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James W. Wallace Office
Cambridge
1849-50
Private

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printed in the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas. James Wallace had the property resurveyed under the name "Tusculum" during his residency.

Following the Civil War, James Wallace entered into agricultural and industrial pursuits, and with his son James, started a packing company, James Wallace & Son, in 1870. The canning company was located at an advantageous spot at the foot of Gay Street on the Inner Harbor. A few years before his death in 1887, Colonel Wallace wrote a short summary of the historical and commercial history of Cambridge, and he delivered it in a public address on July 4, 1884.

In his will, James Wallace left all his real estate and personal property to his wife, Annie E. Wallace. In 1894 Annie Wallace transferred the house and office, at the corner of Gay and Spring (or Church) streets to her son James. During the twentieth century, the Wallace house was owned by Minnie R. Hooper during the 1920s and 1930s until it was offered at public sale on October 3, 1939. During the late 1930s, the office was occupied by W. Laird Henry. At the auction, the town commissioners of Cambridge were the highest bidder at \$7,500. Following public purchase of the property, the house site became the new location of the Dorchester County Public Library, while the old Wallace office was left standing at the corner of Church and Gay streets.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-197

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James W. Wallace Office

other

2. Location

street and number 301 Gay Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name The Dorchester Public Library

street and number 303 Gay Street telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 168 folio 255

city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 4414 tax ID number 7-174470

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Colonel James W. Wallace office stands at 301 Gay Street, on the southwest corner of the intersection of Church and Gay Streets adjacent to the Dorchester County Public Library, the former site of the Colonel James W. Wallace house in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built during the late second quarter of the nineteenth century, the single-story, hip roofed brick office building faces southeast with the hip roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Built in 1849-50, the single-story, two-room plan brick building, known as the Colonel James W. Wallace Office, stands at 301 Gay Street at the southwest corner of the intersection of Church and Gay streets in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story brick structure is coated with stucco, as it was intended from the time of its initial construction. A patch of stucco has flaked off the building to the left of the entrance revealing unstruck mortar joints. The hip roofed office building is covered with a steeply pitched hip roof covered with fiberglass shingles. Attached to the front of the building and sheltering a center entrance is a hip roofed portico supported on stuccoed brick columns following a Doric order and supported on large square blocks. Flat wood pilasters define the wall surface under the portico header. The edge of the portico roof is finished with a boxed cornice enriched with a Victorian style saw-tooth edge bed molding. The portico sheltered a side-lighted front entrance fitted with a Greek Revival two-panel door framed with a wide transom and sidelights. The transom and sidelights have a lattice style muntin design. Trimming the outer edge of the entrance is a pair of Doric pilasters that rise to a classical entablature.

The southwest side elevation is a two-bay wall surface with a pair of six-over-six sash windows evenly spaced across the façade. The window openings have thick wooden sills and lintels typical of mid nineteenth century construction. The window trim retain shutter pintels, however the shutters no longer remain on the building. Stretching across the top of the wall surface is a wide band executed in stucco that serves as a definition of the wall as part of the entablature associated with the front portico.

The northeast side elevation features a pair of interior side chimney stacks that pierce the roofline, and each stack is covered with stucco. On the outer wall surface the façade is pierced by six-over-six sash windows finished in the same fashion as the windows on the opposite wall.

The northwest (rear) wall is pierced by a single, partially glazed door opening. To the right of the door opening is a small two-pane window of modern date.

The interior has been modified over the years, but it does retain some mid nineteenth century woodwork including neoclassical mantels around the fireplaces in each room.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1849-50

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, WJ 2/495, 2 October 1845, Dorchester County Courthouse.
² Elias Jones, *A New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland*. Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1966, pp. 484-85.
³ *Cambridge Democrat and Dorchester Advertiser*, 7 August 1850, Dorchester County Historical Society Microfilm Collection.
⁴ *Smyrna [Delaware] Times*, 19 September 1861. Delaware State Archives, Dover, Delaware.
⁵ Dorchester County Will Book, LLK 1/98, Written 1 December 1858, proved 3 June 1859, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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⁶ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, p. 77.

⁷ R. Lee Burton, Jr. *Canneries of the Eastern Shore, Centreville, Maryland*: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 93.

⁸ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, p. 77.

⁹ James W. Wallace, "An Address of Col. [James] Wallace on the Antiquities and Development of Cambridge," 4 July 1884, Maryland Historical Society.

¹⁰ Dorchester County Will Book, JWF 1/81, Written 7 February 1887, Proved 28 February 1887, Dorchester County Courthouse.

¹¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 19/116, 6 March 1894, Dorchester County Courthouse.

¹² Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 41/537, 31 August 1940, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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James W. Wallace Office
301 Gay Street
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

CHAIN-OF-TITLE

Map 301, Parcel 4414

PLC 168/255 Town Commissioners of Cambridge

to

Dorchester County Public Library

RSM 41/537 Emerson C. Harrington, Trustee

to

8.31.1940 The Commissioners of Cambridge

Public Sale, 10.3.1939, \$7,500 "Wallace Property" office occupied by
W. Laird Henry

WHM 10/368 Edward S. Phillips

to

6.14.1921 Minnie R. Hooper

Assumption of mortgage, WHM 10/638, 5.23.1921

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CL 19/117

Annie Wallace

To, son

3.6.1894

James Wallace, Jr.

\$7,000

(Robert Wallace devised by will to James Wallace, Sr., afterwards
James Wallace had property resurveyed and patented under the name
Tusculum)

Will Book
JWF 1/81

Last Will and Testament of James W. Wallace

To, wife, Annie E. Wallace

Written
2.7.1887
Proved
2.28.1887

all real estate and personal property

Will Book
LLK 1/98

Last Will and Testament of Robert Wallace

I give and devise unto my son James Wallace and his heirs the small farm
I bought of William Dean and wife, and also the store house and Lot on
High Street in the town of Cambridge, Also the Houses and Lots I bought
of Mrs. Elizabeth Lockerman

Written
12.1.1858
Proved
6.3.1859

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WJ 2/495

Elizabeth Lockerman

to

10.2.1845

Robert Wallace

\$2,650 ...

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse
Dorchester County Will Books, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 +/- acre
Quadrangle name Cambridge, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

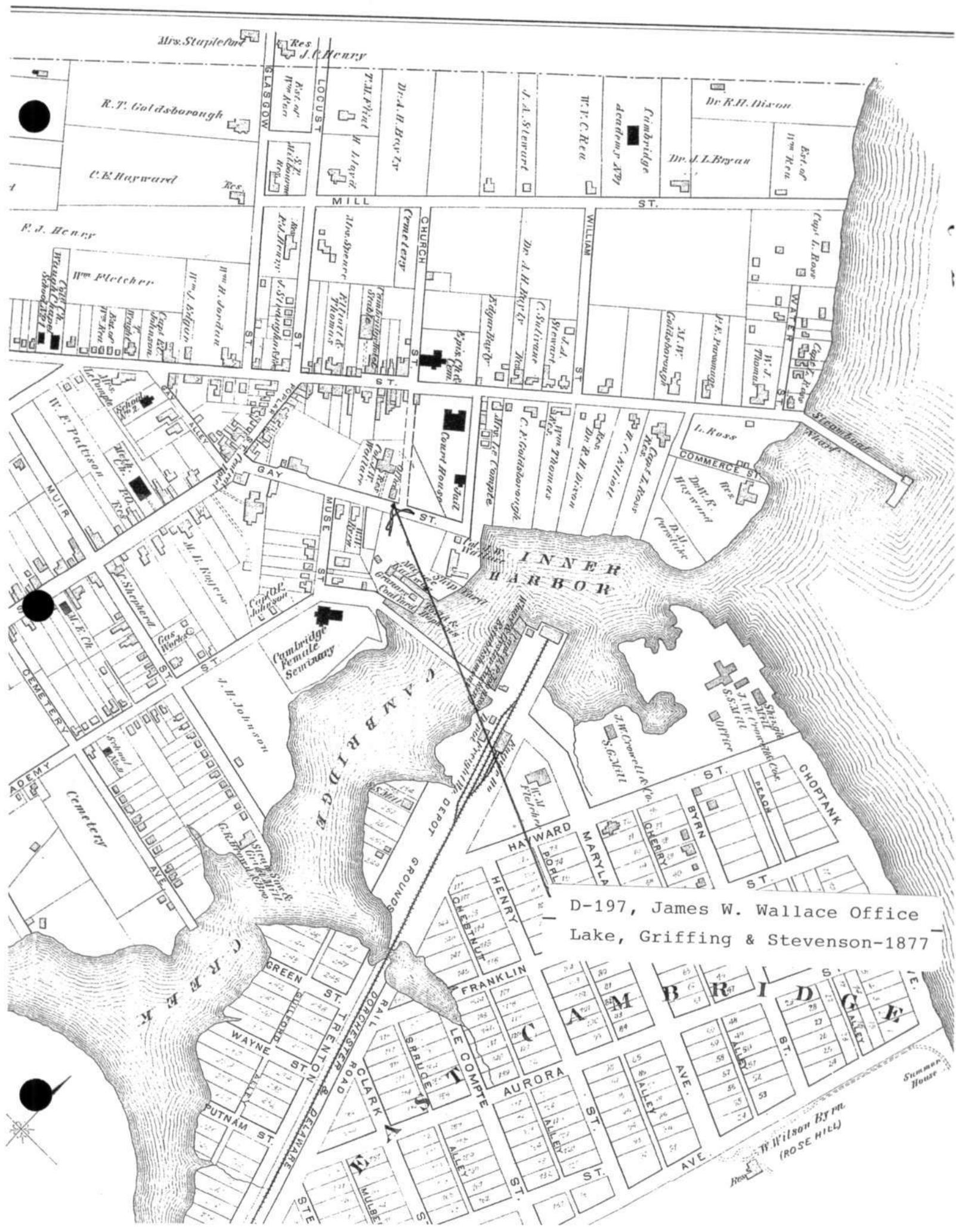
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	2/15/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



Mrs. Stapleton
Res. J. C. Henry

R. T. Goldsborough

C. B. Hayward

R. J. Henry

Wm. Fletcher

Wm. R. Jordan

Wm. J. Baynes

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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson-1877

Wm. Wilson Byrn
(ROSE HILL)

TALBOT CO
DORCHESTER CO

Light

Hambrooks Bar

Slagle 3

Boat Ramp

Radio Tower (WCEM)
Great Marsh Point

Sandy Hill Sch

Middle Sch

JENKINS CREEK

ROAD

Glasgow Sch

SOMERSET AVE

GLASGOW AVE

Golden Shore Sch

Long Wharf Park

Tidal Sta

Boat Ramps

Greenlawn Cem

Chesapeake College

PO

Heliport

Hosp

BM 12

LEONARDOS AVE

GREENWOOD AVE

LANE

MUR ST

MARYLAND AVE

DORCHESTER AVE

CAMBRIDGE

Bethel Cem

Maces Lane

D-197, James W. Wallace Office
Cambridge, MD Quadrangle



WALLACE
OFFICE BUILDING
West End Citizens Assoc., Inc.
1912

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COLONEL JAMES W. WALLACE OFFICE
CAMBRIDGE, ROCKHILL STONE CO. M.D.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

2, 2010, PAUL D. TOUART, PHOTO.
NEGATIVE / M.D. HISTORICAL TRUST

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THE WALLACE OFFICE

Located at the corner of Gay and Church Streets is a small, attractive Greek Revival structure, one of the few buildings in Cambridge to reflect this style of architecture which was popular in the mid-19th century. This rectangular one story building has stuccoed exterior walls, a hip roof, and a hip roofed portico supported by Doric columns. Now the headquarters of the Dorchester Educators, this was originally the office of Colonel James Wallace, who lived in the 18th century house which once stood to the rear of this office, known as The Hill or Wallace Mansion. This is one of the earliest surviving commercial structures in Cambridge.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Old Wallace Office

AND/OR COMMON

The Dorchester Educators Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gay Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

Dorchester

Educators Bldg.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dorchester County Public Library

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 168

Folio #: 255

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 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

This small and attractive building, now used as an office by the Dorchester Educators, is one of the few structures in Cambridge that reflects the influence of the Greek Revival style. It is a one story structure with stuccoed walls and a hip roof that rises to a peak. There are two chimneys on the north side. The front door, which has two long rectangular panels, is flanked by sidelights with diamond shaped panes and has a large rectangular transom light above, also with diamond shaped panes. Pilasters frame the door. In front of the door is a portico, supported by two Doric Columns, with a hip roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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"/> 1700-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small building is significant as one of the few examples of Greek Revival influence in Cambridge, and also as one of the earliest surviving commercial buildings in this town. It was the office of Col. James Wallace, who lived in the house known as The Hill or The Wallace Mansion which once stood to the rear of this office where the parking lot of the Dorchester County Public Library is today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		DATE 11/30/75
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 32		STATE Maryland
CITY OR TOWN Cambridge		

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

301 Gay Street
Cambridge, Maryland

PLC 168/255

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.

Research by;

Terrance P. Walbert

1976

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN

STREET NO.

VICINITY

ORIGINAL OWNER

ORIGINAL USE

PRESENT OWNER

PRESENT USE

WALL CONSTRUCTION

NO. OF STORIES

2. NAME Wallace Office

DATE OR PERIOD

STYLE

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

On the west corner of Gay and Church Streets stands a small Greek Revival Office structure now used as an office by the Dorchester Educators. It is a rectangular hip roof masonry structure with small hip roof doric portico. The walls are stuccoed and scored to resemble ashlar masonry, and the entrance has a two panel door with transom and side lights having diamond panes. The cornice has a simple course of machine-made 19th Century scollops and a deep fascia which is part of the wall. On the N. E. side of the building there are two chimneys.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered

Interior

Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

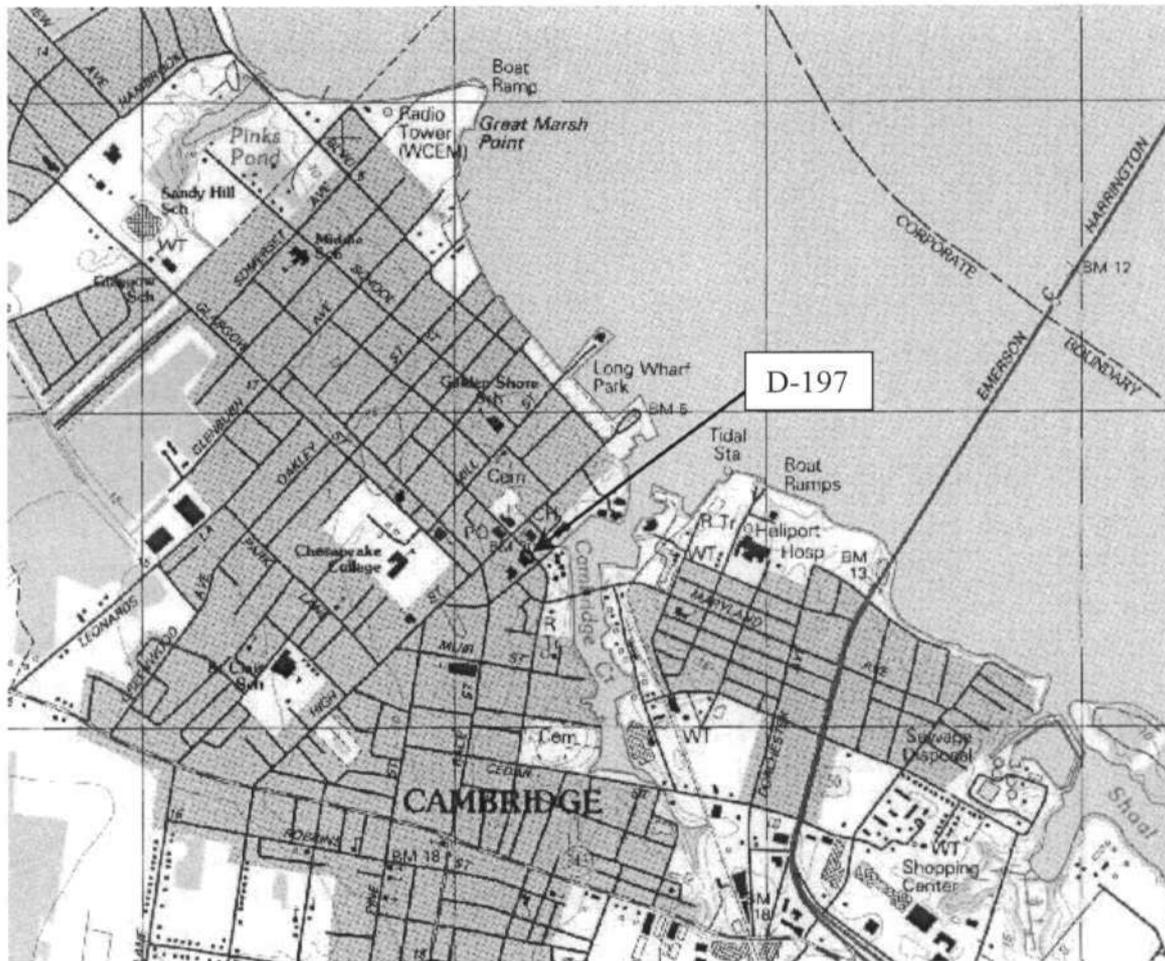
7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael O. Bourne, Field Surveyor
Maryland Historical Trust
2525 Riva Road
Annapolis, Md. 21401
DATE OF RECORD

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Wallace Office (Dorchester Educators Building)
Gay St. and Spring St.
Cambridge
Cambridge Quad.
Dorchester Co.



2 SHOTS: (4.10) 68%

D-197 @ 50%

15x1-83



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Gay & Choral sta.

Carb. 12

C weeks

Col 80



Dorchester Educators

Col. Wallace Office, Gay St., Cambridge, Md. - G. L. Moore, 1976

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