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ABBOTTS ICE HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1917

As late as the 1920's, ice was cut in blocks from the Susquehanna River and delivered door to door and the railroads here, where it was used to pack the fresh produce, fish in particular, from the area. This long frame building on the river was used by the Abbott brothers to store ice cut from the river; the ice was stacked to the ceiling between layers of boards and straw. Later the brothers used the form stone building at the street front of the property to manufacture ice.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

ABBOTT'S ICE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Upper Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Water St., vicinity of Ontario and Erie Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6 / 1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Arvid Scherpf

Telephone #: 939-2161

STREET & NUMBER

Havre de Grace Marina Water St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Abbott's ice house, a two story frame structure with a gable roof, is located between the Susquehanna River on the east and Water St. on the west, in the vicinity of Ontario and Erie Sts. Now part of the Havre de Grace Marina, the ice house was built c. 1918 by William and Martin Abbott. The two brothers had a business selling ice cut in blocks from the Susquehanna River. The ice was stacked up between layers of straw and boards and stored in this long, low building of rough clapboards.

The building contains two stories at the east gable end, where it is used as a clubhouse by the upper Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. Windows, added on the first and second story north and south elevations and the first story of the east end have 2/2 light sash. The other major change to the building was the addition of a large picture window (with a door in the center) on the second story east elevation which provides a magnificent view of the Susquehanna River. A deck with a balustrade is in front of the window. Large sliding vertical board doors in the south elevation give access to the remaining storage area. The one story addition on the west elevation has a gable roof parallel to the one on the main structure; both of the roofs are covered with corrugated tin.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 *c. 1917*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Before advances in electrical engineering made it possible to manufacture ice, it was cut in blocks from the Susquehanna River and stored in long barn-like buildings constructed for that purpose. On the property of the Havre de Grace Marina are two large structures which were used and perhaps built by the Abbots for their ice business c. 1911. The long frame structure by the Suquehanna River was the place where ice cut from the river in winter time was stored in high stacks between straw and boards; whereas, the formstone building on Water St. was the ice manufactory. The latter structure is also an interesting example of adaptive re-use, containing a marina supply store with an apartment above it.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust DATE April, 77

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN STATE

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.

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HA-1182
HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3930-W7600/7.5

1953
PHOTORELIEFED 1970
AMS 5763 II SE SERIES V833

Sand

Sand



Abbott's Ice House HA-1182
Water st.
Havre de Grace, Md.
Southeast Elevation

Marion Morton
June 1977