

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes X  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: Suburban Bank Building (Sovran Bank) Inventory Number: PG:68-41-2

Address: 5214 Baltimore Avenue City: Hyattsville Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes \_\_\_ no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**  
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None  
MHT Comments  
This building was federally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth L. Savage \_\_\_\_\_ April 10, 1984  
Reviewer, NR Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common Sovran Bank

## 2. Location

street & number 5214 Baltimore Avenue and Hamilton Street  not for publication

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ liber \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG:68-41-2

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Soyran Bank Building, 1926. Additions 1948, 1949

Older part is a single story Bedford Limestone over brick structure. It has a grey granite base, and includes a basement, principally for vaults. The front on Baltimore Avenue is the main entrance featuring twin Ionic columns and recessed door and windows. The entrance has other Greek revival motifs. When the front door was remodelled, a smaller aluminum door replaced the larger bronze one, and the space above altered. (see detail). Current use; bank storage.

About 1948 an addition was built to the south with interior connections to the new building. It is single story at the front and two at the rear. Front is matching limestone while the side is tan glazed brick. Road entrance has grey granite base with black granite detailing. Entrance has double aluminum doors, windows and awning with recessed down-lights. The two story addition conforms to the height of the original bank building. Built as an office space it now serves as a print shop for bank publications. The single story part is the main banking area. Bank contains eight vaults of various sizes.



# 8. Significance

Survey No. PG:68-41-2

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

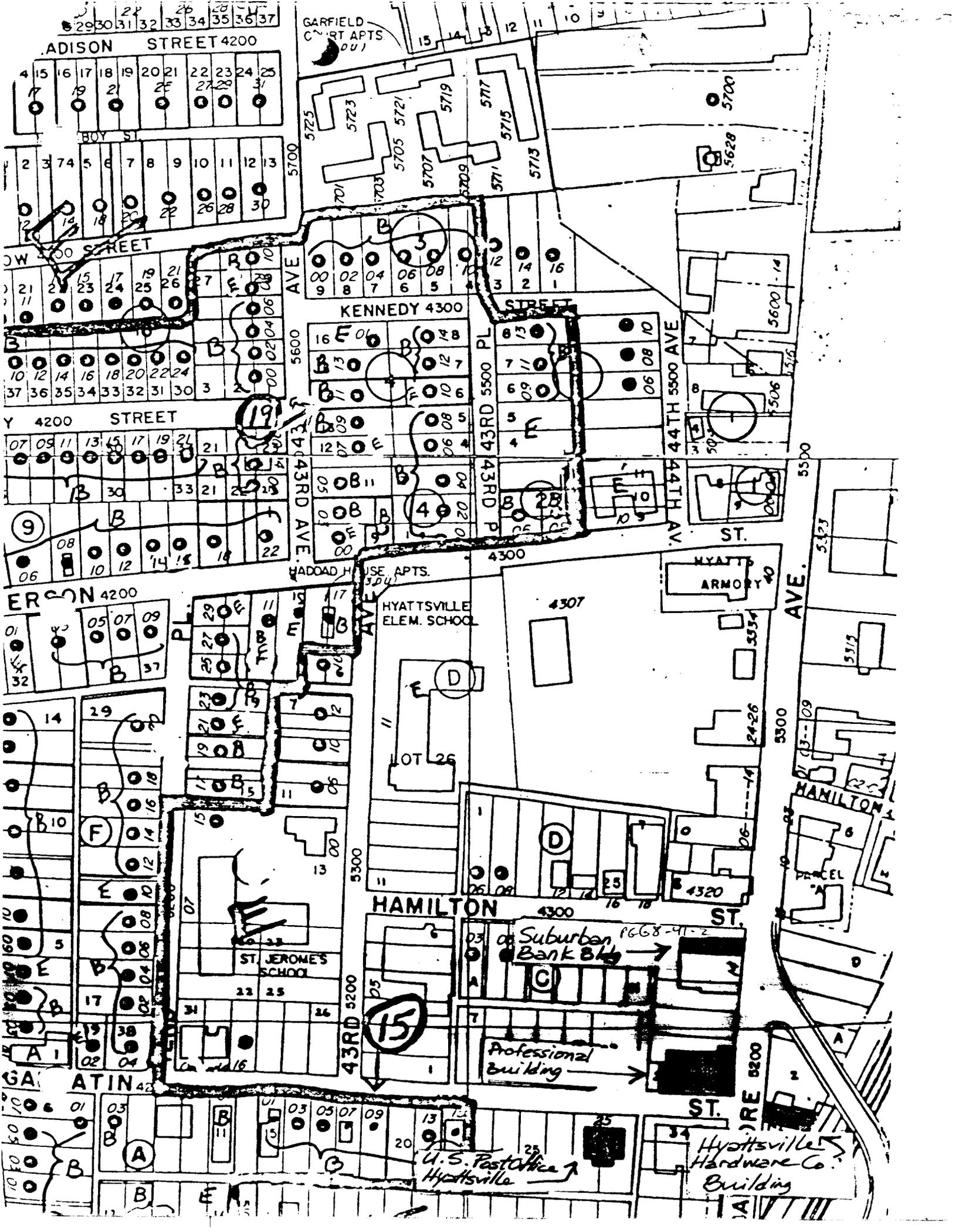
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

Formerly the Prince George's Bank and Trust, the bank underwent a succession of name changes.: The Suburban Trust; The Suburban Bank, and lastly, Soyran. The bank was constructed in Hyattsville because the owners felt that the area would become a major industrial hub.

It was one of the owners, T.Howard Duckett who insisted that the new viaduct carrying U.S.Route One over the tracks be placed anywhere as long as it ended up outside his bank.(Geary)

One of the vaults, it was recently discovered, had been fitted out as a shelter against nuclear attack, and contained a geiger counter and other survival related equipment.



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Suburban Bank Bldg

Professional Building

U.S. Post Office Hyattsville

HYATTSVILLE ARMORY

Professional Building

ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL

Hyattsville Hardware Co. Building

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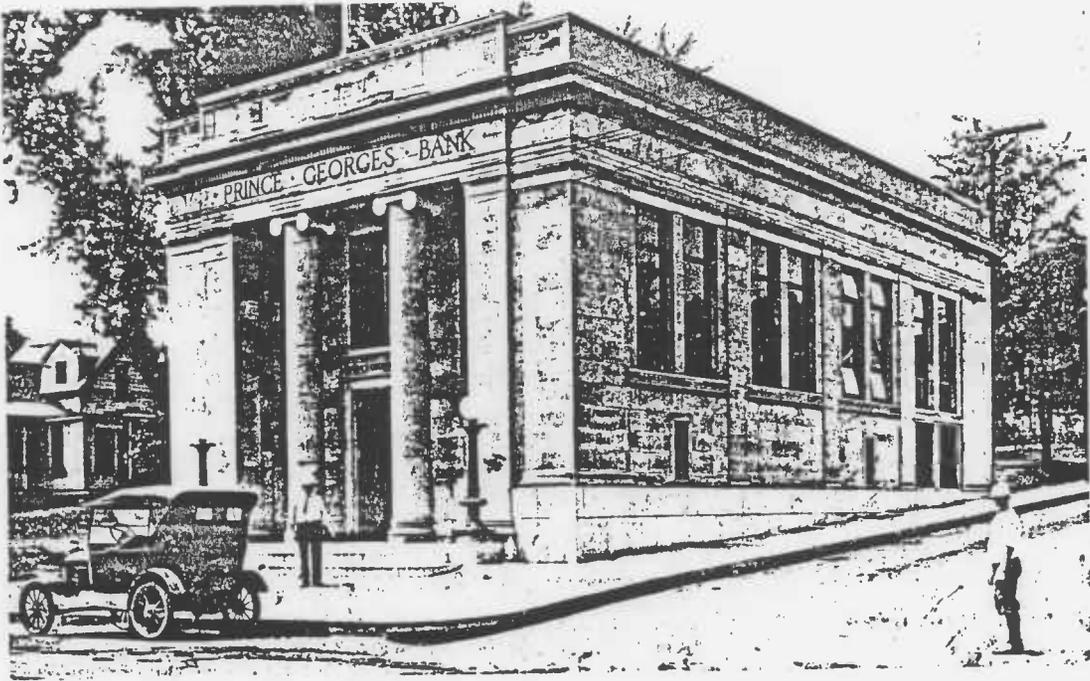
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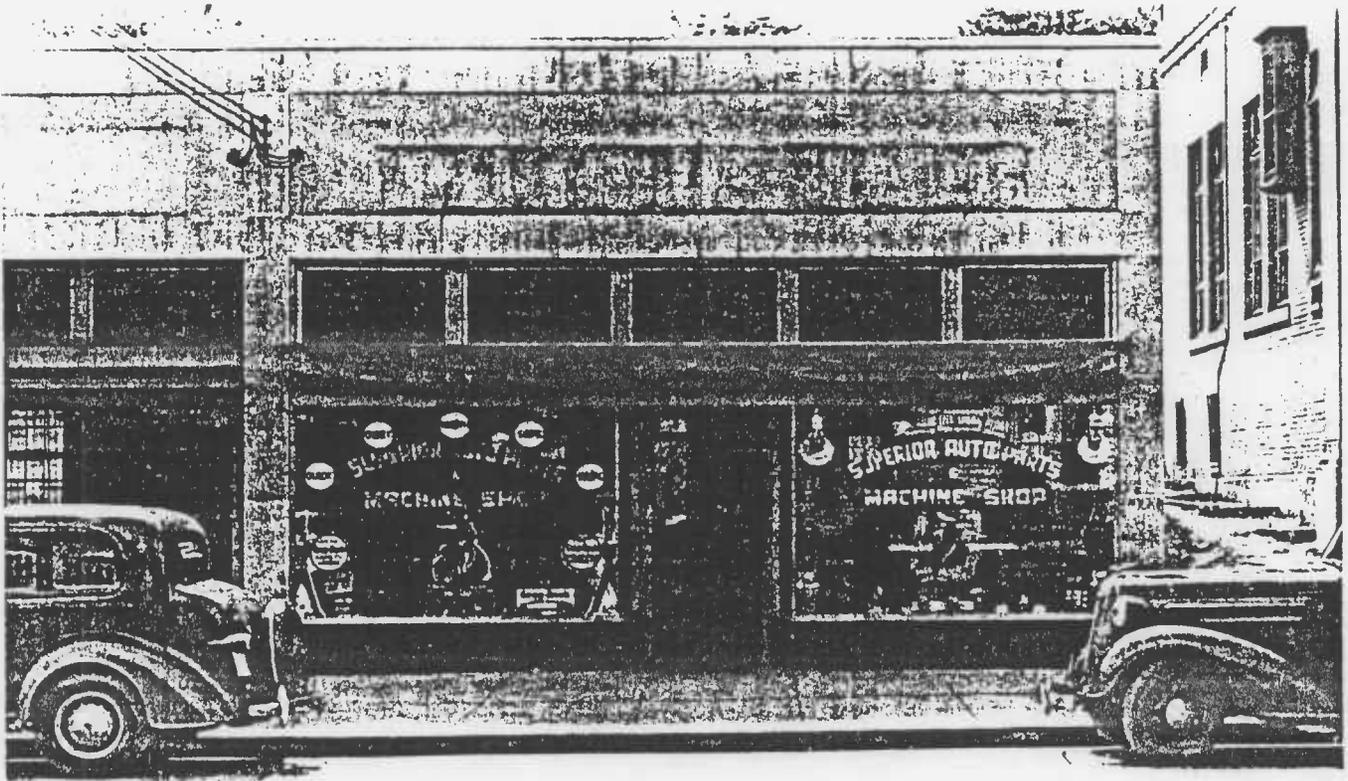
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Prince George's Bank. 1927 (F.X.Geary)



Superior Auto Parts 1946. Replaced by the bank's expansion of about 1948. (F.X.Geary)

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