

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 511 Court Lane
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY (Check One), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for District, Building, Site, Structure, Object, Public, Private, Both, Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress, Restricted, Unrestricted, No.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Edna Wheatley Matthews
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 171/Folio 146

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:

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| 7. DESCRIPTION | |
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| CONDITION | (Check One) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | |
| <p>This small office building is a one story frame structure with a gable roof. There are seven^{five} bays on the front, although only the three bays to the west are original, dating to sometime in the first half of the 19th century. This section consists of what was once a center door with a window on either side of it. The windows are six over six sash. The door has a triangular pediment above and is flanked by a pilaster on each side. The chimney, originally on the east end of the building, is now near the center, as the two bays to the east were added in 1892. This one room addition consists of another door, which imitates the original, with a pediment and pilasters, and a window. This building is badly in need of paint but could be quite attractive.</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 type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Second quarter 19th c., 1892

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

This was part of the land sold by the Commissioners of Cambridge to William Bond Martin, in 1811, for \$165. In December 1819, Judge Martin sold to Dr. Arthur Rich one half of this strip, extending to the back gate of the adjoining property, for \$300. In August 1833, Dr. Rich sold the same property to Hon. Josiah Bayly for \$420. The lower part of this strip of land was sold by Josiah Bayly to his son-in-law Joseph E. Muse, then States Attorney, who built the present office upon it. Dr. Bayly bought this lot and office from Mr. and Mrs. Muse and upon his death in 1891, devised to Edgar Bayly. The office consisted of but one large room until Edgar Bayly added the small room next to the creek in 1892.

Significance:

This building is part of a row of small office buildings on Court Lane which date to the 19th century. The buildings are all compatible in scale, with classical ornamentation, with the exception of 513 which was renovated in the late 19th century. They are significant as some of the earliest surviving commercial structures in Cambridge.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the Daily Banner, May 7, 1925

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 | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage 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

511 Court Lane
Cambridge, Maryland

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Joseph E. Muse, Jr. bought this lot in 1842 from his father-in-law Josiah Bayly, and erected this small office shortly thereafter. In 1866 Dr. Alexander Hamilton purchased the office and the property has remained in the hands of his descendants until 1935. The building currently houses the law firm of Emery E. Tamplin, Jr. This office is one of several from the nineteenth century that still survive in the vicinity of the Courthouse.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Will Records.

Cambridge Chronicle, September 23, 1843.

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