

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-7 Building Date: 1870s, early 20th c.

Building Name: Mitchellville Store

Location: 2608 Mitchellville Road, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Storage/Unoccupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

The Mitchellville Store is a multi-period gable-roofed frame structure, built in four sections. The central and original section is a one-and-one-half story rectangle, ca. 35' x 23', with entrance through double doors in the central bay of the three-bay south gable end. This central section is covered with German siding; an interior brick chimney in the west slope of the roof serves a stove made by the B.C. Bibb Company, Baltimore. Inside this section are preserved all of the shelves and counters, etc., used in the operation of the general store. Also preserved are the bulls-eye corner-block architraves of the double door and flanking windows.

Subsequent additions to the store include: a 15' north extension which served as a bar; a 15-1/2'-wide billiard-room added on the east (its gradually pitched roof gives the extended south facade a double roofline); and a 12' wide barber shop added on the west. Finally, a shed-roofed porch was built across most of the extended south facade, and a gas pump installed in front of it. Also on the one-acre lot are a frame stable, a concrete-block garage and the two-story frame storekeeper's dwelling.

Significance:

There has been a store on this property since the late 1870s, and it is probable that this original store is represented in the central section of the present building. The first known operation of the general store was Samuel Domer; Domer's store stood on his 198-acre farm at the intersection of the roads to Bowie, Mullikin Station and Queen Anne. The farm passed from Domer to the Wroe family, and in 1888 to George McGaw. For many years, members of the Edlavitch family (Russian Jews who had immigrated to Prince George's County in 1888) ran the store for McGaw, eventually purchasing the one-acre lot on which it stood, and operating the store and bar until 1925. Also on the lot stood the dwelling house, a frame stable and a frame feed-mill. In 1925 Abraham Edlavitch sold the one-acre lot to Joseph Montgomery, who operated the store with its bar, billiard room, barber shop and gas pump for nearly twenty years. Under Montgomery's tenure, the Mitchellville store was one the earliest black-owned businesses in the area, and was the social-commercial center of the Mitchellville community.

The Mitchellville store and dwelling house are the last remaining vestiges of the old Mitchellville community.

Acreage: 1 acre

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mitchellville Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2608 Mitchellville Road ___ not for publication

city, town Mitchellville ___ 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Mrs. Alexander Harmel

street & number 2608 Mitchellville Road telephone no.: 301-249-2311

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Md. 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 694

street & number Main Street folio 304

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

pository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #71B-7

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.

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This central section may date from the earliest period of the store, the 1870's, but consecutive additions gradually enlarged the building to its present configuration. The first addition extended the main section 15 feet to the north. This gable-roofed extension has a slightly lower roof line, and rough weatherboard siding, now partially covered with plywood; it served as a bar and was already operating as such by 1915.

The next addition created a 15-1/2-foot wide room on the east. This "billiard room" had a square front on the main south facade, with its roofline extended to the ridge at a more gradual slope than the pitch of the central section, thus giving the extended south facade a double roofline. The billiard room has two exterior entrances, on south and east, and is covered with German siding.

There is also a small two-bay west addition, ca. 12' x 27', with entrance in the second bay on the south (extended) facade. An interior door from the general store was apparently originally a window: the bull's-eye corner-block architrave extends only part way to the floor. The west addition served as a barber shop.

Finally, a shed-roofed porch was built across most of the extended south facade, and a gas pump installed in front of it.

Also on the property are a frame stable, a concrete-block garage, and the storekeeper's dwelling. This dwelling house is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed structure. There is a two-story porch with bracketed posts across its (main) south facade, and entrance is through the first of three irregular bays. The foundation is concrete block, and there is an exterior brick chimney at the east gable end. The siding is presently covered with (hexagonal) red asbestos shingles.

8. Significance

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1870's, 20th c. **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.

There has been a store on this property since the late 1870's, and it is probable that that original store forms the central section of the present building. (The Mitchellville Post Office, with John G. Mitchell as postmaster, was established at this location in 1865, although it is not clear whether any of this building ever served as the post office. After the construction of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad in the 1870's, the post office was relocated at the railroad crossing just one-half mile to the west.) The first known operator of the general store at Mitchellville was Samuel Domer; Domer's store, as it was then known, stood on his 198-acre farm (formerly the property of George Mitchell) at the intersection of the roads to Bowie, Mullikin Station, and Queen Anne. The farm passed from Domer to the Wroe family, and then in 1888 to George McGaw and associates.¹ In that year, a family of Russian Jews immigrated to Prince George's County; members of the Edlavitch family began to run the store for McGaw, eventually purchasing the one-acre (surveyed in 1895) on which it stood, and operating the store and bar until 1925.² Also on the one-acre lot stood the storekeeper's dwelling, a frame stable, and a frame feed mill. During the Edlavitch family's operation of the store, the frame dwelling house was destroyed by fire; the present dwelling was built on its site, ca. 1906.³

In 1925, Abraham Edlavitch sold the one-acre lot to Joseph Montgomery, who continued to operate the store with its bar, billiard room, barber shop and gas pump for nearly twenty years. Under Montgomery's tenure, the Mitchellville store was one of the earliest black-owned businesses in the area, and was the social-commercial center of the Mitchellville community. Montgomery sold the property in 1943 to Alexander Harmel, who had grown up in the immediate area, and who has attempted to preserve the store building, although it has not been in operation since that time.⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

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P.G. Co. Deeds: #694:340; #235:393; #62:462; #11:116; #5:275; JWB #9:244;
JWB #1:231; WAJ #2:716; ATB #1:256
Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1878-1915; Tariff Rates 1915; Census 1900, 1910;
Interview with Owner, December 1983; February 1984; U.S. Post Office Records (Shir Balt,

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre
Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Historic Sites Research Coordinator

organization Historic Preservation Commission date February 1984

street & number History Division, M-NCPPC telephone (301) 952-3520/779-2011

city or town Riverdale, state Maryland 20737

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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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

8. Significance (Continued)

The Mitchellville store and storekeeper's house are the last remaining vestiges of the Mitchellville community. Essentially an agricultural community, Mitchellville was once served not only by this general store with its attached bar, gameroom and barber shop, but also by a feed mill, post office, blacksmith shop, school and hotel.⁵ All of the latter buildings are now gone. Residential subdivisions have been developed to the east, west and south of the store, and a new one to the north is presently under construction. The proposed widening and relocation of Mount Oak Road on which the store fronts (to the south) threatens this last remaining reminder of the old Mitchellville community.

Footnotes

¹ P.G. Deeds ATB #1:256; WAJ #2:716, JWB #1:231, JWB #7:244

² Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1900, 1910; Prince George's County Deed #11:116; #62:462

³ Tariff Rates Records, 1915; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1888-1915.

⁴ Prince George's County Deeds #253:393, #694:304. Interview with Mrs. Harmel.

⁵ Hopkins Atlas of 15 miles around Washington, 1878. Tariff Rates Records, 1915. Interview with Mrs. Harmel.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME						
COMMON:						
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mitchellville Store and Post Office						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: Mitchellville Road and Mt. Oak Road						
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville						
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's			
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY						
OWNER'S NAME:						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION						
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):						
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS						
TITLE OF SURVEY: None						
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local						
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered </div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is a one story, frame structure with a gabled facade. The central double doors are flanked by shuttered windows. In the gable there are double doors. A shed-roofed porch extends across the facade. On the east side an addition was added, and the facade extended; the extended facade was given a "square" front and the roof raised to give it a more gradual slope than the original pitch.</p> <p>North of the store is a two story, frame house with a facade of three irregular bays. There is a two story porch across the facade. The present siding is asbestos shingle.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 7 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Mitchellville Store P.G. #71B-7

- #694:304
8 Mar 1943
Deed
Joseph F. Montgomery to Alex & Cecelia Harmel, 1 acre at intersection of road to Queen Anne with road from Bowie to Mullikin's Station, as surveyed by McGregor, 1895, Same which grantor acquired by #235:393.
- #295:393
15 Apr 1925
Deed
S. Abraham Edlavitch et ux to Joseph F. Montgomery, 1 acre surveyed by McGregor in 1895, which grantors acquired by #62:462 (plus Mill Machinery and fixtures in the buildings).
- #62:462
9 Oct 1911
Deed
Sadie Edlavitch (unmarried) to S. Abraham Edlavitch, 1 acre surveyed by McGregor in 1895, which grantor acquired by #11:116
- 11:116
7 Jan 1902
Deed
George K. McGaw et ux, Charles T. Davis, and John B. Ramsay et ux to Sadie Edlavitch, 1 acre surveyed by McGregor in 1895.
- JWB #9:244
10 Mar 1888
Deed
Thomas Hill, trustee, to George McGaw, 198 acres 26 perches of "Tyler's Field" and "Wooten's Tract". Samuel Hill assigned mortgage (JW B#1:231) to Thomas Hill, who then sold Wroe and Stiles land at public sale to George McGaw, 28 Jan 1888; Wroe and Stiles had defaulted on mortgage.
- JWB #1:231
14 Aug 1882
Mortgage
Everett and Margaret Wroe and Marcella Wroe Stiles to Samuel Hill; mortgators are indebted to S. Hill, so they mortgage to him 198 acres 26 perches of land at Mitchellville, which Everett and Samuel Wroe acquired by WAJ#2:716 (Marcella Stiles is sole heir of Samuel Wroe)
- WAJ #2:716
11 May 1881
Deed
Samuel Domer et ux to Samuel and Everett Wroe, 198 acres 26 perches of "Tyler's Field" and "Wooten's Tract" (minus a triangle for straightening the road from the store on the farm to Mullikin's Station, straightened road now being boundary of said 198 acre parcel) which Domer acquired by ATB #1:256.
- ATB #1:256
17 May 1879
Deed
R.B.B. Chew, trustee (selling real estate of George Mitchell through Equity #1080) to Samuel Domer, 198 acres 26 perches per plat by George Domer; land sold in order to pay Mitchell's debts.



NAME MULLIKIN / MITCHELLVILLE STORE + P.O.

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LOCATION MT. OAK + MITCHELLVILLE Rds. MITCHELLVILLE (BOWIE) Md

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Mitchellville Store

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Store & house, from south

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Mitchellville Store

Prince George's County, MD

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East elevation

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Mitchellville Store

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Northeast 3/4 elevation

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