

HA-792  
LYON'S PHARMACY BUILDING  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1880-1892 (wing)

Lyon's Pharmacy Building is a two story, six bay brick commercial building with a two story, five bay wing (c. 1892) on the north side. It is of simple Classical design. Street elevations on both buildings are all stretcher bond while the rear is common bond. A random rubble foundation is visible on the south elevation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC  
Lyon's Pharmacy Building  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER  
322-324 St. John Street  
 CITY, TOWN  
Havre de Grace VICINITY OF  
 STATE  
Maryland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 COUNTY  
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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 NAME  
George Taylor Lyon Telephone #: 939-1839  
 STREET & NUMBER  
827 S. Washington  
 CITY, TOWN  
Havre de Grace VICINITY OF  
 STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC  
Harford County Courthouse  
 STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
 CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air, Md. STATE

Liber #:  
 Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE  
 DATE  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN  
 STATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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

322-324 St. John Street is a two story, six bay brick commercial building with a two story, five bay wing (c. 1892) on the north side. Located on a wedge shaped lot on the corner of St. John Street, and Lodge Alley, the building faces east, and is one bay deep. Street elevations on both buildings are all stretcher bond while the rear is common bond. Modern brick veneer conceals the brick on the first floor, main block. And a random rubble foundation is visible on the south elevation.

Tall windows, having 6/6 double hung sash are spaced evenly on the second floor, front elevation, the stone sills and flat lintels are painted white. A modern plate glass and aluminum store front is on the first floor. Tall windows with 2/1 light sash within segmentally arch<sup>ed</sup> framing with stone sills and round arched lintels of brick are on the second floor of the north wing. There, the glass store front has a wood shingled awning extending around the north elevation although the old bowed glass end remains. A metal band separates the first and second stories.

The main block and wing have hipped roofs. The box cornice ~~on the wing~~ is wider on the wing than on the main block where there is a wider fascia board. A narrow brick, exterior chimney is found on the rear of the building at the south end.

C. 1900 photographs show the main block with six bays on the first floor while the wing had a plate glass display window on the north elevation only and three windows on the second floor.

**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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input 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 c 1880 - 1892 (wing) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lyon's Pharmacy Building is a brick commercial building of simple Classical design, built in the last quarter of the 19th century, with a wing added in 1892. The son of the present owner is the fourth generation of his family to run a business in the building. George T. Lyon operated a Ship's Chandlery in the main block in the 1880's and 90. General provisions from his store were used to supply the large fishing floats or "fish shores" from which shad and herring were caught in the Susquehanna River and upper Chesapeake Bay. Living aboard these floats were a large number of itinerant fisherman. In 1894, two years after the wing was completed, the first pharmacy was opened in the wing.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with G.T. Lyon on July 7, 1976

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

Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

March 29, 1977

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis,

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.

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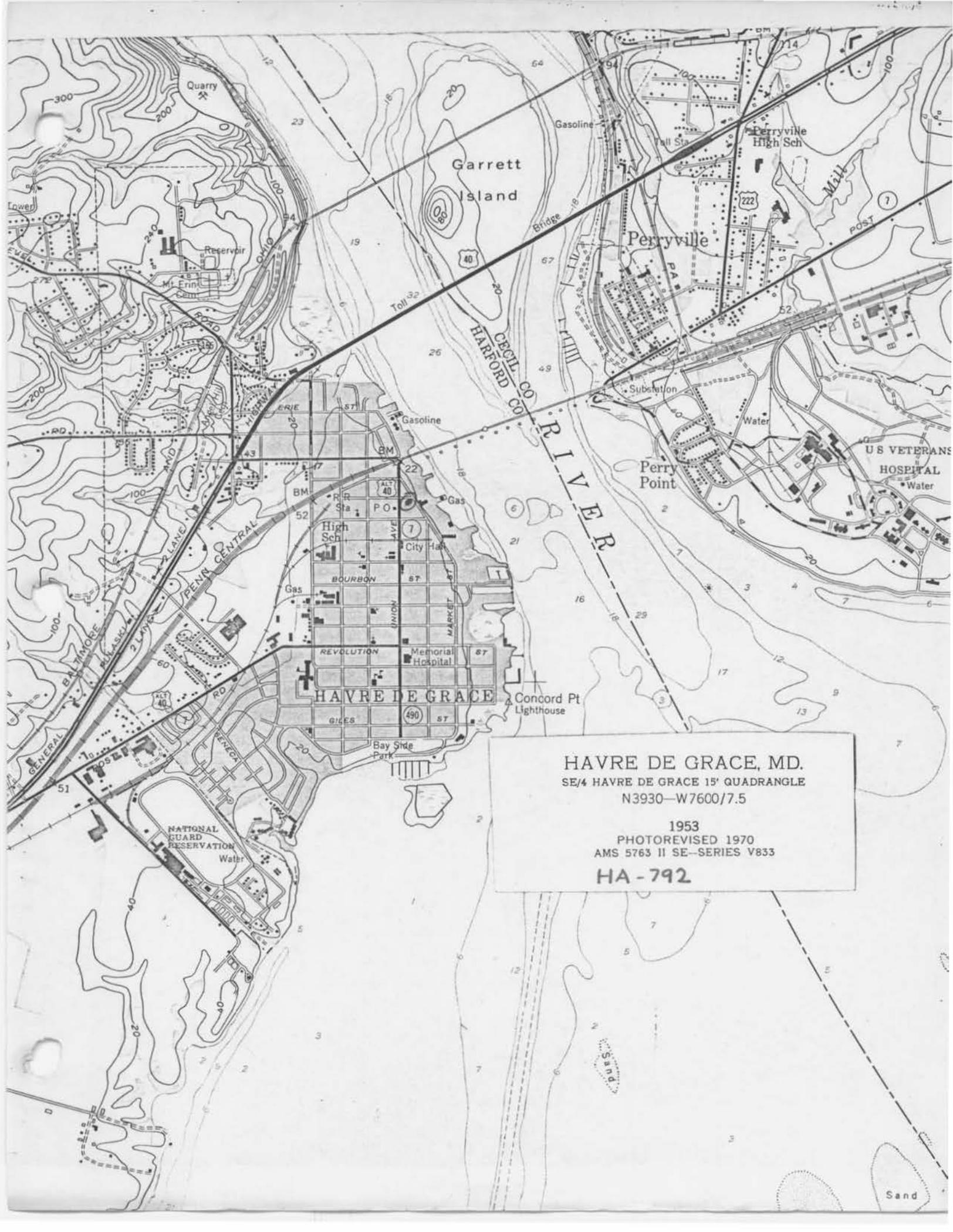


St. John St South  
of Frankfort, Ky.



St. John Street, looking South, Havre de Grace, Md.

Old photograph and postcard in collection of  
Susquehanna Museum; not included in this  
report.



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.  
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7600/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SE-SERIES V833

HA-792

Sand



LYON'S PHARMACY BLDG. HA-792  
322/324 ST JOHN ST  
HAVRE DE GRACE  
VIEW OF NORTH, EAST, WEST ELEV.  
MARION MORTON MAY 1977

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LYON'S PHARMACY BLDG. HA-792  
322/324 St John St.  
Havre de Grace  
east facade  
Marion Morton May 1977

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