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1887

Crisfield Flower Shop
Crisfield
private

Perhaps the oldest store building in Crisfield, this two-story, three-bay commercial structure is conveniently dated by an embossed year of construction in the upper portion of the parapet roof. Not only is the Victorian brickwork well preserved, but the first floor store front has not been significantly altered. The recessed double-door entrance is flanked by large plate glass display windows, and a mid-level bracketed cornice tops the store front.

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Crisfield Flower Shop

2. Location

street & number West Main Street _____ not for publication

city, town Crisfield _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Tommi Lee Evans

street & number West Main Street _____ telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield _____ state and zip code Maryland 21817

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 21853

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.

Crisfield Flower Shop

The Crisfield Flower Shop stands on the south side of the 200 block of West Main Street in "uptown" Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story three-bay common bond brick commercial building faces north.

The two-story, three-bay common bond brick store building is distinguished by a relatively intact exterior with large display windows, a recessed entrance and a bracketed mid-level wooden cornice. Located above the mid-level cornice is a series of three two over two sash windows that light the second floor. The area above the second floor windows is marked by a row of recessed brick squares, while the parapet cornice consists of corbelled brick with alternating rows of diagonally set bricks. The center portion of the front parapet rises in a flat arch, and located within the space is the embossed date of "1887".

The side elevations are essentially alike with an uneven division into four bays marked by two over two sash windows. The decorative brick cornice continues around each side and suggests both sides have always been visible from the street. Three small brick stove stacks rise from the west side elevation.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1887 **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 Crisfield Flower Shop is one of the earliest and most significant commercial buildings standing in either the "downtown" or "uptown" business districts of Crisfield. Not only does it predate the disastrous 1928 Crisfield fire, but it survives with an intact storefront and rare Victorian decorative brickwork that frames the embossed date of construction. The first floor interior has not been altered significantly either.



Crisfield Flower Shop
Crisfield, Somerset County
Northwest Elevation
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