

7. Description

Survey No. HR-10

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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.

This is a very large complex of additions that shelter sales, service, and parts divisions. The sales room facade is the latest addition (c. 1950) and is made of cast stone blocks and plate glass show windows. The doorway is off-center and for pedestrian use only. The entire structure is 2 stories tall, has a flat roof, and 2 large Lustine metal and neon signs. One faces south for north bound automobile drivers to see and the other is oriented toward the north for southbound traffic on U.S. Route 1. The service entrance which is parallel to the street is made of the same stone material but most space is taken up by a large metal overhead garage door. On this section are three metal and neon signs which appear to be original. Two of the signs are situated above the garage door and the other is above the roofline. An earlier addition (mid 1940s) is located to the north of the service bay. Housing the parts department, the Art Deco facade is made of limestone, has 2 corner piers in which the capitals reflect the cornice pattern and a central doorway with a sculpted doorhead. There are three rows of glass block that are used as transoms for the two glass show windows. A large vertical sign above the doorway extends above the roofline. The side and rear elevations reveal many earlier building campaigns where most of the walls are made of concrete blocks and brick. All walls are painted white and windows are mostly metal casements. At rear elevation is the earliest service structure (c. 1925) built for the washing and greasing of automobiles, its cornice is made of stepped bricks. Two brick, capped chimneys are located at the southwest and northwest corners of the rear building.

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/
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1925

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.

This structure is the original Lustine-Nicholson Motor Company, established sometime between 1923 and 1927. The automobile dealership has experienced tremendous growth, hence many building campaigns to accomodate the demand. According to the Prince George's Post of 1939, this dealership was one of the country's largest dealers with an annual business of \$2.5 million. During the post World War II construction boom the Lustine-Nicholson Motor Company doubled its size by building a new auto showroom exclusively for Chevrolets (refer to Survey No. HR-7). In 1951, there were two Lustine dealerships, Oldsmobile at the original site and Chevrolet located at 5710 Baltimore Boulevard. Up to the present the Lustine Company has been slowly acquiring land for purposes of automobile parking and display. Even though the showrooms are important they appear to be afloat in a sea of new and used automobiles.

