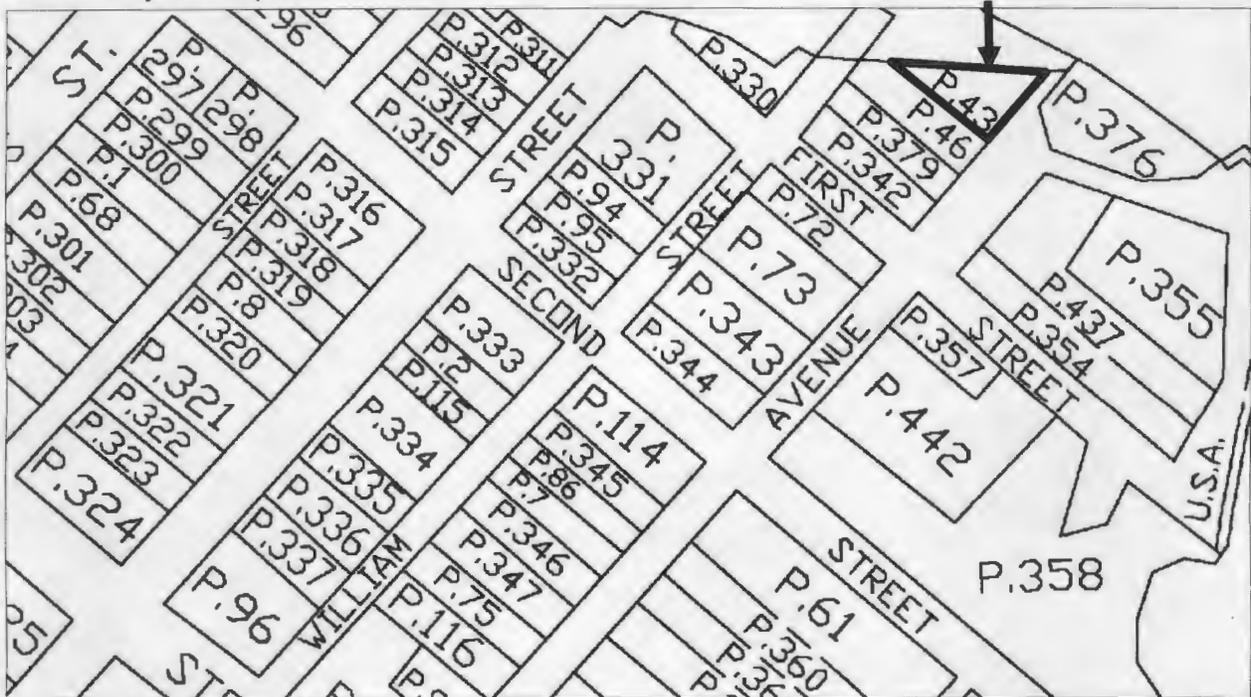
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Harriott Hotel (Battersby-Bayard House, Bayard House)  
11 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City  
Sanborn Map 1933, Sheet 4



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 Harriott Hotel (Battersby-Bayard House, Bayard House)  
 11 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City  
 Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 43



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Battersby - Reward Bar & Grille JSR

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Battersby - Bayard House CE-119

East facade

M Bourne April 1976