

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Watkins Hardware Store Survey Number: P.G.: 72-7-2

Project: CDBG--5701 Martin Luther King Jr., Hwy, Seat Pl Agency: DHCD

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Kim Prothro Williams Date 04/10/96

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Watkins Hardware Store is located at 5701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway in Seat Pleasant, Prince George's County, Maryland. According to previous documentation, Watkins Hardware Store is considered a contributing resource in the Seat Pleasant Survey Area. Although Seat Pleasant has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register, no boundaries had been previously determined. Based upon a recent MHT site visit, it has been determined that Watkins Hardware Store is located outside of a National Register-eligible historic district. The building is separated from the heart of the survey district, a late-19th-century residential subdivision, by vacant lots and modern commercial structures. Further, the building is not individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1930, the store building is a long and low-lying, two-story brick commercial building. It is covered with a flat roof with a central pediment and is symmetrically fenestrated. The building is designed in a Colonial Revival style with some Art Deco ornamentation, including cement tiles with floral designs located in the central parapet. A large addition to the rear of the building has doubled the original size of the structure and all of the large, show-windows have been filled in with brick. The building lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C.

The Watkins Hardware store was built in 1930 to replace an earlier building on the site which was destroyed by a fire. The property has been owned by the F.L. Watkins Company since 1917; it began as a grocery store and later diversified as a hardware, coal and lumber supplier. At the time of its survey in 1986, the building was still operated by the Watkins family. Although the building contributes to the historical significance of Seat Pleasant, a railroad and streetcar suburb of Washington, D.C., it is not known to have direct associations with events or persons significant to our past and is not individually eligible to the National Register under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

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Kimberly Prothro Williams April 1, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Oliver Rednitz 4-15-96
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commerce/Trade/store

Known Design Source: _____

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Watkins Hardware Store
5701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway (MD 704)
Washington East quadrangle





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