

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Johnson Building

AND/OR COMMON

Dr. Van Huizen's office; Fox's Factory Outlet; Lednum's Jewelers

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

531-529-527-525-523 Poplar Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Dorchester

COUNTY

Dorchester

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

531 Poplar St. - Pieter J. Van Huizen

Liber 163/Folio 583

Telephone xx

STREET & NUMBER

527-529 Poplar St. - Elmer E. Fox

Liber 148/Folio 53

CITY, TOWN

C. Noble Lednum

STATE, zip code

525-523 Poplar St. - xxxxxxxxxx

Liber 50/Folio 29

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

This long two story brick building now houses three separate businesses. Although the second story remains unaltered, each store front has been renovated in a different style, destroying the unity of what must have been an attractive building at one time. There are eleven windows across the second story, each with a flat stone arch above and stone sill below. The original name of the building and the date of construction, "The Johnson Building 1898", are inscribed in long rectangles of a lighter color brick above the second story windows. The pressed tin cornice is embellished with carved brackets and other ornamentation.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as one of the surviving late 19th century commercial structures in downtown Cambridge, which suffered the damage of several fires. The original character and unity of this building have been destroyed, however, by the store front renovations, each in a different style, of the three stores which occupy this building. The cornice and upper story are still intact, however. Urban renewal plans for Cambridge should encourage the renovation of these three store fronts in styles that are compatible with each other, as well as with the original character of the building, which was apparently simple but attractive.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/30/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cambridge

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

523-527 Poplar Street
Cambridge, Maryland

RSM 50/29

This building, along with its adjoining 531 and 527-529 Poplar Street, was built in the 1890's by David Straughn. It was known as the Johnson Building because it was owned by Joseph H. Johnson from 1903 to 1920. These structures are among several in downtown Cambridge that date from the late nineteenth century, although their exteriors have been altered considerably by later owners.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land RCcords.

Research by:

Terrance P. Walbert

1976

527-529 Poplar Street
Cambridge, Maryland

PLC 148/53

This building was built at the same time as 523-527 Poplar Street and was part of the same property until 1955.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Research by:

Terrance P. Walbert

1976

531 Poplar Street
Cambridge, Maryland

PLC 163/583

This building was built at the same time as 523-527 Poplar Street.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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FOX
FACTORY

LEDNUM'S
JEWELER

Jinason Bldg. - 531-523 Poplar St., Cambridge, Md. - South Facade - C.L. Moore, 1976

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