

123-125 High Street

1877-1883

Chestertown

private

123-125 High Street is an extremely handsome Victorian brick double-dwelling, especially notable for the pains taken in the arrangement of the facade. It is characterized by an ingenious repetition of an arch motif, beginning in the door panels, moldings and transom and ~~continued~~ carried out in the windows arches and dormers. The building is unusually well constructed and though broken up into a number of apartments remains in excellent repair. It was designed as a double dwelling from the start.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

~~K-34+K-35~~

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
123-125 High Street

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Ambulitter Corporation
STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #: none

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 30
Folio #: 198

STREET & NUMBER
Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
none

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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	interior	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

123-125 High Street is located on the southwest side of High Street between Queen Street and Water Street on a part of Town Lot 11 in Chestertown.

It is a 2½-story, 5-bay double brick dwelling, one room deep, with two gabled dormers on the front roof. The entrances are in the outer bays and give the appearance of being original. The house appears to have been built as a double house.

The brick is laid in common bond. There is a brick basement: the basement windows have flat arches. The doors are on low brick stoops. They are 4-paneled and the top panels have semicircular arches. The doors are framed with wood bolection molding which forms a segmental arch at the top, framing a segmental arched 1-pane transom.

The three first story windows and five second story windows all have segmental arches. All of the windows are 2/2 double hung sash and have louvered shutters.

There is a box cornice with a fascia board; the cornice is bracketed. The dormers have bargeboard and are 1/1 with semicircular top sash. The roof is covered with sheet tin in a simulation of fish-scale shingles. There is a chimney slightly off-center to the northwest (right).

There are no windows in the northeast gable end; there is one 2/2 in the gable of the southeast end, and it has a segmental arch and shutters. There is a short bracketed cornice return along both gable ends.

There is a 2-story wing which is four bays deep and just short of full width. All of its windows are 2/2, shuttered, and have segmental arches. The roof of the wing is of standing seam tin and is gabled.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 1877-1883 BUILDER/ARCHITECT not known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas Hynson bought the property on which both this double house and the Chestertown Library, the adjacent building to the northwest (right), are situated between 1848 and 1855 for a total of \$560. The property amounted to the northwest half of Town Lot 11. (Lot 11 is the corner lot at the intersection of Queen and High Streets.) We knew he had the library building built before 1877, as it appears on the Chestertown Map of that year. 123-125 does not appear on that map, but we assume it was up by 1883 because in that year Alexander Cahall bought the whole half lot from Hynson for \$6700, a price that tells us two substantial buildings were involved.

It is an extremely handsome Victorian town double dwelling, especially notable for the pains taken in the arrangement of the facade, where the arch motif begins in the dormer windows and is carried out in the window arches and door panels and door moldings and transom. The house appears to be very well made, right on through to the wing. It is currently an investment property and is broken up into several apartments.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION : Beginning at a point 31; feet easterly from the southeast corner of High Street and Queen Street and at the northwest corner of the lot on the dividing line between said lot and the lot of the Chestertown Library and running thence with said High Street in a southeasterly direction 41 feet, 4 inches more or less to the lot now or formerly of M.J. Waller; thence in a southwesterly direction with the said Waller lot 89 feet, 6 inches more or less to the lot of James Battaglia; thence in a northwesterly direction by and with said Battaglia lot 41 feet, 4 inches more or less to the lot of the Chestertown Library; thence in a northeasterly direction by

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES and with the Chestertown Library property 89 feet, 6 inches to the beginning.

STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____
STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

June, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (VIEW) FARM

COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KENT

LYNCHBURG RD

POPLAR

STREET ST.

PROSPECT

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

AVENUE AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

CEDAR

SCHOOL

STREET

STREET

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STREET

MT. VERNON

CAMPUS

COLLEGE

PINE

BROWN VIEW RD

STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

TERRACE

RIVER

SCHOOL STREET

MILL

CALVERT STREET

SCHOOL AVENUE

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

CROSS

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST.

CHURCH ST.

STREET

BYFORD COURT

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

K-34 HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

WATER CANNON

U.S. 213

River

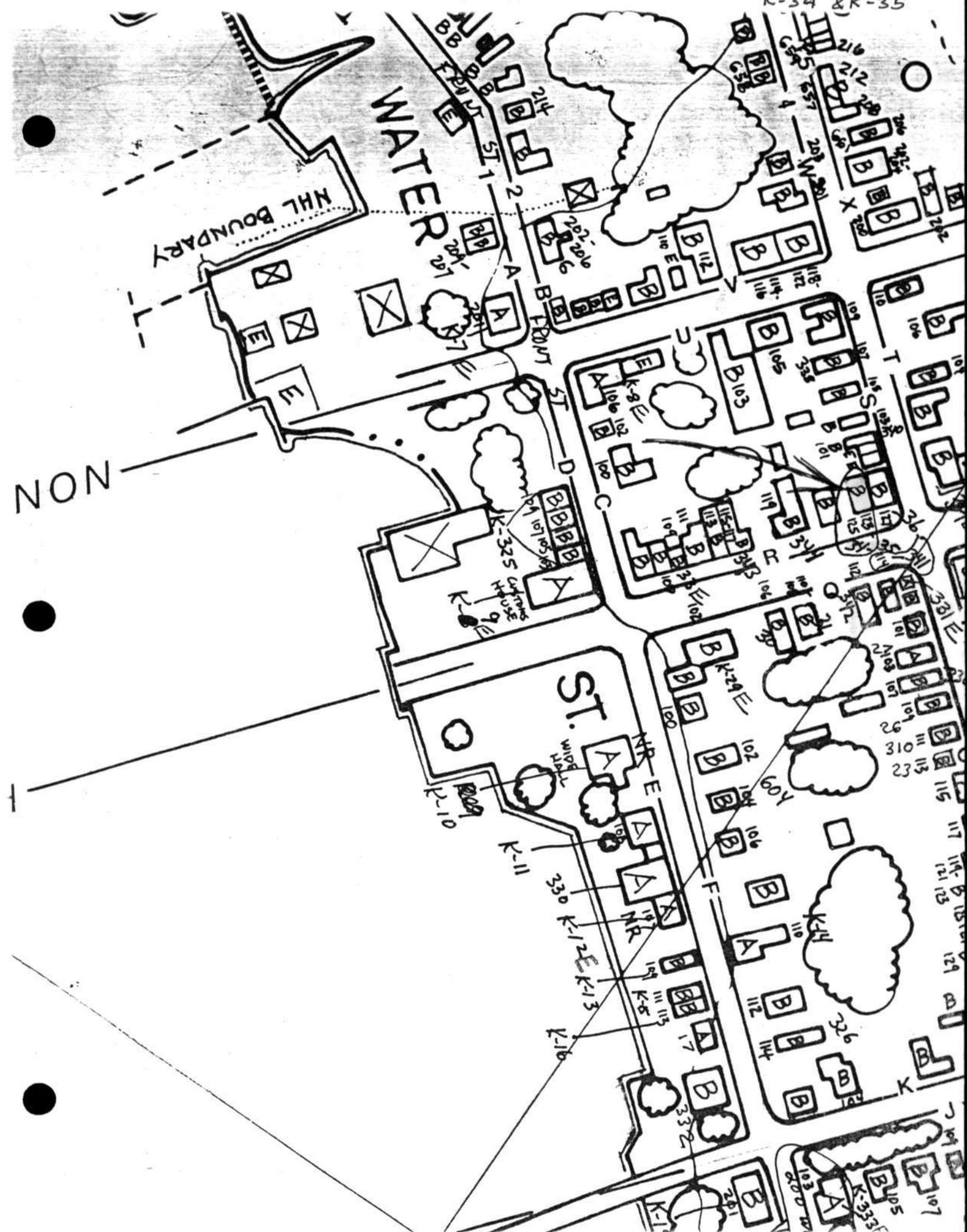
Chester

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NHL Boundary

WATER

NON



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123 & 125 High St.
Chestertown
Chestertown Quad.
Kent County





K 3/4 + 35/23 - 125 High

1/77 E + N



K 343+35 123-125 High
1/77 N