

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Biggs Property

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street, east side, 8th house south of Second 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

Sarah H. Biggs Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Marvin E. Biggs, Sr., R.D. #2 Ginn's Corner

CITY, TOWN

Townsend

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Delaware 19734

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: RRC No. 21

Folio #: 452

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

CE-493

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input 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

On the ^{north} southeast corner of Charles and Third Streets is a four bay long, two story frame duplex which adjoins another building actually on the adjoining lot. The building being described has a very simple facade with two doors on the outside bays and two windows between. On the second story of the white weatherboard building are four symmetrical windows with 6/6 sash, like the first story. The 'A' roof is covered with green raised seam tin and a brick chimney rises from between the two units of the house.

Behind the corner unit is a two story, two bay wing and a lean-to addition with brick chimney rising from the gable. The windows in the latter wing have 2/2 sash while one of the original gable windows retains 6/6 sash.

There is a privet hedge from the Charles Street corner of the lot along Third Street to the back corner. There are two small outbuildings along Pine Street.

Adjoining the corner duplex is a small two bay, two story frame dwelling the same height as its neighbor. The entrance is located on the northern bay and the windows have 6/6 sash. White weatherboard covers the walls of the structure, and green raised seam tin covers the roof. A brick chimney rises from the center of the 'A' roof.

On the gable which faces its north neighbor, about six feet away, is one window in each story and a small casement in the garrett.

Adjoining the neighbor is a one story addition with entrance.

Architecturally, the house is very plain and should be considered with the corner house as it appears to be a unit of the aforesaid corner duplex.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Biggs property is the only row of three buildings in the historic district. Although very simple in form and detail, it is an attractive element as the corner lot.

This group of houses was built as a rental property for workmen on the Canal. There are three adjoining dwellings belonging to the estate of Sarah H. Biggs, and still paying ground rent annually to the estate of George Woolsey Hodge who bought these ground rents with about fifty others in the town in 1901 from the heirs of the Bayard estate

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 12, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

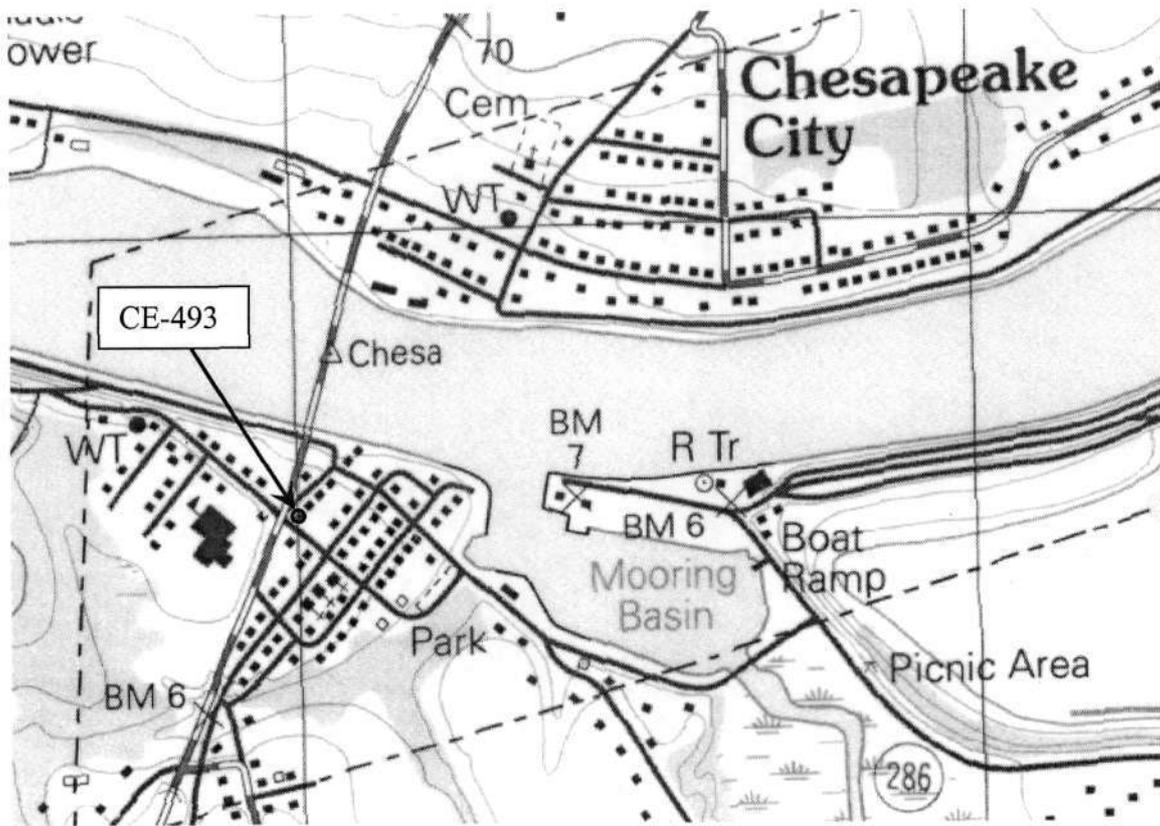
Maryland 21915

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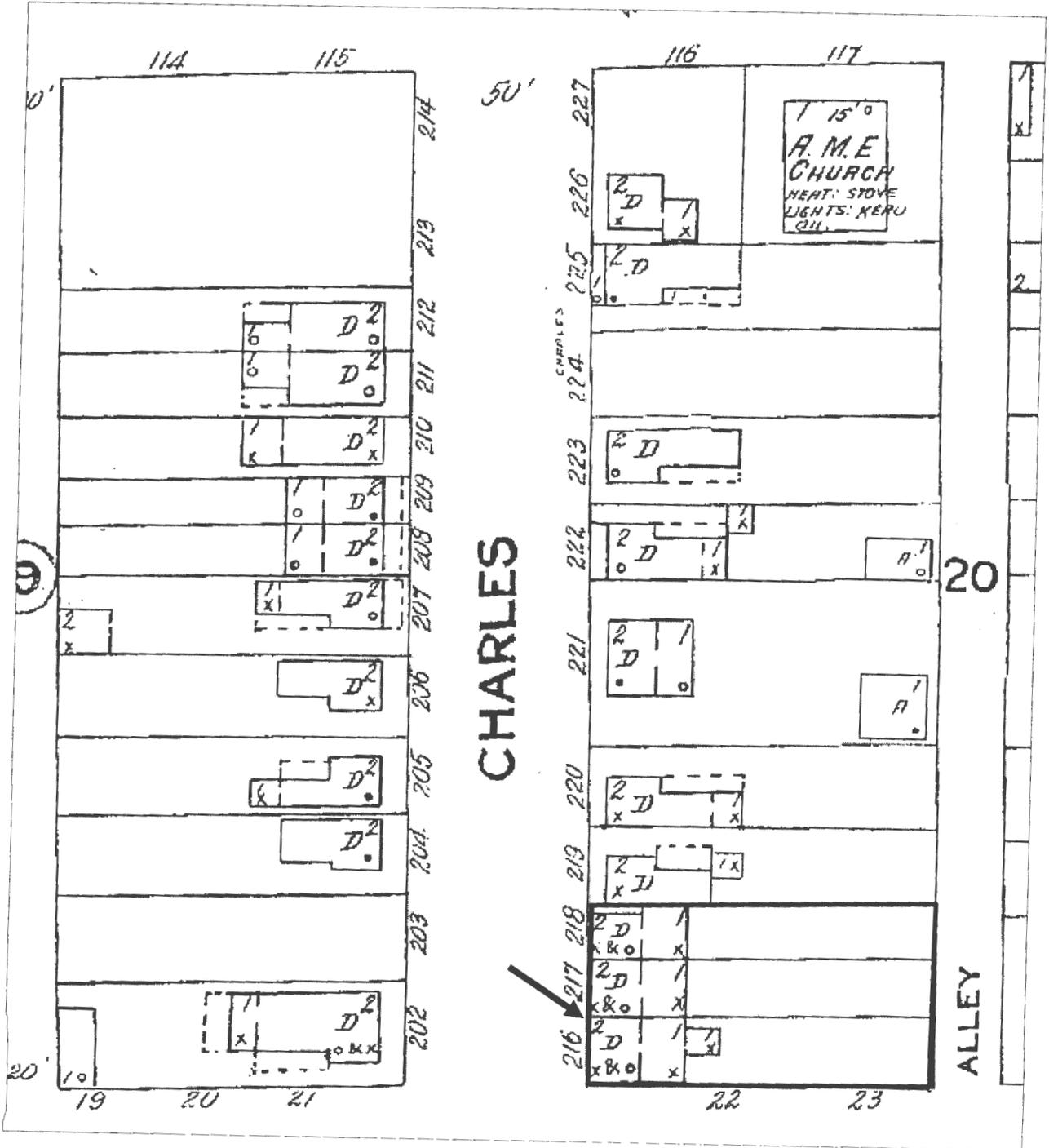
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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Charles St. & 3rd St.
Chesapeake City
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County

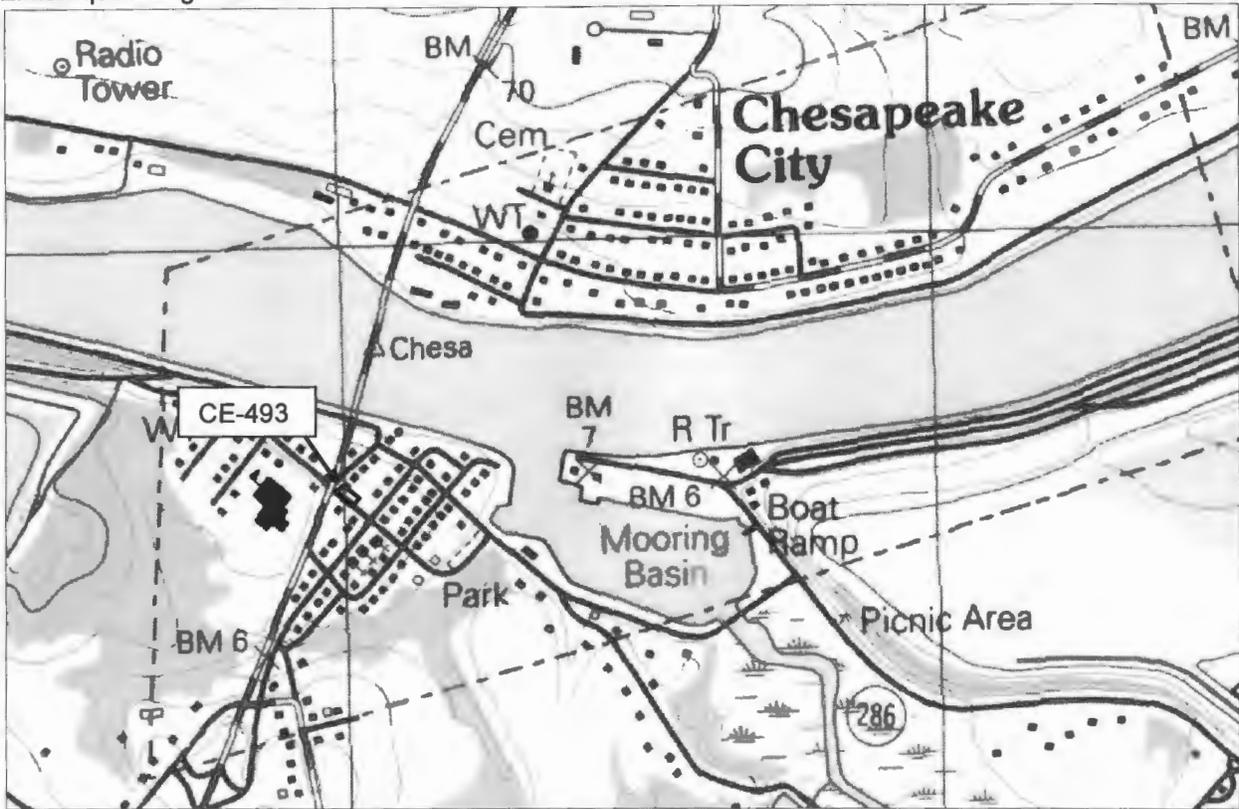


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 224 Charles Street, Chesapeake City
 Sanborn Map 1933, Sheet 4



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Elkton quadrangle 1992



Cecil County Tax Map 200, Parcel 305



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224 Charles Street, Chesapeake City
Photos by Michael O. Bourne, 4/1976. Scanned from negatives.
Northwest elevation



West facade





Biggs Property - CE-493

South side

M. Bowne April 1976