

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rees' Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue between Reed Store and Rees' house

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

F. Budd Hineline, Jr. et.al.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 319

CITY, TOWN

Cherry Hill

— VICINITY OF

New Jersey 08002

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 328

Folio #: 355

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Cecil County Survey

DATE

1967-68

—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The only existing 19th century private office in Chesapeake City is located between the Rees' House and the Reed Store. It was used as an insurance office.

It is a small square structure with low-pitch tin roof having a leanto porch on its west facade, with window and door beyond. The framed walls are filled with brick nogging and covered with tapered weatherboard. The windows have 2/2 sash and paneled shutters. A brick flue within the structure adjoins the east window. The porch is supported on two champhered posts and there are brackets. The ends of the rafters extend over the plate and are rounded.

From the chipping paint, which now consists of tan body and dark brown trim, it appears to have had a light green body and dark green trim and shutters.

The inside retains some oak wainscot and original oak trim.

The building restored would be a good element in the street scape.

**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
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<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 Rees' office is important to the town because of the variety it produces in the second block of Bohemia Avenue. It is a good example of the type structure being built primarily for an office in the late 19th century, a type which is exemplified on "Lawyers Row", Chestertown, Maryland.

The building is also important as the office of Henry Brady, the owner of a fleet of tug boats which were essential to the operation of the Canal. Brady was the owner and builder of the great dwelling adjacent the store.

After Brady died, the office was used by Ralph Ree's as an insurance office.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein	DATE	April 19, 1976
ORGANIZATION	South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE	(301) 885-5298
STREET & NUMBER	c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City	STATE	Maryland 21915
CITY OR TOWN	Chesapeake City		

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ree's Store

AND/OR COMMON

Chesapeake Bargin House, Mrs. Sharpless' Junk Shop

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, north east corner 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
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On the corner of Bohemia and Second Street is a large store building constructed around 1914 by Ralph Rees. Like many of the early twentieth century commercial front buildings, only the facade rises two storys. The entire facade is covered with pressed tin. The corners rise in pilasters to a cornice at second floor level. Above the cornice the tin is in imitation of rough concrete block. A double window lights the attic. There is an additional cornice with typical brackets at the corner upon which stand tin finials with shell pattern. Beneath the cornice is a freize of panels. On the long sides of the first story 'A' roof structure are panels of pressed tin in imitation of brick. The roof is covered with corrugated tin and painted black.

Originally there appears to have been a recessed entrance door, set within the building from the face of the wall. The entire interior ceiling is covered with decorative pressed tin panels.

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CE-322

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Little growth after 1900 in Chesapeake City has given us few buildings of 20th century date. The Rees' store is significant primarily as a commercial structure and secondarily as of architectural interest due to its pressed tin false facade. Only the Bouchelle store in the next block possesses a tin facade similar to the Rees' store.

This building was once an agency for Oakland cars. The corner location made it ideal for a garage and car dealership. Mr. Rees, who had his hardware store on the ground floor on Bohemia Avenue and his garage on the Second Street side, moved his business here from the Conrey Building, now Franklin Hall, when the rent went to \$200.00 a year. Rather than meet this outrageous expense, he built a new store on the corner of his lot and set up his business at the new location. After Mr. Rees went out of business, the store was used as an American Store. The building is now used as a second hand shop.

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April 9, 1976

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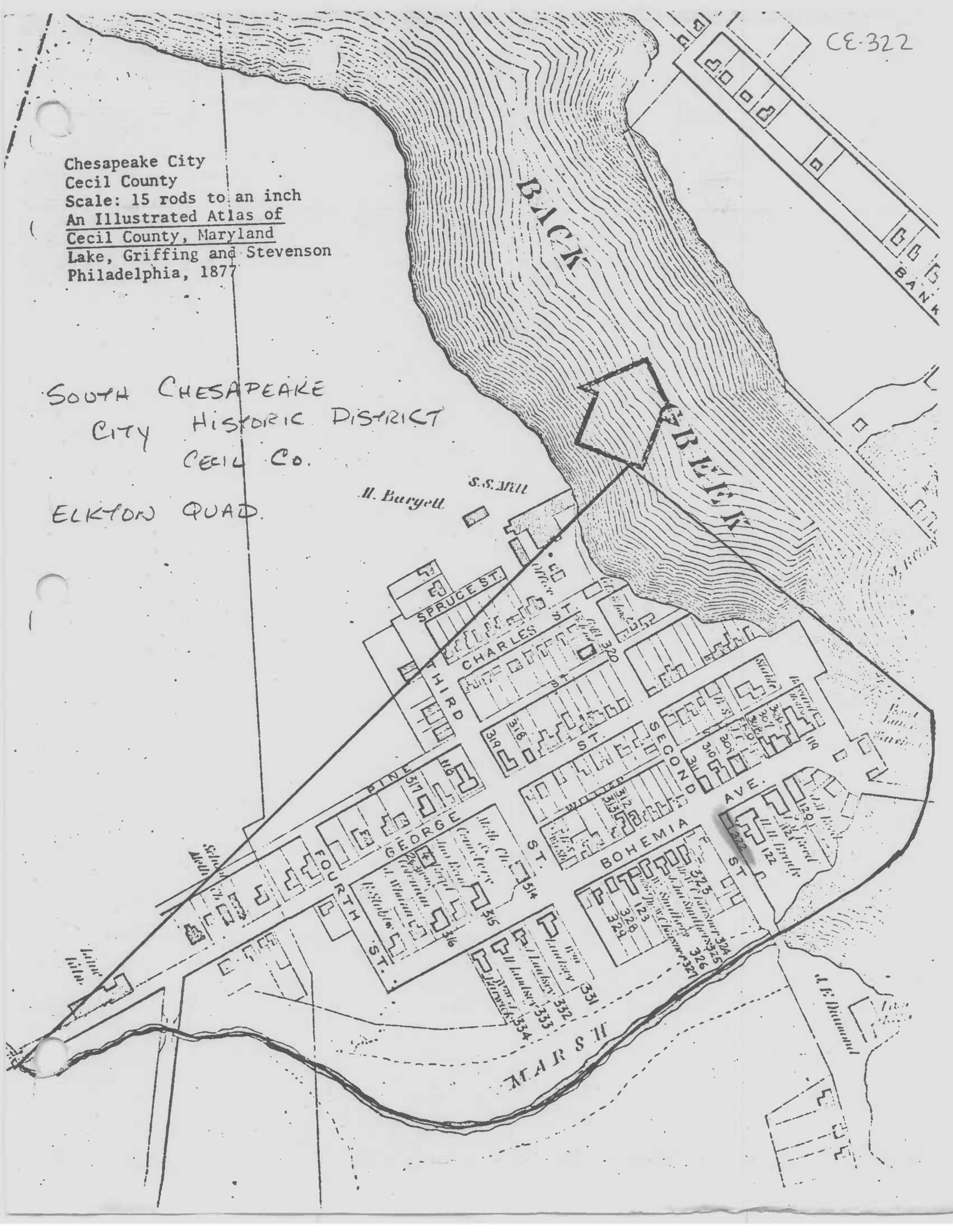
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Cecil County  
Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE  
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CECIL CO.  
ELKTON QUAD.





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CE 322

South Chesapeake City

Rees' store

JR 7/73

Moulded iron decoration



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CE-322 Rees Store, S. Ches. City

RJB 2/18/95



Rees Office CE-322

S.W. Conley

M. Bourne April 1976



SHARPLESS  
SECOND  
SHOPPE



IT'S  
ANOTHER  
WORLD



HAND SHOPPE

Rees Store CE. 322

West facade

M. Bowne April 1976

SHARPLESS  
SECOND  
SHOPPE



IT'S  
ANOTHER  
WORLD



CE 322

South Chesapeake City

Rees' store

88E 9/73



CE322

Molded iron decoration

Russ. style South American City

85c 7/73