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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Onizuk-Coleman House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 4th building south of Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

#### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

A. Walter & Rebecca Onizuk

Telephone #: (301) 885-5430

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. 308  
Folio #: 340

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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One of the best constructed dwellings, and well maintained, is the Onizuk-Coleman house. It is a large scale frame dwelling, two stories tall with the gable facing the street. Its foundation-basement is made of large granite blocks while the walls of the building are covered with German siding painted light green. White trim and black shutters contrast favorably with the body of the house. Grey asphalt shingle cover the roof which was originally covered in either wood or slate.

On the street gable is a two story bay window, the second story being smaller and the two areas divided by a pent roof which has, like the main roofs, exposed shaped rafters. A decorative barge board with applied discs, strips, and drill holes adds a decorative quality which is found also on the semicircular arched window of the third floor and the main porch.

Access to the entrance is gained along a concrete walk, the door with its sidelights and transom being located in the middle of the north facade. Extending the distance from the street facade to the 'L' is a porch having chamfered posts and curious brackets. The east end of the porch has an open pediment which makes the porch very distinctive. West of the 'L' is a wing, also having a porch on its north side, but with more common pierced brackets.

On the first story the windows have paneled shutters and on the second story louvered shutters. Most of the windows have 1/1 sash. A window on the porch and the 'L' appears to have been a later alteration.

A picket fence divides the properties behind the 'L'.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 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 Onizuk-Coleman House is unique to the town in that its gable faces the street. It is architecturally important as a single dwelling and as an element in the street scape. As an individual, the building retains many good original features and the quality of workmanship is superior. As a building in the row of houses its gable-end facade and accompanying porch provide a cross section of other buildings and consequently a note of difference to the street.

Araminta Griffith built this house in the 1870's and the Griffith family held it until the middle of the twentieth century. Araminta willed the property to her children. In 1947 the house was sold to another family, the Voshells. Its plain to see that each owner has given this house loving care.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 &amp; Katherine Wein

April 27, 1976

ORGANIZATION

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET &amp; 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.

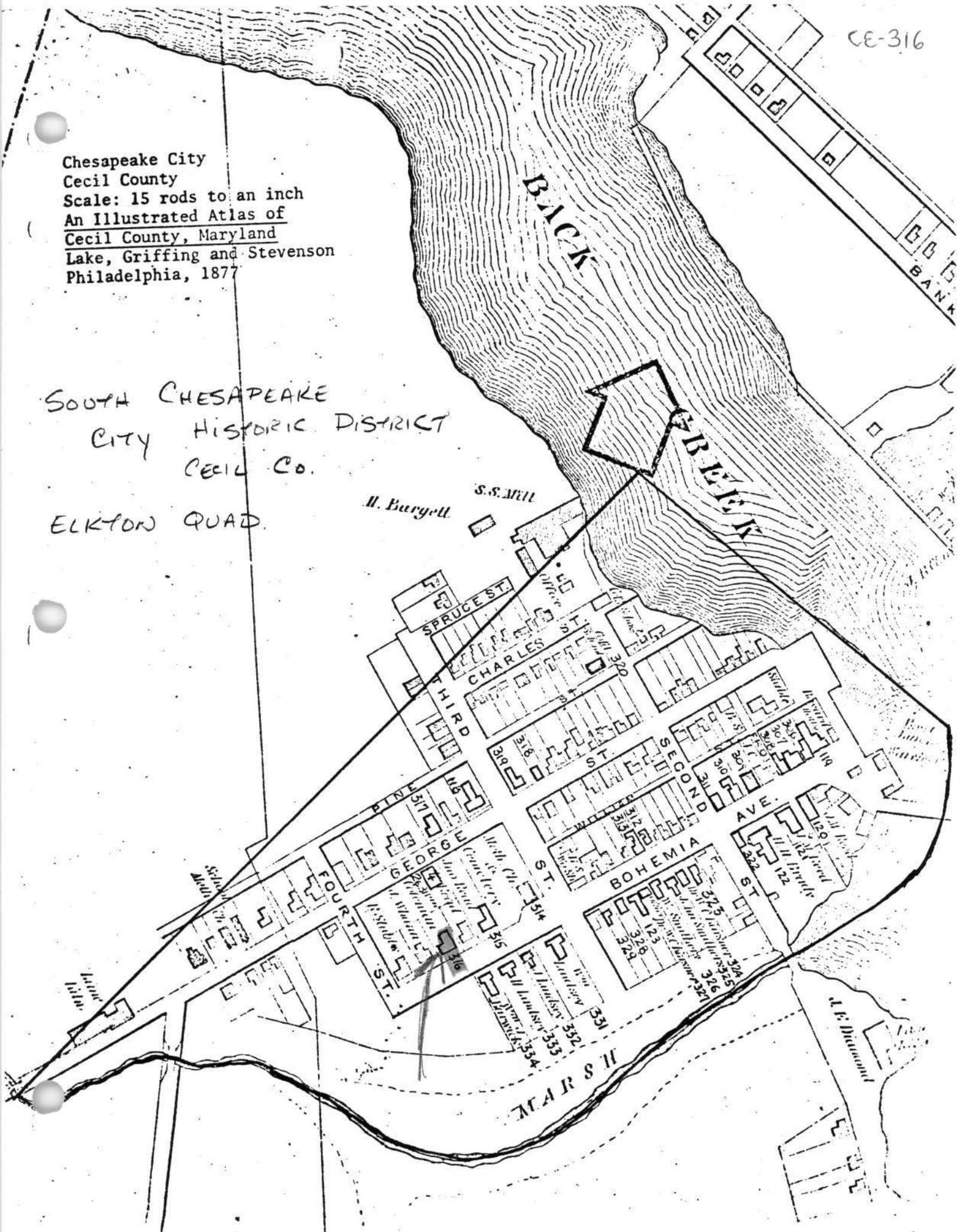
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

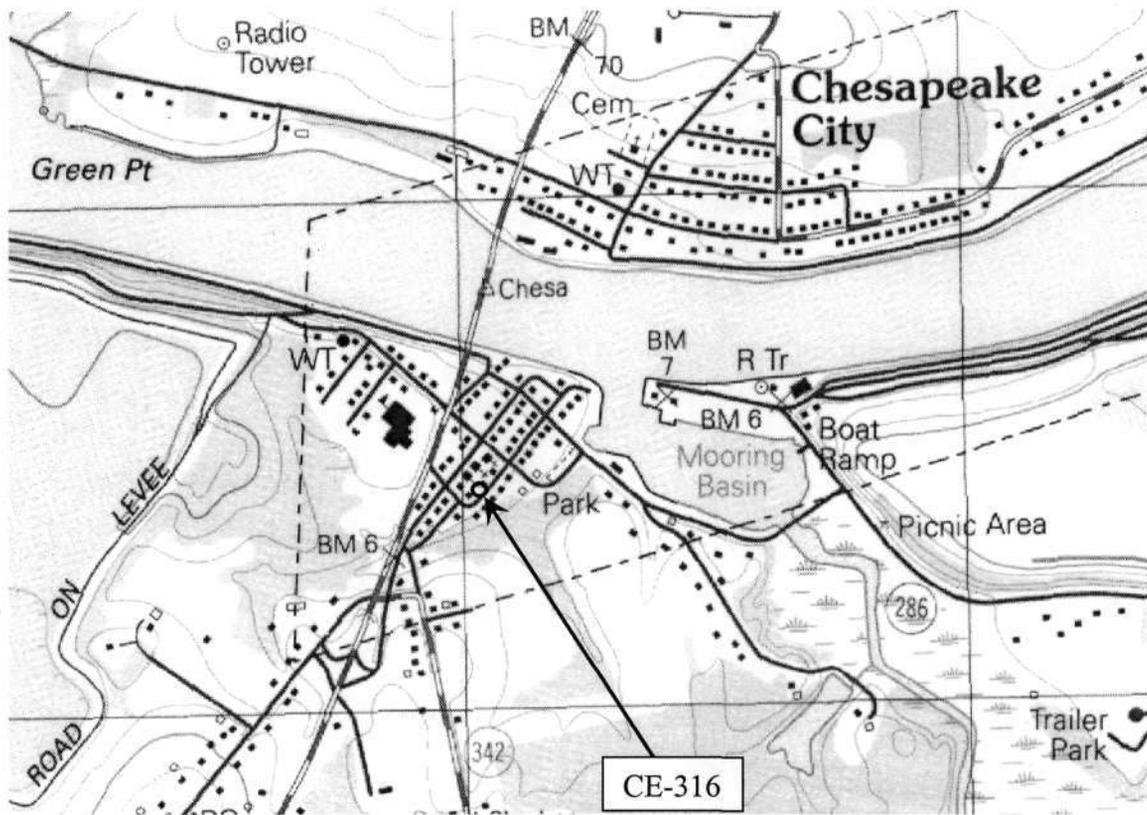
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Cecil County  
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An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
Philadelphia, 1877

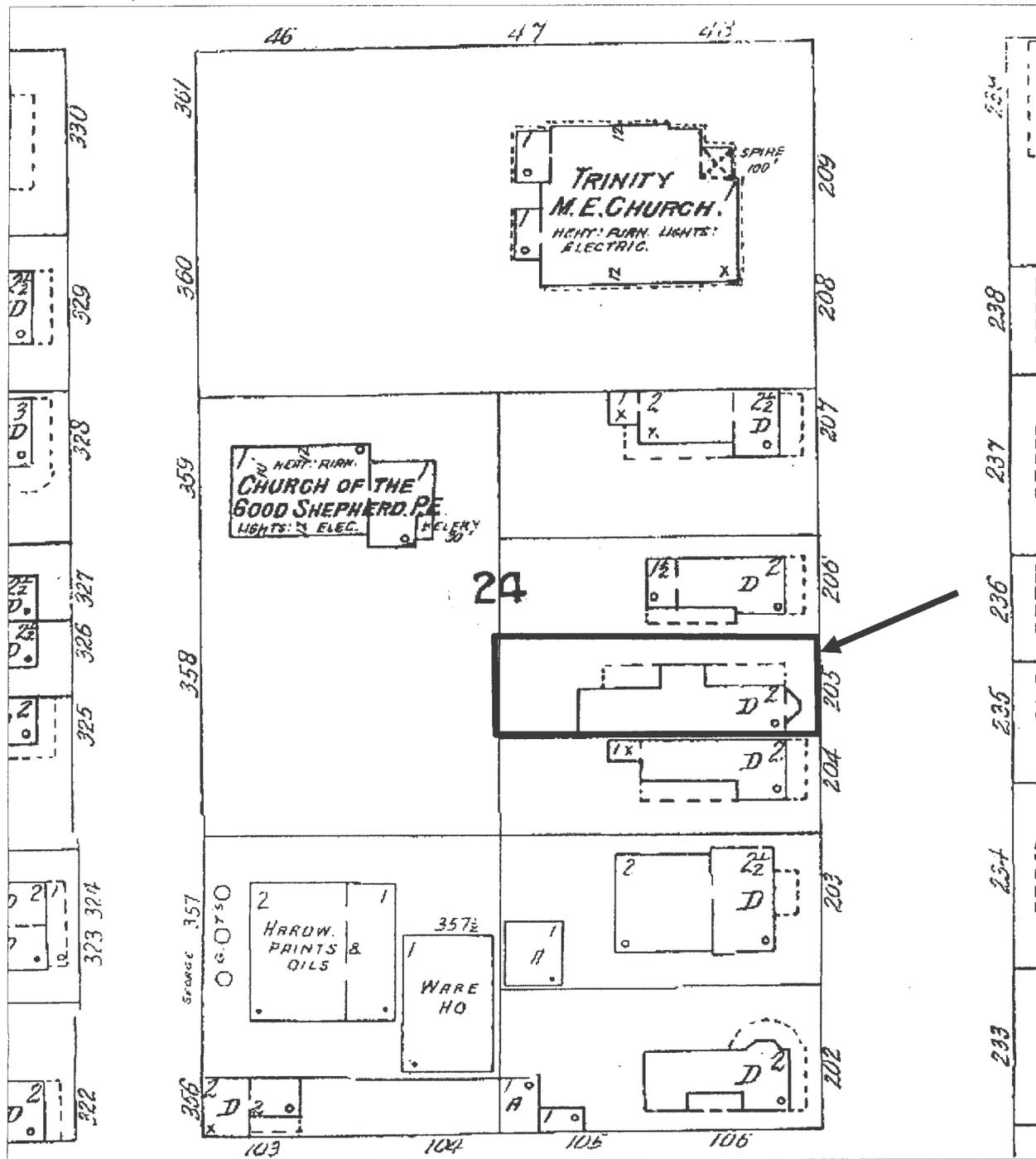
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CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
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Cecil County

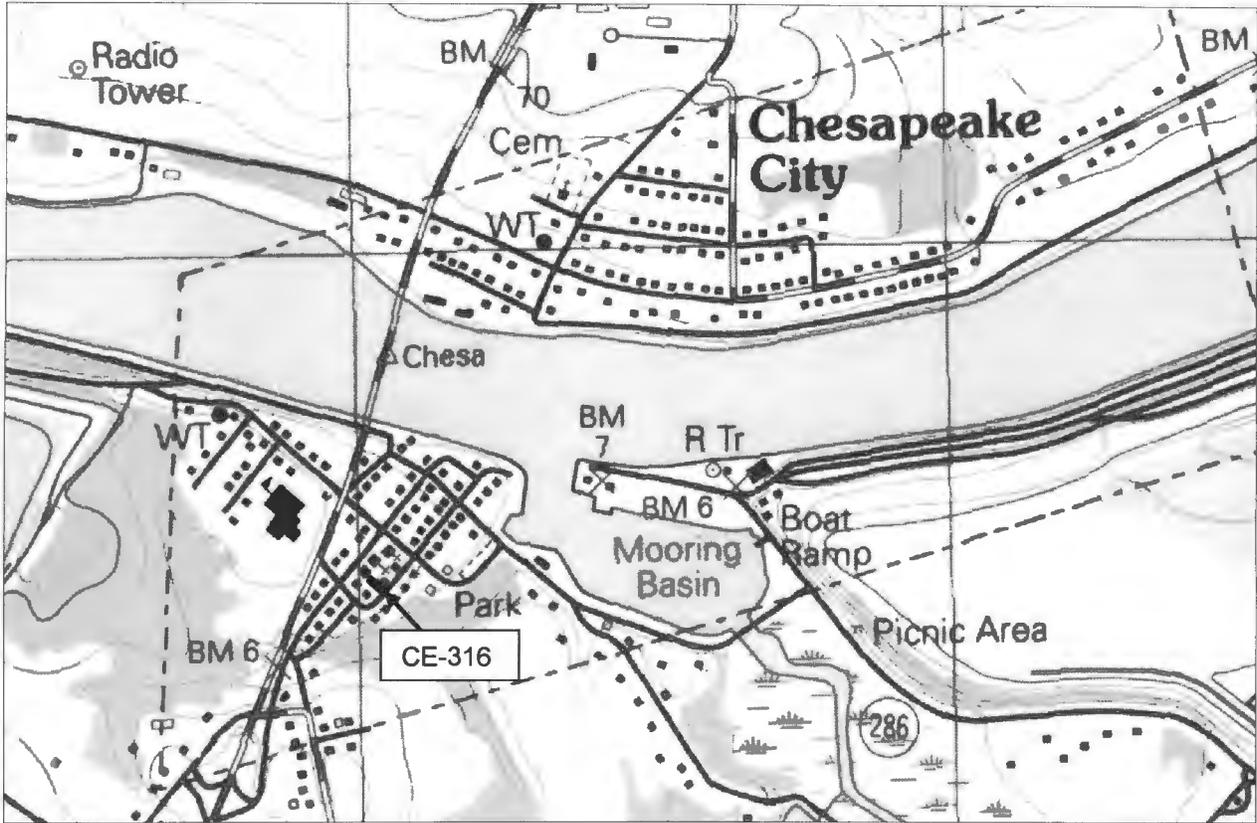


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 Sanborn Map, 1933, Sheet 4

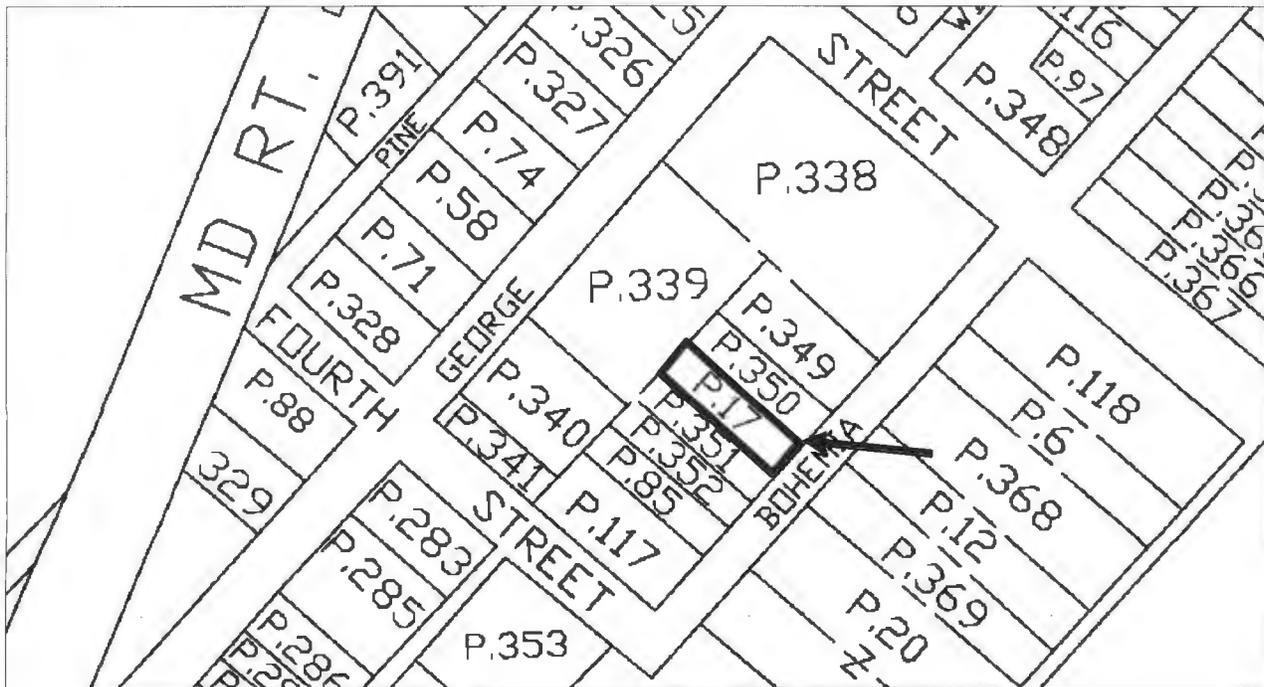


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Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 17



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East facade

M. Bowne April 1976

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Onizuk-Coleman House (left building)  
317 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City  
Photo by Michael O. Bourne, 4/1976  
Northwest elevation (Rear façade)



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