

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common KEM Building

2. Location

street & number 6217-23 Baltimore Ave. not for publication

city, town Riverdale vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" 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"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jack and Evelyn Kogok

street & number telephone no.: 469-7538

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 300

street & number Main Street folio 209

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

| | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <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 of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

6217-23 Baltimore Avenue is a two story commercial building in the town of Riverdale. At present, it houses the Landmark Financial Services Corporation on the First level. The second level is presently vacant.

The main facade, which faces Baltimore Avenue, features a symmetrical design, with a central, single-door entry. On either side are recessed, panelled entries with plate glass display windows. These are not original to the building. The facade is of painted brick with an English Bond pattern. There are soldier courses above first level recessions and the second story windows as well as below the parapet, which distinguished by projected brick decorations. The second level windows are six-over-one sash, with shutters having been recently removed. The northern and central doors have added canopies, while the southern door has been replaced by a window. A sign panel, saying "KEM Building" has recently been removed from the second level. On the north elevation there are several arched window openings and a sloped parapet.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG # 68-4-38

| 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 1929 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

6217-23 Baltimore Avenue is an example of a two-part commercial block, common from the 1850's to the 1950's, especially in towns that developed along streetcar lines.¹ While Riverdale was platted in 1889 and incorporated as a town in 1920, this building was constructed in 1929 by A. and T. Sonnenberg, who purchased the property from M. and J. Rimmer, who had purchased it from the Riverdale Park Company earlier in the year.² The original tenants were a bakery and a crafts shop.

At the time, Route One (Baltimore Avenue) was the main road from Washington to the north. It had also just been incorporated into U.S. Route 1 - the main north-south arterial on the east coast, stretching from Maine to Florida. This designation encouraged a tremendous amount of commercial development along the road to service the travelers.³

Notes

1. Longstreth, R., The Buildings of Main Street. (National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1987), p. 24.
2. Tax assessments for Election District #19; and, Prince George's County Deeds - 300:209, 313:43.
3. State Roads Commission of Maryland A History of Road Building in Maryland, 1958, p.81.

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