

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Coale's Store Inventory Number: HA 1274

Address: 2853 Churchville Road City: Churchville, MD Zip Code: 21028

County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: BelAir

Owner: Ms. Margaret Coale

Tax Parcel Number: 183 Tax Map Number: 42 Tax Account ID Number: 3-065683

Project: MD 22 @MD 136 @ MD 155 Agency: MD SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Coale's Store, evaluated in 1982 by Maryland Historical Trust staff as ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places, was documented in a Trust inventory form in June, 1979 as a large structure that had been modified with the removal of original doors and windows in the principle façade, and the application of brick veneer and vinyl siding, In addition, the original porch had been replaced by the pent roof in place today, and the gas pumps were removed. Since 1979 the property has been sublet to a variety of proprietors who run sundry businesses. The general store has not been in operation since 1982 when the Coale family retired. The store interior, currently empty, has been gutted and is currently being prepared for use as another business establishment. Modern finishes have been installed. The dwelling portion of the building, located to the west of the store, has been modified with the removal of some original finishes, the application of composite paneling, and acoustic ceiling tiles. The presence of a shed and barn in the rear of the store, probably contemporaneous with the main structure (late nineteenth century) was not noted on the original form. The small, board and batten, square barn, two and one-half stories high, is oriented to the north with a full width set of sliding doors, surmounted by two six-over-six lights, in the gable end. A small shed, open on the east side, is used to store a vehicle. Immediately to the west of store building the Coale family constructed a very long (six bays in length), one and one half story, gable front, rusticated concrete block storage building, which was used for farm equipment sales. A new facade was constructed on the front in 1999. It has been extended to the rear (south) a number of times---first with a two-story frame structure (now encased with vinyl siding), than a long, ell-shaped concrete block garage complex.

The site has been analyzed within the context of the *Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (1870-1930)*, and the *Modern Era (1930-Present)* within Harford County. This structure does not meet the basic requirements for National Register listing, as it

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <u>4/2/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date <i>[Signature]</i>

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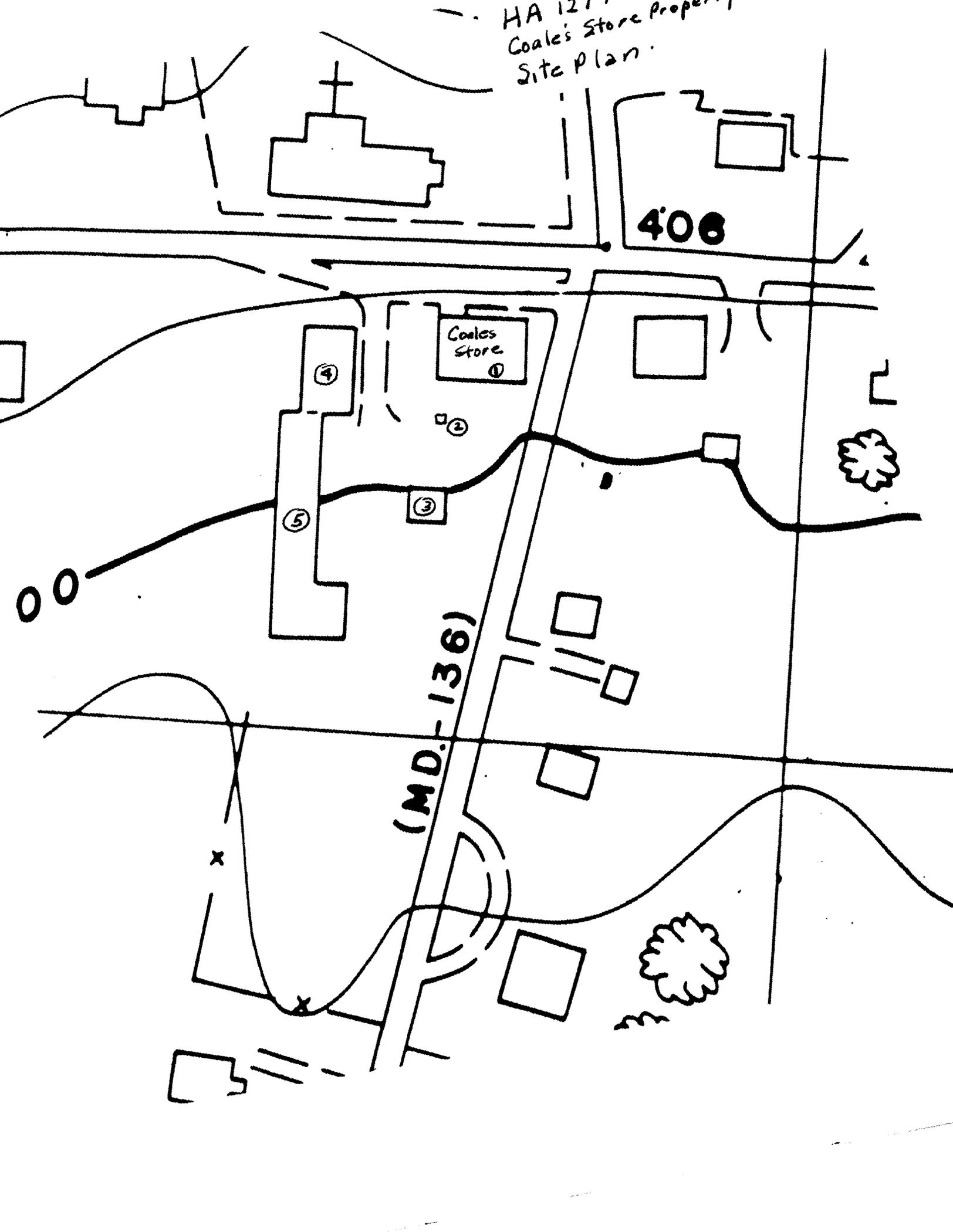
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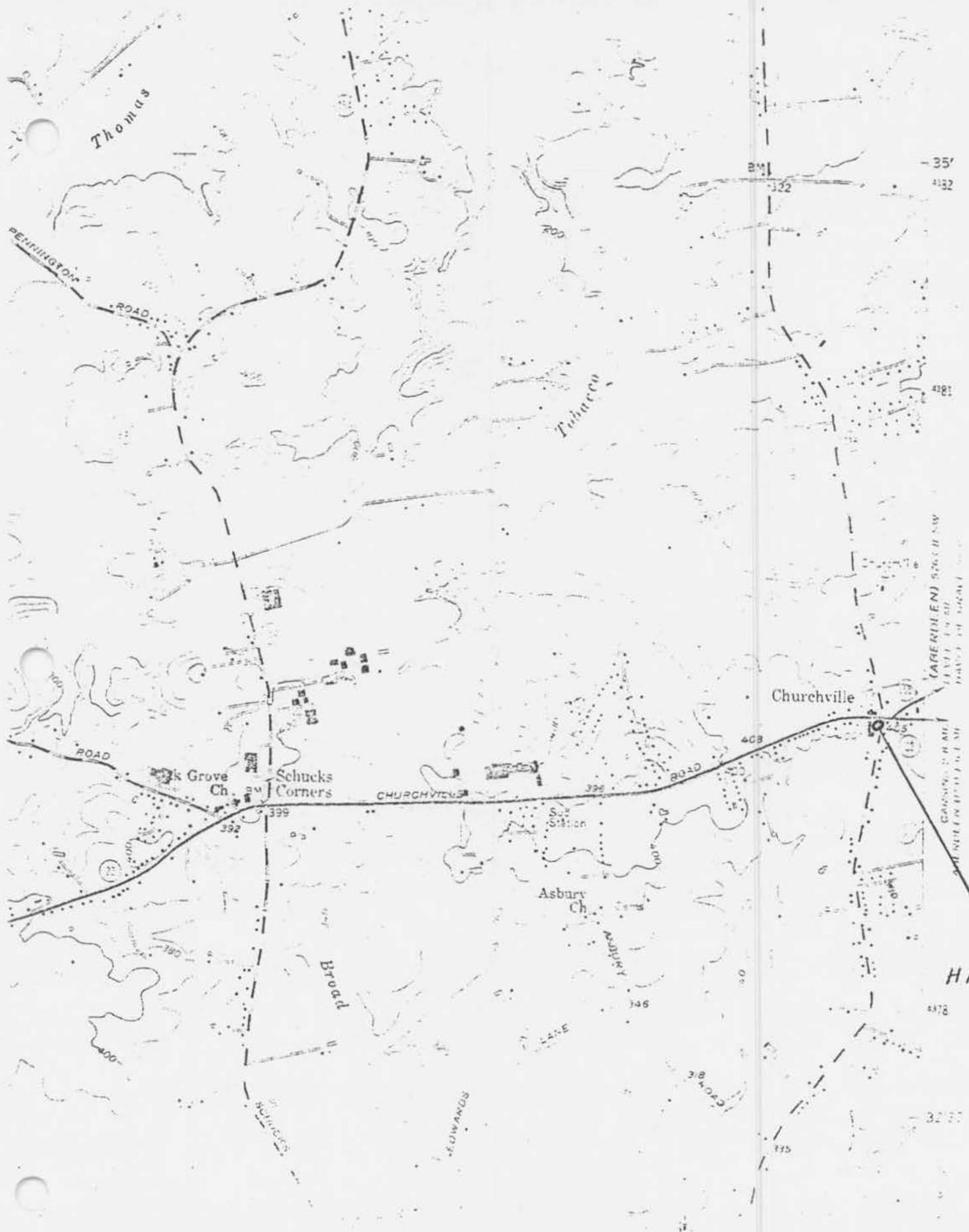
does not meet the seven criteria for integrity-location, workmanship, setting, feeling, etc. Along with the considerable changes to the interior and exterior of the building, the setting has been compromised with the development of the crossroads in its immediate environs with modern commercial structures like banks, convenience stores and gas stations. In addition, it is no longer operated as a family store, and the property is the location of modern, very large concrete buildings, which are out of keeping with the original property in scale. Notwithstanding its potential to have some associations with the broad patterns of history, and associations with local traditions, it lacks the potential to convey a sense of history given its current, altered form. It would not likely meet the National Register criteria of integrity, and thus not A, B, C or D, given that they are based on the property being able to convey a strong association with the past.

Prepared by: Rita M. Suffness

Date Prepared: February 11, 2001

HA 121
Coales Store Property
Site Plan.





35'
432

481

(ARENILEN) 266.8 SW
LEVEL 19.80
DATE 1/1/60

266.8 SW
LEVEL 19.80
DATE 1/1/60

418

3250

Churchville

Schucks Corners

Rock Grove Ch

Asbury Ch

Broad

SCHUCKS

ROAD

ROAD

Coale's
Store
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Belair Quad



HA 1274

Coals Store

① Store, ~~S.W. corner~~
north facade

Mela Suffer - 2/1999



HA 1274

Coals Store

① SW corner

R Suffern

2/2001



HA 1274

Cooler Store

Bldg (3) Equipment Shed

NW Corner

R. Saffren 2/2001



HA 1274

Bldg (4) Equipment Sales
Coales Store Property
front ca 1999
NE corner
R Suffness 2/2001



H.A. 1274
Coales Store

Building ⑤

Extension of

mid 20th c equipment
sales bldg

Guffness 4/2007



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Building ②

Shed SE corner

R. Sufferer 2/2007

HD-1274

Coale's Store
2853 Churchville Road
Churchville, Maryland 21028

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Walter G. Coale purchased this building in 1937, but he had been in business for more than twenty years by then, and the building was already fifty years old. Coale's first store, Chesney & Company on the north side of Churchville Road, installed the first underground gas tank between Bel Air and Aberdeen. It was primarily an emporium stocking dry goods, food, hardware, clothing, meats, animal feed, and farm equipment. The store is much the same as it was and is still run by the Coale family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Coale's store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Southwest corner of intersection of Md. Rte. 22 and Md. Rte. 136

CITY, TOWN
Churchville, _____ VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
P. Mitchell Coale, Margaret Coale, Frances Trago Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
2853 Churchville Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Churchville, _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code
Maryland 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air, _____ STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Coale's store is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Churchville Rd. (Md. Rte. 22) and Cavalry Rd. (Md. Rte. 136).

Now covered in vinyl siding, the two-story, five bay by two bay structure on a stone foundation has a gable roof with a center front gable. Both ends contain interior brick chimneys and there is a third exterior chimney in the south-or rear-flank of the roof. A one-story, shed-roofed addition spans the south side, and the north side has a pent roof. The fenestration varies, but most windows have 6/6 or 2/2 sash.

The structure has been divided into a store and a residence, and the first story is covered with brick veneer. Entrances in the second and fourth bays from the west lead to the residence and the store, respectively. The plate glass windows in the center and eastern bays belong to the store; the 6/6 window with louvered shutters in the western bay, to the residence. There are five evenly-spaced windows in the second story and a four-light, round-arched window in the gable.

The east end has two windows in each story, including the gable.

The west end is similar with an additional window in the first story.

The north side has five windows in the second story; the first is covered by the addition.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Walter G. Coale's farm equipment business and general store are well-known locally. Coale was first a partner of Chesney, Rogers, and Hawkins, who owned a general merchandise store in Churchville, later called Chesney & Co., located on the north side of Churchville Road. Its underground gas tank with a hand pump, installed in 1914, was the first between Bel Air and Aberdeen.

In 1926, Walter G. Coale brought out his partners and changed ^{the} business logo to carry his own name. At that time, it was primarily an emporium with dry goods, food, hardware, clothing, meats, animal feed, and farm equipment. The store also had a small stock of drugs, which doctors used to mix their own prescriptions.

In 1937, Walter & Sara G. Coale bought a one-acre lot on the south side of Churchville Rd. from David E. & Emily B. Harlan of Middletown, Ohio.¹ This lot may have comprised the "new store property" willed by Margaret Harlan to David Harlan in 1903.² The Coales purchased more of the Harlan property in 1943³ and 1946,⁴ and this is the present location of the store. This was part of the property owned by Dr. David Harlan, who served as Medical Director of the U.S. Navy until 1871.

Walter G. Coale retired in 1944 and died in 1957. After his retirement, his three children, P. Mitchell Coale, Margaret Coale, and Frances Trago took over the business. One of seven children of Philip Franklin and Ella Loflin Coale, Walter G. Coale had grown up on Cedarville Farm in Churchville and married Sara Anna Mitchell in 1909. Besides running his farm equipment business, Walter G. Coale also served as ^{deputy} treasurer of Harford County.

The building itself dates from a time prior to its use by Walter Coale. It is said by the current owners that both the date "1870" and the name "I.W. Thompson" are inscribed in the attic. It is also said that the building served as a girls' dormitory for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at one time. On the 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map, there is a building in this location on David Harlan's property; and the 1878 Martenet's Map also ascribes a building here to Dr. Harlan.

Widening Churchville Road in 1954 called for the removal of the front porch. Also, at one time, the two front doors both led into the store.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land & Will records of Harford County
The Havre de Grace Record, November 7, 1973; September 3, 1975
Interview with Mrs. Frances Trago, May, 1979

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

June, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 extension 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

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

FOOTNOTES

1 SWC 244/125

2 Will Records HTB 13/3

3 GCB 280/217

4 GCB 296/369

Coale's Store **HD-1274**

Title Search

700/398	January 20, 1966	Grantor: Sara A. Coale, widow Grantee: Frances C. & William A. Trago, Margaret A. Coale, P. Mitchell & Genevieve M. Coale Acreage: 3 Parcels: SWC 244/125, GCB 280/217, GCB 296/369
GCB 296/369	May 11, 1946	Grantor: Paul B. & Katherine B. Harlan Grantee: Walter G. & Sara A. Coale Acreage: Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 of "Harlan's Addition"-Plat Book 3/32; Part of SWC 244/122
GCB 280/217	October 26, 1943	Grantor: Paul B. Harlan & wife Katherine B. Grantee: Walter G. & Sara A. Coale Acreage: 1/8 acre, Part of SWC 244/122
SWC 244/125	January 16, 1937	Grantor: David E. & Emily B. Harlan of Middletown, Ohio Grantee: Walter G. & Sara A. Coale Acreage: 0.99 Acres
SWC 244/122	January 16, 1937	Grantor: David E. & Emily B. Harlan-now residing in Dade Co., Florida Grantee: Paul B. & Katherine B. Harlan Acreage: 51.04 Acres
Will Records HTB 13/3	1903	Devisor: Margaret Harlan Devisee: David Elwood Harlan Acreage: Land in and around Churchville-- includes "new store property, 3 dwelling houses and harness-makers shop"



Coale's Store
Churchville, Md. 21028
Natalie Shivers
June, 1979
Southeast

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Coale's Store
Churchville, Md. 21028
Natalie Shivers
June, 1979
Northwest

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