

HA-1560  
New Ideal Diner  
Aberdeen  
Private

1952

The New Ideal Diner is a virtually unaltered diner restaurant exemplifying the streamlined, fast-paced era of automobile transportation after World War II. Its form is a direct outgrowth of the needs of highway travel. The shiny stainless steel exterior covering has horizontal bands of green glass tile and geometrically patterned panels. This building is the fourth diner on the site, the first being built in 1930. The present diner was manufactured in 1952 in Elizabeth, New Jersey by the Jerry O'Mahony Company.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

New Ideal Diner

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

104 South Philadelphia Blvd. (U.S. 40)

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

\_\_\_ 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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

George J. Englesson

Telephone #: 272-2980

STREET & NUMBER

434 Woodcrest

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21001

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

77-103

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The New Ideal Diner is a one-story rectangular restaurant with polished and patterned stainless steel sheathing located on the west side of South Philadelphia Blvd. (U.S. 40) about 1/2 block south of the intersection of Bel Air Avenue.

The plan is essentially a one-room dining area with the kitchen and service areas behind and parallel with the dining room. The entrance is in the center of the street facade and has two glass and stainless steel doors reached by separated runs of concrete stairs. The shiny stainless steel exterior covering has horizontal bands of green glass tile below the band of windows extending around the entire dining room area and a fluted cornice above the windows marks the roof line. On the roof is a neon sign of free-standing streamlined letters on a low pedestal. A square brick chimney rises from the rear of the building.

The interior consists of a long divided counter with pedestal revolving stools and a series of booths and tables between the counter and front wall. The back wall of the counter area has a stainless steel backsplash. The entrance to the kitchen is in the center of the wall. Above the door is a stainless steel clock. The walls and coved ceiling are covered in pink formica sheets with stainless steel trim. Lighting is recessed at the edge of the cove. Each booth has a formica table top and vinyl banquettes. "Juke box" selectors are also in each booth.

The area between the diner and the street is paved and a large sign replacing an earlier lower sign is at the edge of the street.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Directory, 1953  
Construction information on diner menu, researched by owner.

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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

Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

December 4, 1980

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

(301) 269-2438

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

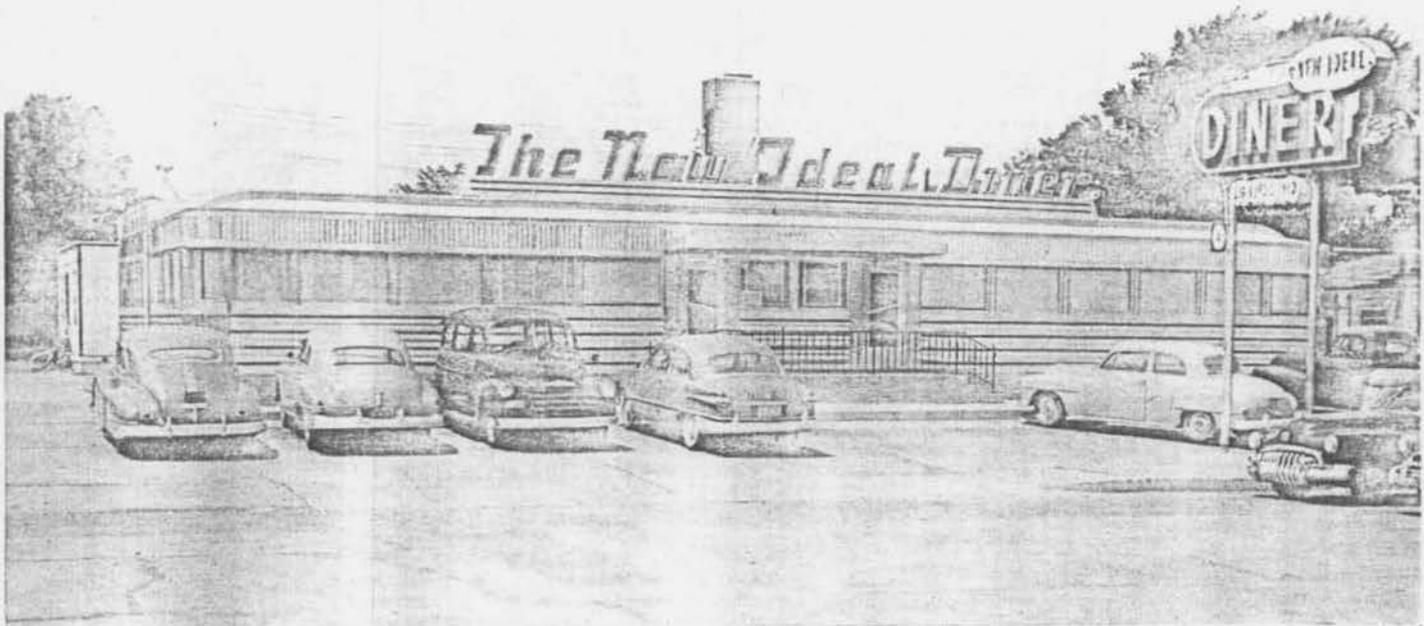
STATE

Maryland 21401

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ULTRA MODERN

*Equipped to Serve You in Style*

. BREAKFAST

. LUNCH

. DINNER

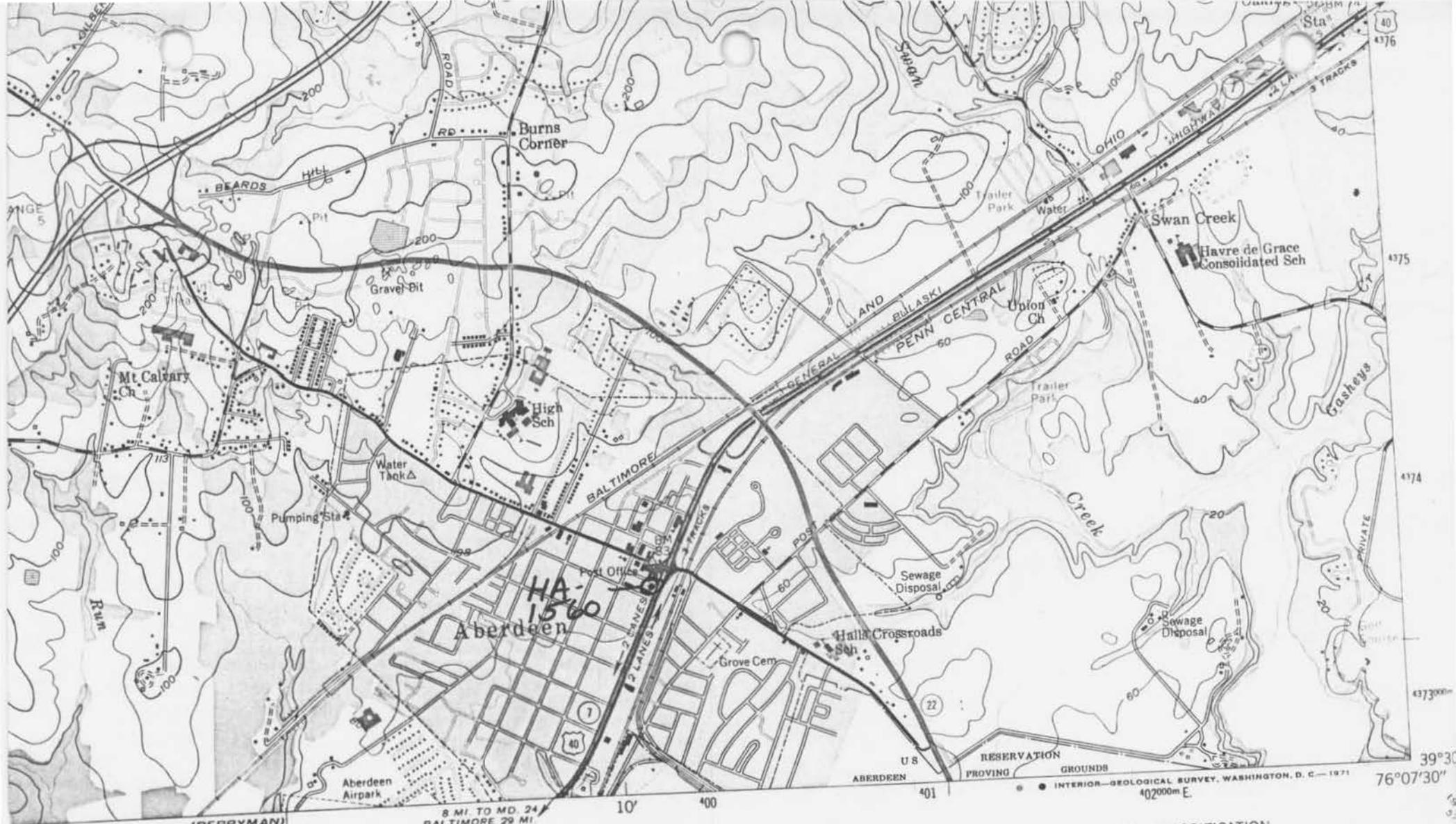
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PHILADELPHIA BLVD.

U. S. ROUTE 40

Phone 206 and 950

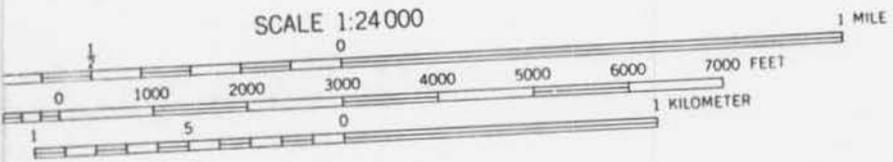
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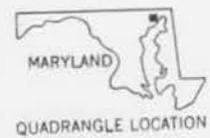
(PERRYMAN)  
5762 1 NW

8 MI. TO MD. 24  
BALTIMORE 29 MI.

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |             |  |                |                 |             |
|-------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Heavy-duty  |  | 4 LANE 16 LANE | Light-duty      |             |
| Medium-duty |  | 4 LANE 16 LANE | Unimproved dirt |             |
|             |  | U. S. Route    |                 | State Route |

**ABERDEEN, MD.**  
SW/4 HAYRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7607.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SW-SERIES V833

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

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Aberdeen MD

photo: Janet [unclear]

November 1980

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general view from garden



New Ideal Dinet

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Aberdeen, MS

photo: Janet Davis

November 1980

neg loc: MO Historical Trust  
detail of exterior covering



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November 1983

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general view, interior