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J. Stanley Adams Hardware Store
Marion
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1911

The J. Stanley Adams Hardware Store is one of the oldest continuing businesses in Marion, and the store building is one of the earliest buildings surviving in the village. Due to a fire the structure has been covered with aluminum, but the period store front remains intact. This business began in 1911 as the James Stanley Adams and Company, and it continued under that name until 1935 when the name was changed to James Stanley Adams Hardware.

The store interior has been modified with the installation of new shelving and counters. A few fixtures, such as the store safe and a scale, date from the early twentieth century. Interestingly, the brick stove stack does not run to the first floor level, but instead it is supported by a small metal platform on a metal post. The brick begins approximately two feet from the ceiling level, and the stack continues through the second floor.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Stanley Adams and Company Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number SE side of MD 667, Crisfield-Marion Road not for publication

city, town Marion vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Anna Mae Pennewell

street & number P.O. Box 184 telephone no.: 623-2931

city, town Marion Station state and zip code Maryland 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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.

The J. Stanley Adams and Company hardware store is located on the southeast side of MD 667 within the town limits of Marion, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story frame commercial building, dated to 1911, faces northwest with the gable running on a northwest/southeast axis.

The two-story two-bay aluminum sheathed frame structure is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is uniformly clad with aluminum siding. A layer of asphalt tiles shingles covers the steeply pitched roof. A narrow brick stove stack pierces the central portion of the roofline.

The northwest (main) elevation is two bays across with a shed roofed porch covering the recessed commercial front. A pair of partially glazed double doors are topped by a two-light transom and covered with a pair of screen doors. The multi-pane display windows have "J. Stanley Adams Hardware" in white lettering. The knee wall below has narrow panels with ogee inset molding. Round metal posts support the shed roof and a "Phillips 66" gas pump is located in front. The upper gable is pierced by a pair of 2/2 sash windows.

Aside from a few windows and doors, the remaining sides are without notable details. The rear portion of the store was extensively reworked after a fire.

The store interior has also been modified with the installation of new shelving and counters. A few fixtures, such as the store safe and a scale, date from the early 20th century. Interestingly, the brick stove stack does not run to the first floor level, but instead is supported by a small metal platform on an iron post. The brick begins approximately two feet from the ceiling level and continues through the second floor. A thimble covers the unused stove pipe opening. A rebuilt stair, rising against the rear wall, provides access to the second floor.

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

Specific dates 1911 **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.

The J. Stanley Adams Hardware Store is one of the oldest continuing businesses in Marion and operated in one of the oldest structures standing in the village. Due to a fire the structure has been covered with aluminum, but the period store front remains intact. This business began in 1911 as the James Stanley Adams and Company, and it continued under that name until 1935 when it was changed to James Stanley Adams Hardware. The store is still operated by the granddaughter of Mr. Adams.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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 J. Stanley Adams and Company
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Trails	
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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Southwest Elevation
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