

WO-380  
Burbage Building  
Stockton  
Private

c. 1907

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BURBAGE BUILDING

MHT Inventory Number: WO-380

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Store building

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-380

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MELVIN BURBAGE'S GROCERY STORE

and/or common BURBAGE BUILDING

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Pocomoke-Stockton Road  not for publication

city, town Stockton  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied                   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input checked="" 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                   | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant |

## 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

pository 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 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 old Burbage building is a two-story, three-bay brick commercial building that stands vacant in the center of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland on the north side of MD 366. The two-story structure faces south.

Built around 1907, this squarish two-story common bond brick building contains two storefronts, and it is covered by a long shed roof sloping northward from the parapet front.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a boarded over principal storefront flanked on the west side by a smaller shop space. The largest commercial space, which formerly housed Melvin Burbage's grocery store, was marked by a center entrance with flanking display windows. A bracketed cornice stretched across the top of the windows and entrance. The adjacent space, formerly used as a barber shop, was defined by a single door opening and large arched window opening. A second door opening fixed in the westernmost bay served to permit access to the stair. Each of these openings are accented by brick arches. The second floor is defined by three unevenly spaced two-over-two sash window openings topped by segmental arches as well. The top of the storebuilding is distinguished by a metal cornice with ball finials topping the metal end blocks.

The east side of the brick building is marked by two two-over-two sash windows that illuminate the second floor on each side of the interior side brick stove flue. The west side is similarly detailed.

The interior 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/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input checked="" 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.

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Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle  
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