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Peyton Pharmacy Building
Crisfield
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c. 1930

The Peyton Pharmacy building, standing on the south side of Crisfield's main street, is a three-story Flemish and common bond brick commercial structure that marks the easternmost point the 1928 fire advanced on the south side of Main Street. An indication of this fact is expressed architecturally since the east wall of the pharmacy building was built on top of the neighboring two-story commercial block. The front five-bay elevation, with its well-laid glazed header checkerboard pattern and decorative brick cornice, is one of the architecturally prominent buildings in Crisfield.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Peyton Pharmacy Building

2. Location

street & number South Side of West Main St. not for publicationcity, town Crisfield vicinity of congressional district Firststate 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 type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Peyton Pharmacystreet & number 329 West Main St. telephone no.: 968-1158city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, 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.

Peyton Pharmacy building description

The Peyton Pharmacy building stands on the south side of West Main Street in the center of "uptown" Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The three-story brick commercial building faces north.

The c. 1930 three-story Flemish and common bond brick commercial block is five-bays across and covered by a flat roof hidden behind a parapet. The east side wall was built over the adjacent Tull and Price Insurance Company building which indicates the Peyton Pharmacy post-dates the 1928 fire. The Insurance Company building marks the point the fire was stopped on the south side of West Main Street.

The (main) facade is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with an altered 1950s blue-glass storefront that frames two recessed entrances with glass display windows. The second and third floors are pierced by five evenly spaced multi-pane windows accented with rusticated stone lintels and door sills. Atop each window lintel is an oddly placed masonry keystone. The two floors of windows are set in a field of glazed header checkerboard bricks. Above the second floor windows a corbelled brick cornice is further embellished with a decorative brick frieze with light colored brick lozenges. The glazed header checkerboard pattern resumes above the brick cornice, and the brick parapet is topped by a lighter colored brick capping.

The side walls are laid in seven-course common bond with an irregular arrangement of single-pane sash windows. To the west the second floor window is partially covered with the neighboring Gibson building, which obviously suggests the Gibson block was erected after the Peyton Pharmacy building.

The first floor of the store building has been altered and the upper floors were not seen.

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 Post 1938 **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.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Peyton Pharmacy building, with its glazed header checkerboard wall and decorative brick cornice, is one of the architecturally prominent buildings in uptown Crisfield. In contrast to its relatively plain neighboring structures, the pharmacy building is a bright spot with its lively brick facade.



Peyton Pharmacy
Crisfield, Somerset County
North Elevation
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