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Juvenile Services Office
Snow Hill
private

c. 1894

Marking the corner of North Washington and East Market streets is a two-story, seven-course common bond brick commercial building that houses the offices for juvenile services. Built around 1894 after the 1893 Snow Hill fire destroyed much of the old business district, the rectangular brick structure parallels other contemporary buildings with the decorative corbelled brick cornice and segmental arches that span the window and door openings. The Washington Street elevation includes the old Victorian storefront with a recessed entrance, paneled kneewall below the display windows and a bracketed cornice.

Older residents in Snow Hill identify this building as the former locations of the Paul M. Jones lumber office and the Railway Express garage. More recently the building was used as the town library between 1959 and 1975.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JUVENILE SERVICES BUILDING

MHT Inventory Number: WO-262

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURAL, ECONOMIC

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 URBAN/INDUSTRIAL DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. OLD STONE

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common JUVENILE SERVICES BUILDING

2. Location

street & number 200 North Washington Street not for publicationcity, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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

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

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-262

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 checked="" 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 Juvenile Services Office, located at 200 North Washington Street, stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Market and Washington streets in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay office building faces southwest.

Built around 1894, the two-story, three-bay by four-bay brick structure was built in seven-course common bond and a parapet wall hides the nearly flat roof. The southwest (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with an intact recessed storefront entrance and flanking plate glass display windows. A secondary entrance that formerly lead to a side stair has been bricked up. The large plate glass windows have been reduced somewhat, but the Victorian storefront cornice remains intact. In addition the paneled knee wall remains undisturbed. Piercing the second floor are three two-over-two sash windows topped by segmental arches of corbelled brick. The top of the wall is treated in an elaborate corbelled brick pattern, and the parapet is capped with round terra cotta tiles.

The southeast elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a very irregular spacing of doors and windows. A large segmental arched garage door opening toward the back of the building has been partially bricked up and turned into a window. To each side two-over-two sash are marked by segmental arches as is the rear Market Street entrance. The partially glazed side door is topped by a multi-pane transom. The second floor carries a more even fenestration with four two-over-two sash windows. There is a slight step in the Market Street roofline between the second and third bays, and the decorative brick cornice adjusts accordingly.

The northeast and northwest walls are less elaborate with two-over-two sash windows lighting each floor but only topped by flush segmental arches of double rollock rows.

The first floor interior has been generally reworked with modern materials. Sheet paneling and lowered ceilings have replaced early finish surfaces. 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
<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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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

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 Juvenile Services office is housed in a late nineteenth-century seven-course common bond brick commercial building that is marked by a decorative corbelled brick cornice and segmental arched window and door openings. The old Washington Street storefront retains a recessed entrance, a paneled kneewall and a Victorian bracketed cornice. A secondary side entrance, which has been bricked up, lead to the second floor.

With the outline of the building designated on the 1895 Sanborn Insurance map, the structure comfortably dates to 1894, the year following the 1893 Snow Hill fire. The building is best known as the former office of the Paul M. Jones lumber company as well as the office and garage of the Railway Express. In addition the town library was housed in this building from 1959 to 1975.



1877 LACE, GRIFKINS, AND
STEVENS ON ATLAS

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JUVENILE SERVICES OFFICE
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

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