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William H. Valliant Store
Bellevue
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WILLIAM H. VALLIANT STORE

MHT Inventory Number: ~~T~~ T-774

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNITY PLANNING
- 2) Geographic Orientation: COMMENCE
EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s): INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): STORE BUILDING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIAM H. VALLIANT STORE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Intersection of the Ferry Road and Poplar Lane not for publication

city, town Bellevue vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dottie Heimert

street & number P. O. Box 45 telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code Md 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 662

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 623

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-774

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William H. Valliant store stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of the Ferry Road and Poplar Lane in the community of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story frame store faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Erected around 1890, the two-story, gable-front store is supported on a low brick foundation, and the building is sheathed with aluminum siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with corrugated tin.

The southeast (main) facade is a symmetrical two-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows protected by metal bars. The first floor is sheltered by a square post shed roof porch. A pair of two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. The flush gable end is finished with a plain bargeboard.

Two-over-two sash windows pierce the northwest side elevation. Two windows light the first floor, while three sash illuminate the second floor. The southeast side is marked by a single-story, five-sided extension to the first floor. A side entrance topped by a two-light transom provides access from Poplar Lane, and a garage door has been cut through the back end of the building. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows also.

The northeast (rear) elevation is marked by a single two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and the first floor opening retains vertical metal bars.

The interior is being reworked for new retail space, and wallboard is replacing the original plaster walls. The old counter with the narrow beaded board sides is one of the few original interior features.

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**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Southwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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Northwest elevation

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