

WO-261  
Old Higgins Drugstore  
Snow Hill  
private

1893

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Olo Higgins Drugstore

MHT Inventory Number: WO-261

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 Industrial - Urban Dominance

4) Resource Type(s):

i. Standing Structure

a. Store

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OLD HIGGINS DRUGSTORE

and/or common ~~COLUMBIA~~ **EVELYN'S** RESTAURANT

## 2. Location

street & number Green Street \_\_\_ not for publication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 <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> museum</span>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> park</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> private residence</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> religious</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> scientific</span>
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</span>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> other:</span>

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 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. W0-261

<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 Higgins drugstore, more commonly known as Evelyn's Restaurant, is located on the north side of Green Street in the central business district of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay brick building faces southeast.

Built in 1893, the stretcher bond brick building is covered by a flat roof that is hidden by a parapet wall. The southeast (main) elevation retains an intact Victorian facade with a recessed glazed double-door entrance and flanking plate glass display windows. The windows are supported by a paneled knee wall and are topped by smaller opaque glass windows. Stretching above is an intact Victorian cornice. The second floor is lighted by two four-over-four sash windows with patterned brick segmental arches and marble sills. The stretcher bond wall is also embellished with horizontal yellow brick bands at the level of the window sill and arches. The top of the brick wall is highlighted by decorative rows of corbelled bricks with alternating yellow and red brick patterns.

The sides of the building are covered by adjacent structures, and the interior has been reworked with modern materials. The most obvious late nineteenth-century survival is the stair which rises in the northwest corner. A square newel post is decorated with turn of the century leaf moldings.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <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	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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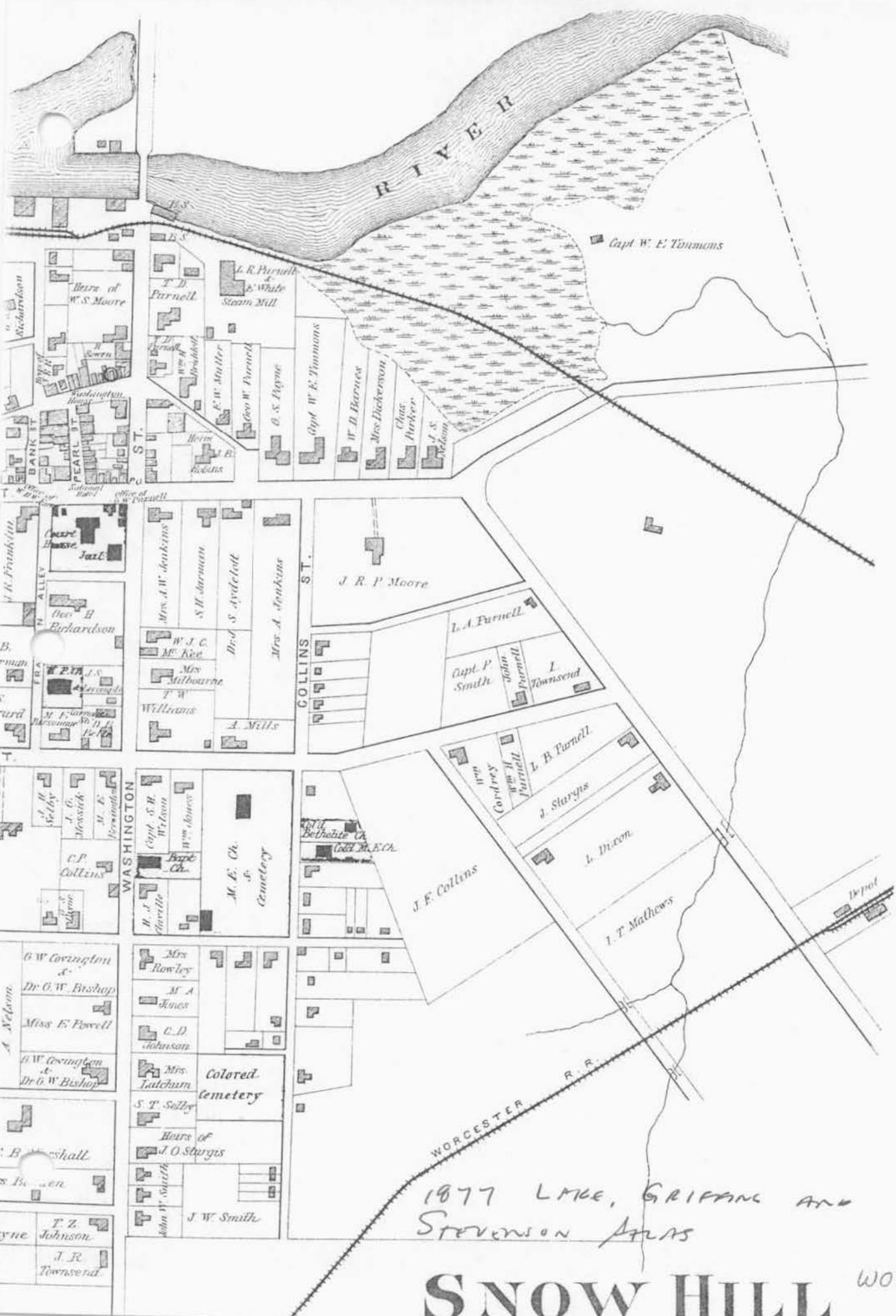
**HISTORY AND SUPPORT**

The old Higgins drugstone stands is a line of similar brick commercial buildings that were some of the first structures to be erected after the devastating August 7, 1893 fire. By mid-September efforts were well under way to replace the burned out business section with new brick stores. On September 16 of that year the Democratic Messenger recorded that

This week Green street presents a more cheerful appearance than at any time since the fire. The walls of six stores are being raised and we hope before Christmas to see the street built up as closely as before the fire, with structures which will do credit to any modern town. The buildings now going up on Green street are those of G. Marion Dryden, Dr. Aydelotte, P. D. Cottingham & Co., Thomas Z. Johnson, and Thomas H. Collins with work already commenced on B. T. Truitt's. On Washington street Mr. John J. Collins is building two stores on the site of the residence formerly occupied by A. P. Barnes, Esq.

The site is known by the older residents in town as the location of Higgins drugstore, but for the past few decades the building has housed Evelyn's Restaurant.



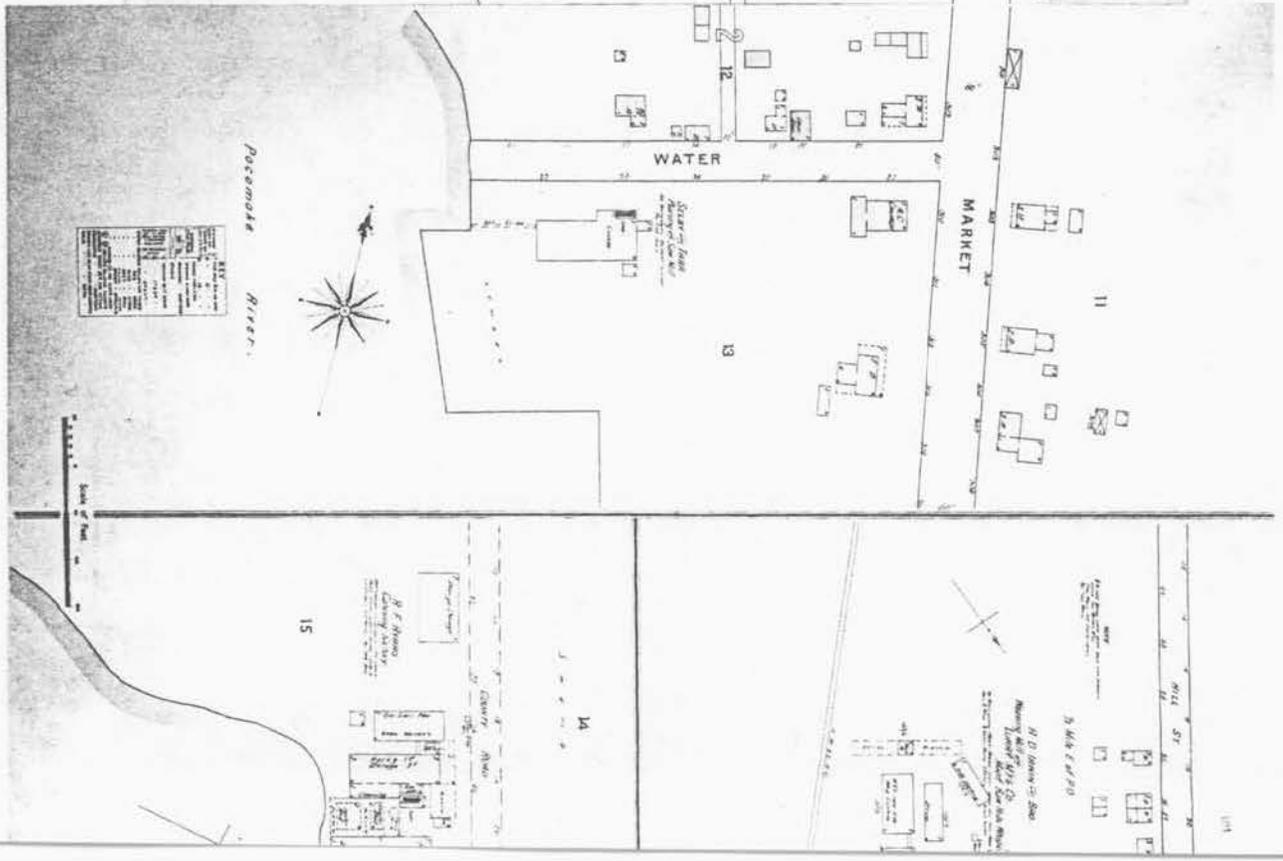
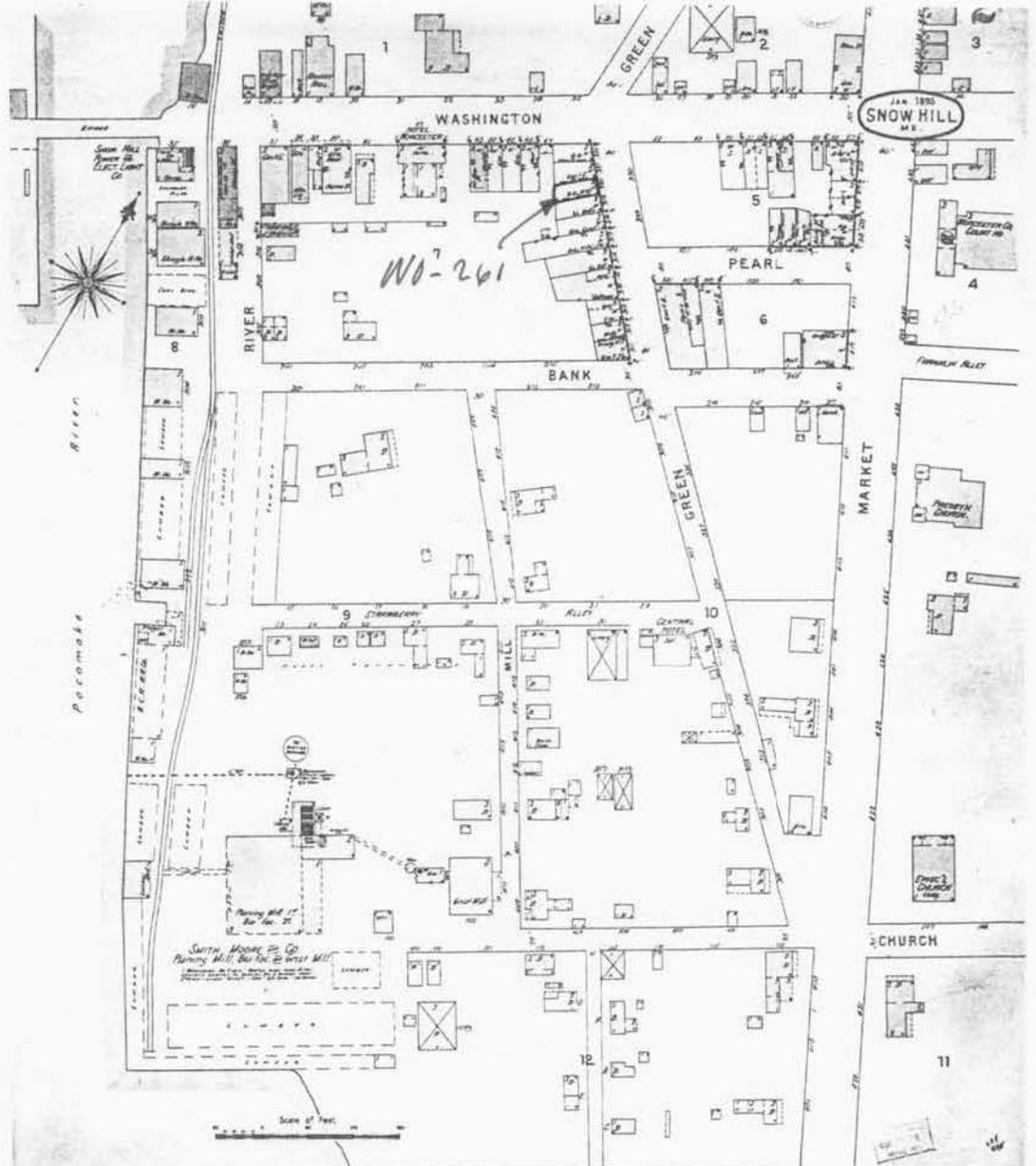


1877 LIME, GRIFFINE AND  
STEVENS ON ATLAS

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1895  
SANBORN  
INSURANCE  
MAP



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OLD HIGGINS DRUGSTORE  
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

