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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

DuPont Building (Hotra House)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 3rd house from Canal

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	✓UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	✓WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard C. DuPont, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Great House Farm

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 #: 335
Folio #: 107

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
✓ EXCELLENT	__ DETERIORATED	__ UNALTERED	✓ ORIGINAL SITE
__ GOOD	__ RUINS	✓ ALTERED	__ MOVED DATE_____
__ FAIR	__ UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The small dwelling which adjoins the old Post Office is a two story frame structure, four bays wide and two bays deep, built on stone piers. Its walls are covered with weatherboard and the roof with wood shingle (1976 installed). Across its facade is a simple porch supported on stone and brick piers. There are four square posts supporting a nearly flat roof, the rafters of which extend beyond the facia and are cut to resemble brackets. Between the rafters, on the facia, are applied scollops. Beneath the porch are two doors and two windows, the doors being replaced with new doors and the windows being re-hung in new frames. They have 8/8 sash, whereas, the second story windows have 6/6 sash. On the rear are two windows, a door and a smaller kitchen window, of which only the door is in the original location. Three dormers replace earlier windows which were at floor level.

Originally, the house consisted of the one room on both floors on the street side adjoining the old Post Office. It appears to have been built around 1830-40. Subsequently, a room with more gently sloped roof was added on the rear, then two more rooms were added on the north. The stuccoed brick chimney indicates the position of the original exterior north wall.

At the rear of the property is a frame garage built during the 20th century. It was subsequently lengthened to accomodate larger automobiles.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	✓COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building which was both residence and shop is important primarily as an integral part of the streetscape and the rhythm which is established in the first block of Bohemia Avenue. Secondarily, it is an interesting form of vernacular structure constructed in the first period of development of Chesapeake City. It also has a unique and interesting history of growth and use.

In January, 1831, Mr. William Riley of Worcester County, Marlyand, bought this property from George Gillespie and his wife Mary Bayard Gillespie, and Richard and Mary Sophia Bayard for $208.33. Because of its location, near the Canal and facing the main street, it has been in the center of activity through the years. Mr. Riley's occupation is not known, but it is reasonable to assume he was connected with the Canal in some way. The building has been used primarily as a dwelling until the early twentieth century, when Andrew Slicher, a shoemaker who also owned the house north of this, bought the building for use as a shoe shop. A good business must have made it possible for him to leave the basement shop next door for this more desirable location. Mr. Slicher made shoes and boots and did a good business among canal men. The cobbler shop was in an outbuilding; the new shoes were sold in the shop at the front of the house.

Richard DuPont bought the property in 1974 and started renovations. The house had been double at one time and is now a one family dwelling. Alterations are underway at this time to make the building a home for the new owner.

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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
Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

DATE
April 8, 1976

ORGANIZATION
South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER
c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

TELEPHONE
(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN
Chesapeake City

STATE
Maryland 21915

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

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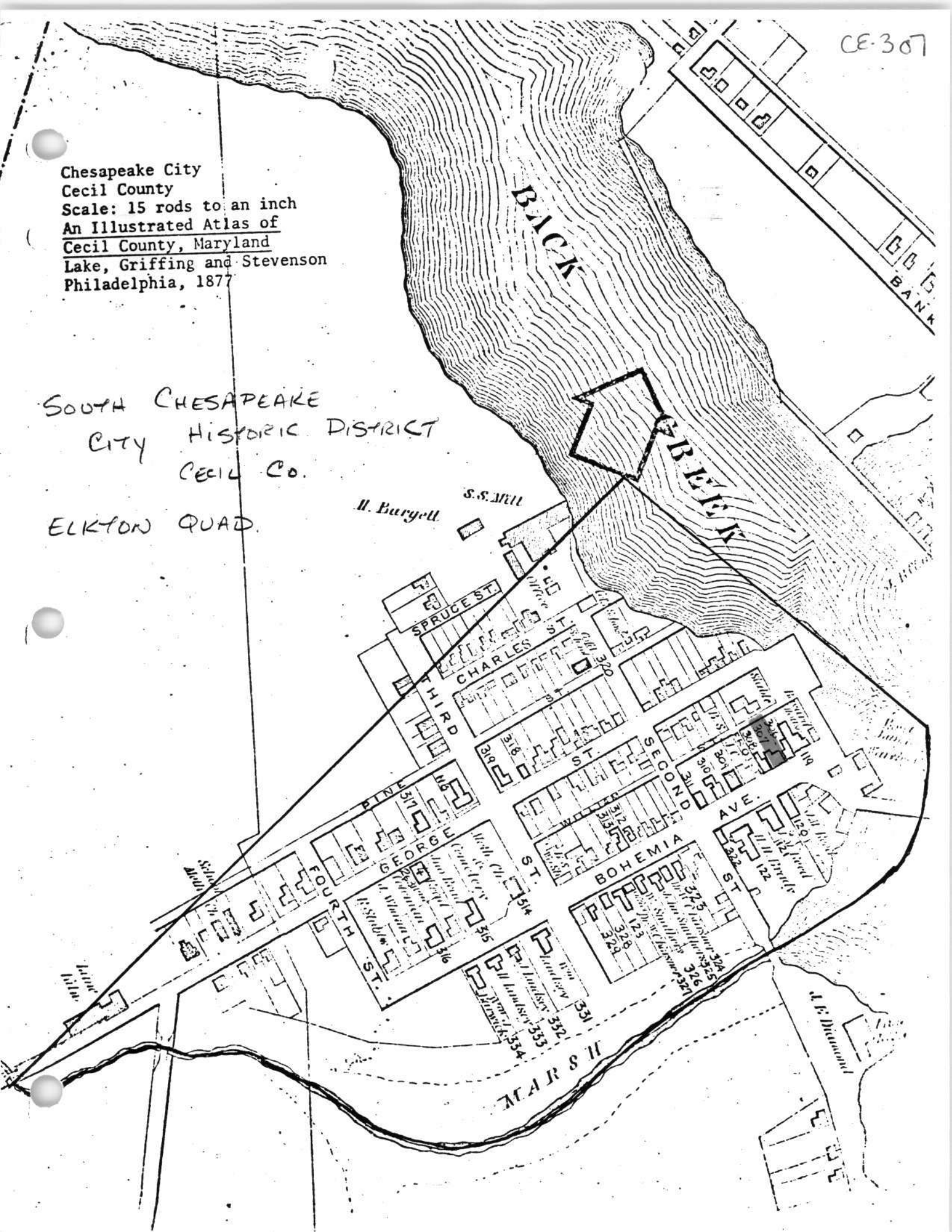
Chesapeake City
Cecil County
Scale: 15 rods to an inch
An Illustrated Atlas of
Cecil County, Maryland
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT
CECIL CO.

ELKTON QUAD.



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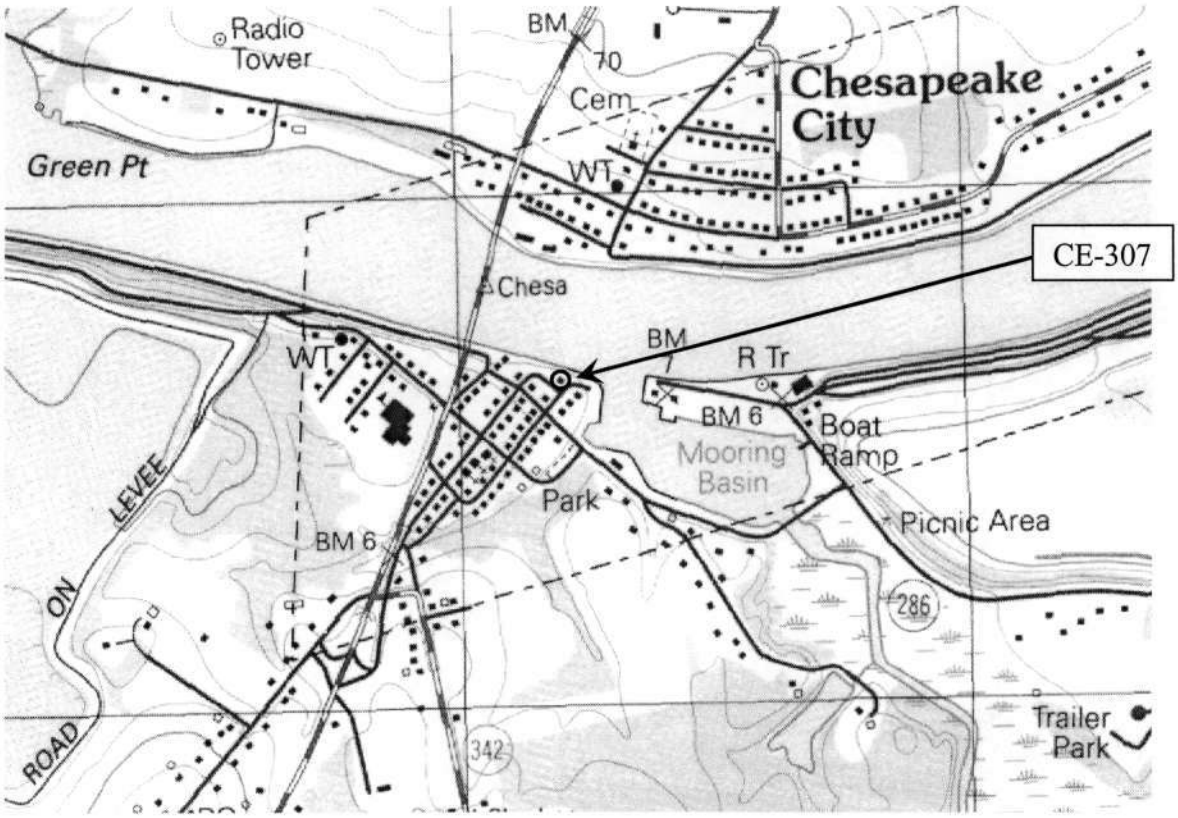
Elkton Quad.
Cecil County



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East Facade

M. Bourne April 1976