

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sharpless House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 2nd house from canal

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walter and Glendora Sharpless

Telephone #: (301) 885-5092

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 299

Folio #: 277

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Elkton

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Adjacent the old Harriott Hotel in Chesapeake City is a two and one-half story frame dwelling, three bays long and one room deep with a porch on its east facade. The entrance is located on the north side of the facade and its door has a large pane of glass in the upper section (added later) with a three-pane transom above. There are three windows on the second story and two dormers on the steeply pitched roof. The two dormers have corner block trim and pediments above the sash. On the south side of the roof rises a brick chimney which is covered with stucco.

Across the facade is a leanto porch having the same posts as the property adjacent. This porch has brackets at their tops whereas the ones on the porch adjacent have been removed. Its roof is covered with raised seam tin.

Asphalt siding in imitation of stone is applied to the exterior walls. All of the windows have 1/1 sash, except one dormer which has 2/2 sash. Originally all windows had 6/6 sash.

On the south gable are two small 2/2 sash windows which are original to the house. A narrow passage separates the house from its neighbor to the south and it adjoins the brick walls of the old Hotel.

The house is constructed upon a granite foundation. Its cornice is original, boxed, with large ovolo crown molding, the same molding, in larger scale, as the dormers. Originally there appears to have been shutters on both storys.

On the rear of the building is a two story, two bay deep, one bay wide leanto with brick chimney on its west side. On both sides of the leanto is a one story leanto in very poor condition. The rear of the leanto has ersatz brick covering.

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 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 Sharpless House is significant architecturally as one of three buildings in Chesapeake City having similar form and detail, i.e. Dutton-Davis House; Jewell House. It appears to have been constructed during the second quarter of the nineteenth century after the Canal was first opened. It is important because of the existence of much original detailing of the period.

The first owner of record is Firman Layman, keeper of the hotel next door. At his death, Firman Layman willed this house to Eliza Ross, his faithful housekeeper. He also willed her all the furnishings from room number six in the hotel. Will of Firman Layman filed in Cecil County Courthouse.

During the 1930's and 40's, this was the home of Andrew Slicher, a shoemaker. He lived in this house and had his shop in the neighboring building to the south. Before he acquired the building next door, the shoe shop was in the basement.

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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

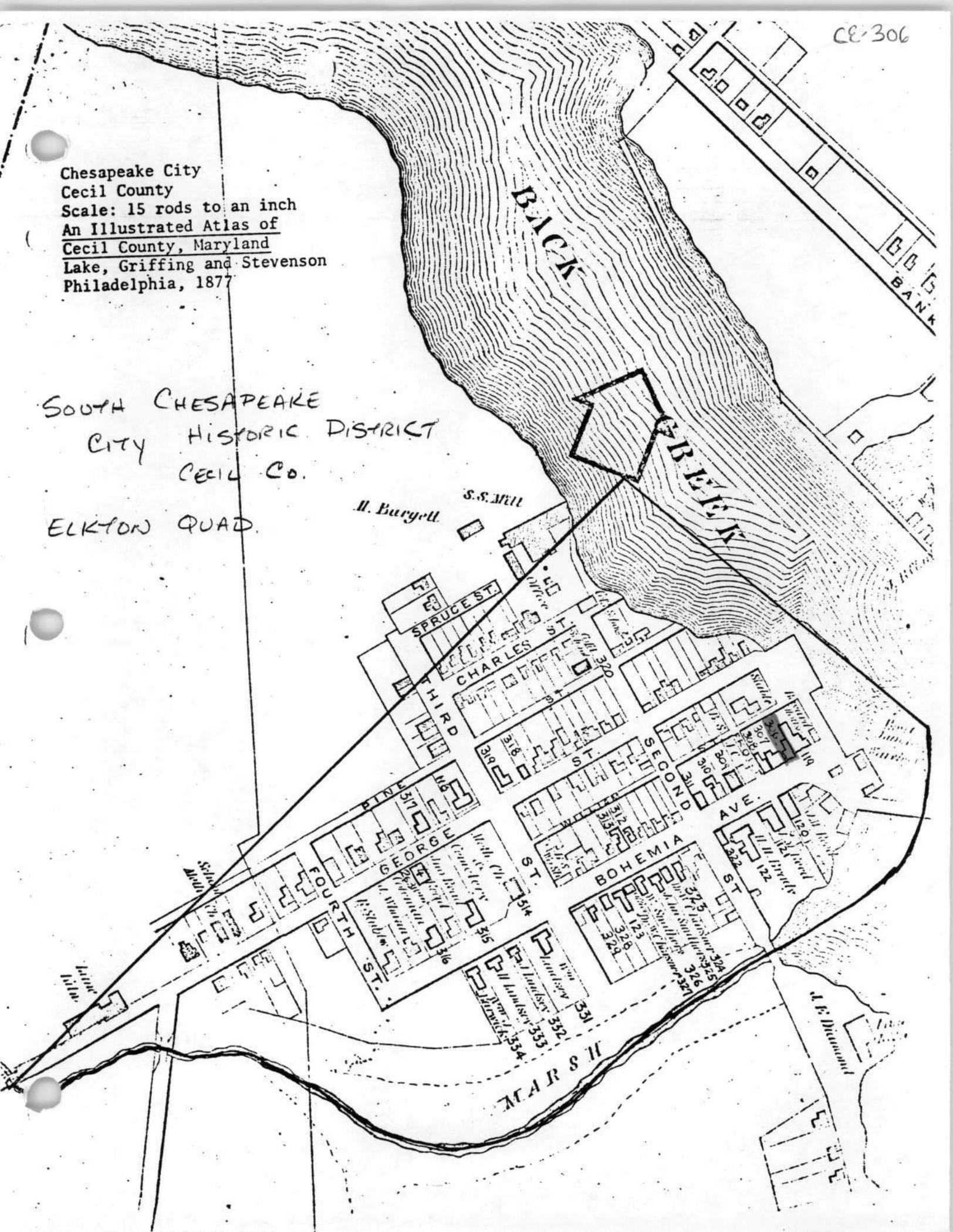
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

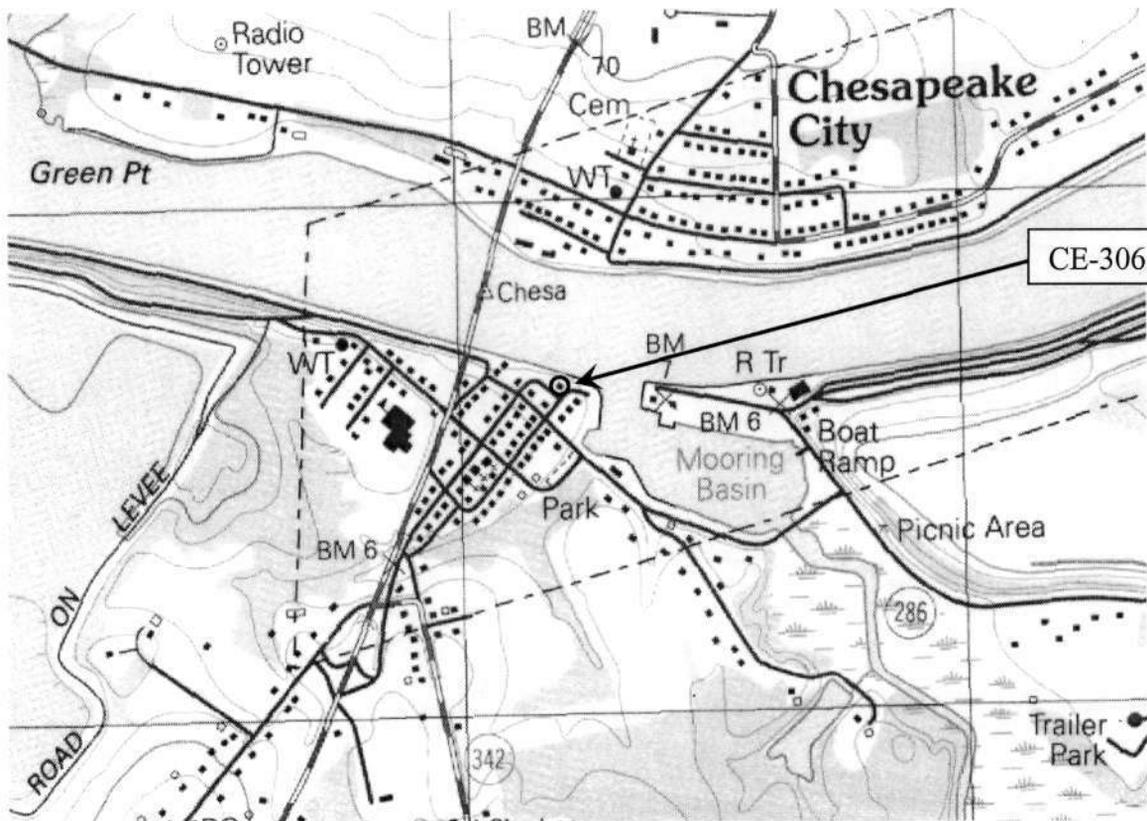
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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

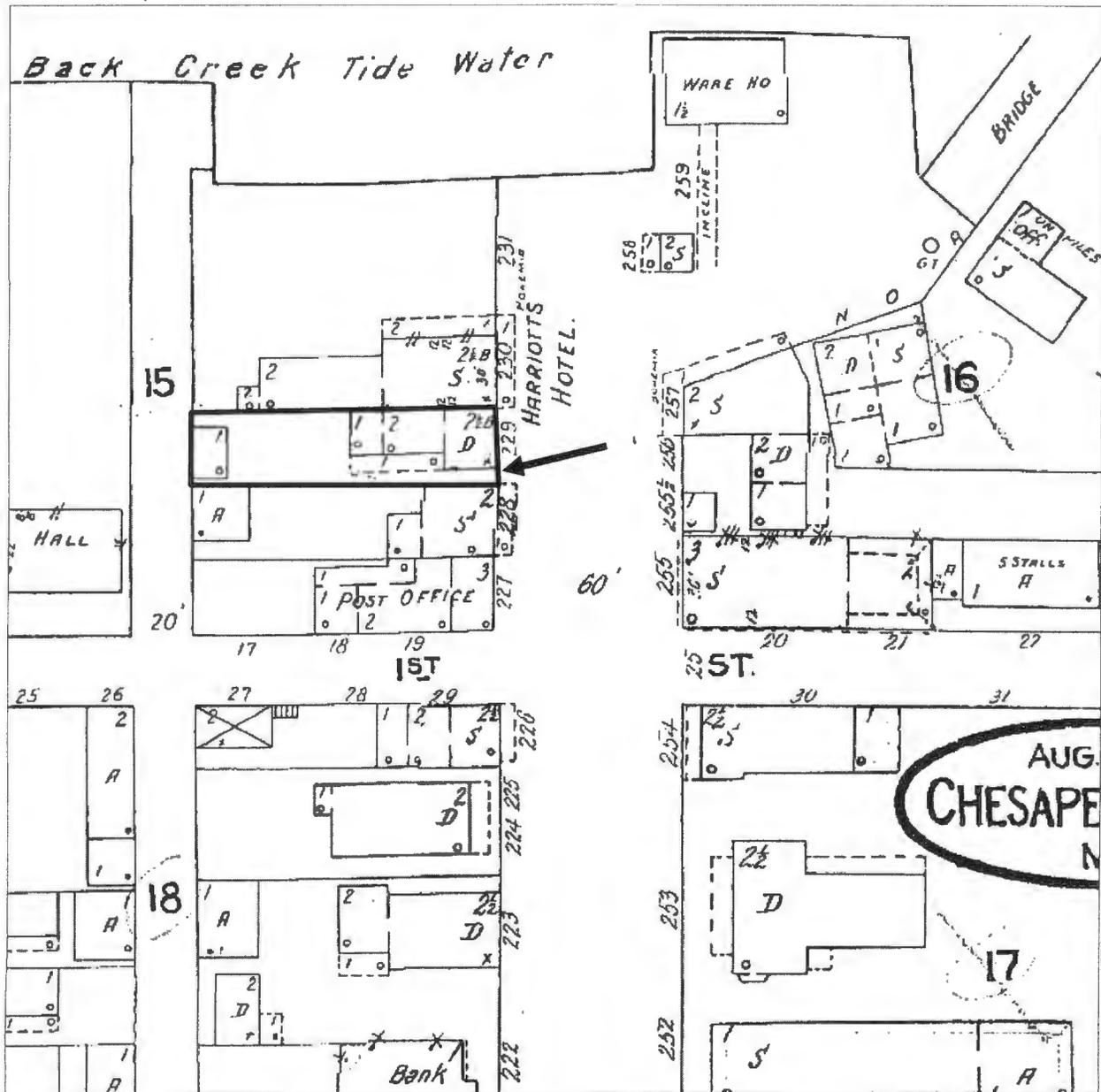
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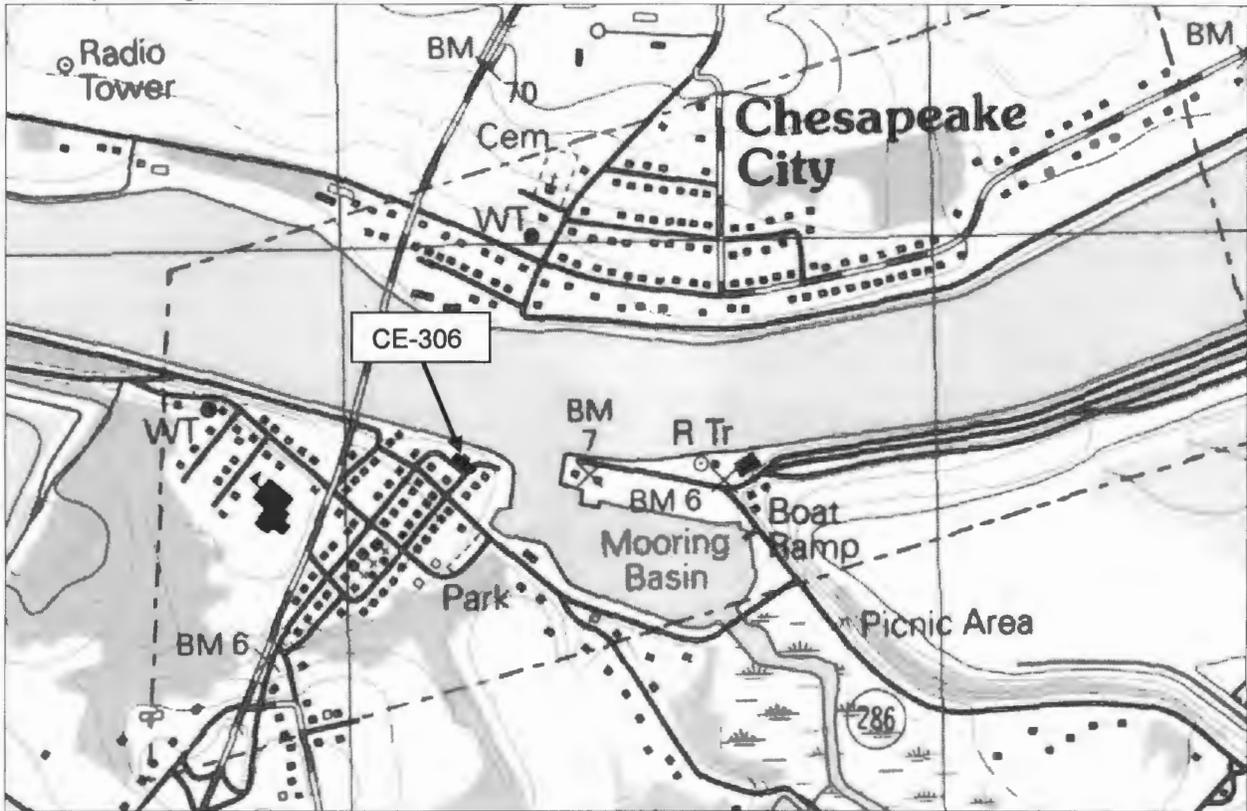
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Sharpless House
Bohemia Ave.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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Sharpless House
13 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City
Sanborn Map 1933, Sheet 4



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Sharpless House
13 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City
Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 46



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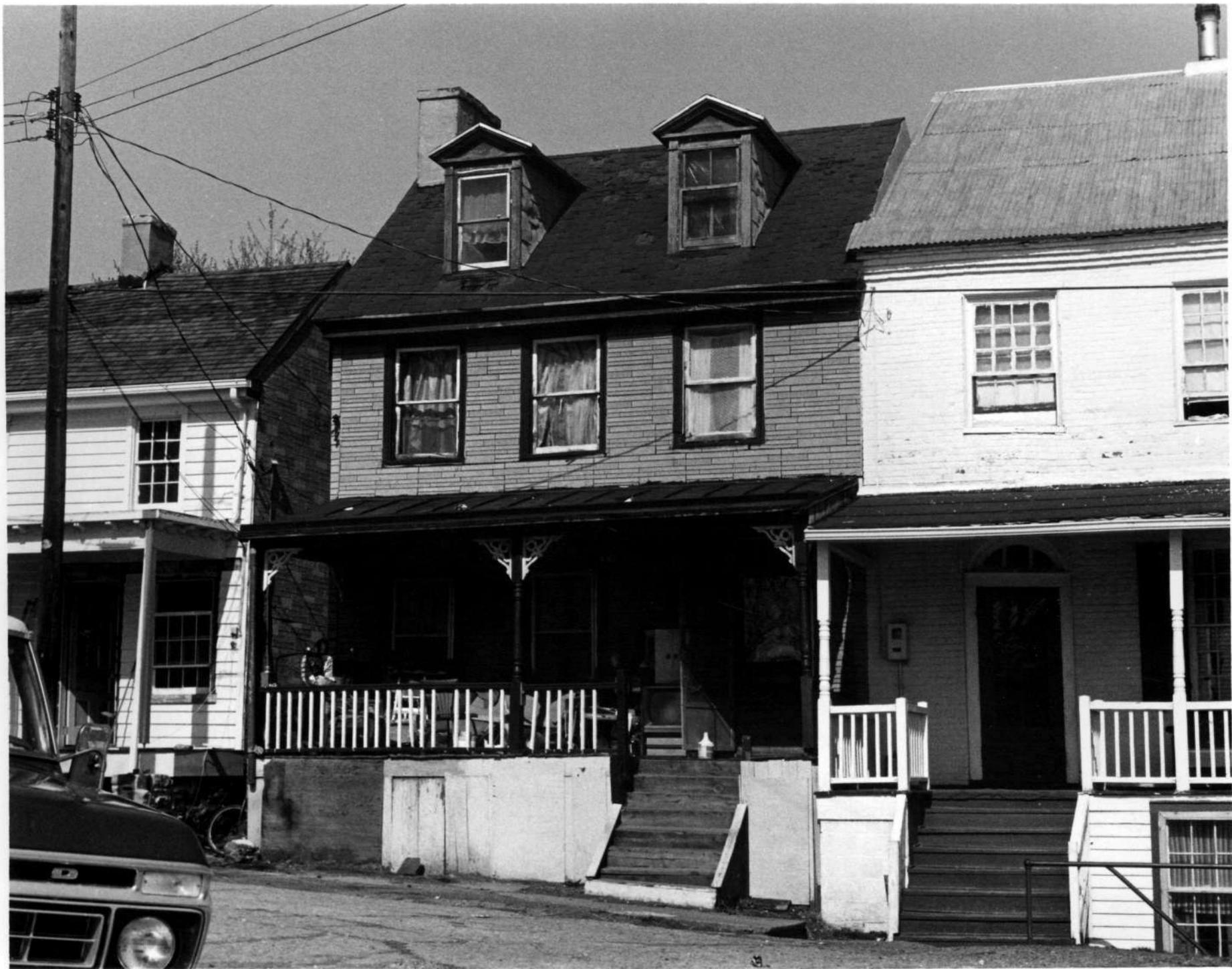
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East facade

M. Bourne April 1976