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Hackett House
Park Row, Chestertown
1st Quarter 19th Century

Between 1765 and 1770 lot No. 41 was owned jointly by Benjamin Morgan and William Sluby, Jr., merchants trading under the name of Morgan & Sluby.¹ Sluby acquired full title to the northwest half in 1770 and in 1783 sold it to Richard Tilghman, IV, of Queen Annes County.²

In 1806 that part of lot No. 41 was sold to Charles Hackett for \$500.³ Hackett was a watchmaker and silversmith and it was he who was responsible for the construction of the house which stands on the lot today. Five bays long, it is a 2-1/2 story frame structure with a service wing out the back. Hackett used a standard plan of the day, a center hall with two flanking rooms and a two room service wing. Unlike many of the other contemporary buildings in town, the ceilings are low which gives the building a small scale. The balustrade is typical of the 1st quarter of the 19th Century.

In the 1841 Tax Assessment, Charles Hackett was listed as owner of the building, but it was occupied by J. T. Hall. At that time the building was listed in "bad repair." This Charles was probably the son of the silversmith. He sold the property in 1854 to Henry H. Simms who put it in trust for the use of his family. Simms' name is on the 1860 martinet Map. His heirs sold the house in 1901.

Since that time it has been owned by members of the Reed, McWhorter, Green, Copper and Wright families. In 1965 it was purchased

by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Noerr and was used by Dr. Noerr for his dental practice. Later, Mrs. Noerr retained it as a gift shop. Since 1965 it has seen many commercial tenants with an apartment on the second floor.

1. Land Records, Lib. DD 2, fol. 225.
2. Land Records, Lib. DD 3, fol. 334; Lib. EF 6, fol. 234.
3. Land Records, Lib, TW 3, fol. 336.

316 Park Row

Chestertown, Md.

apartments and dental office

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This late 18th or early 19th century dwelling is the last of the
5 bay central doorway $2\frac{1}{2}$ storey type.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mallard Apartments

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

316 Park Row

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: apts. & office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul and Carolyn E. Noerr

Telephone #: 778-2515

STREET & NUMBER

220 Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Court

Liber #: EHP 12

Folio #: 811

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large 5 bay 2½ storey, once frame, dwelling, is located directly opposite what was the Market Place of Chestertown. The Park Row facade, facing the now Park, is now asbestos sheathed, as are all sides excepting the east one. The first floor from left to right contains two 6/1 double hung shuttered windows, the central door, and a modern bay window taking up 2 bays. The second floor contains five 6/1 double hung shuttered windows. On the tin roof are 3 6/6 double hung dormers, with broken pediments. They are located between the windows below them. Two chimneys protrude from the roof at either end and one has been stuccoed. The cornice is a plain box type. The east facade is covered with narrow sheathing and has 2 small casement windows in the gable.

The Spring St., or west facade, on the first floor has a projecting modern bay and doorway, from l to r. The second floor, from l to r, contains a modern double casement, a modern single casement window, and the 6/1 double hung shuttered window. In the gable are 2 4 paned casement windows. This first floor door and projecting bay house the dental office. The northern or rear facade appears to be one of additions. On the roof are two 6/6 double hung windows in dormers with broken pediments. The roof again is of tin. On the second level, near the western facade is one 6/6 double hung shuttered window. On the first level below this is a one room square type modern addition, again for the dental office. Just beyond this one room addition is an exposed area of the main house then what may be an old addition judging from the wide clapboarding. With this addition it would have had an L shaped wing.

The style of the building is that of an older period and possibly the chimney breasts were (or are under sheathing and asbestos) exposed. It was owned by merchants for many years.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 late 18th or very early 19th BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

316 Park Row is a very imposing 5 bay 2½ storey central doorway dwelling. One is immediately aware of its size and it would be an excellent candidate for restoration. It is the last of its type in Chestertown.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY parallelogram 40' x 55'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

parallelogram 40' x 55' at western end of Park Row, north side

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

STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White, Historic Site Surveyor

Oct. 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Md. Historical Trust/City of Chetertown

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

EHP 12/811 7/2/65 S. Holt & Opal W. Wright to Paul and Carolyn E. Noerr

WHG 3/105 6/27/47 Annie L. Copper to S. Holt & Opal W. Wright

RAS 21/361 3/2/39 George W. McWhorter, widower, and Cora McWhorter Green and Robert E. Green to Annie L. Copper \$4,500.00.

JTD 6/47 12/31/01 James W. Ivens and Ariana L. Ivens to Cora Reed and Hattie Reed. \$1,500.00. Cora later, deed JTD 13/585, 1/25/07, gave her $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest to Harriet E. McWhorter. Harriet died intestate 9/3/31 and her interest descended to her husband, George, and daughter, Cora.

JFG 2/446 1/3/55 Henry H. Simms (husband of Ariana Sims) to John Greenwood (grandfather of Ariana L. Ivens) in trust to and for the use of Ariana Sims, Ariana Ivens' mother, and after her death to her child or children, as she sees fit to leave it. \$500.00 current money.

JFG 2/90 4/5/54 Charles Henry Hackett to Henry H. Simms. \$500 cm.

JNG 3/234 10/9/33 Ann Weaver to Charles Henry Hackett, house and lot, part of 41. \$200 cm.

JNG 3/233 10/9/33 Joseph Redue, Collector, to Ann Weaver, \$14.22 cm. chargeable as property of Charles Hacketts heirs for \$6.32, sold to highest bidder. refers to Hackett as watchmaker and silversmith.

TW 3/336 1/19/06 Matthew Tilghman to Charles Hackett, \$500 cm.

EF 6/234 8/4/83 Wm. Slubey, in profession of merchant, to Richard Tilghman, 4th, of Queen Annes County, £1800, half of #41 with buildings.

DD 3/334 6/26/70 Benjamin Morgan to Wm. Slubey Jr., merchant. nw half #41 now in possession of Slubey, 5 shillings sm.

DD 2/225 2/26/65 Wm. Stevenson, merchant to Benjamin Morgan & Wm. Slubey, Jr. merchants, £200 cm.

DD 1/37 2/2/62 Robert Sterling, merchant, to Wm. Stevenson, merchant, county acreage and town lots, including #41, £400 sterling.

DD 1/25 10/30/61 Wm. & Isabella Stevenson to Robert Sterling, properties in county and town including #41, £400 sterling.

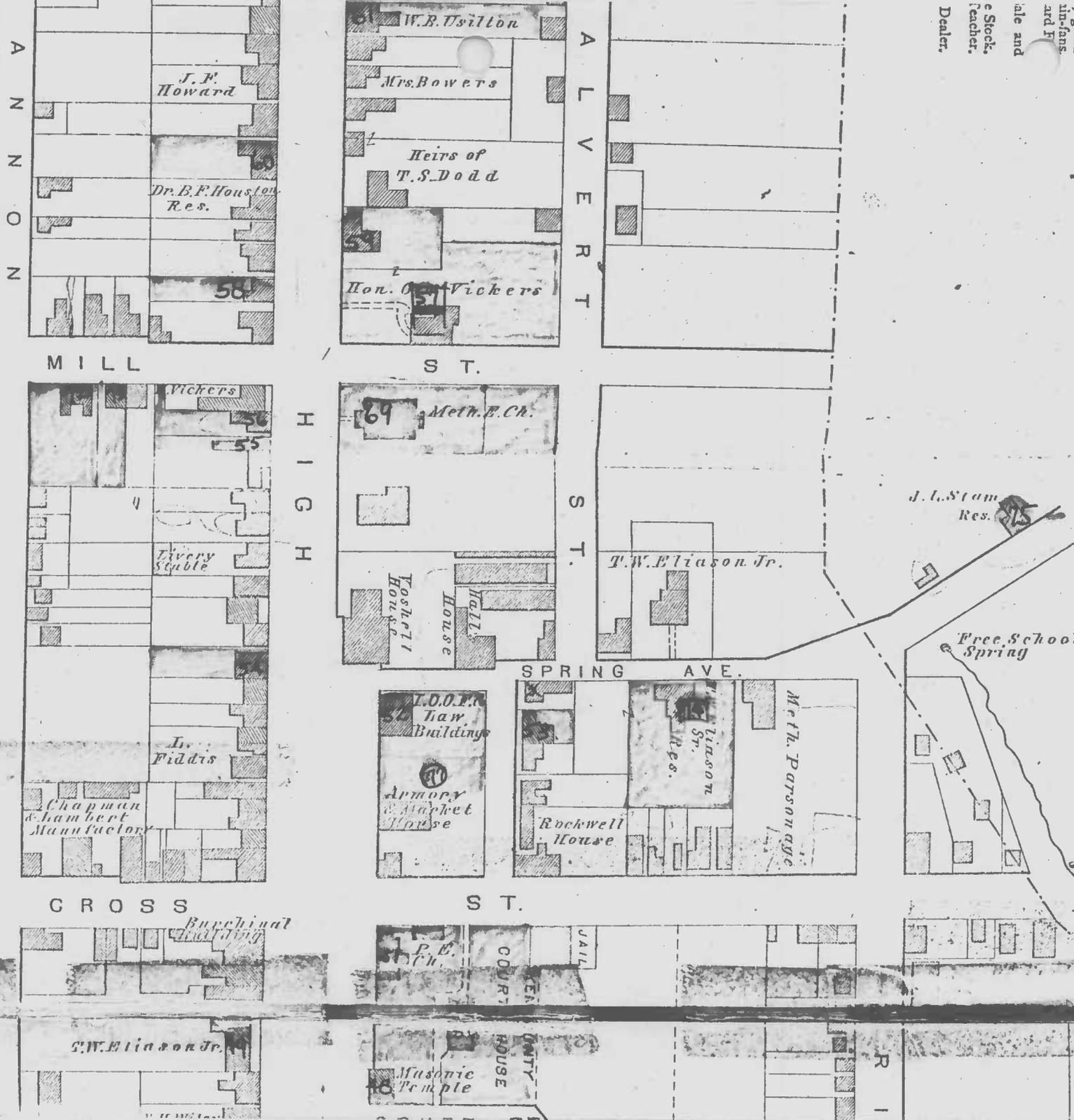
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3/241 11/22/23 Simon and Darcus Wilmer to John Wilson, Taylor, #41, £ 5 cm.

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