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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Laundromat

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
George Street, Southeast corner, First 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
Harry F. Krastel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Cecil

Liber #: WAS No. 270
Folio #: 397

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

On the southeast corner of Geroge and First Streets is a one story 'L' shaped brick structure built about 1940 by the Elkton Supply Co. as a service station. It is set on the back corner of the lot creating space for parking automobiles.

The northern arm of the structure has a loading platform with door and window above; the south west arm appears to have been a garage portion of the building. Connecting the two on a diagonal is what was formerly the office. It has a door and two flanking store-front windows composed of four horizontal panes of glass. There is also another door and small window which was probably a lavatory.

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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

This was a busy corner and a center of activity in early Chesapeake City. For many years a blacksmith shop was located here, serving farmers from miles around. Until the 1930's, horses were used for all farm work and hauling. Farm machinery was repaired rather than replaced. The local blacksmith took care of shoeing horses and keeping metal tools in good repair.

After serving as a blacksmith shop the corner became a general hardware and supply store; then a gas station, and a laundromat.

This property is significant for the part it has played in commerce and transportation. When the sea level canal came into use in 1929, Bohemia Avenue was no longer the main street in town since the new canal bridge was built at the foot of George Street. This brought more traffic past this corner and made it a good location for service to the increasing number of automobiles.

In 1908, an act of the General Assembly created a State Roads Commission. The first project was to be a road connecting Baltimore City with the counties and the county seats with each other. The new commission resolved to spend a large sum of money on Eastern Shore roads. The road between Elkton and Chesapeake City was completed as a paved highwas in 1914 making travel possible in all weather conditions, and easing the problem of getting farm products to markets. The road leading from Elkton to Chesapeake City and the Canal Bridge these were considered the gateway to the Eastern Shore. After 1929, this road followed George Street through town.

Again, with the building of the high rise bridge traffic patterns changed and the property became a laundromat.

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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
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DATE
May 10, 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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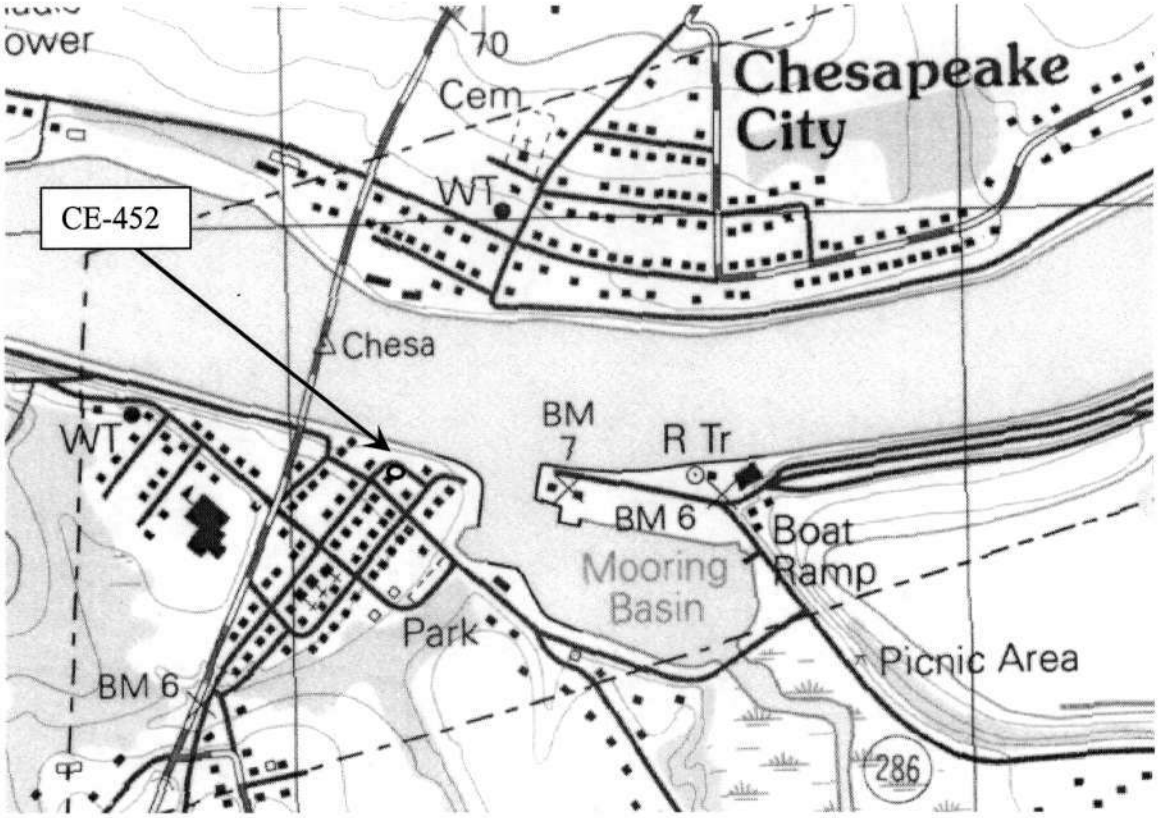
George St. & 1st St.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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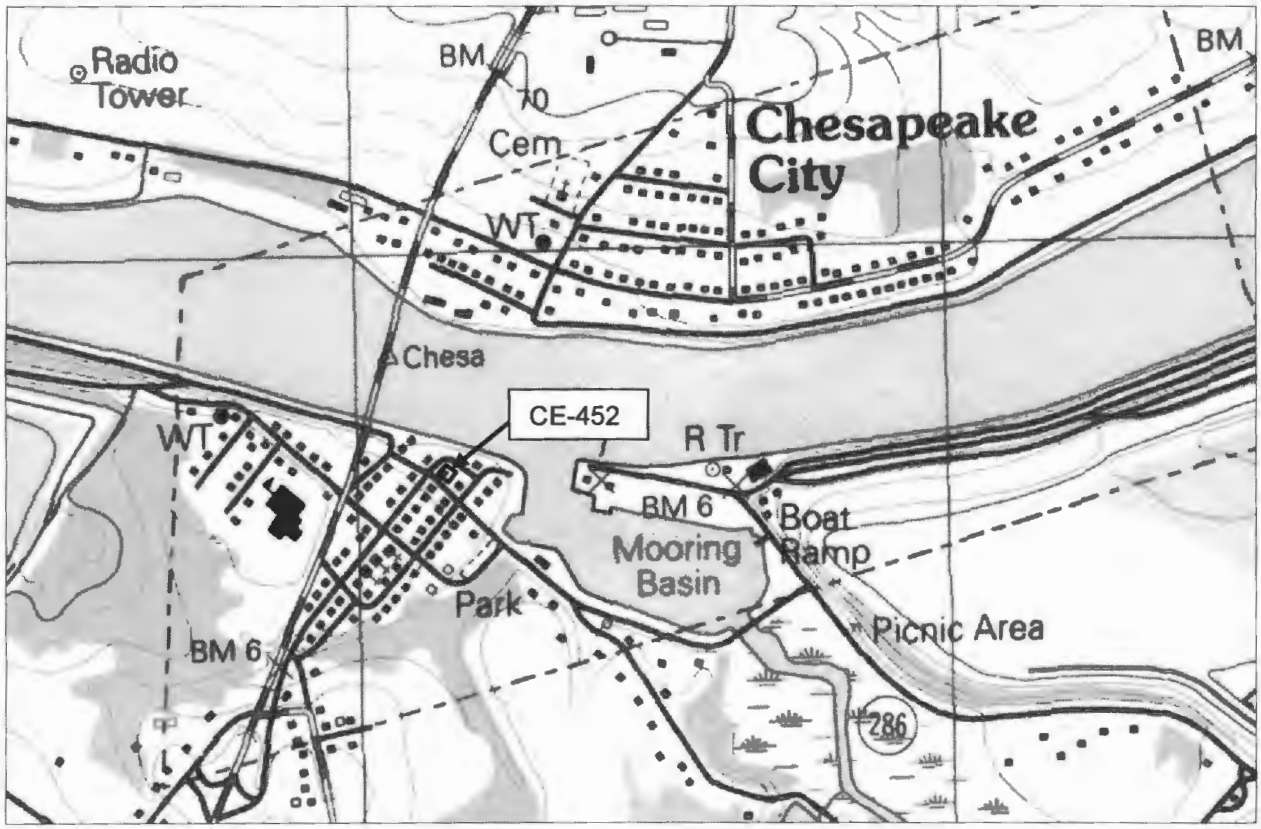
Laundromat
100 George Street, Chesapeake City
Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 331

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BE SMART USE
Laundromat
HALF HOUR LAUNDRIES
CHESAPEAKE LAUNDROMAT & CLEANER

Laundromat CE- 452

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Michael Bourne April 1976