

WI-493
Truckers & Savings Bank
(Peninsula Bank)
Pittsville
Private

c. 1907

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-493

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic The Truckers & Savings Bank

other Peninsula Bank

2. Location

street and number 34554 Railroad Avenue not for publication

city, town Pittsville vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Peninsula Bank

street and number 34554 Railroad Avenue telephone 410-835-8333

city, town Pittsville state MD zip code 21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 301, P. 511

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1115 folio 301

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District
Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	1	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Truckers & Savings Bank, currently known as Peninsula Bank, is a single-story, rusticated concrete block structure that stands at 34554 Railroad Avenue at the intersection of Gumboro Road in the town of Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The bank faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1907, the single-story, two-bay by two-bay, rectangular bank has rusticated concrete block walls and a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the west side of the original building is a two-bay by one-room concrete block addition, and a drive-through is covered by an open-sided wing. The concrete blocks are painted a light grey color, which disguises the original concrete block coloration. Dark rusticated blocks used as quoins highlighted the corners, while the walls blocks were distinctly lighter in color.

The south (main) facade of the original two-bay bank is defined by a round arched entrance and an adjacent round arched window opening. The front door is a replacement, and the entrance is topped by a round arched transom. The south side is a gable-front elevation with a neoclassical pediment enriched with a dentiled bed molding.

The east side of the bank is two bays across with single-pane sash windows topped by concrete jack arches. The neoclassical cornice stretches across the entire wall surface.

The north end of the original bank building is defined by the gable end pediment with an off-center single-pane sash window piercing the wall surface.

The west side of the original bank is largely covered by the single-story, two-bay by one-room, concrete block addition. The south side of the addition is defined by a pair of round arched single-pane sash windows.

The interior has been remodeled to suit modern banking requirements.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	x religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

x Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, 54/455, 10 May 1907.

² Louis (Casey) Parsons, "Pittsville: An Eastern Shore Town's History," p. 13.

³ Parsons, p. 12.

⁴ Parsons, p. 13.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Bank

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville, MD 21032
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The Truckers & Savings Bank
(Peninsula Bank)
34554 Railroad Avenue
Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain-of-title

Map 301, Parcel 511

1115/301 Equitable Bank, N. A.

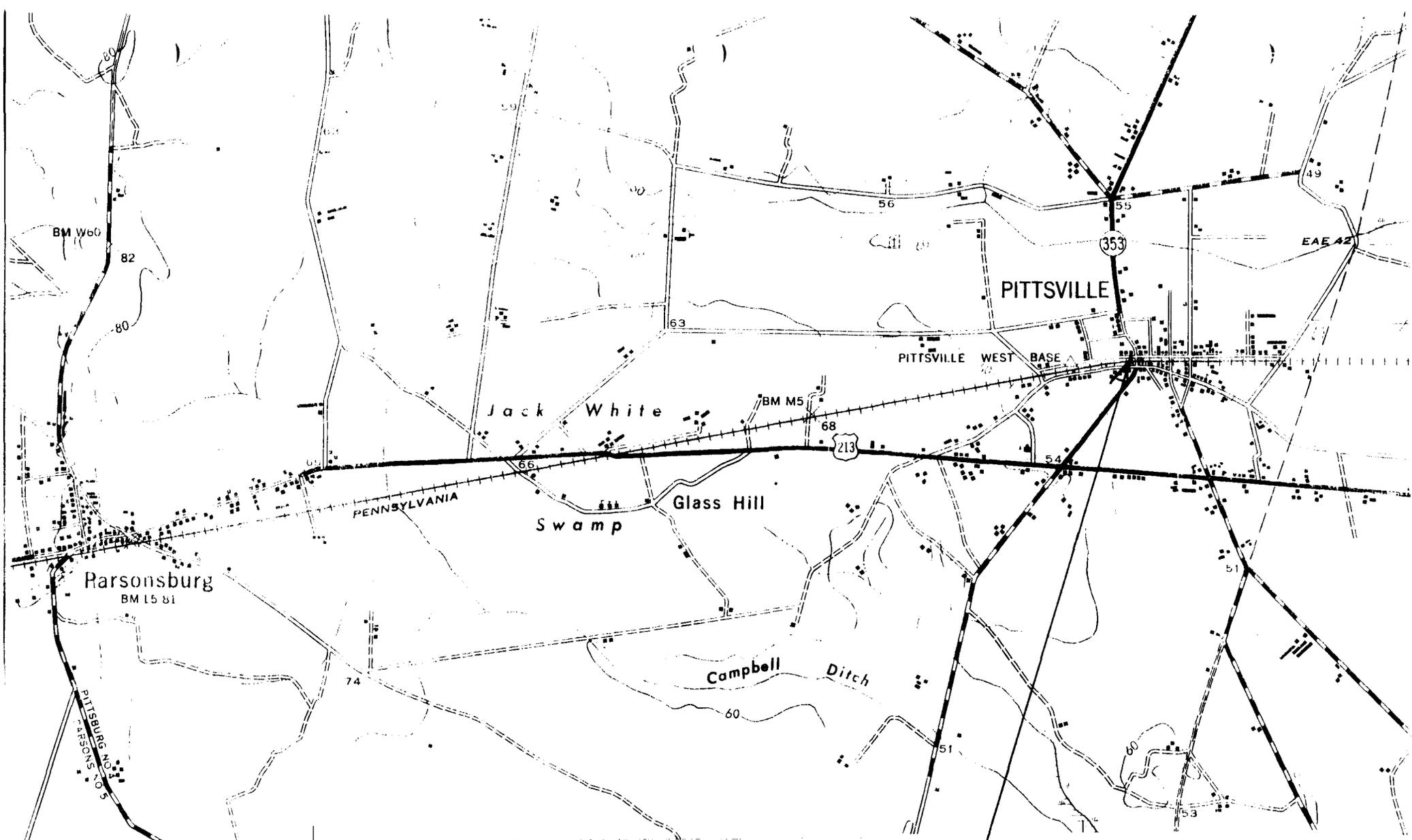
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8/3/1987 Peninsula Bank
\$72,300

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Bulah Wimbrow
N. J. Wimbrow
S. D. Wimbrow
Peter A. Wimbrow

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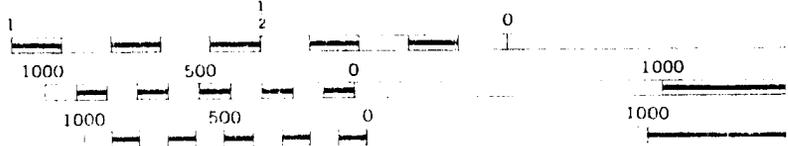
5/10/1907 The Truckers & Savings Bank
\$225



SHAVOX 1.4 MI
WASTE GATE 2.4 MI

27°30'

SCALE 1:24 000



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Pittsville, MD. DEL. Quadrangle

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

POLYCONIC PROJECTION

U. S. Army
IV NW, 1942
topography by plane
surveys by