

K-76 125 Washington Avenue, Chestertown

late 19th century

Chestertown

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

125 Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joshua W. Miles & First National Bank

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 27

Folio #: 774

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

125 Washington Avenue is a high Victorian gothic style frame house located on the northeast side of Washington Avenue about midway between Kent Street and Spring Street in Chestertown.

It is a 2½-story, 3 bay house with a cross-gable plan and a 3-story tower in the northwest bay. The house is sided with its original clapboard. There is a wrap-around single story porch, which is pedimented in the northwest bay over the entrance. The two south bays are a huge full width bay window structure, 2½ stories high, which gives the effect of a large tower. The gable end of the house is toward the street and so the gable itself amounts to a flat-faced pediment on top of the three-sided bay window structure beneath it.

The house sits on a low brick basement. The wrap-around porch has turned balusters and posts. There are elaborate brackets on the posts. There is decorative relief work on the under side of the porch lintel and the porch cornice itself is also bracketed.

The interior of the porch pediment has fishscale shingles as does the third story of the tower and the pedimented gable of the bay windows section.

The entrance is in the tower. It has stained glass sidelights framed by pairs of narrow fluted columns, which support a paneled freize and molded cornice.

The second story of the tower has a large single 1/1 window, its top pane with decorative mullions; it is framed by narrow sidelights. There is modified Paladian windows on the third story. The cornice of the tower has modillion brackets. The tower roof is a four-sided pyramid.

The 2-story bay windows structure, which fills the two south bays of the facade and the gable end of the house facing the street, has one large 1/1 window in the front with decorative mullions on the top sash and unadorned 1/1 narrower sash on the sides. There is 2-sided decorative bargeboard bridging the angle the bay window makes with the facade of the house behind it. There is one small window in the gable with a relief fan motif above it.

The bargeboard is repeated on the corners of the southeast cross gable. There are gabled dormers on the southeast roof of the bay window structure and on the front roof of the southeast cross gable.

The main cornice of the house is not bracketed and is a plain box. The roof is covered with composition shingles

The northwest cross gable end has two stained glass windows paired under a window hood and stained glass fanlight. The second story has a central window flanked by narrow sidelights topped by a pedimented cornice supported by modillions.

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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 late 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

125 Washington Avenue is one of the premier Victorian gothic residences in Chestertown, and it is in superb condition. Particularly impressive is the effect created by the bay windows structure which has been built onto the cross gable end facing the street to balance the 3-story tower in the north-west bay. The house's decorative work is also rich and tasteful, and particularly original in the use of bargeboard trim.

Its section of Washington Avenue was a very fashionable place to build in the 1880's in Chestertown and it is surrounded by other Victorian monuments, the most notable being the DeK. Smith house now moved behind the C & P Telephone building, the Floyd Parks Residence at 129 Washington Avenue (called The Hubbard House in the 19th century), and the Stam House, now Hill's Tourst Home across the street.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (1) Beginning on the east side of Washington Avenue, 195 feet, 7 inches from the southeast corner of Kent Street and Washington Avenue and running with Washington Avenue South 2 degrees East 45 feet, 8 inches to the division line between said land the the lot of J. Brice, thence at right angles and in an easterly direction 154 feet, 8 inches, thence at right angles and in a northerly direction 49 feet, 4 inches to the land of Mrs. S.L. Thomas; thence with said Thomas land in a westerly course 158 feet, 3 inches to the beginning, a part of Town Lot 58. (2) Beginning at a point on the east side of Washington Avenue and at the end of the division line between the lot

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

and the lot heretofore held and owned by W.W. Chapman and running thence with the East side STATE of said avenue and in a southerly COUNTY direction 45 feet, thence at right angles and in an easterly direction 167 feet, thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the said avenue 45 feet, thence at right angles and in an easterly direction 278 feet,

11 FORM PREPARED BY

6 inches to the west side of Philosopher's Terrace, thence with the said terrace and with the line of the lands of Mrs. Thomas and in a westerly direction 208 feet 6 inches to the line of the lands heretofore held and owned by W.W. Chapman, thence at right angles and in a westerly direction 157 feet to the place of beginning.

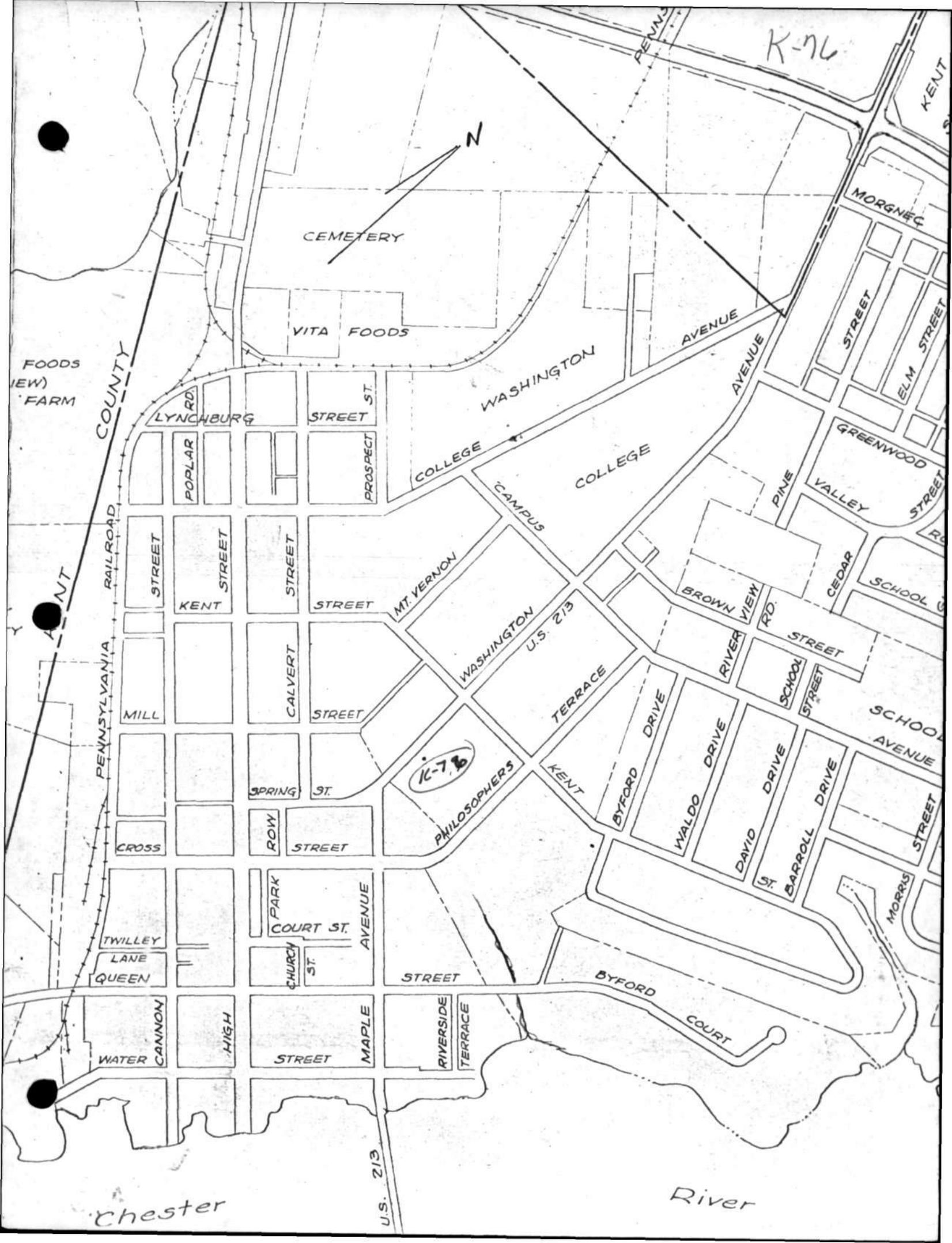
NAME/TITLE	DATE
ORGANIZATION	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	STATE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor Maryland Historical Trust/ Town of Chestertown
August, 1976

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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