

K - 49 Stam Hall

1886

Chestertown

privately owned by a corporation, used as offices, and meeting quarters for the Masons

Stam Hall, in its important location near the Court House, gives the town an interesting example of an unusual style of architecture for this area - High Victorian after the manner of the Second Empire Style. Its eclecticism makes it an interesting comparison to its neighbors the ~~retardataire~~ Masonic Temple and the White Swan Tavern, built in the 1700s. <sup>Georgian</sup>

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stam Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

corner High and Lawyers' Row

First

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Kent

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED on business	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Chester Holding Corporation

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER

Chestertown,

Md. 21620

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: WHG 15

Folio #: 613

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE none known

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Stam Hall is an extremely ornate, busy, eclectic, 3½ story building. It is in the High Victorian style after the manner of the Second Empire Style with a corner tower housing the town clock. There is a mansard roof with rounded French dormers both on High and Court Streets.

The elaborate Cross St. entrance to the 2nd floor where the present day Masons meet has free standing Ionic columns built out from the building and supporting a denticulated entablature. Those windows which are unaltered have cantilevered brick arches with stone keystones. The building is basically unaltered except for windows and doors on the 1st floor. On the corners of the building on both High and Cross Sts. the brickwork shows quoins. Such brick work is also on the High St. side of the tower.

The faded plaques on the 3rd floor level give the name Stam Hall and date of 1886 when built for Colin F. Stam.

The facade between the 1st and 2nd floors is punctuated by a multiple belt course of wood, brick, and perhaps painted mortar.

Offices plus the Masons' meeting quarters are presently located in Stam Hall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		
<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 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** 1886, date on bldg. **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** records say built by Colin F. Stam, owner, but builder is not given

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Stam Building , being so large, and in its important location in Chestertown is significant to the town in its unusual style of architecture - High Victorian after the manner of the Second Empire Style. Its eclectic ornate style is an interesting comparison to its neighbors, the retardataire Georgian Masonic Temple and across the street the White Swan Tavern of the 1700s.

It seems obvious that the town citizens felt an important part of this building for they subscribed to the town clock which is still working and in the tower for about \$1,000.00 in 1866-69.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

F. G. Usilton "History of Kent County"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4,630 sq. ft.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

4.630 sq. ft. corner High and Lawyers' Row

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White, Historic Site Surveyor

Sept. 1976

ORGANIZATION

Md. Historical Trust/City of Chestertown

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

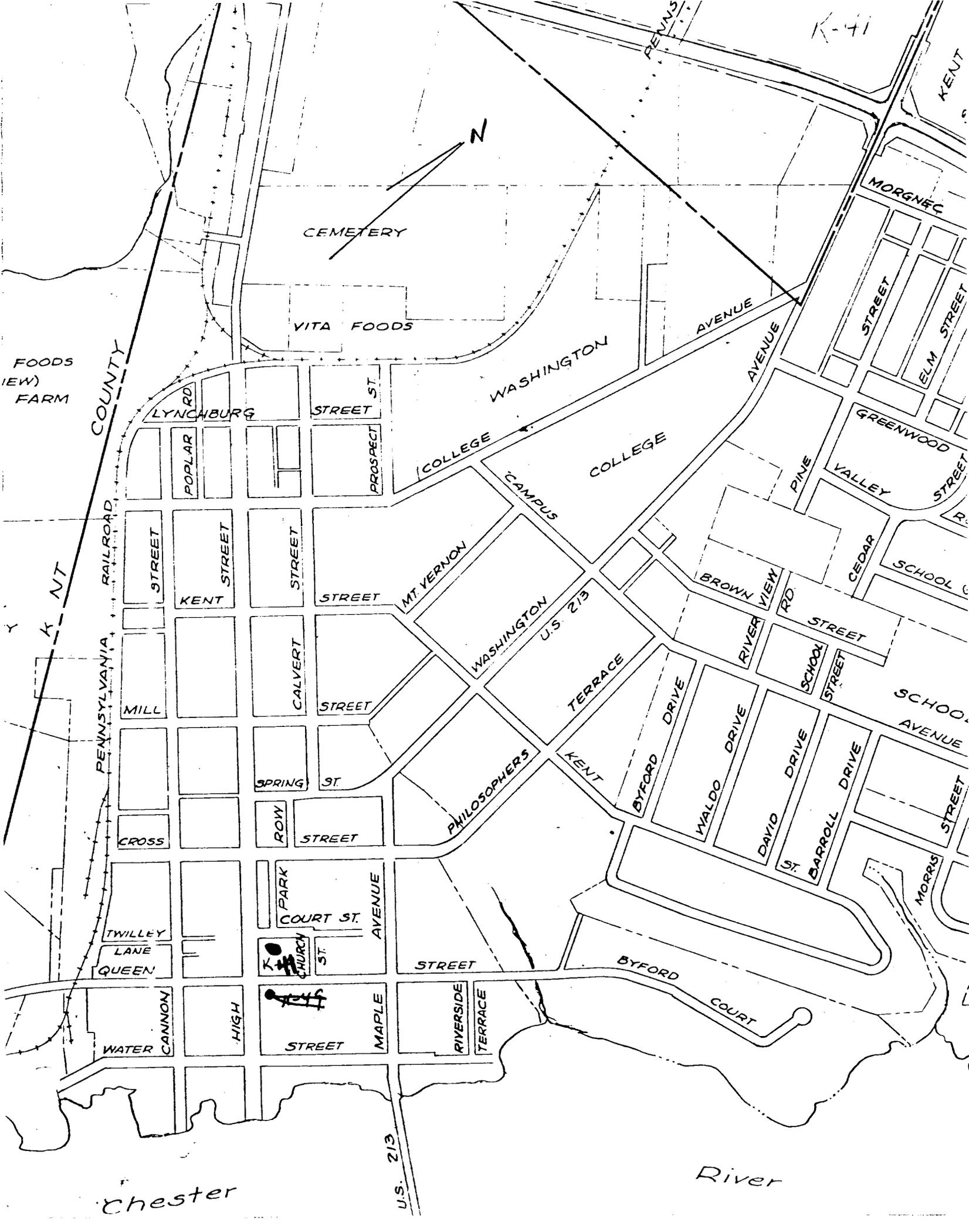
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

STAM HALL corner High and Lawyers Row or  
Court St.

- WHG 15/613 7/1/50 Dora B. and John Kunkel to Chester Holding Corp.,  
4630 sq. ft., corner High and Lawyers Row.
- RAS 38/622 4/16/46 Howard C. Ely and Elizabeth J. to Dora B. Kunkel
- RAS 38/514 3/29/46 The New Lyceum Theatre Corp. to Elizabeth J. Eley  
"premises cannot be used for amusement purposes,  
theatre, vaudeville house, motion picture house,  
or a public place of amusement in any form."
- RAS 33/21 12/27/43 Harry S. Russell, Rebecca A., Emerson R. Russell and  
Frances R., Inez Russell, Elizabeth Russell Thibodeau  
to The New Lyceum Theatre Corp. \$40,000.00.  
Stam's Hall property.
- RAS 16/330 8/20/36 The Lyceum Theater and Amusement Co. to L. Bates  
Russell Sr. (who willed it to above EEL/297 and  
RAS 32/292) "Stam's Hall property".
- JTD 27/126 9/13/12 R. Hynson Rogers and Wm. M. Slay, Trustees of  
Hynsons (children-minors) to Lyceum Theatre and  
Amusement Co., "Stam's Hall Property", by Circuit  
Court decree of 9/13/12 giving permission to sell.  
\$10,000.00.
- JTD 12/560 12/3/05 Hope H. Barroll, Attny. to R. D. Hynson, \$12,500.00.  
public sale made 8/29/05 by Barroll, "by special  
power of sale vested in him as Attorney in and by a  
certain mortgage from the Colin F. Stam Hall Company.  
11/29/04. Colin F. Stam Co. two notes to 2nd Nat.  
Bank for \$4,650.00 each.
- SGF 6/465 1/17/98 Colin F. and Annie H. Stam to the Colin F. Stam Hall  
Col of Kent County, Md. \$12,500.00, building on lot  
and furnishings.
- JKH 9/93 2/5/69 Elizabeth Walker to John L. Stam for \$5,000.00  
part of lot of land #35, corner High & Court Sts.  
John L. Stam wills it (JGS 1/273) to son Colin F.  
who had Stam Hall built in 1886 at a cost of about  
\$15,000 according to F.G. Usilton.  
According to F. G. Usilton the town clock was sub-  
scribed by local citizens at about \$1,000.00.



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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (NEW) FARM

COUNTY

RAILROAD PENNSYLVANIA

KENT

LYNCHBURG STREET

POPLAR RD.

PROSPECT ST.

WASHINGTON AVENUE

AVENUE

MORNING

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

COLLEGE

COLLEGE

CAMPUS

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

BROWN VIEW RD.

CEEDAR

SCHOOL

MILL

KENT

CALVERT

STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

TERRACE

RIVER

STREET

SCHOOL AVENUE

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

STREET

CROSS

ROW

STREET

STREET

BYFORD COURT

COURT

MORRIS

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

PARK COURT ST. CHURCH ST.

AVENUE

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

River

Chester

U.S. 213





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*Charles Martin Jr.*

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Stam Hall

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Same Side

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~~151~~  
~~152~~

at four



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1/22 W



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1/77 saw