

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

William G. Jeffery Bldg.

AND/OR COMMON

Hirsch's Men's Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9 S. Main

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

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

Hannah Hirsch Cohen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9 S. Main

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 992

Folio #: 288

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

This narrow two and a half story, two bay store front sided in formstone is at 9 South Main in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County. Even shorn of its Victorian detail and faced with formstone the little store presents a quaint aspect with its front gable and smaller (north) side gable. The front gable has a bold return which is completed as a thin cornice. The two second story windows are segmental arch headed 2/2 double hung sash. The shop sign occupies the middle of the shop over a pair of plate glass shop windows flanking the recessed glass and aluminum door.

The interior is probably little changed from Mr. Hirsch's time. Glass cases hold the shirts and sweaters. Floor stands hold the rest. The building has been enlarged from a depth of 36 feet originally and on the 1904 insurance map to 125 feet today. The first 100 feet are frame and the last 25 feet are cinder block.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 1895 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This narrow Victorian store front was built by William G. Jeffery in 1895 next door to a store and residence he already owned (the site of the present Woolworth's store). The whole property was "the store house lot" belonging to merchant Thomas Hays. He left it to his daughter Pamela and following her to daughter Elizabeth Jacobs and her heirs. Pamela leased the storehouse to brother-in-law Robert Whaland (1868). Preston Gilbert, Whaland's executor, assigned the lease to Stevenson A. Williams who assigned it to Georgie Jacobs and others (1893). This united the lease with the fee simple, for the Jacobs family had inherited that from their mother Elizabeth Jacobs. Jeffery had already acquired the property next door (north). The Jacobs' heirs sold him this lot in 1894 by 81/345.

In 1896 William N. Hanna rented this new store as a confectionery store. Cook and Jeffery's Millinery Shop was next door in the older store. William Jeffery left the property to Alice Lee Hanna (will 16/100). In 1927 she sold the store to Benjamin Hirsch (206/92). Hirsch came to Bel Air in 1924 and set up his tailoring and haberdashery store at Main and Lee Streets. In 1927 he moved to this location. In 1938, Hirsch's son-in-law, David Cohen became the manager of the store. When Hirsch died in 1975, he left the property to his daughter, Hannah Hirsch Cohen, the present owner.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
 1904, 1930 Sanborn Maps
 Bel Air Centennial Book

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #896 in the Town of Bel Air
 13' x 220'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian 16 October 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1445
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Hirsch's Men's Store
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Jeffery Bldg.
TOWN: Bel Air	PRESENT USE: Store
LOCATION: 9 S. Main Bel Air, Maryland 21014	ORIGINAL USE: Store
COMMON NAME: Hirsch's	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
OWNER: Hannah Hirsch Cohen ADDRESS: 9 S. Main Bel Air, Maryland 21014	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent() Good(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Fair() Poor()
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	THEME: Architecture
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) State() National()	STYLE: Vernacular
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	DATE BUILT: 1895
Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone()Brick()Concrete()Concrete Block() 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam()Balloon() B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick()Stone()Concrete()Concrete Block() C. Iron() D. Steel() E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard()Board and Batten()Wood Shingle()Shiplap() Novelty()Stucco()Sheet Metal()Aluminum()Asphalt Shingle() Brick Veneer()Stone Veneer() Bonding Pattern: Other: Formstone 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood()Iron()Steel()Concrete() B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate()Wood Shingle()Asphalt Shingle()Sheet Metal(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Built Up()Rolled()Tile()Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches()Towers()Cupolas()Dormers()Chimneys()Sheds()Ells() Wings() Other: Roof Style: Gable(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)Hip()Shed()Flat()Mansard()Gambrel()Jerkinhead() Saw Tooth()With Monitor()With Bellcast()With Parapet()With False Front() Other: Number of Stories: <u>2½</u> Number of Bays: <u>2</u> Entrance Location: <u>S. Main Street</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>13' x 125'</u>	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat()Zoning()Roads() Development(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)Deterioration() Alteration()Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive()Negative() Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

L shaped gable roof/front gable probably trimmed of decoration when the formstone applied
two 2nd story windows 2/2 with segmental arch head
middle - sign
green awning across 1st story
2 plate glass shop windows flank aluminum framed recessed entrance

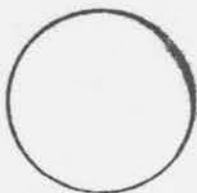
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Wm. Jeffery blt 1895
Hirsch 1927 to pres.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



Map
Bata Woodwork X
S. Main

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
Residential() Commercial(X)
Agricultural() Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

M. Larew
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
12 October 1979
DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: HIRSCH'S

- 992/288 19 February 1976
Hannah Hirsch Cohen & David Cohen,
personal representatives of the estate
of Benjamin Hirsch
to
Hannah Hirsch Cohen
Hirsch died 14 November 1975 and left the
property to his daughter Hannah Hirsch Cohen
Clara Hirsch, his wife, is also dead
- 206/92 6 September 1927
Alice Lee Hanna and Henry
to
Benjamin Hirsch and Clara
part of the property William G. Jeffery
(will 16/100)
- 81/345 4 July 1894
Georgie Jacobs et al
to
William G. Jeffery
\$600
18 ft. on Main Street and back to the
Presbyterian Church (Odd Fellows Lodge) lot
part of the store house lot (#4) in the
will of Thomas Hays



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Wm. Jeffery Bldg, 9 S. Main Berlin

w elev

M. Larew, 1979

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
HA-1445
HIRSCH'S MEN'S STORE
BEL AIR
HARFORD COUNTY

ALLEY

MODERN
BUILDING

→
GARAGE

MODERN
BUILDING

5 S. MAIN
STREET

←

→

11 S. MAIN
STREET

←

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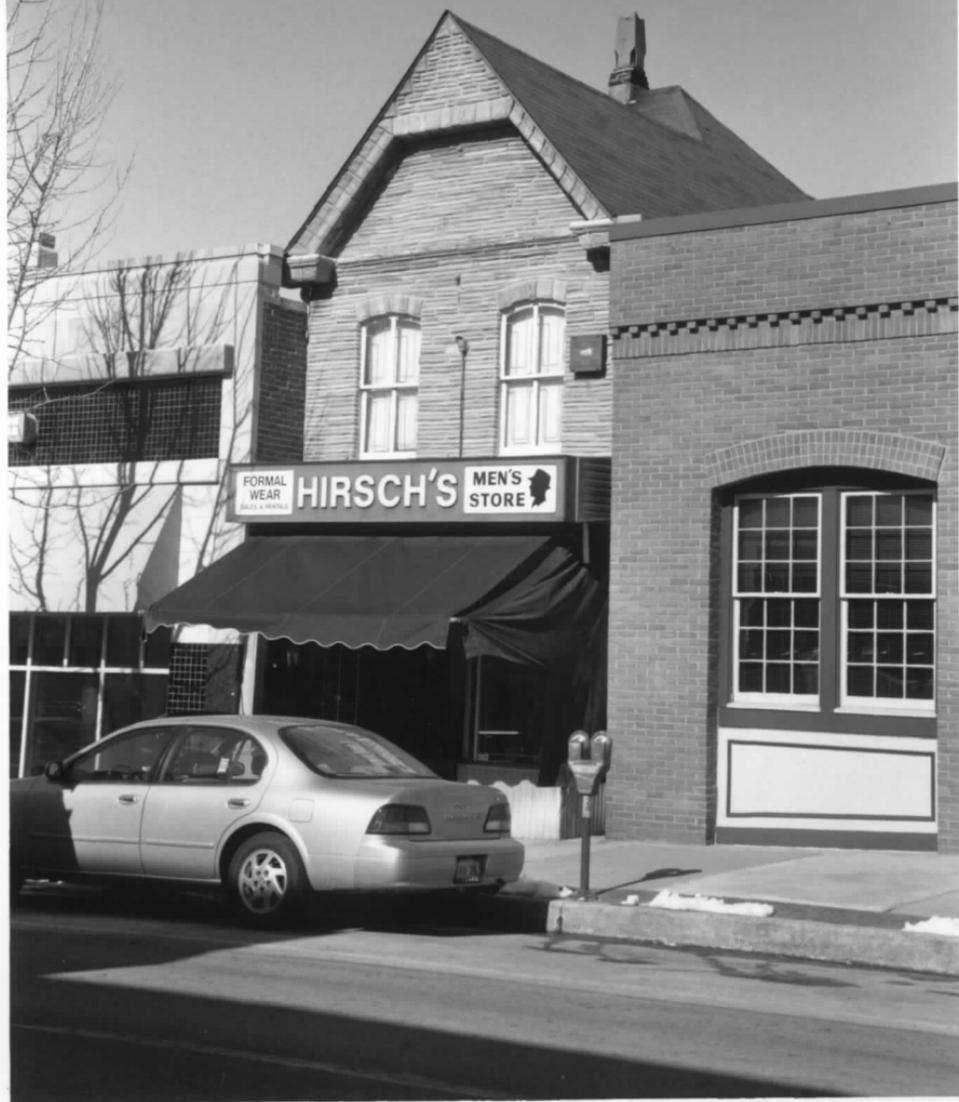
SIDEWALK

S. MAIN STREET



NOT TO SCALE

TRACÉRIES 2005



FORMAL
WEAR

AGES 4 & OVER

HIRSCH'S

MEN'S
STORE



HA-1445

HIRSCH'S MENS STORE

93. MAIN ST

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

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MD SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER

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FORMAL
WEAR
SALES & RENTALS

HIRSCH'S

MEN'S
STORE



HA-1445
HIRSH'S MENS STORE
9 S. MAIN ST.
HARFORD COUNTY, MD
EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHPO

2ND STORY, WEST ELEVATION

Photo 2 of 3



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HIRSH'S MENS STORE
HARFORD COUNTY, MD
EHT TRADERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHPO
GARAGE, REAR (EAST) ELEVATION

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