

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Suburban Bank Building (Sovran Bank) Inventory Number: PG:68-41-2

Address: 5214 Baltimore Avenue City: Hyattsville Zip Code: _____

County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: _____

Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>	District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/> yes	

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

Prepared by: _____ Date Prepared: _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments This building was federally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>Beth L. Savage</u>	Date <u>April 10, 1984</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date



Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic _____
and/or common Sovran Bank

2. Location

street & number 5214 Baltimore Avenue and Hamilton Street _____ not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state _____ county _____

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 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 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 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 _____

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber _____

street & number _____ folio _____

city, town _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. PG:68-41-2

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

Soyran Bank Building, 1926. Additions 1948, 1949

Older part is a single story Bedford Limestone over brick structure. It has a grey granite base, and includes a basement, principally for vaults. The front on Baltimore Avenue is the main entrance featuring twin Ionic columns and recessed door and windows. The entrance has other Greek revival motifs. When the front door was remodelled, a smaller aluminum door replaced the larger bronze one, and the space above altered. (see detail). Current use; bank storage.

About 1948 an addition was built to the south with interior connections to the new building. It is single story at the front and two at the rear. Front is matching limestone while the side is tan glazed brick. Road entrance has grey granite base with black granite detailing. Entrance has double aluminum doors, windows and awning with recessed down-lights. The two story addition conforms to the height of the original bank building. Built as an office space it now serves as a print shop for bank publications. The single story part is the main banking area. Bank contains eight vaults of various sizes.



8. Significance

Survey No. PG:68-41-2

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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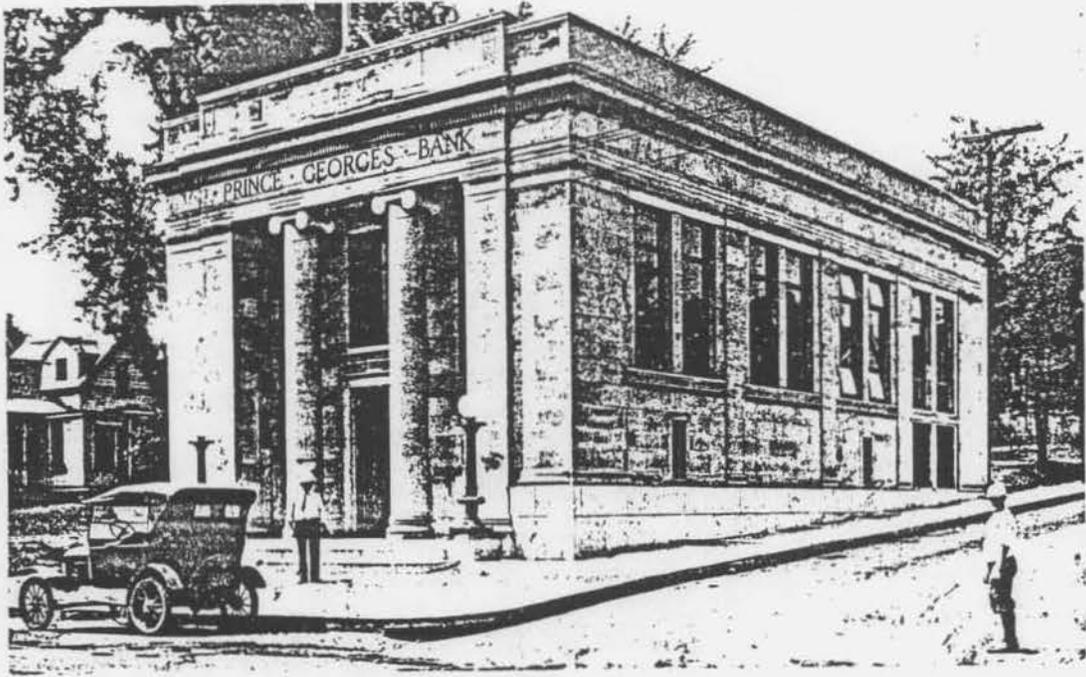
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

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

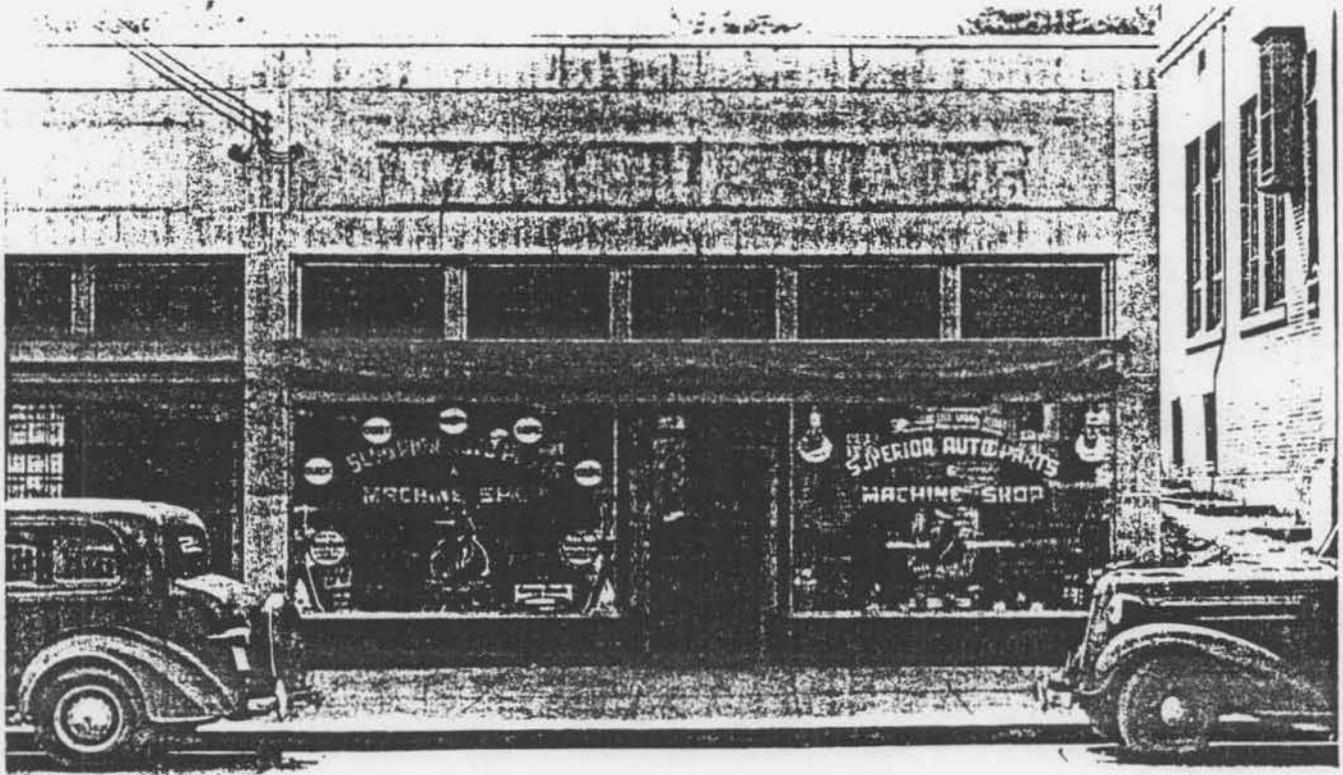
Formerly the Prince George's Bank and Trust, the bank underwent a succession of name changes.: The Suburban Trust; The Suburban Bank, and lastly, Soyran. The bank was constructed in Hyattsville because the owners felt that the area would become a major industrial hub.

It was one of the owners, T.Howard Duckett who insisted that the new viaduct carrying U.S.Route One over the tracks be placed anywhere as long as it ended up outside his bank.(Geary)

One of the vaults, it was recently discovered, had been fitted out as a shelter against nuclear attack, and contained a geiger counter and other suryival related equipment.



Prince George's Bank. 1927 (F.X.Geary)



Superior Auto Parts 1946. Replaced by the bank's expansion of about 1948. (F.X.Geary)

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