

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bennett-Reed House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 2nd building south of Third Street

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Cecil

**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 checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank & Alice R. Bennett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #: RRC No. 11

Folio #: 441

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a three bay wide, three story frame structure painted white throughout. It adjoins Trinity Church to the north and Ellwood house to the south. The building is similar to the McLean house and the Benson house also on Bohemia Avenue, although some details are different. Across its first story facade is a flat roof screened porch supported on round columns with balustrade between. At the tops of the columns are double brackets in the cornice itself, a composition not found on other houses. The first story windows of the facade have 4/4 sash while others on the first and second storys have 6/6. Although no shutters are presently on the building it does retain the cast iron shutter dogs. On the third story are 3/3 sash. To the rear of the structure are two wings built the same two story height. The first is three bays long and the second is one bay long, there being a seam between them. On the south side of the structure is the usual porch so typical of the dwellings of Chesapeake City. The roof of the entire dwelling is covered with raised seam tin, and the walls with weatherboard. It stands upon a stone and brick foundation.

An alteration in the facade occurred in the window on the second story above the entrance when the original 6/6 window was replaced by a two-part casement. The door itself appears original and has six panels. A chimney appears to have been removed from the south side of the roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
<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 checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Bennett-Reed House is representative of the second phase of residential building in Chesapeake City, of the one room deep plan with usual rear extension.

This attractive home has architectural significance. At one time, this was a part of the John M. Reed estate; originally the property was leased to Martin R. Reed, who probably built the house around 1860. John M. Reed was the proprietor of a general store located at the southeast corner of Front Street and Bohemia Avenue.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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April, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

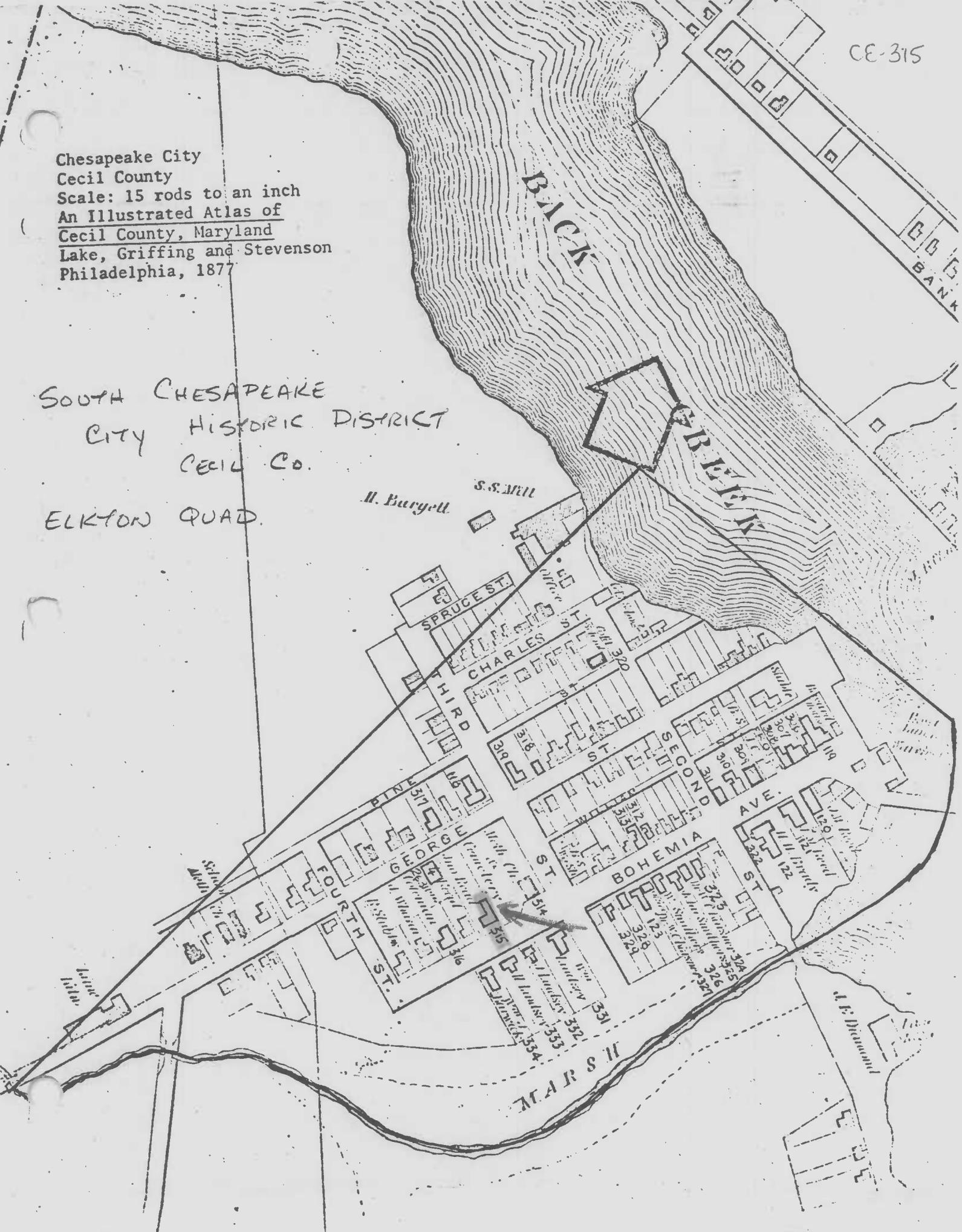
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Chesapeake City  
Cecil County  
Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE  
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CECIL CO.  
ELKTON QUAD.



BACK

GREEN

BANK

M. Buryell

S.S. Mill

SPRUCE ST

CHARLES ST

THIRD ST

SECOND ST

BOHEMIA ST

FOURTH ST

NEAR S II

M. B. Diamond





CE 315

Chesapeake City

Bennett - Read house Se 7/73



CE 318

~~Jewett~~ Bennett-Read house SE 7/73



Bennett Reed House

CE-315

East facade

M. Bourne April 1976