

D-820
J. E. Applegarth Store and Post Office
Golden Hill vicinity
c. 1820, c. 1880
Private

The John E. Applegarth store and post office is a prominent two-story, two-part frame structure that stands out against the flat marsh and field landscape of Spicer Creek near Golden Hill. The store building appears relatively unaltered with an 1880s two-story rectangular frame main block and an early nineteenth century lateral side wing that once stood separately as an independent store building. Reflective of two distinct periods of rural commercial architecture in Dorchester County, the J. E. Applegarth Store and post office is an extremely important frame building.

John. E. Applegarth (1814-1887) was a significant merchant and farmer in southwestern Dorchester County during the mid to late nineteenth century. He is included in the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas patron list as owning 600 acres with a nativity in the county dating to 1814.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J. E. Applegarth Store and Post Office

other _____

2. Location

street and number 1130 Hip Roof Road not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name William F. and Alice Applegarth c/o Paul V. Applegarth

street and number 94 Meadow Wood Drive telephone

city, town Greenwich state CT zip code 06830

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 227 folio 31

city, town Cambridge tax map 77 tax parcel 22 tax ID number 05-069580

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<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	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u>1</u> Total
		<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 John E. Applegarth Store and Post Office stands on the Applegarth farm (D-27) known as Medicine Hill, located between Hip Roof Road and Hooper's Island Road in the northwestern corner of the Lakes Election District at the former crossroads community of Golden Hill, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story rectangular frame store consists of two sections, a late nineteenth century main block (c. 1880), and a single-story, three-bay frame wing that constitutes an older store building dating from the early nineteenth century (c. 1810-20). The large frame structure is supported on a minimal brick foundation, and the exteriors of the two structures are covered with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roofs of each section are sheathed with asphalt shingles. The store faces south with the main roof oriented on a north/south axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The J. E. Applegarth Store and Post Office is a prominent two-story, gable-front frame structure with a lateral single-story wing that stands on the Applegarth farm at the former community of Golden Hill in southwestern Dorchester County. The property is bordered by Hip Roof Road and Hooper's Island Road. The main entrance to the farm and store property is by means of a dirt lane and bridge off Hooper's Island Road. The bridge crosses a small feeder stream of Spicer Creek. The two-story, three-bay rectangular frame main block is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows on the first story. The double door entrance is fitted with partially glazed doors, and the windows are protected by iron grilles. The second story is defined by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that mark the outer bays, and a single six-over-six sash window pierces the gable end. The roof is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base. Trimming the outer corners of the building are wide corner pilasters.

The west side of the rectangular store building is covered by the single-story lateral wing and a shed roofed section that fills the inside corner and stretches across the length of the east wall. The shed roofed section has a garage door entrance in the end and small six-pane windows. The upper wall surface of the east wall is a blind surface of plain weatherboards. Piercing the center of the 1880s store roof is an interior brick stove chimney.

The lateral store wing is a single story three-bay by one room frame structure dating to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. A center entrance is flanked on one side (left) by a six-over-six sash window. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

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The west gable end of the store is a blind, weatherboarded wall with the edge of the roof finished with a flush surface and plain bargeboard. The back of the store wing is extended by a shed roofed addition sheathed with plain weatherboards.

The east side of the 1880s store is largely blind with a single side entrance towards the rear. The rear corners of the building are trimmed with plain pilasters.

The interior was not seen on the initial field visit.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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

The J. E. Applegarth Store and Post Office is a prominent two-story, two-part frame structure that stands out on the marsh and field landscape of Spicer Creek near Golden Hill. The building appears relatively unaltered with an 1880s two-story rectangular main block and an early nineteenth century side wing that served as an earlier, and independent store building. Reflective of two distinct periods of rural commercial architecture in Dorchester County, this building stands out as extremely important.

J. E. Applegarth (1814-1887) was an important merchant and farmer in southwestern Dorchester County during the mid to late nineteenth century. He is listed in the patron list of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas as a merchant and farmer with 600 acres. The store would be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places on its own or in conjunction with the Applegarth Farm. (D-27)

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1130 Hip Roof Road
Golden Hill

Map 77, Parcel 22

PLC 227/31

S. Hubert Applegarth, Jr., Wm Francis Applegarth IV,
Charles H. Applegarth

to

5.12.1983

William F. Applegarth IV

PLC 223/583

Equitable Trust Company, et al.

to

7.2.1982

S. Hubert Applegarth, Jr. et al.

Baltimore County
Will Book
Estate No. 47,863

Estate of Anita A. France

to

3.5.1981

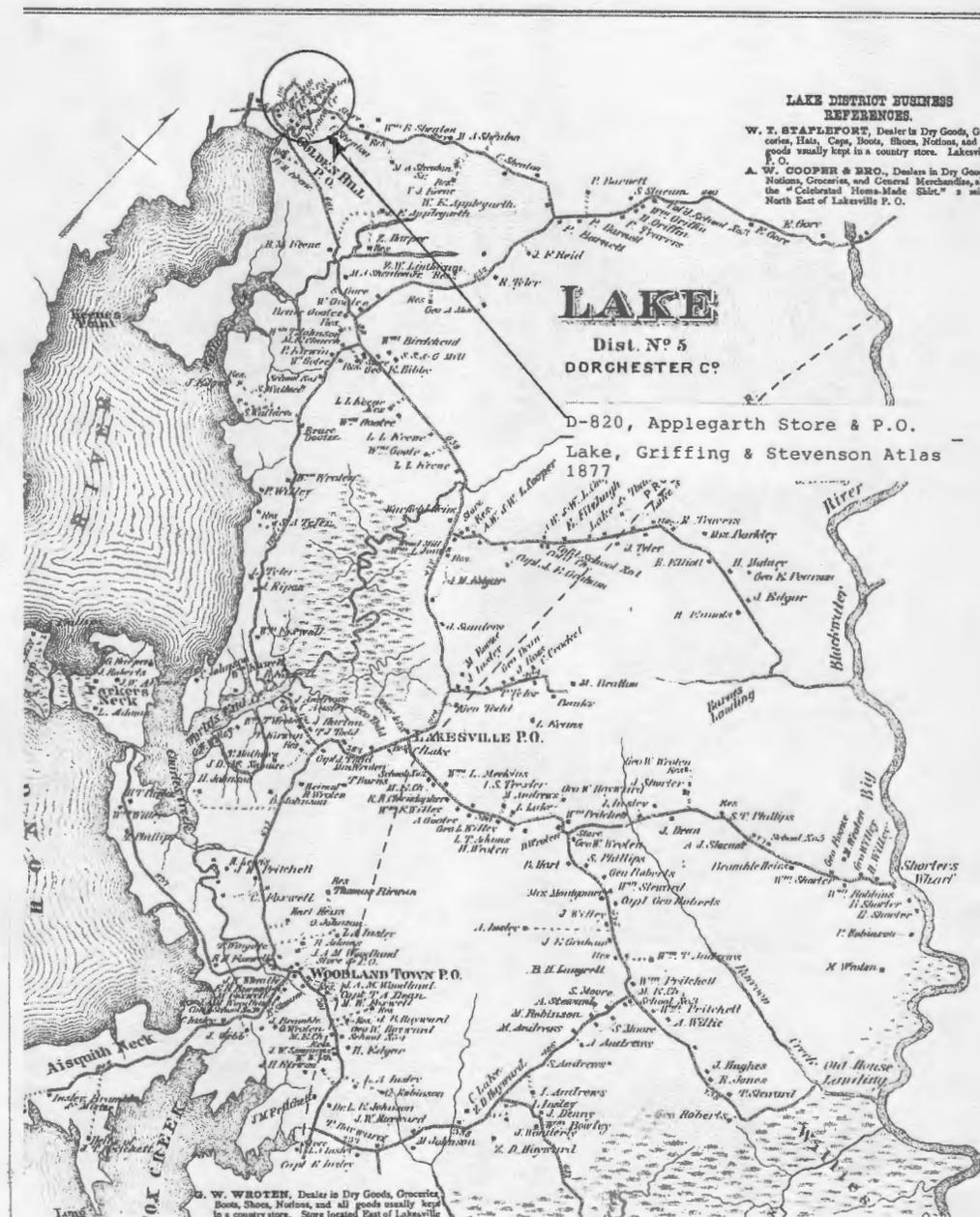
William F. Applegarth IV, S. Hubert Applegarth, and
and Charles H. Applegarth

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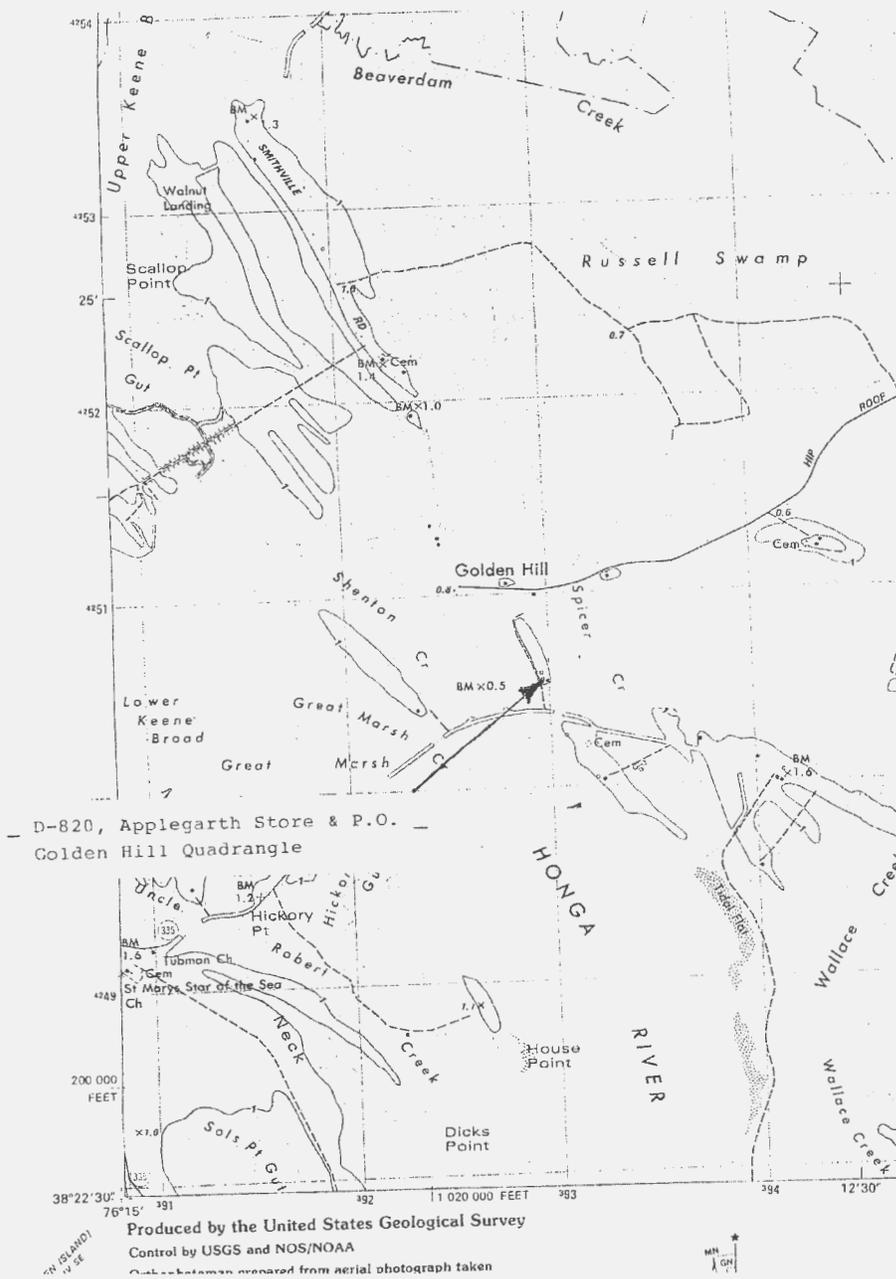


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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10 acres

Acreage of historical setting 194 acres

Quadrangle name Golden Hill Quadrangle

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 10.21.2012

street & number Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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GOLDEN HILL VIC., DUNCHESTER, MD.
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION
10/2012, Paul B. Touant, PHOTO.
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GOLDEN HILL VIC., DORCHESTER
CO., MD
SOUTH ELEVATION

10/2012, PAUL B. TOWANT, PITMAN,
N.J./MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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APPLEGARTH STREET & POST OFFICE
GOLDEN HILL VIC., DORCHESTER

Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

10/2012, PAUL B. TOWN, PATRICK
NEZ./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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