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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE: MD
COUNTY: Chas
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER / DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: BRICK STORE, Victorian Store Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: BEL ALTON

STATE: MD | CODE | COUNTY: CHAS. | CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☑	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☑	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☑	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	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 ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Chas. Co.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LaPlata | STATE: MD. | CODE

ACREAGE — APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

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

One of the last remaining original town buildings in Bel Alton this ca. 1875 building is one of Charles County's most attractive Victorian structures.

The building is a rectangular block of one room with a later addition to the rear. With the facade at the W. elevation the building has an A frame roof running E-W with single cross gables at the N. + S. elevations. At the facade is a centered door flanked by a single large multi paned fixed sash windows to each side. Both windows + door have heavy architraves though only the door appears original.

The S. elevation ~~is~~ has a single door with segmental arch near the SE corner. The wing ~~is two bays at this elevation~~ has a single window.

The rear (E) wing takes up approx. 2/3 of the rear wall of the main block beginning at the SE corner. There were once two windows at this elevation. One has been bricked in while the other was enlarged to form a door. Two windows at the E. end of the wing have also been bricked in.

The walls of both portions of this structure were laid in a inconsistant bond but predominately Flemish. The Eaves are deep with Victorian brackets at the cornice and wide barge boards.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☑	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

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

Aboriginal	Educotion ☐	Politicol ☐	Urban Plonning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscope Architecture ☐	Sociol/Humanitorion ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literoture ☐	Theoter ☐	
Communications ☐	Militory ☐	Transportotion ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		
Architecture ☐			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

Although this building suffered a fire in 1969 damage does not appear to have been extensive. The interior and the facade have been attractively remodeled without distracting from its original charm. It now serves as a fabric + dress making establishment.

As the only brick commercially oriented structure of the Victorian era in Chas. Co., ~~and~~ its value to the now almost extinct village of Bel Alton, and its proximity to Rich Hill (where Wilkes Booth hid while escaping to Va. after Lincolns assassination) this building is certainly worthy of preservation and insurance that its preservation continues.

Bel Alton is a victorian Railroad village which was fairly well established at the end of the 19th. century. In the 1885 period it, with LaPlata + the proposed village of Chapel Point, rivaled Port Tobacco as the County seat. When LaPlata was chosen Bel Alton all but completely slipped into obstivion.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Rivers

ORGANIZATION: MHT

DATE: 12/70

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____