

WO-259  
Home Bank  
Snow Hill  
private

1894-1895

The old Home Bank building stands along the west side of North Washington Street in a row of late nineteenth-century commercial buildings most of which were erected during the few years following the devastating 1893 town fire. Raised on the ashes of the former frame buildings were rows of neat brick stores highlighted on the street elevations with decorative brick or metal cornices and segmental arches over the window openings. This former location of the Home Bank retains a Victorian storefront trimmed by a bracketed cornice.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Home Bank

MHT Inventory Number: W0-259

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture - Economic

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Stone

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 Industrial - Urban Dominance

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structure

a. Stone

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-259

Magi No. 2402595611

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common HOME BANK

## 2. Location

street & number 213 North Washington Street  not for publication

city, town Snow Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county First

## 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 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 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. Robert Elliot

street & number 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

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|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input 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 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 old Home Bank building stands at 213 North Washington Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay building faces northeast.

Built in 1894-1895, the two-story stretcher bond brick commercial building is covered by a flat roof hidden by parapet walls.

The northeast (main) facade includes an intact late nineteenth-century storefront with a recessed entrance flanked by plate glass display windows. The windows rest on a paneled kneewall. Immediately south of the main entrance is a secondary doorway filled with a partially glazed five-panel door surmounted by a single-pane transom. Stretching above the entrances is a bracketed Victorian cornice. The second floor is filled with three two-over-two sash windows fitted with masonry sills and segmental brick raised brick arches. A delicate incised decoration highlights the window header. Fixed between the segmental arches are short inset soldier courses set on a diagonal. Blocked over vents mark the wall between the second floor windows and the corbelled brick cornice.

The sides of the building are largely covered by adjacent commercial structures, and the first floor interior has been completely reworked with modern materials.

# 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        |
| <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/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

### Specific dates

### 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.

The old Home Bank building stands along North Washington street in a row of late nineteenth-century commercial buildings most of which were built during the few years following the devastating 1893 Snow Hill fire. Raised<sup>ash</sup> ashes of the former frame buildings were rows of neat brick store highlighted with decorative brick cornices and segmental arches over the windows. The old Home Bank building retains an intact Victorian storefront with a bracketed cornice atop the recessed entrance. A secondary side door leads to the side stair.

The building is designated on the 1895 insurance map.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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| B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|   | Zone                 | Easting              | Northing             |

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**
**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

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| state | code | county | code |
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| state | code | county | code |
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## 11. Form Prepared By

|            |   |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|
| name/title | Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian |  |  |
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|              |                  |      |         |
|--------------|------------------|------|---------|
| organization | Worcester County | date | 7/13/88 |
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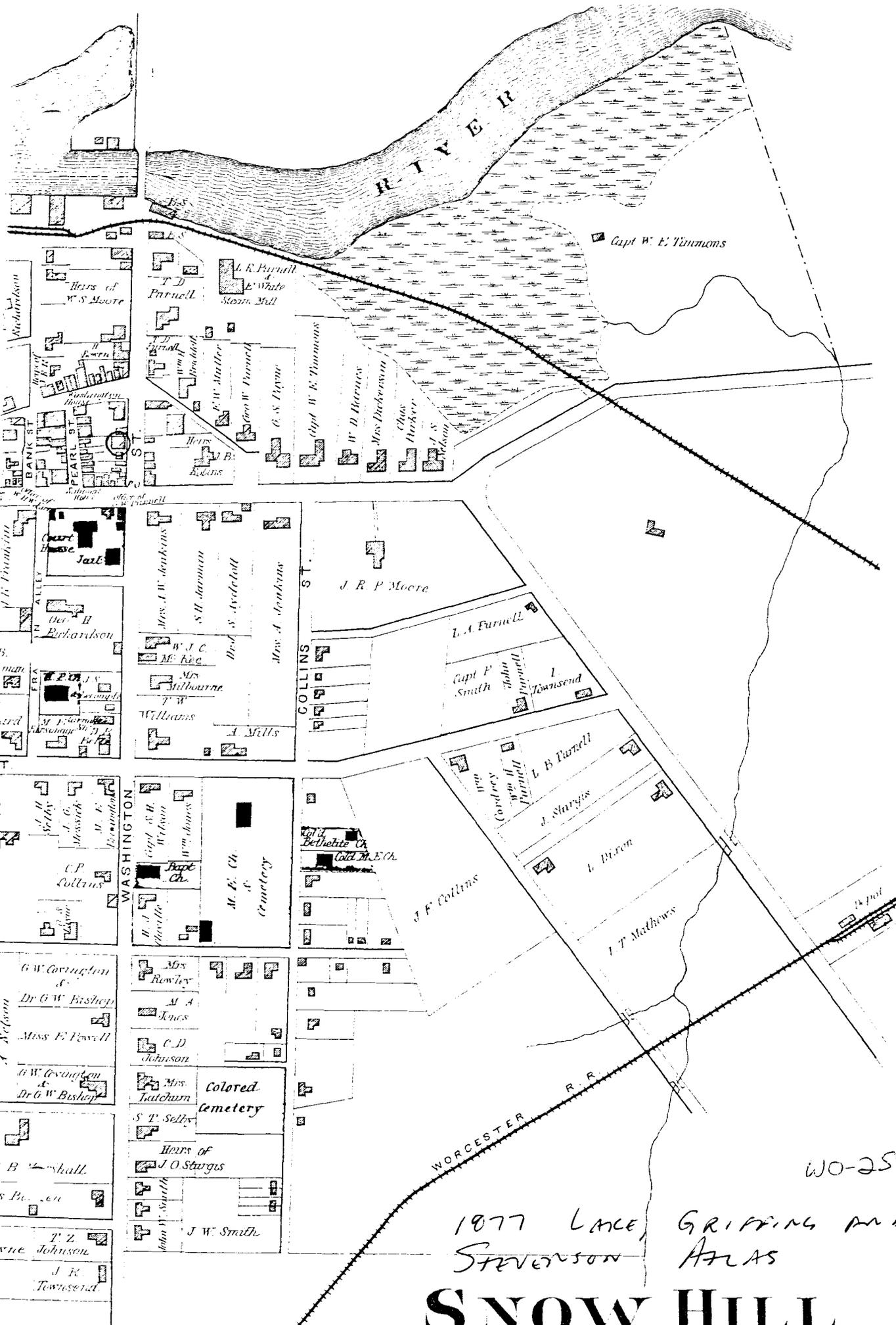
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|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| street & number | Worcester County Courthouse | telephone | 301-632-1194 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|

|              |           |       |          |
|--------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| city or town | Snow Hill | state | MD 21863 |
|--------------|-----------|-------|----------|

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.

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1877 LACE GRIPPING AND  
STEVENSON ATLAS

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OLD HOME BANK BUILDING  
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

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