

D-805
J. F. Henry House and Shop
Cambridge
c. 1885-90
Private

Although little information on the historical background on this combination house and shop has surfaced, the two-story, ell-shaped frame structure is one of the oldest buildings standing along Pine Street. Architectural features place its construction around 1885-90, and it serves as an historical anchor to the principal intersection of Pine and Muir streets. It also differs from many other houses in the Pine Street neighborhood in that it combines a house and shop in its ell-shaped form. The house part survives with an intact Victorian porch as well as a sidelighted front entrance, and the shop part retains its late nineteenth century shop-front display front topped by a storefront cornice. The combination house and shop structure is indicated on the Sanborn insurance maps as far back as 1891. The property figures in a third quarter of the twentieth century Chancery case involving the property of J. F. Henry, Sr. and his son of the same name.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J. F. Henry House and Shop

other _____

2. Location

street and number 518-520 Muir Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Monroe Smith Jr.

street and number 2427 Cambridge Beltway telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 188 folio 519

city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 4524 tax ID number 7-119283

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____	_____
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory _____	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The J. F. Henry house and shop is a late 19th-century structure that stands at 518-20 Muir Street, and the ell-shaped frame structure defines the southeast corner of the intersection of Muir and Pine streets in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story frame house and shop, supported on a low brick foundation, dates around 1885-90. It is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The building faces north.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Built around 1885-90, this two-story, ell-shaped frame house and shop is located at 518-20 Muir Street, and the Victorian structure defines the southeast corner of the principal intersection of Muir and Pine Street in the African-American neighborhood of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Supported on a low brick foundation, the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding, and the medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with a three-bay façade recessed from the adjacent shop section which forms the bottom leg of the ell-shaped structure. The front of the house has a four-panel front door framed by sidelights and a transom. The adjacent bays are defined by single-pane sash windows. All three bays are sheltered by a shed roofed porch supported on turned posts and enhanced with sawn corner brackets. The second floor of the house part is defined by three single-pane sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The shop section extends approximately ten feet forward of the house, and the north wall survives with a Victorian shop front of display windows and an off-center recessed doorway. The partially glazed front door has a two-light transom. Stretching across at mid level is a Victorian cornice terminated with decorative sawn brackets. The second floor is defined by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave, trimmed with bed and crown moldings and returns at the base of the roof.

The west elevation of the house and shop faces Pine Street, and it is a long two-bay façade. Two first floor openings have replacement windows that have been inserted in larger openings defined by the cuts in the siding. The second floor is marked by two two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Piercing the center of the gable roof is a truncated brick stove chimney.

The rear (south) elevation is an asymmetrical façade. The shop side of the ell-shaped structure is marked by an off-center door opening on the first floor, and a replacement window centered on the second story. The edge of the roof has an extended eave. The house part is marked by a three bay fitted with replacement windows as well. The base of the roof, like the rest of the house has a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings.

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The interior was not seen on the initial field visit.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Although little is documented historically on this combination house and shop, the two-story, ell-shaped frame structure is one of the oldest buildings standing along Pine Street. Architectural features place its construction around 1885-90, and it serves as an historical anchor to the principal intersection of Muir and Pine Streets. It also differs from many houses in the Pine Street neighborhood in that it combines in an ell-shaped construction. The house part survives with an intact Victorian porch as well as a sidelighted front entrance, and the shop part retains its late nineteenth century shop-front cornice, recessed entrance and two-over-two sash windows on the second floor. The combination house and shop structure is indicated on the Sanborn Insurance maps as far back as 1891. The property figures in a third quarter of the twentieth century Chancery case involving the property of J. F. Henry, Sr and his son of the same name.¹

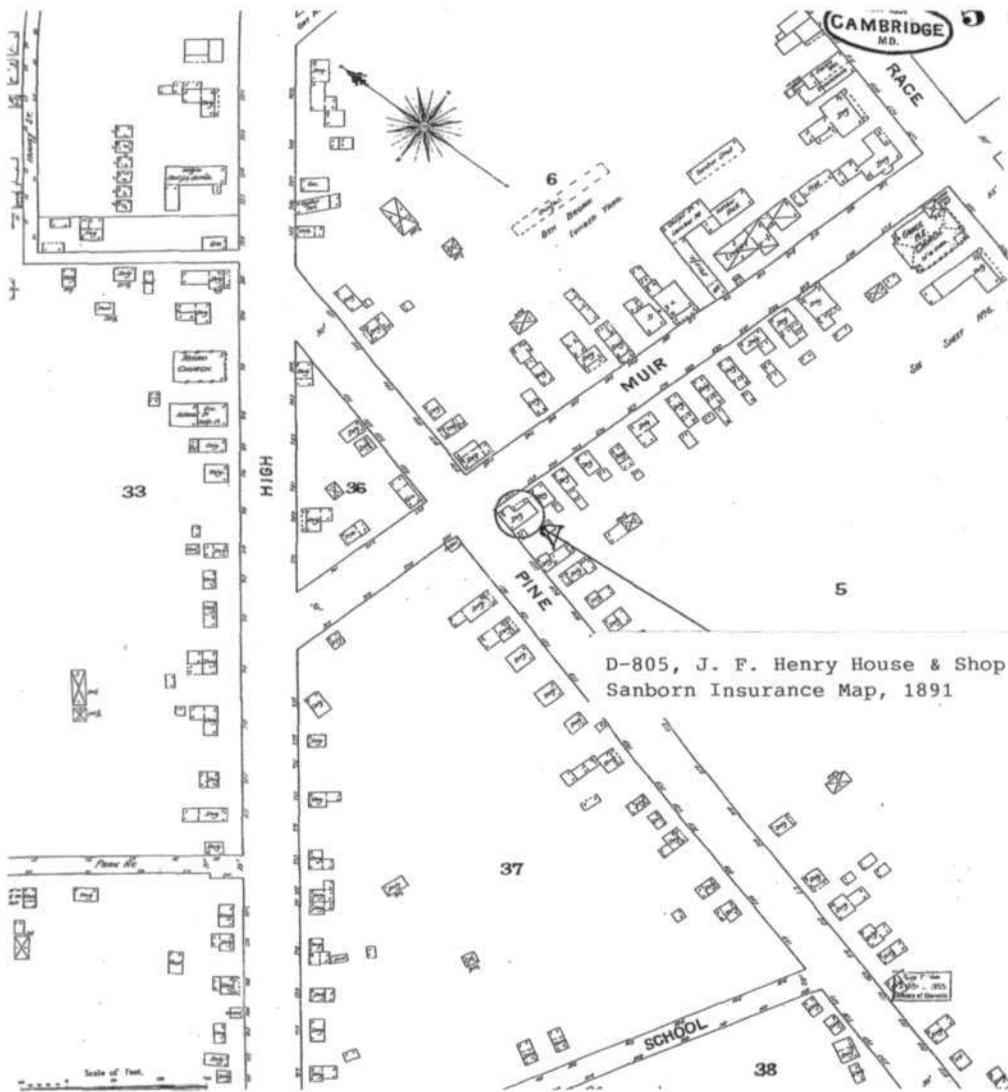
¹ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 188/519, 7 January 1974, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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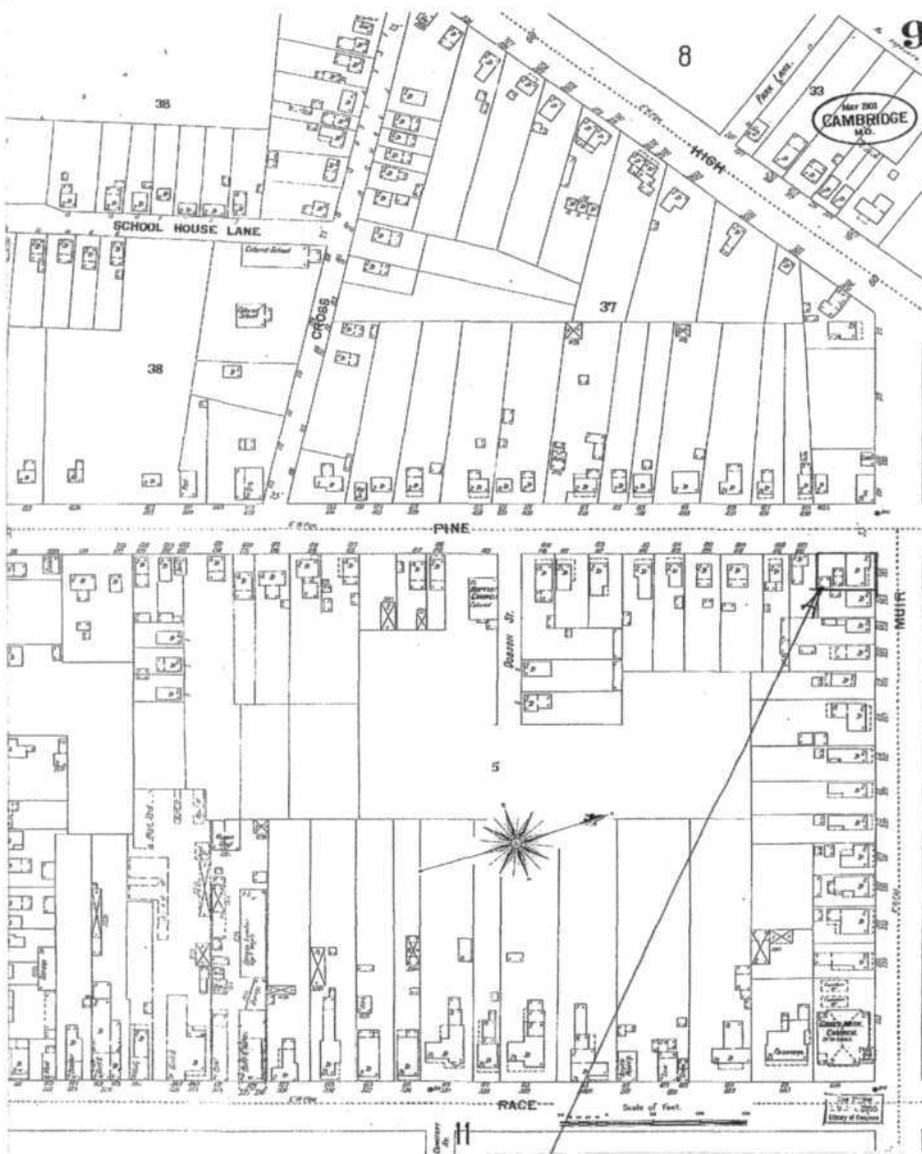


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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1901

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1930

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Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 301, Parcel 4524

PLC 188/519

Kenneth Hughes, Treasurer and Collector, City of Cambridge

to

1.7.1974

Monroe Smith, Jr.

"J. F. Henry, Sr. - J. F. Henry, Jr. Land" 11417 Chancery Case

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, Library of Congress.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2,268 square feet
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Cambridge, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

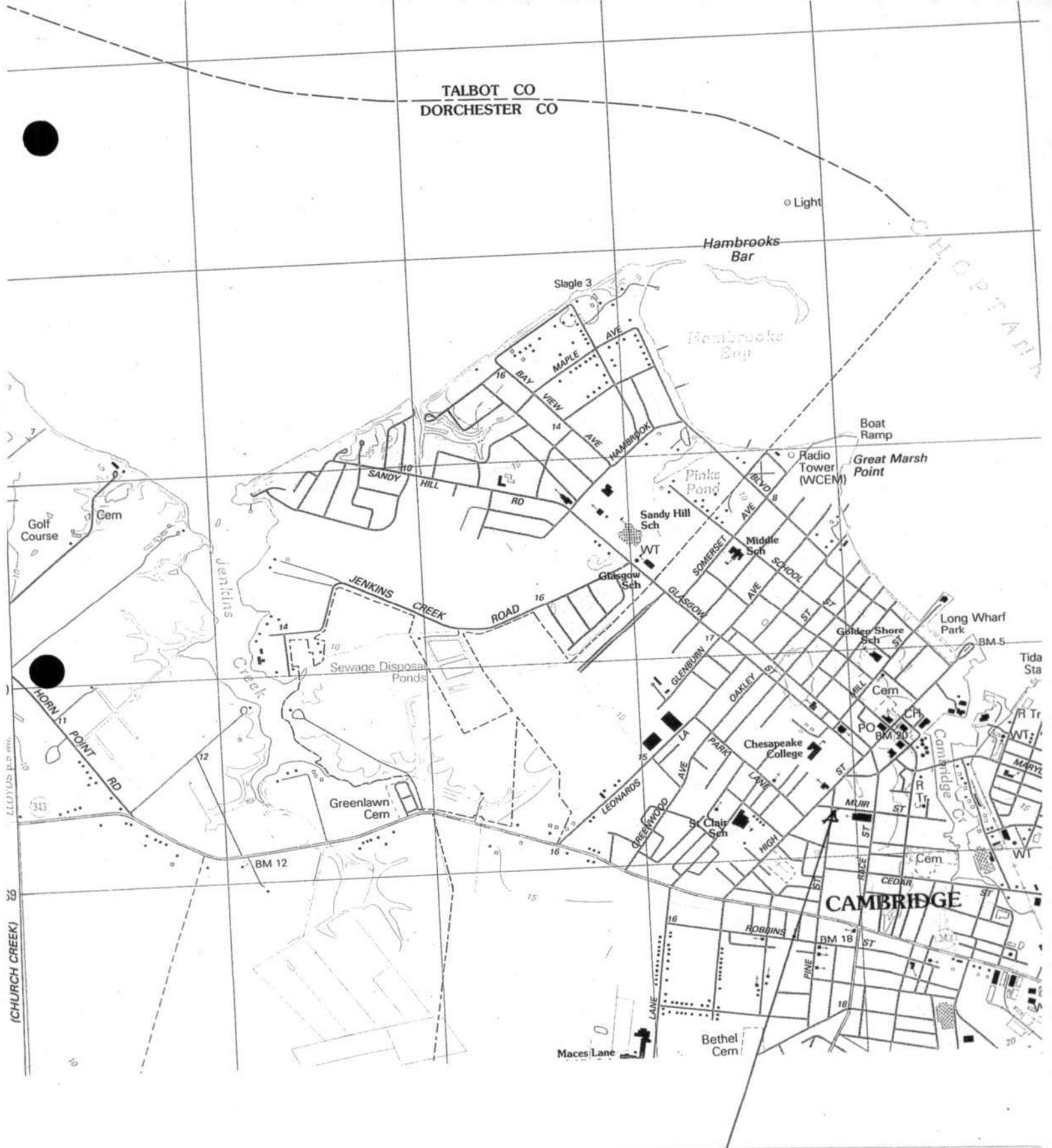
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	1.15.11
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Cambridge, MD Quadrangle



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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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