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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
McGurk-Vaughan House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Bohemia Avenue, west side, 6th building south of Third Street

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Clyde E. & Mary E. McGurk

Telephone #: (301) 743-4151

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #: WAS No. 71
Folio #: 83

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ORIGINAL SITE
✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The sixth building is actually a duplex but was built as a single family residence in the 1870's.

"McGurk-Vaughan House," distinguishes the southern two bay portion of the house from the "Caldwell-Vaughan House," consisting of the three northern bays. The west wing of this portion was built by Dr. E.D. Graves in the 1920's.

It was a five bay long two story frame dwelling with four bay wing on the southern half. Across its facade is a one story screened porch, divided into two parts. The porch has outstanding details in its square champhered posts with applied decorative panels on the base to brackets extending up the facade of the posts to the cornice. Along the cornice is a series of modillions, but beneath the facia is a pierced bracketed gallery extending between the posts. The balustrade is low and follows the division of the porch.

On both storys the sash have 4/4 panes and the windows have a small plain cornice-like decorative motif. The central door also possesses a larger cornice. Glass panels in the principal door appears to be an alteration. Above the second story windows are pairs of brackets in the facia. In the gable are two diamond shape windows which flank a chimney. The 'A' roof is covered with raised seam tin.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	✓COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling is important as part of the whole structure which is of interest because of the vernacular form with Italianate details.

In June of 1874, James Vaughan leased this land from Mary Sophia Bayard for $24.00 a year. About that time Mr. Vaughan built the house which he sold to John M. Reed for $1,025.00 in 1876. This was home for the Reed family for many years. The house was divided in the 1920's to provide separate homes for heirs of the Reed estate. New rooms were added on the north west side at this time and the houses have had separate owners since this time.

The northern half is still in the possession of Hugh Caldwell, one of the descendents of John Reed.

J. M. Reed, one of the owners of this house at one time maintained a mushroom house near town. The mushrooms were shipped to Philadelphia and sold locally, early in this century. He also maintained a general store on Bohemia Avenue near the Canal for many years. Because of the importance of Mr. John M. Reed in the early commercial activities in town, this house has significance. His store is still standing and is very much the same as it was when he carried on a dry goods business there. His stock was claimed to be the finest in the area and attracted customers from a wide radius.

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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

DATE
April 27, 1976

ORGANIZATION
South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

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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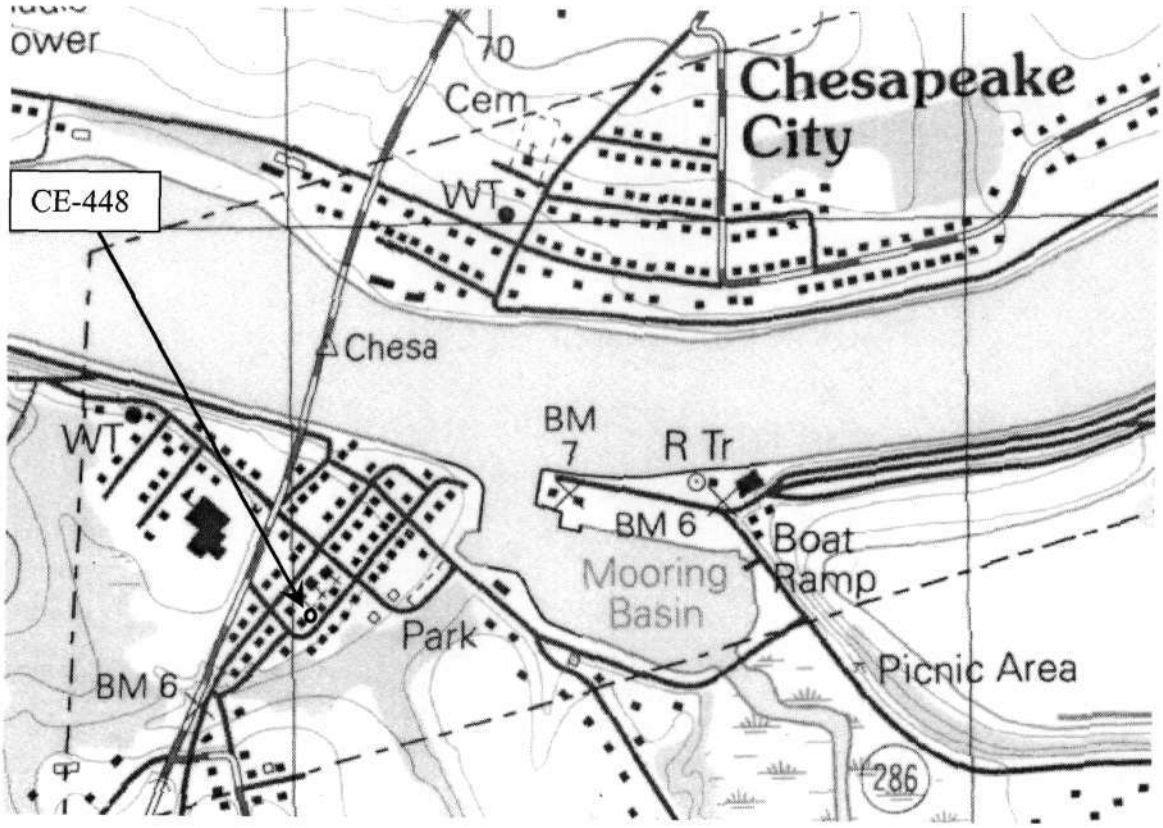
McGurk-Vaughan House
Bohemia Ave.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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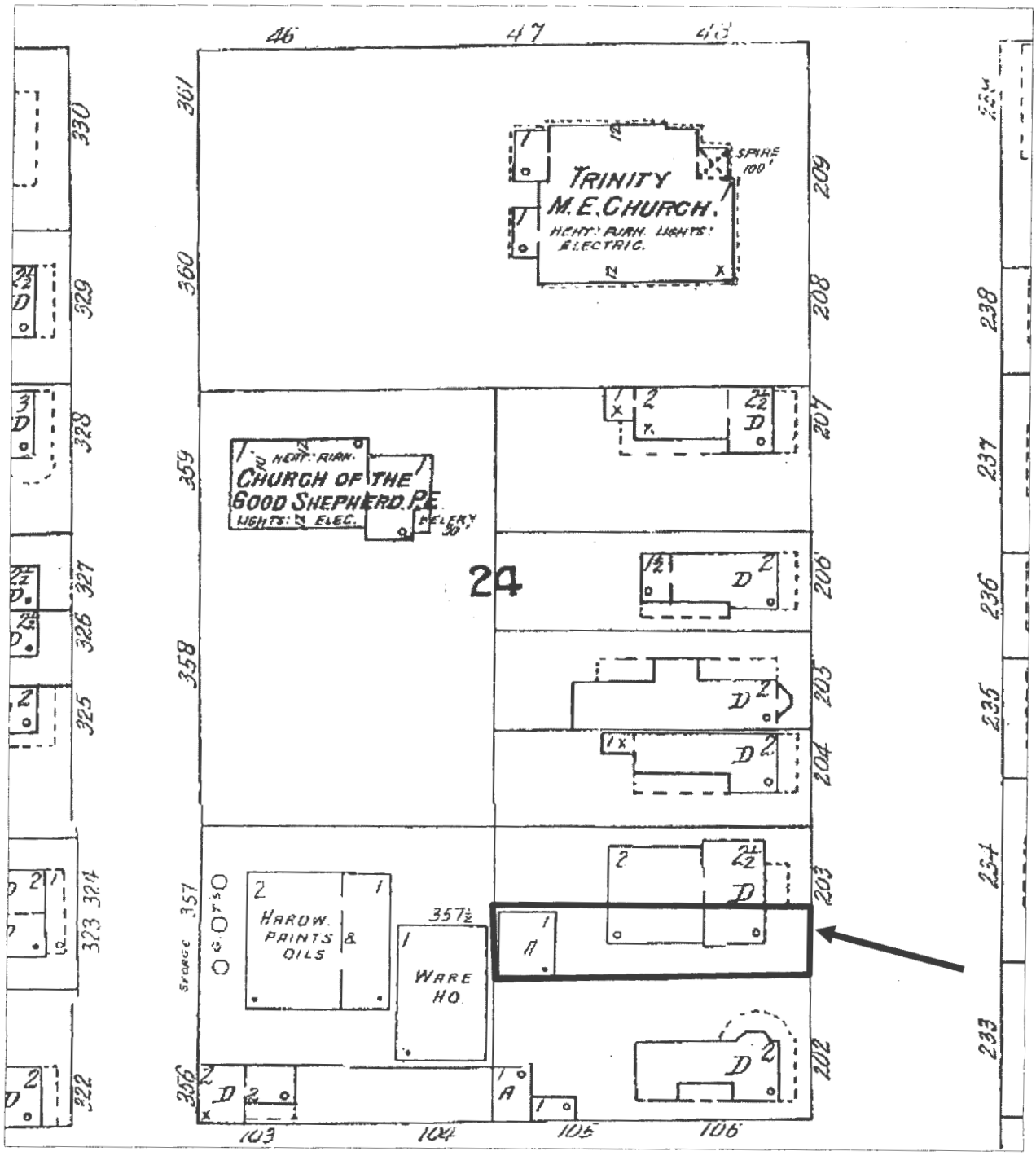
McGurk-Vaughan House
323 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City
Sanborn Map, 1933, Sheet 4



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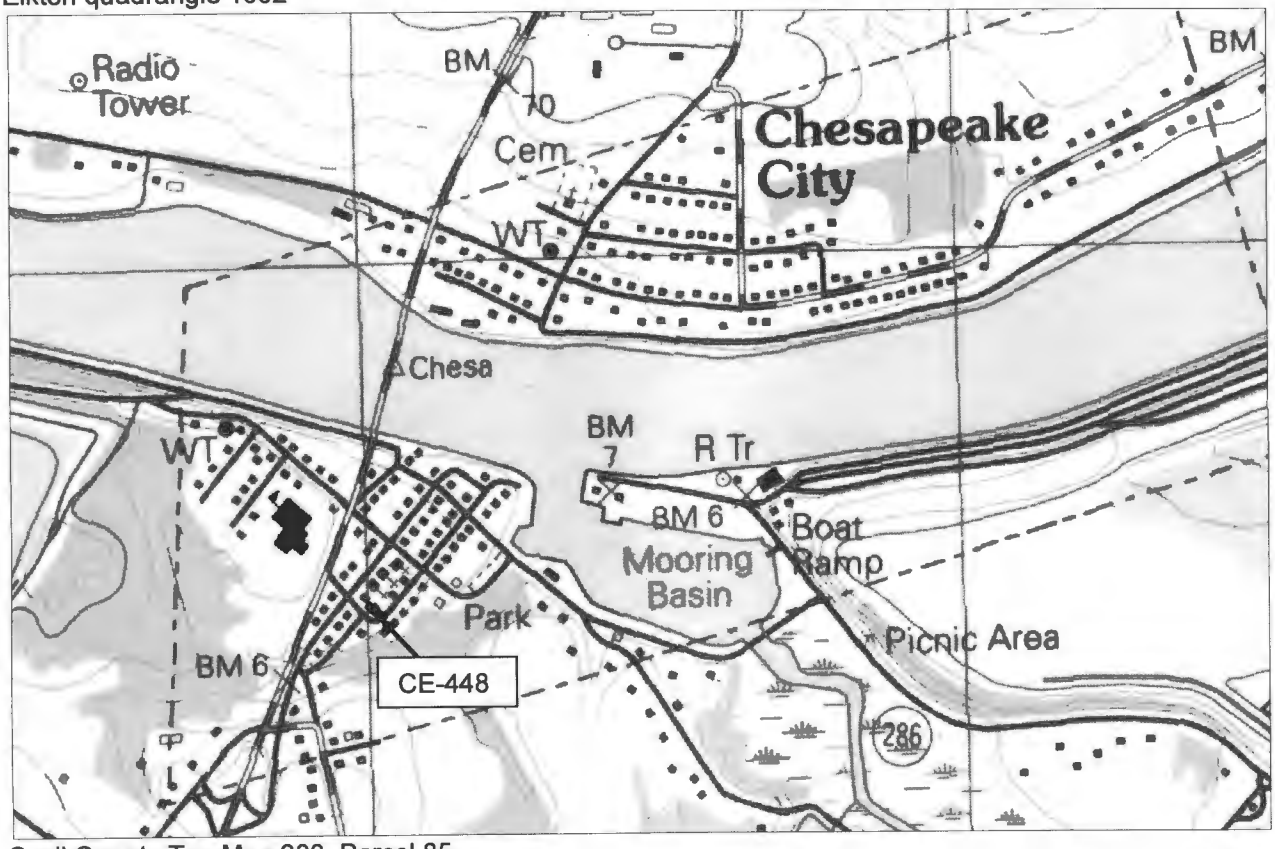
Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 85

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CE- 447 - Caldwell-Vaughn House (right half) ; CE- 448 McGuirk-Vaughn House (left half)

East facade

M. Bourne April 1976