

THE HILL OR WALLACE MANSION (SITE)

The Hill was the home and headquarters of Lord Baltimore's Commissioner for this section of Maryland, Sir Roger Woolford. The graves of Woolford and his wife remain on the property. About 1838, the property was acquired by the Wallace family, who lived there for seventy years. Col. James Wallace, a lawyer, raised the first Maryland Eastern Shore volunteer regiment during the Civil War, and was later one of the first in Dorchester County to become involved with the packing industry, canning vegetables and oysters. He built his office in front of this home at the corner of Gay and Church Streets. The house, which was a two and one-half story brick structure of five bays with a gabled roof, center entrance hall, and flat roofed portico, was torn down a few years ago, although the office remains.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Hill or The Old Wallace Mansion

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Gay Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Cambridge
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

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:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Photographs show that this was a two and one half story brick building with a gabled roof. The front consisted of five bays, and above the center bay was a gable. On either side of this gable was a gabled dormer. In front of the center door was a flat roofed portico supported by columns. The windows were all of the sash type except for a one story polygonal bay window to the south of the door. The cornice appears to have been modillioned. There were three chimney; on the north and south ends and in the center of the house. To the rear of this main portion of the house was a two and one half story addition.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasaphy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the days of the Calverts, this house which is no longer standing, was the home and headquarters of Lord Baltimore's commissioner for this section of Maryland. Sir Roger Woolford was the commissioner, and he and his wife were buried on the grounds. About 1838, the property was acquired by the Wallace family who made it their home for seventy years. Col. James Wallace, who lived here, raised the first Maryland Eastern Shore Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War. His command was with the Army of the Potomac in 1863 under General Lockwood. Towards the close of 1863, Col. Wallace resigned his position and resumed his profession as a lawyer. Later he became interested in agriculture and was said to have been the first to plant a peach orchard in Dorchester County on a commercial scale. Col. Wallace and his son James were the pioneers of the packing industry in Dorchester County, canning vegetables and oysters.

This house was torn down a few years ago to make way for the new county library. Prior to that it was used as a public health clinic.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

F. Arthur Lascowski, Papers, 1958

Elias Jones, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Cambridge. Tidewater Publishers, 1906

Photograph

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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Acreeage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine L. Moore	
ORGANIZATION	DATE 11/30/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 3, Box 32	
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

301 Gay Street
Cambridge, Maryland

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This building is one of several professional offices dating from the nineteenth century that are still standing in Cambridge in the Courthouse area. Unlike the others on Court Lane or High Street, this office is currently vacant. It was originally part of the mansion property known as "The Hill." In 1971 the house was torn down, but the office was allowed to remain on the corner of Gay and Spring Streets. This office was built before 1852 and has served as the law office of Colonel James Wallace and others in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Since 1940, the property has been in the possession of the city of Cambridge.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Will Records.

Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.

Assessment Records.

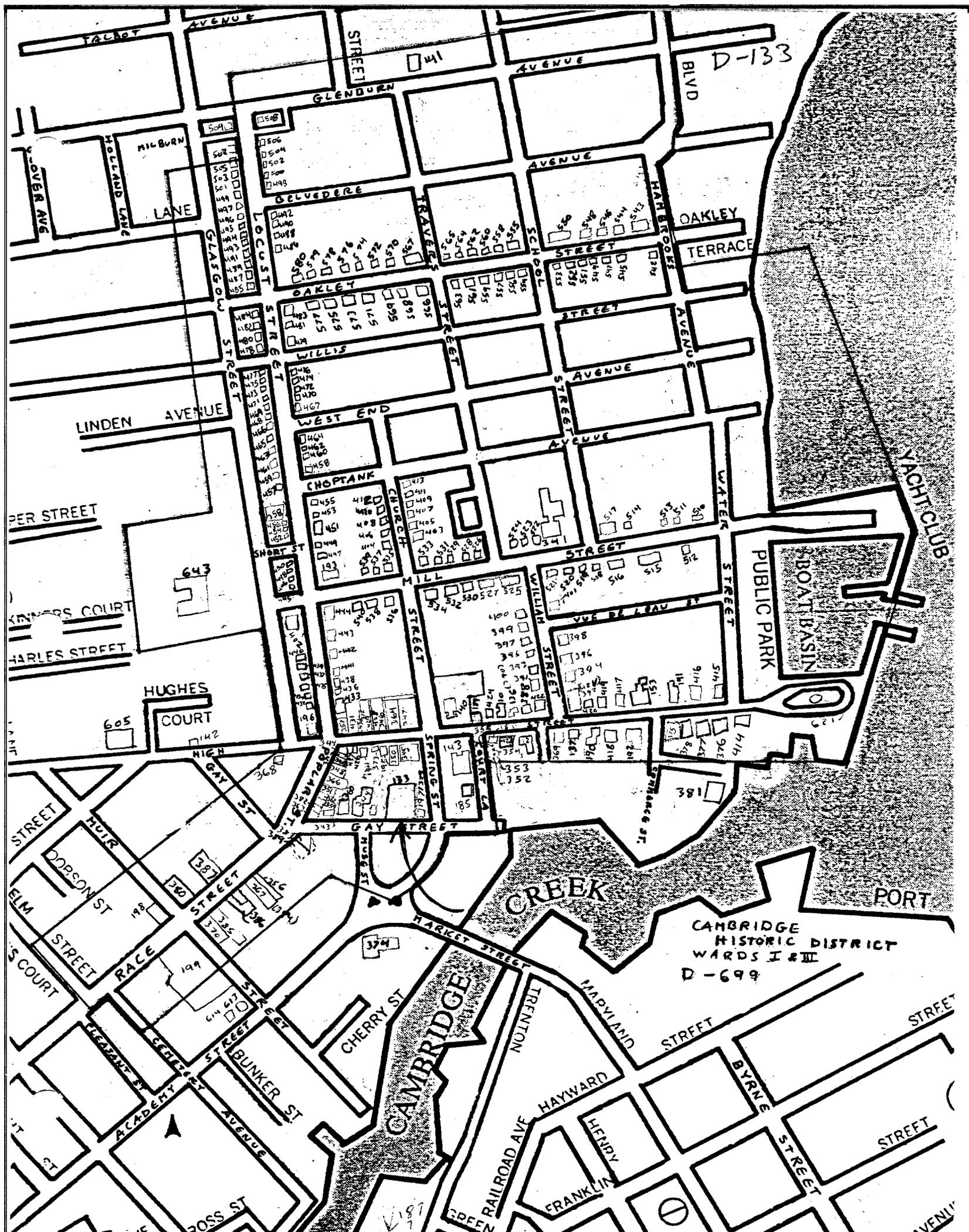
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Dorchester TOWN Cambridge VICINITY STREET NO. Gay Street		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY D-133	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER City of Cambridge PRESENT USE offices WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2½		2. NAME THE HILL <i>or the old Wallace Mansion</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>18th & 19th Centuries</i> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
Destroyed by the City of Cambridge and in its site is to be built a new Library. 1970		OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>yes</i>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered <i>NO</i> Interior Exterior <i>poor</i>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Laskowski papers, 1955, p 127		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER mob DATE OF RECORD	



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Wallace mansion, formerly at the corner of Gay and Spring Sts.

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