

Survey # WA-III-134
Street Address 4331 Main Street
Town, State Rohrersville, Maryland 21779
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Approximate date Ca. 1885

This three bay frame building, influenced by the Second Empire style, operated as the "S.H. Norris Cheap Cash Store" from 1885 until 1972. (Cracker Barrel, Dec. 1993). Now greatly altered, it is entirely covered with asbestos shingle siding. It is two and a half stories high with a mansard roof with a gabled dormer. Across the second story is a porch which has been fully enclosed, with ranks of three windows at each end. A wraparound porch is enclosed at the south end and that is the area which housed the store, according to historic photographs of the place. Porch posts are now tapered and square. Old photographs show them to have been turned. The second story porch when it was partly opened had a jig sawn balustrade. In the early photographs, the porch was enclosed at the southern bay of the front with three two over two light windows. German siding covered the building. The store was established by Silas H. Norris. Although greatly altered with diminished integrity, the building is important to the history and development of Rohrersville.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
- 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): Domestic/Single Dwelling
Commercial/Store

Photo Reference: Photo # 11

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House, NE view

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