

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Sharptown Main Street Commercial District Inventory Number: WI-119
Address: Main Street City: Sharptown Zip Code: _____
County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Sharptown
Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Section 106 Agency: DOT/FHWA
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
federal files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: Emil Elinsky DOT/FHWA Date Prepared: 06/09/1981

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Susan Minogue (keeper)</u>	<u>June 29, 1981</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

part of Sharptown Multiple Resource Area declared outside 6/9/81

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Main Street Commercial District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lower Main Street, portions of Little Water and Water Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Sharptown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Wicomico

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Various owners

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wicomico County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Division Street

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WE-119

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Main Street Commercial District is centered along both sides of Main St., at the intersection of Water Street, including four buildings on the southwest end of Water and Little Water Streets, and seven buildings on either side of Main Street. All buildings date from the late nineteenth century period of Sharptown's prominence as a trading and shipbuilding center.

The District includes four residences, six commercial buildings, and a bank. One of the commercial structures is an intrusion. The commercial structures are generally one or two story gable roofed frame buildings with projecting bay display windows and one-story shed roof porches. The residences are two or two and a half story frame buildings with irregular plans, porches and decorative wood trim. The bank is a one-story brick gable roofed structure with stone lintels on the main facade. Many of the store buildings are unoccupied and deteriorated. The Cooper Store is now a carpentry shop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 1870-1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Main Street Commercial District includes the main commercial buildings associated with Sharptown's most prosperous period, as well as several homes belonging to prominent merchants and citizens.

The S. J. Cooper Store at the foot of Main Street (Photo 1) was a pivotal site at the corner of the town's major commercial street and the wharf. Next to it are two Cooper houses, facing Water Street, which display both Cooper's wealth and the skill of local carpenters in their decoration (Photo 2). The former drugstore and doctor's office (Photo 3) combined commercial and residential uses. The former Eastern Shore Trust Company bank (Photo 4), built in 1905, was the first branch of this institution in Wicomico County. Its officers included most of the town's prominent citizens: A. W. Robinson, S. J. Cooper, J. S. Cooper, B. P. Gravenor, W. D. Gravenor, C. N. Bennett, J. W. Covington, and P. T. White.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis

ORGANIZATION
MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE
October 7, 1980

STREET & NUMBER
21 State Circle

TELEPHONE
269-2438

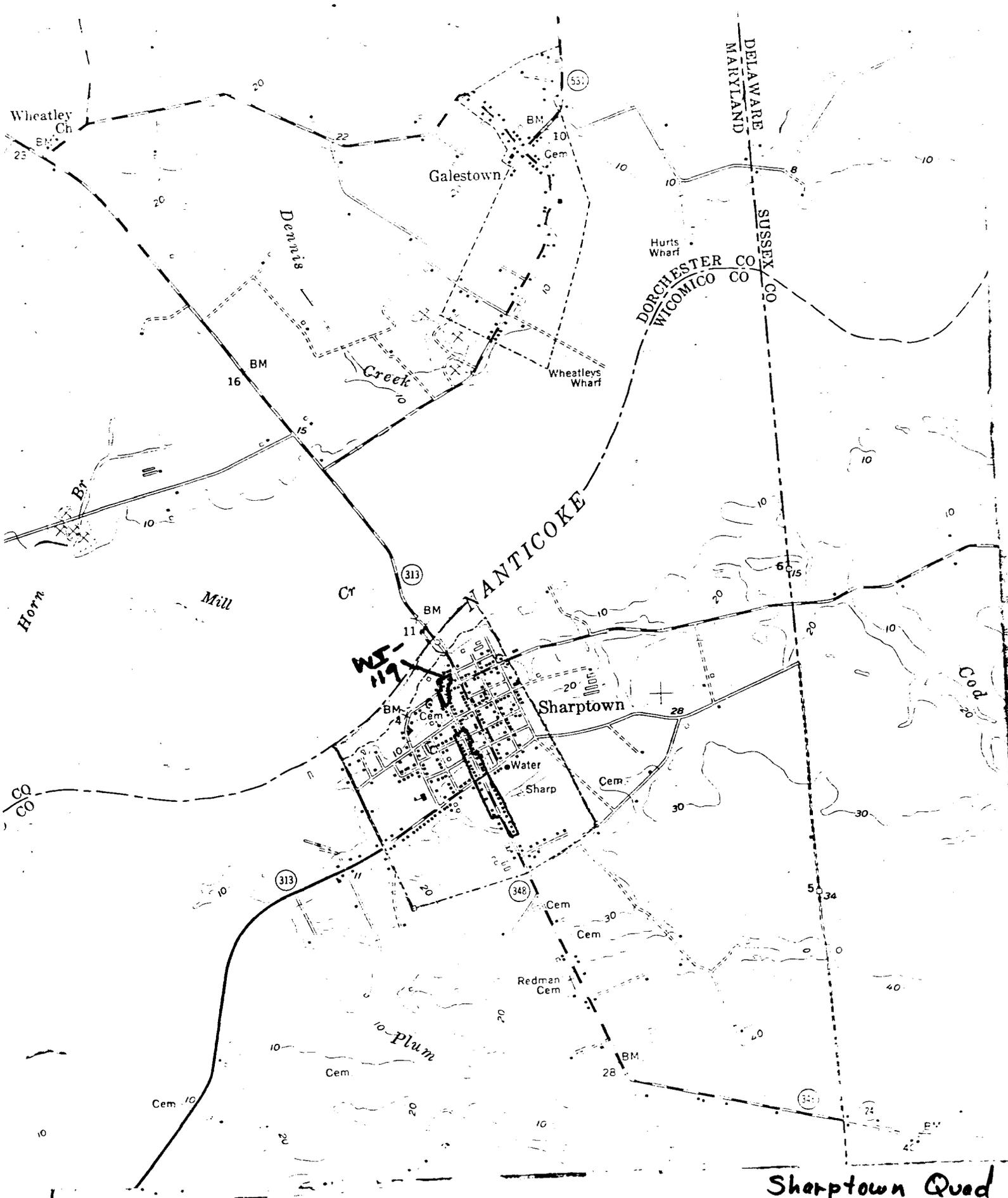
CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



Sharptown Quad

Main St. Pamlico Co. Crayfish

119

Shin Row 1/2

S. J. Cooper

State Tour 1900

August 1900

southeast elevation



Main St Commerce Bldg

WI-10

Blairtown, MD

Cooper Blg

Blairtown, MD

Blairtown, MD

August 1950

southeast elevation



Main Street (California), Dyer at

Sharptown, MS

Doctor's office and drugstore

photo: In a - Lloyd

neg. loc. MS Hist. Trust

August 1970

view toward northwest



Main Street Commercial District

WI 47

Sharp turn in

Eastern State Trust Co. Bank

photo: Jan. 1948

non loc. Mid. Hist. Trust

August 1948

Southwest elevation



Main Street Commercial District
Charlottesville, MD

WI-119

Cooper House #2
pkgs at Sweet Daves

August 1980

neg loc: Md. Hist. Trust
southeast elevation