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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: (Port Hardware)

AND/OR HISTORIC: "Falls Hotel"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 26 South Main Street, east side, at High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Port Deposit

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Cecil

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☑ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☑ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☑ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☑ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific	auto rental housing	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Robert H. Mc Mullen Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: —

CITY OR TOWN: Port Deposit

STATE: Md 21904

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Elkton

STATE: Md 21921

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☐ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This long stone building, ~~[illegible]~~ once an hotel, is eight bays by two, two stories high over a full lighted basement which is used as a store. Oblong, the building faces west the pitched roof ridgeline running north-south. New flat dormers composed of pairs of windows replaced smaller peaked dormers on the upper floor. Windows have 9 lights over 6 on the first floor, 6 over 6 elsewhere. There is a ~~[illegible]~~ inside chimney at the south end wall, an interior chimney three bays in from the south wall.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [x] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* Prior to 1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [x] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was once the Falls Hotel, 1892-1913 belonging to Cornelius Smith in 1914 when photographed as the meeting place of the Harmony Lodge of Masons from 1818 to 1852. It is now an apartment building over a flowing hardware store.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview Robt. H. McMullen at his store 5/73 by SSE.
Lake, Griffing Stevenson Atlas of Cecil County shows this as J. P. Miller's Hotel in 1877.
Alice Miller, Cecil County, Maryland Elkton, Maryland, C&L Printing & Specialty Co. 1949. p 128-3, 128

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE						LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds				Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST | DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 RIVA ROAD

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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Falls Hotel

26 S. Main St. E side
Port Deposit

Built by Cornelius Smith who was born near Troy, New York in 1792 & died in Port Deposit in 1858

Now an apartment house

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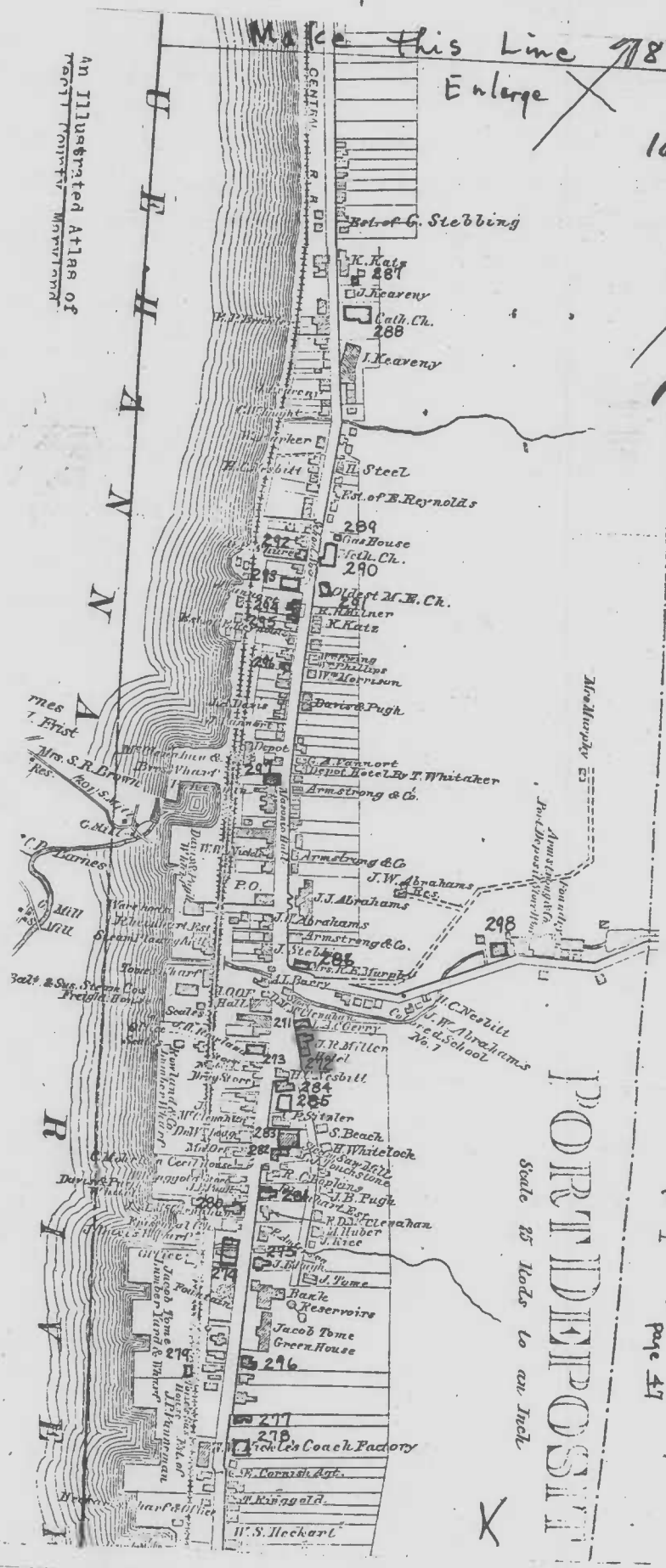

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