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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Mc Comas – Cunningham House

AND/OR HISTORIC: – Silk Hat Factory –

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Northwest corner, Abingdon & Old Philadelphia Roads

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon

STATE: Md. | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | 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 ☐	Vacant Rental prop.	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Howard Mc Comas Jr. & Mr Howard Mc Comas III

STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner Abingdon & Old Philadelphia Roads

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon | STATE: Md 21009 | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: [illegible]

STREET AND NUMBER: [illegible]

CITY OR TOWN: [illegible] | STATE [illegible] | 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:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

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

Frame house, clapboard covered, facing south, the A roof ridgeline running east-west. Once an oblong house 4 bays by 2, there is a lean-to addition to the entire back (north) side of the house making the floor-plan square 4 bays by 4 downstairs (4 bays x 3 upstairs) The lean-to roof adds only a half-story at the rear, and rises to about 4' of the peak.

There is one chimney inside the west wall.

A one-story porch shelters the south or ~~front side~~ front of the house and a large dormer over the front door lights the third floor which is lighted also by a window in the east end and two in the west end walls.

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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		Education	☐	Political	☐	Urban Planning	☐
Prehistoric	☐	Engineering	☐	Religion/Philosophy	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Historic	☐	Industry	☐				
Agriculture	☐	Invention	☐	Science	☐		
Art	☐	Landscape Architecture	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Commerce	☐			Social/Humanitarian	☐		
Communications	☐	Literature	☐				
Conservation	☐	Military	☐	Theater	☐		
Architecture	☐	Music	☐	Transportation	☐		

Abandoned rental property.

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

Additions may disguise an old frame house. Poorly maintained for years it is scheduled for demolition.

This is the building in which silk hats were first made in America, well-known from 1800 to 1820 for the manufacture of high beaver hats.

Other industries in Abingdon were a silversmithy, gunsmithy, pottery, and three cabinet-makers establishments, one cabinet-coffin maker surviving as a thriving undertaker's establishment to 1972.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martenet. Map of Harford County 1878
Wright. C Nelson Our Harford Heritage p 334-335

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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
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:

ORGANIZATION: JEAN S. EWING
Maryland Historical Trust, ~~Box 1704~~ 94 College Ave
Annapolis, Md. 21404

DATE

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.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____