

Capsule Summary
SM-449
Sheaffer's Store
Tall Timbers
Private

1927

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SM-449, Sheaffer's Store
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Commerce

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Store

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charlie Bailey's Store

and/or common Shaeffer's Food Mart, Sheaffer's Store

2. Location

street & number West Side of Tall Timbers Road ___ not for publication

city, town Tall Timbers ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

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 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 William John Dent

street & number 106 Rolling Road telephone no.:(301) 863 8726

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 22

street & number folio 189

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM 449

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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Sheaffer's Store is located on the west side of Tall Timbers Road near the Piney Point Elementary School. Attached to the south side of the store's main block is the Tall Timbers Post Office. The store lot is bounded on the south by a large, two-story, masonry building, once a gas station and garage, and on the north by a one-story brick dwelling house. Behind the store stands a baseball field known as the "Bobby Thomas Memorial Baseball Park." The store faces east with its gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1927, the main block of Sheaffer's Store is a one-story, frame building. It is sheathed with weatherboard and roofed with asphalt shingles. A series of one-story additions extend outwards from the main block of the building on the north, south, and west elevations.

The east (main) elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a modern entrance door. A porch with a cement pad floor extends across the front of this elevation. The porch roof, supported by square posts, shelters a series of vending machines. North of the entrance door, a shed roof addition which once housed a barber shop projects to the east. The barber shop is accessible by means of a four-light-over-three-panel door which opens out from the store's porch. To the north of the main block is a one-story addition which served as the original post office. The old post office addition is pierced by a four-light-over-three-panel door and a six-over-six sash window. South of the store's porch is a shed roof cinderblock addition which projects to the east. This addition was originally built for the storage of ice and refrigerated goods. The addition is pierced by a door on the north end which opens out from the store's porch and by a window on the east elevation. The current Tall Timbers Post Office is located in a modern extension of the ice house.

The south elevation consists of the gable end of the cinderblock post office section pierced by one one-over-one sash window on the first floor. Stepped back from the post office is the gable end of the store building. The store is pierced by a pair of six-light-over-three-panel doors sheltered by a gable roof portico. This entrance to the store was used for deliveries. The doors are flanked by one one-light window on either side. Stepped back from the store is the bar wing. The bar is pierced by an entrance door flanked on either side by diamond shaped windows. A shed roof addition extends from west wall of the bar wing.

The west elevation of the post office wing is blind. The west side of the store's main block is pierced by two three-light windows. The gable end of the bar's shed roof addition is pierced by three diamond paned windows. Two shed roof additions exten

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

Specific dates 1927 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

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Built in 1927 by Charles and Ruby Bailey, "Bailey's Store" operated until 1944 when the property was sold to the Garner Brothers. This sale included the transfer of many of the store's fixtures, including everything from meat grinders to the booths in the tavern. The Baileys then moved next door and opened a garage and gas station in a two-story, masonry building which stands vacant today.

In 1964, the Garners sold the store to John and Grace Sheaffer. During the 1950s and 1960s, the store sponsored a baseball team which played in the field behind the structure. These games attracted large crowds. Opposing teams would come from as far away as Charles County to compete with the Garner/Sheaffer players. The baseball field is now owned by the St. Mary's County Department of Parks and Recreation and is used infrequently.

William John Dent, a retired Navy chief, purchased the store in 1978. The bar located on the west side of the store is now known as "Chief's Bar." Although Sheaffer's Store must now compete with larger chain grocery stores, many of the Tall Timbers and Piney Point residents continue to shop for vegetables, meats, and staples here.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM 449

Norma Capodo, Personal Interview, September 1994

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 Acre Surrounding Store Building.

Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoning date September 1994

street & number 328 Washington Street telephone (301) 475 4662

city or town Leonardtwn state Maryland

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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7.1 Description

to the north of the bar.

The north elevation consists of a shed roof addition which extends from the west side of the store complex to the north gable end of the main block. A six-over-six sash window, four-light-over-three-panel door, an eight light window, and a five-panel door pierce this wing.

The interior of the store is finished with wood floors and a metal ceiling. The store is fitted with shelves and large coolers, and carries a stock of general goods. Access to the ice house was originally possible by means of a door on the south wall of the store. The bar is accessible from the interior of the store by means of a door on the west wall. Originally fitted with booths, a wet bar is located in the northwest corner of the room. A pool table, a trophy case, and some chairs and tables are also located in the bar area.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: William John Dent
FROM: John M. Sheaffer and Grace M. Sheaffer
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 22, folio 189.
DATE: August 31, 1978.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek."

TO: John M. Sheaffer and Grace M. Sheaffer
FROM: James F. Garner and Mayme F. Garner
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 114, folio 444.
DATE: August 10, 1964.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek."

TO: James F. and Mayme F. Garner and John M. and Grace M. Sheaffer.
FROM: Mary R. Fowler
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 29, folio 151.
DATE: November 20, 1950.
NOTES: Transfer of 1/2 interest in 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek" to each couple.

TO: Mary R. Fowler
FROM: Charles W. Garner and James F. Garner
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 29, folio 148.
DATE: November 20, 1950.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek."

TO: Charles W. Garner and James F. Garner
FROM: Mary R. Fowler
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 20, folio 395.
DATE: September 2, 1947.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek."

TO: Mary R. Fowler
FROM: Charles W. Garner, James F. Garner, Donald E. Garner.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 20, folio 394.
DATE: September 2, 1947.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek." Following this deed is an agreement (CBG 20/395) in which Donald Garner retires from the Garner Brothers Partnership which was involved in a restaurant and general store business.

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8.2 Significance

TO: Charles W. Garner, James F. Garner, and Donald E. Garner.

FROM: Charles Bailey and Ruby Bailey

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 16, folio 340.

DATE: September 13, 1944.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek" being the land upon which is now located the Home-store of said grantors. Attached to this deed is a contract of sale of the same date transferring "All of the property real and personal and mixed located on the said real estate...including the business and good will of same, stock, fixtures, furniture, and equipment of every sort..." including the air compressor, shelving for store, meat grinder, meat slicer, scale, safe, existing tables, chairs, booths, 2 cash registers, 2 Coca-Cola coolers, vegetable bin, meat case with compressor, desk, 2 oil stoves, show case, 1 large fan, small stove in kitchen of tavern, ice box in kitchen of tavern.

TO: Charles Bailey and Ruby Bailey

FROM: William J. Rock and Mary A. Rock

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 105.

DATE: April 16, 1928.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre of "Part Herring Creek" being a portion of JMM 4/354.

TO: William J. Rock

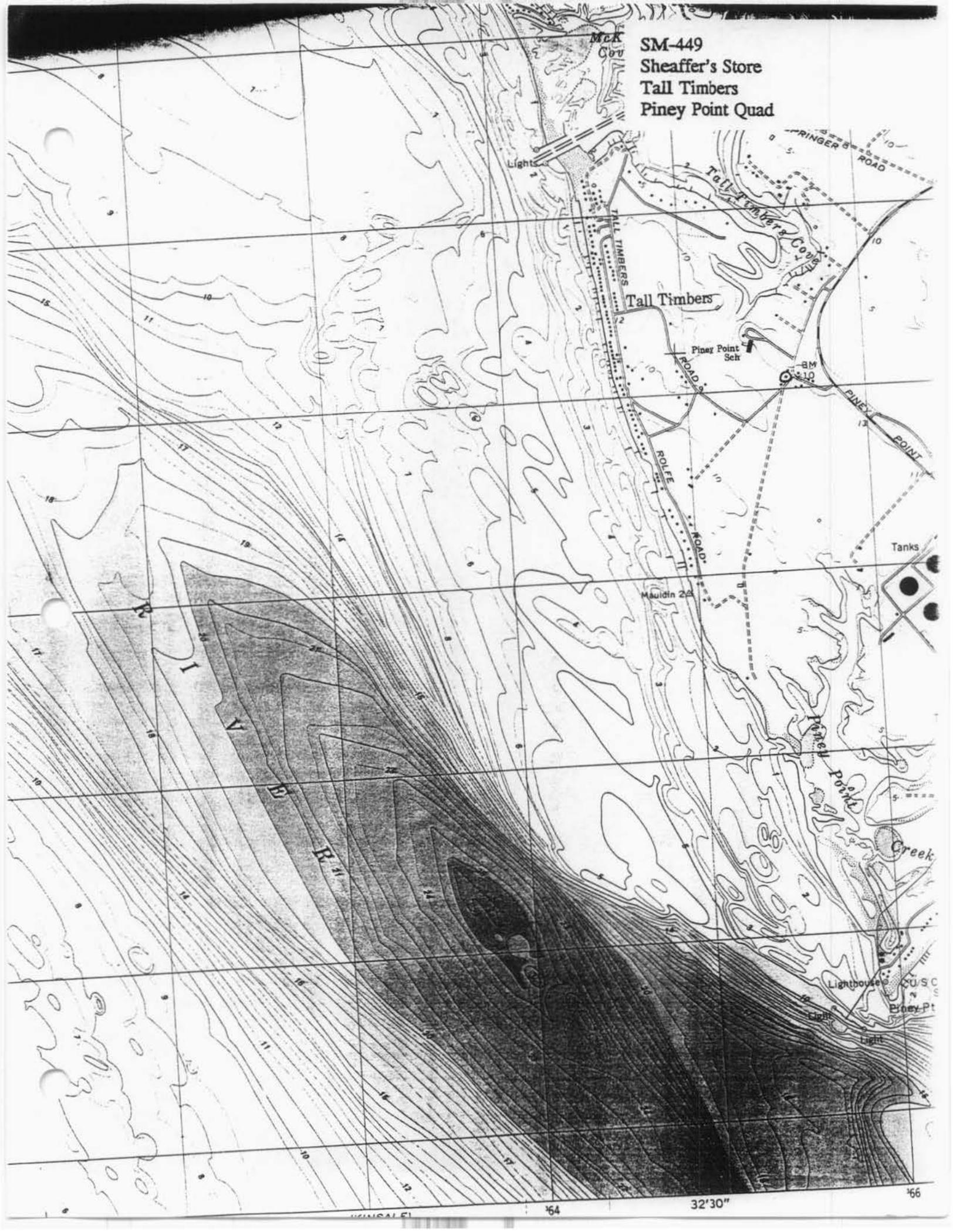
FROM: William L. and Mary P. Briscoe

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 4, folio 354.

DATE: October 28, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of 47.5 acres of "Part Herring Creek."

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BAR
DELI

GROCERIES
MEATS

SHEAFFERS FOOD MART

BEER
LIQUOR

BAIT
TACKLE



