

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Perry Store Inventory Number: M:29-8-2  
 Address: 10211 River Road (9900 Falls Road) City: Potomac Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Rockville  
 Owner: Lousie Kubier et al Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 272 Tax Map Number: FP42 Tax Account ID Number: 008635555  
 Project: MO871A21 Agency: SHA  
 Site visit by MHT staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: M:29-8  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes Name of District: Potomac Village Historic District  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context  yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in Compliance files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Perry Store is the only 19th century commercial building remaining in the community of Potomac Village once known as Offutt's Crossroads. The Perry Store features Italianate style details including segmental arched windows and oversized cornice brackets. Thomas Perry built the building about 1880. The two-story brick structure is divided into two units constructed in common bond brick with a stone foundation. The northern section served as the residence for the Perry Family and the southern portion served as the general store.

Thomas Perry operated a general store for four years until his death in 1884. His wife and son Edgar continued to operate the store until 1928 when it was sold. The Perry Store also served as the Potomac Village Post Office in 1881 when Marian Perry was appointed postmistress. Edgar Perry continued to run the store even after his mothers death in 1908 but sold the property in 1928. It served as various businesses including a real estate office. In 1986, the Chevy Chase bank acquired the building and moved it 21 feet to allow for the widening of Falls Road. The original portion of the building was restored for use as a bank and a modern addition was constructed on the rear of the building.

The Perry Store is significant for its association with the Perry Family who owned and operated a general store at this location for 48 years. Edgar Perry, the son of Thomas Perry, also built his residence across the street from the store on 1904 and was involved with developing Potomac Village in the early 20th century.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	<u>3/16/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/14/03</u> Date

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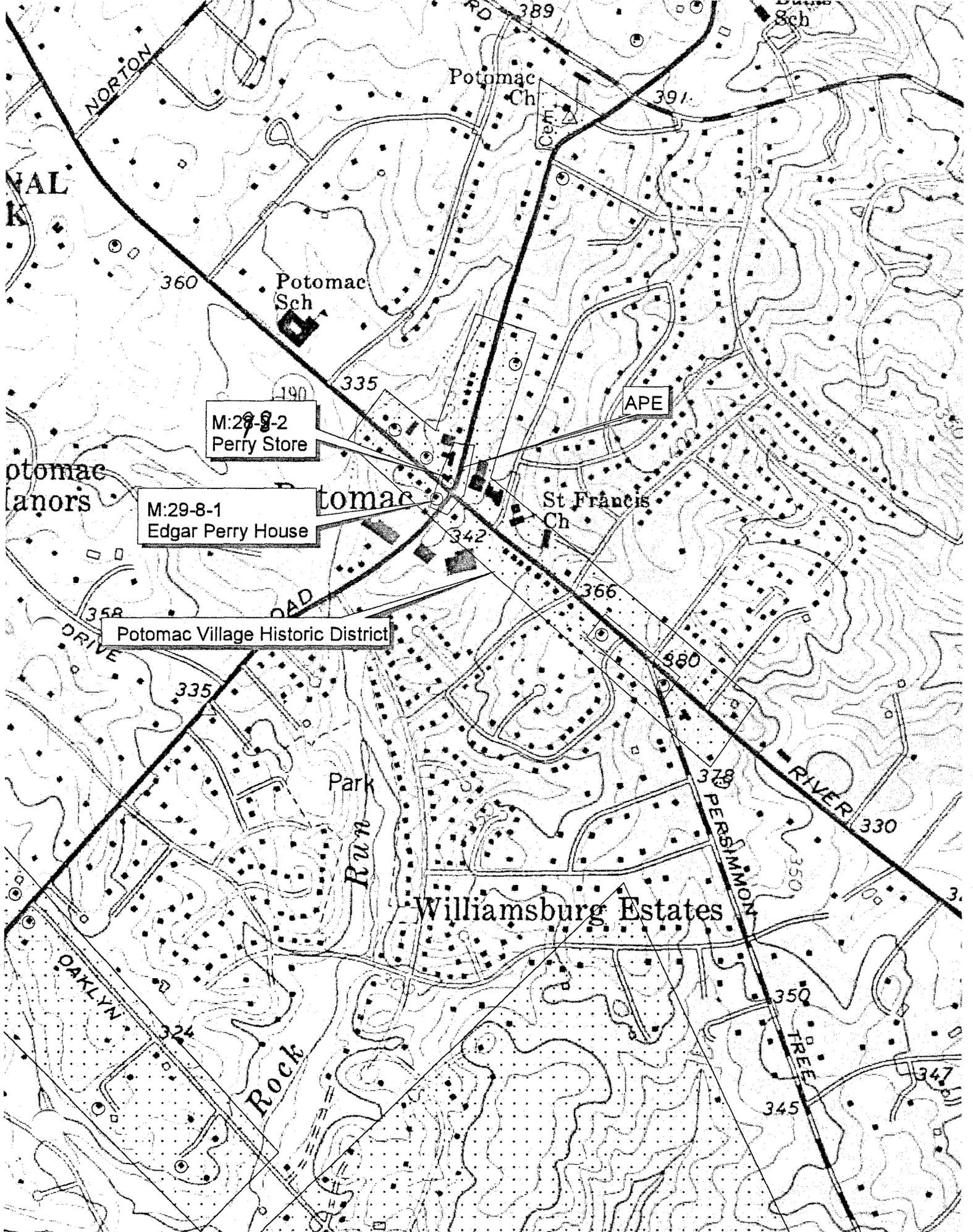
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The Perry Store is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria b and c.

Prepared by: Liz Buxton

Date Prepared: 01/31/2003

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Perry Store

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Edgar Perry House

Potomac Village Historic District

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Perry Store / Potomac Village H.D.

9900 rd

L. Buxton

Mont. Co

Jan. 2003

Looking SW.



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Perry store / Ottomac Village H. D.

9900 Falls Rd

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Looking West



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Village

Perry Store / Potomac<sup>1</sup> Historic District

9700 Falls Rd.

Mont. Co.

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Looking North



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Perry Store / Potomac Village Historic District

9900 Falls Road

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Looking NE

1. Name Perry Store

Planning Area/Site Number 29/8  
Potomac Village

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 19, K-5

4. Address 9900-9902 Falls Road

5. Classification Summary

Category building

Ownership private

Public Acquisition N.A.

Status occupied

Accessible yes, restricted

Present use commercial

Previous Survey Recording M-MCPC Federal State X County X Local   

Inventory of Historical Sites, 1976

6. Date 1880

7. Original Owner Thomas Elbert Perry

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

c. Original site

b. altered

9. Description: Located at the northwest corner of the intersection of River and Falls Road, this late 19th century commercial brick building has a common cornice line and roof, but contains two individual units within, 9900 and 9902 Falls Road. Built upon stone foundations of brick laid up in common bond, the building is two stories high. 9900 is 3 bays across and 2 deep, with a long rear addition, probably of brick (pebbledash covering). 9902 is 2 bays across and 3 deep with a one bay, one story brick addition with a shed roof. Most windows are two over two double hung, flanked on the first floor by shutters. There is a porch on the northeast elevation.

10. Significance: The Perry Store is the only 19th century commercial building remaining from the community once known as Offutt's Crossroads and serves as the historical focal point for the village of Potomac. Thomas Perry, born to a Montgomery County farming family in 1845, joined with Winfield Offutt in the early 1870's in the operation of a store built by Offutt. In 1876, however, the partnership dissolved and each man operated his own store. By 1880 Perry had completed a new brick building at the northwest corner of River and Falls Roads; it was divided into two sections, the southern portion containing the general store and the other part the Perry residence. Perry's wife, Marian, was appointed postmistress of Offutt's Crossroads in 1881, and in that year the town officially changed its name to Potomac. After Perry's death in 1884, his son Edgar continued the store's operations until 1928 when he sold the store lot. Later, a cousin operated the store from 1939-1944. It then was sold to Raymond Windsor and in 1952 to the Bogley family.

Date researched 7/78 - Mark Walston

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled 11/27/78

14. Designation  
Approval   

15. Acreage: 3,250 square feet

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Perry Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

9900-9902 Falls Road

CITY, TOWN  
Potomac

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

8

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Montgomery

**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 Dual Ownership-  
Store section, R.M. Bogley, et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Residential Section- M,A, Sullivan

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: TD 26 WES 221  
Folio #: 240 115

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE  
1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

On the northwest corner of the intersection of River Road and Falls Road stands a late nineteenth century commercial brick building. This building has a common cornice line and roof, but there are two individual units contained within, 9900 and 9902 Falls Road.

Built upon stone foundations of brick laid up in common bond and facing southeast, 9900 is three bays across and two deep, while 9902 is two bays across and three deep; both are two stories high. 9900 has been painted grey with pink trim and 9902 has been left unpainted apart from the white trim. There is a long rear addition to 9900. This is probably brick and has a pebbledash covering. There is one bay, one story addition to 9902. This is brick, has a shed roof, and, at the southwest (end), there is a small stone chimney. A small frame structure is at the southwest, standing against 9900's pebble-dash addition.

There is a porch on the northeast elevation. This has brick and poured concrete foundations. A shed roof is supported by wooden posts. The south (front) door leading into 9900 is composed of a glass panel above and wooden panels below. The double door to 9902 is entirely wooden paneled. Two over two double hung windows are set into segmental arches. Those windows in 9900 on the southeast elevation are two light double hung (on the southeast elevation at the second floor they are six over six light double hung windows) flanked by pink wooden paneled shutters at the first floor. Windows in 9902 on the southeast elevation are two over two double hung and flanked at the first floor only, by louvered shutters too short for the windows.

The building has a shed roof and a denticulated cornice line punctuated by five symmetrically placed brackets. This building sits close to Falls Road and River Road, a busy intersection and cross road for the town of Potomac.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
—1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
—1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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—1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c.1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perry Store, situated on the northwest corner of Falls and River Roads, stands today as the historical focal point for the village of Potomac. This handsome brick edifice is the only 19th century commercial building remaining from the community once known as "Offutt's Crossroads". Since its erection, Perry's Store has been a valuable and inseparable part of the lives of Potomac area residents, and now serves as a vital link to the past traditions, experiences and constitutions that helped to establish the foundations of a modern, affluent society.

Thomas Elbert Perry was born in Montgomery County on February 24, 1845, the son of Erasmus and Lydia Fisher Perry. Born into the rigors of rural life, Thomas Perry followed family tradition and, in his early twenties, took to the land and the agrarian way. However, he soon gave up the farm, and shortly after the year 1870, embarked on a new career as a partner in a general merchandising operation in the small village of Offutt's Crossroads.

Winfield Offutt, on May 23, 1870, had purchased from Milton Fisher and James Norton 31 square perches of land, located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Falls Road and River Road. Soon thereafter, he had erected a store building on the lot, [1] It was to this commercial venture that Thomas Perry came in the early 1870's, joining with Offutt in the operation of the business. Then, on April 18, 1874, the two partners purchased at public auction a prime piece of property. This land, previously owned by Fisher and Norton, consisted of 11 acres, 3 rods and 9 square perches of land at Offutt's Crossroads, north of River Road and on either side of Falls Road. The parcel lying east of Falls Road (north of and contiguous to the store lot) consisted of slightly more than 2 acres. That portion of the purchased lot lying west of Falls Road (and of primary importance to the discussion at hand) contained 9 acres, and was improved by

...a frame dwelling house and Blacksmith Shop.  
[There is also] a very fine young orchard of about 75 apple trees, 100 peach trees and 95 pear trees. [2]

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Equity Records  
Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records  
Montgomery County Sentinel, 1/18/1861, 4/10/1874, 8/21/1881  
Perry, G., Descendants of Erasmus Perry (the author, 1970)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3,250 square feet

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 Mark Walston	Candy Reed - <u>Architectural Description</u>
ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE 7/78
STREET & NUMBER Box 87, Stronghold	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN Dickerson	STATE 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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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The building upon this lot is believed to have been used by Milton Fisher as a general store (and later by H. Garrett), while the blacksmith shop was operated by James Norton, [3]

On May 13, 1876, Winfield Offutt and Thomas Perry divided the above described property, with Offutt taking that parcel situated east of Falls Road, and Perry the 9 acre lot located near the northwest corner of Falls and River Road, [4] This reciprocal conveyance was the apparent beginning of the dissolution of the partnership of Offutt and Perry. Not long after the date of the transaction, Perry and his wife Marian (whom he married in 1869) opened up their own store in the frame building across the street from Offutt's Store.

On March 8, 1879, Thomas Perry purchased an additional 127 square perches from Milton Fisher, [5] This acreage extended Perry's holdings west of Falls Road down to River Road, and provided him with about a 600 foot frontage along River Road, running from the corner westward. With his property thus bounding on both Falls and River Road at the northwest corner of their intersection, Thomas Perry began construction on this strategically situated lot of a new brick building to house both his business and his family. It is believed that Perry's Store was completed by the year 1880. The building was divided into two sections, with the southern portion containing the general store, and the northern part used as the Perry residence.

The next year, in 1881, Marian Perry was appointed postmistress of the town, which, in that year, had officially changed its name to Potomac, [6] The presence of the post office in the new Perry Store undoubtedly did much towards enlarging the number of customers frequenting the establishment, as the Potomac area residents now had to come to Perry's to receive their mail.

Thomas Perry died on November 8, 1884, at the age of 39. His widow and 14 year old son, Edgar, continued the mercantile business in Potomac. By the early 1890's, however, the store's operation was entirely under the supervision of Edgar Perry. (The actual ownership of the building still belonged to Marian Perry, who, after her husband's death, married Thomas Sullivan in 1895, a widower who resided near Great Falls, Maryland.)

A suit entered before the Montgomery County Equity Court in 1899, involving the unpaid bill of James Ricketts, provides a random sampling of the items offered at Edgar Perry's store. Beside the standard foodstuffs (flour, coffee, meal, molasses) and dry goods (shoes, socks, coveralls, paper collars, straw hats) Mr. Ricketts account at the store also reveals that Edgar Perry was a dealer for McCormick binders and mowers, [7]

Marian Perry Sullivan died on December 25, 1908. By her will she bequeathed "...the store and room over the store and the piece of land below the store as far as the hen house" to her son Edgar Perry. The other half of the building, being the residential section, and "the balance of the land and improvements" were devised to her daughter, Cora Ball, [8] This portion of the building has remained in the Ball family to date.

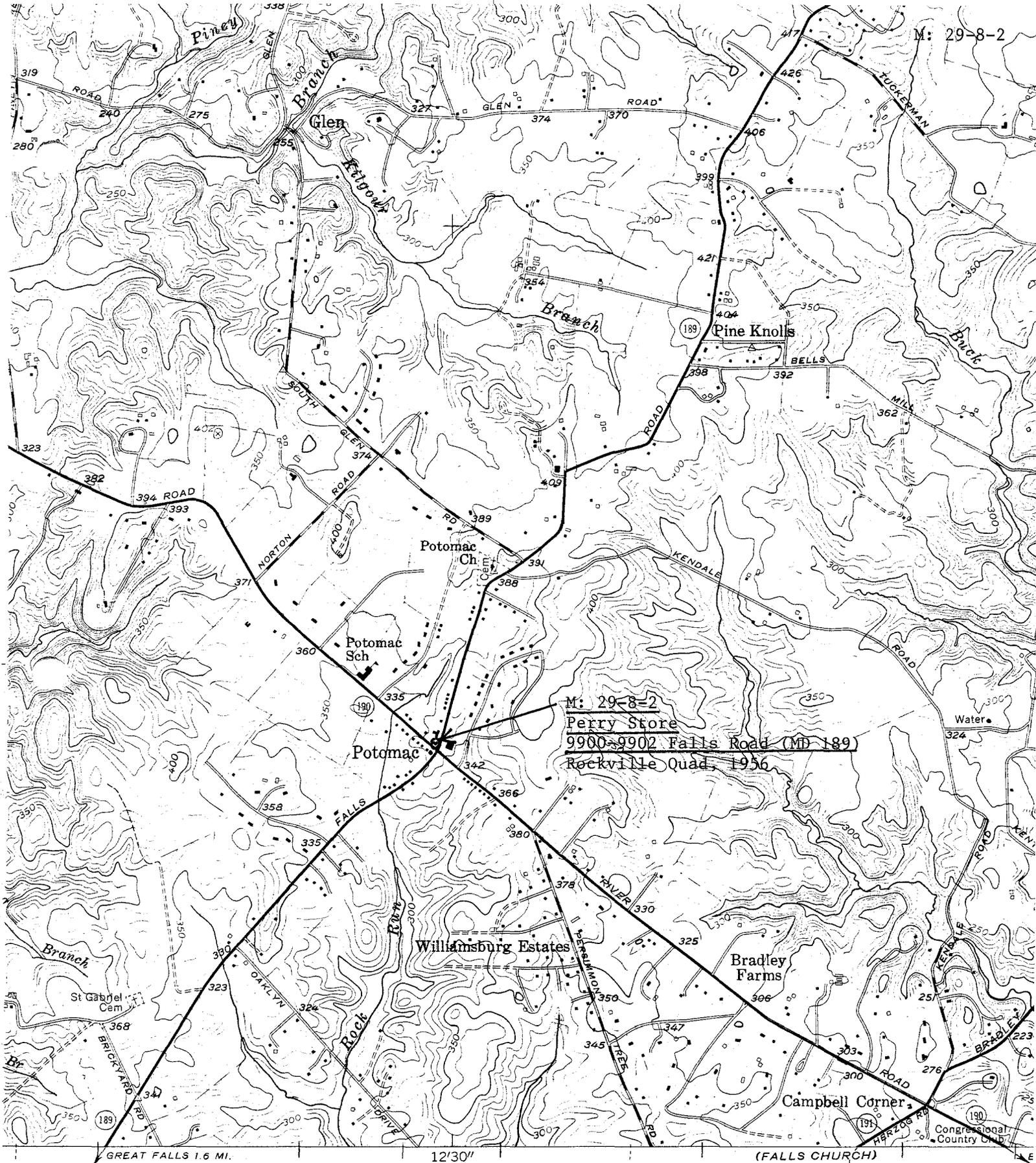
Edgar Perry maintained the store's operation into the 1920's. Then, on November 19, 1928, Perry sold the store lot (separate

from the dwelling), containing 3,250 square feet, to James Hall and Anne Hall, his wife, thus conveying the store out of the Perry family, [9] The store did return to the Perry family for a short time, however, being owned from 1939 to 1944 by Bernard C. Perry, a cousin of Edgar Perry. Bernard Perry sold the store portion of the building to Raymond Windsor on February 1, 1944, [10] The store passed into the Bogley family (the present owners) in 1952.

#### NOTES

1. Deed 8/150, Montgomery County Land Records
2. Judgment EBP 17/98, Montgomery County Equity Records  
Deed EBP 15,184, Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Sentinel, April 10, 1874
3. Sentinel, January 18, 1861
4. Montgomery County Land Records  
Deed EBP 19/183- ~~566~~ Offutt to Perry, 1/2 interest in 9 acre lot  
Deed EBP 15/185- Perry to Offutt, 1/2 interest in 2 acre lot
5. Deed EBP 20/312, Montgomery County Land Records
6. Montgomery County Sentinal, August 21, 1881
7. Judgment 2/10, Montgomery County Equity Records
8. Will HCA 8/90, Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records
9. Deed 470/245, Montgomery County Land Records
10. Deeds 931/489, 936/113, Montgomery County Land RRecords





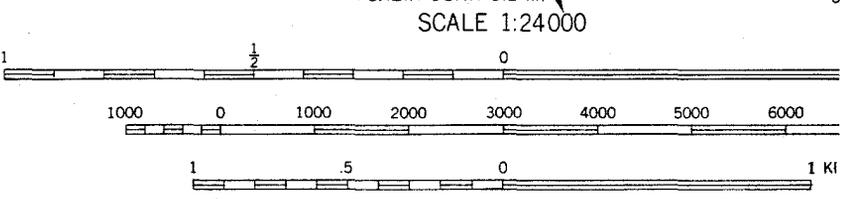
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Pohmoe Village  
The Edgar Perry Store  
9900 Falls Road

EAST (Front) and NORTH Elevations

Judy Christensen

Feb. 1989



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Potomac Village

The Edgar Perry Strre.

9900 Falls Road

EAST (Front) and South Elevations

Judy CHRISTENSEN

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