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Cumberland Valley Hatchery

Architectural Survey File

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The former Cumberland Valley Hatchery building is a three bay wide, gable fronted garage-type building constructed of concrete block. It is four bays deep with a shed extension at the rear. A character defining feature is the stepped parapet front with concrete coping. A drive-in opening is centrally placed in the facade. A tongue and grooved door hung on a roller track is currently present, although there is evidence of another pair of lintels behind it. Steel windows with 20 panes and hopper openings are present. The more southerly window has been replaced with a modern entrance. The parapet front, concrete block construction, and steel windows mark this building as a garage dating from the 1920s. Charles Deatrich owned the property in the 1920s and operated a garage, which reflects the growing orientation to the automobile. It served as the home of the hatchery from 1945 to 1956.

The Cumberland Valley Hatchery which had several locations in Maugansville, reflects the relationship between the village and the surrounding agricultural community. This was the last home of the hatchery, depicting the village before its transition to a bedroom community for Hagerstown had been completed.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

   Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
   Modern Period 1930-present

III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

   Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
   Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

IV. Resource Type:

   Category: Building
   Historic Environment: Village
   Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Garage, Hatchery

Photo Reference: Photo # 4

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WA-I-743
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)
   historic Cumberland Valley Hatchery
   and/or common

2. Location
   street & number 13704 Maugansville Road
   city, town Maugansville
   state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification
   Category district) x building(s) structure x site object
   Ownership public x private both
   Status occupied x unoccupied work in progress
   Public Acquisition in process being considered
   Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no x not applicable
   Present Use agriculture x museum
   commercial x park
   educational x private residence
   entertainment x religious
   government x scientific
   industrial x transportation
   military x other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   name Maugansville Elevator & Lumber Co.
   street & number P.O. Box 278
   city, town Maugansville state and zip code Maryland 21767

5. Location of Legal Description
   courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse
   street & number 95 W. Washington Street
   city, town Hagerstown 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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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count = 1

The former Cumberland Valley Hatchery building is a three-bay wide, gable-fronted garage type building constructed of concrete block with a gabled-roof extension to the rear. Located in the south end of the Village of Maugansville on a residential street, the hatchery is one of few commercial buildings existing in Maugansville. Its parapet front, concrete block construction, and steel windows mark this building as a garage dating from the 1920s.

Facing Maugansville Avenue, the building sits a few feet back from the road on the same plane as the remaining buildings on the street. It is surrounded on the north and south by dwellings, on the west by an alley, and on the east by a field across the street. Even though it is a commercial building set in amongst dwellings, its placement on the lot and its overall scale as viewed from the street are in keeping with the houses.

The building is constructed of concrete block and is rectangular in shape. The roof is covered in metal standing seam and features two decorative metal vents. The east facade reflects its commercial design in its stepped parapet front with concrete coping popular in commercial architecture in the 1920s to 1940s. A drive-in opening is centrally placed in the facade and contains a tongue-and-groove door hung on a roller track. Two square boarded over windows are located in the door. The door is flanked on the north by a 20-pane steel window with hopper openings. The former window to the south of the door has been replaced with a modern half-glass door entrance with side lights.

Construction materials and methods on the sides of the building indicate that it was built in two phases. The west half of the south elevation (from the facade to half-way back toward the alley) is concrete block with narrower mortar joints than the east half. The east half of the north elevation is constructed of concrete block and the west half is covered in corrugated metal. Four-light metal casement windows are located in the south elevation. Openings for former windows on the north elevation have been covered with sheets of metal.

The rear elevation, facing the alley, is characterized by a variety of elements and materials. The wall is made of lap siding except in one corner on the south side which is made of cement block. The ground level has two pulley doors made of vertical beaded board. Two wooden openings on pulleys are located above the door in the gable. The opening to the north side is on a pulley and the opening to the south is on strap hinges.

The parapet front, concrete block construction, and steel windows mark this building as a garage dating from 1920 prior to its conversion to a hatchery. Changes to the building include the front half-glass door which most likely replaced a window, the covering of the windows on the north elevation, and possibly the addition of the corrugated metal on the north elevation. Despite these changes the commercial integrity of the building is evidenced in its stepped gable facade, windows, pulley doors, and roof-top vents that together define its use as both a garage and an agricultural related building in the early-to-mid twentieth century.
8. Significance

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Cumberland Valley Hatchery building is significant for its association with Maugansville's commercial and agricultural heritage and as a rare example of mid-20th century commercial architecture in Maugansville. Beginning as a garage in the 1920s, the building later served as a hatchery from 1945-1955, a use that had its beginning in Maugansville in 1916.

History

Charles Roy Deatrich purchased the land the hatchery is located on from a major land owner in Maugansville, Joseph Horst, and his wife in 1909. It was during this time that Maugansville was expanding from a linear street into two streets with the addition of the current day Village Mill Road running west of and parallel to Main Street. Maugansville's expansion at this time was spurred by the thriving industrial era brought on earlier by the railroad.

It is believed that Deatrich constructed this building to house a garage based on both the architecture of the building as well as evidence that Deatrich operated a garage in the 1950s just north of this site. During the time that Deatrich built his first garage, Maugansville's local economy was prospering on the wave of the industrial era brought on by the railroad. Evidence of Maugansville's growth is seen in the addition of 17 lots in 1909, recorded as Maugan's Addition to Maugansville, and the addition of the current day Village Mill Avenue on the 1912 USGS Map. This avenue ran parallel to the village's main street on which the garage was located. The increasing population in Maugansville and the popularity of the automobile probably made the garage operation a success in the 1920s, allowing Deatrich to move to a new facility after selling his first garage building in 1929.

The future owner of the hatchery business, Alvey Baer, bought this property in 1939. It is unknown how Baer used the building from 1929-1945. Prior to starting the hatchery, Alvey and his brother operated a feed grinder business which was located southwest of the hatchery building. The brothers sold their business in 1944 and shortly thereafter in 1945, Alvey Baer started the Cumberland Valley Hatchery. The hatchery reportedly began with a 42,000 egg capacity and within five years increased its capacity to 100,000 eggs, an indication of a popular market. The hatchery furnished the eggs which were hatched in electric incubators and sold the chicks.

Prior to this hatchery, three hatcheries existed in Maugansville with the first beginning in 1916 on the site of Deitrick's Appliance on the attached map and only one block from the Cumberland Valley Hatchery.

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1 Maugansville Junior High School. "Maugansville Past and Present." Vol. 2, January 1955, np. This is a document compiled by students based on a folklore history. A map of the town included in the report shows businesses in the town.

2 Ibid, p. 12

Deatrich is spelled on the map as Deitrick.
site. Instead of electric incubators, coal stoves hatched the eggs which people brought to the hatchery instead of buying chicks. The second hatchery was called the Valley Hatchery and has been replaced by a dwelling. The third hatchery, was located close to the second hatchery at the Keener's Grinding Shop also shown on the attached map. All of the hatcheries have been located in the south end of the village where a number of commercial businesses were located; most likely due to the nearby location of the train station.

By 1955 the Cumberland Valley Hatchery was the only operating hatchery in the village. Other businesses located nearby that also supported both the surrounding agricultural community at this time included the Implement Shop that serviced farm machinery, the Trading Center that dealt in new and used machinery and hardware, Keener's Grinding Shop, and the Maugansville Elevator & Lumber Company which, besides the lumber business, stored grain to be transported by rail from Maugansville.

In 1956, the Maugansville Elevator & Lumber Company bought the Hatchery Building and today the building stands vacant.

Theme

Early to mid-20th century economic activity in Maugansville: Maugansville's economic development prior to the 1890s was dependent on the surrounding farms. After the Cumberland Valley Railroad was constructed, it secured the village's position as the farm trading center in the area. The early 20th century saw the advent of the automobile, and along with the availability of train transportation to take people to jobs in Hagerstown, the village began changing into a bedroom community of Hagerstown. Starting as a garage, this building supplied repair services for the ever popular automobile. As a result of the automobile, a carriage factory closed in 1923, and as such the garage indicates that time period when the automobile dominated over the former carriage industry. As the Cumberland Valley Hatchery, this is the only building remaining in Maugansville that represents an industry that had started in Maugansville in 1916 and, along with the elevator complex, is representative of the agricultural prosperity of the region that created Maugansville and lasted into the mid-twentieth century.

Early to mid-20th century commercial architecture in Maugansville: There are few commercial buildings remaining in Maugansville. Besides the Hatchery Building, a ca. 1910-1920 gable fronted concrete block building is located on the west side of Maugansville Road and houses a car dealership. Therefore, the Hatchery Building is the only structure in Maugansville that reflects the specific style associated with a commercial use and reflects the continuing growth of Maugansville into the mid-20th century. The building's parapet front, concrete block construction, and steel windows are characteristics of garage construction in the 1920s and it stands today as a rare example of commercial architecture of this style in Maugansville.

3 Ibid
5 Ibid, p. 5
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Chain of Title

06-04-1909  Joseph & Susan Horst to Charles Roy Deatrich
            Liber 129  Folio 480

01-05-1929  Charles Roy and Blanche E. Deatrich to E. R. & Vertie E. Niswander
            Liber 182  Folio 40

03-29-1934  E. R. & Vertie E. Niswander to Paul R. and Ruth A. Niswander
            Liber 195  Folio 446

02-25-1939  Paul R. & Ruth A. Niswander to Alvey S. Baer and Abram N. Baer, Jr.
            Liber 208  Folio 665

10-01-1945  Alvey S. & Elizabeth Baer, Abram N. & Lois Baer to Samuel & Claudia Strite
            Liber 231  Folio 487

11-01-1945  Samuel C. & Claudia B. Strite to Cumberland Valley Hatchery
            Liber 231  Folio 487

06-25-1956  Cumberland Valley Hatchery to Maugansville Elevator & Lumber Co.
            (Adam R. Martin & Alvey S. Baer partners)
            Liber 312  Folio 492
HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

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Known Design Source: Unknown
9. Major Bibliographical References


Washington County Land Records

10. Geographical Data

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