

WO-257  
Charles W. Corddry House  
Snow Hill  
private

1924

This early twentieth-century Colonial Revival style dwelling stands prominently along West Market Street in the center of Snow Hill. Although the house boasts a symmetrical principal facade and many classically-inspired features, the two-story, three-bay dwelling is not what comes to mind as the common interpretation of the Colonial Revival style house. The hip roof with kicked eaves and exposed rafter feet along with the matching dormers speaks of an influence from the bungalow style that was widely popular at the same time.

Charles W. Corddry, one-time mayor of Snow Hill, financed the construction of the Market Street house in 1924. Corddry was the son of William D. Corddry, Sr., the founder of W.D. Corddry and Son, a long-time Snow Hill lumber company that operated on the south side of the Pocomoke River next to the Washington Street bridge.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES CORDRY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: W0-257

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 INDUSTRIAL - URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES CORDRY HOUSE

and/or common NICHOLSON HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 114 West Market Street  not for publication

city, town Snow Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Mr. and Mrs. Hobert K. Nicholson

street & number 114 West Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. W0-257

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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.

The Charles W. Corddry house stands at 114 West Market Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay center hall dwelling faces southeast, and the roof is oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1924, the center hall frame house is supported by a raised concrete block and brick foundation, and it is sheathed with narrow weatherboard siding. An asphalt shingle hip roof has slightly kicked eaves and exposed rafter feet. Standing behind the house is a contemporary hip roofed garage detailed in the same manner.

The southeast (main) facade in a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking projecting bays. The partially glazed front door is flanked by ten-light sidelights and framed by a classical surround. Sheltering the front door is an original porch with a serpentine curved roof supported on tapered, paneled piers. The bays to each side project approximately a foot and are filled with large three-part windows. Each bay is covered by a short hip roof with a tapered post balustrade above. The symmetrical second floor is marked by a single six-over-six sash window in the center bay with paired six-over-six sash windows to each side. Each window is flanked by louvered shutters. Defining the roof is a hip roofed dormer with kicked eaves, exposed rafter feet and six-pane windows. A narrow brick stack rises through the roof.

The northeast side of the house is partially covered by a flat-roofed porch supported by tapered posts. Stretching between the posts are square baluster handrails, and skirting the top of the roof is a balustrade. An asymmetrical fenestration characterizes the wall with a combination of paired and single six-over-six window sash. Two small paired six-over-six sash windows light the kitchen in the northern bay. The roof is marked by a hip roofed dormer with four six-pane windows. The southwest side, on the other hand, is largely covered by a single story that was enclosed. The rooftop balustrade remains in place. An identical hip roof dormer marks the roof slope.

Around to the north side the first floor is partially covered by a single-story hip roofed section that encloses part of the kitchen and a back porch. Rising against the north wall in the western bay is an exterior brick stack that protrudes through the eave. The wall is otherwise defined by an asymmetrical arrangement of six-over-six sash windows. The north slope of the roof carries a hip roofed dormer as well.

The interior has not changed significantly since the early twentieth century. The center hall contains the open string stair with a square newel post and rectangular balusters that support a molded handrail. The stringer is decorated as well. Providing access to both adjacent rooms are large double door openings trimmed with classical surrounds. The living room is west of the hall, and it retains a Colonial Revival style mantel. Trimming the dining room is paneled wainscoting and cornice moldings. The second floor was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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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** 1924 **Builder/Architect**

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.

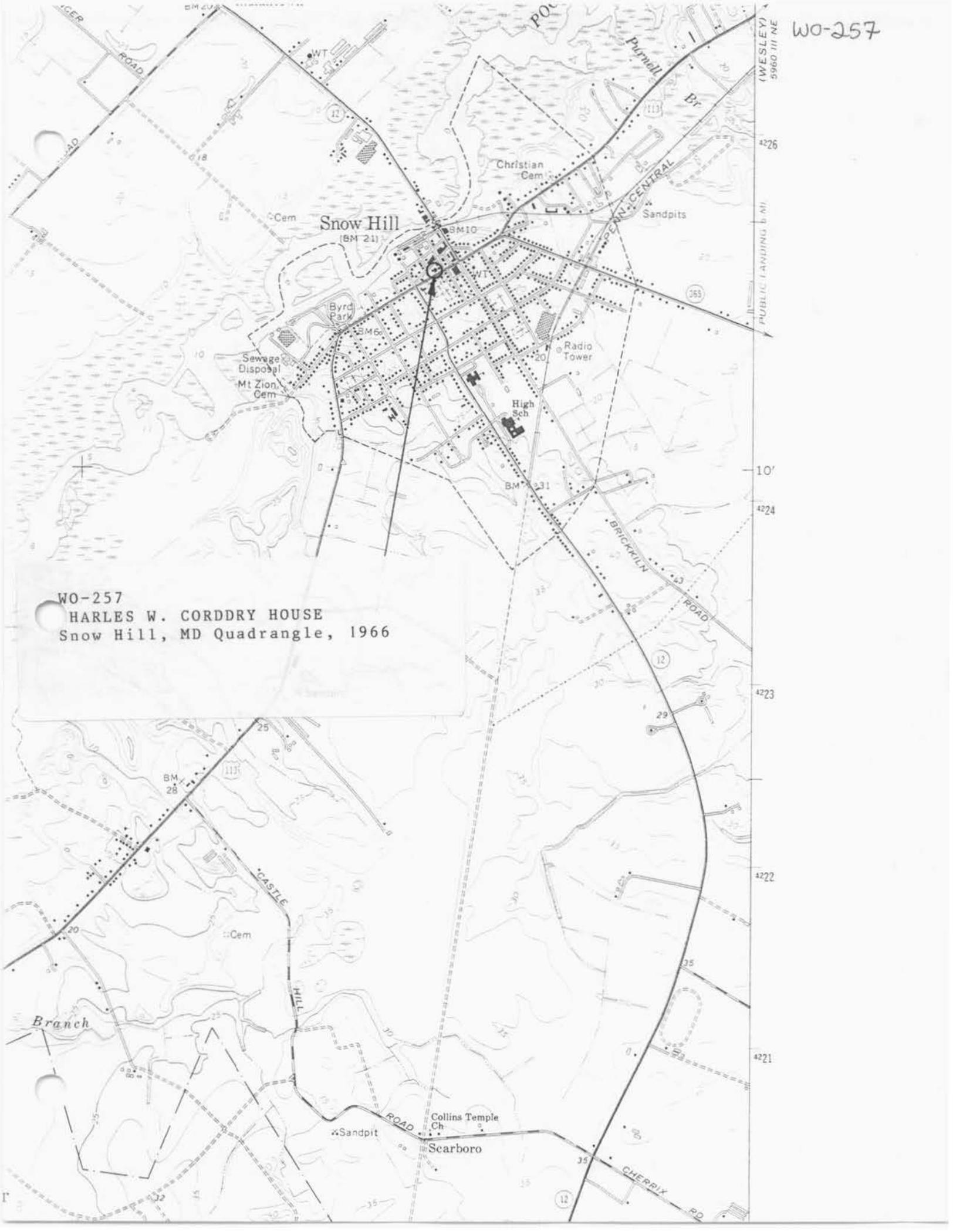
This early twentieth-century Colonial Revival style dwelling stands prominently along West Market Street on the periphery of the Snow Hill business district. Erected in 1924 for Charles W. Corddry, son of the founder of the Corddry Lumber Co., the hip roofed frame house has remained essentially unchanged. Distinctive features include the kicked eaves to roof as well as the serpentine curve to the front porch roof. Inside the first floor is finished with well-executed Colonial Revival mantels, cornices and classical surrounds. Standing behind the house is a contemporary early twentieth-century garage that is detailed in the same manner as the house.

**HISTORY AND SUPPORT**

Charles W. Corddry, one-time mayor of Snow Hill, was the son of William D. Corddry, Sr., the founder of W.D. Corddry and Son, a long-time lumber and building supply company situated along the Pocomoke River at the north entrance to town.



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 Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

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