

K347 present Kent News Building
former Methodist Protestant Church
Chestertown, Md.

1829-39

presently news offices

If restored, this building, externally, would be a very good example of another type of church architecture, that of the 1830s. Its adapted Palladian window with the two large windows flanking the entrance make for an impressive facade. The outshot which certainly relates to the interior sanctuary, in the rear, is also interesting architecturally.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kent News Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

corner Cross and Cannon Sts.

First

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

Kent

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

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 *on business*
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Kent Publishing Inc.

Telephone #: 301-778-2011

STREET & NUMBER

Cross and Cannon

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: WHG 10

Folio #: 163

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED ^{ing}	<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

The former Methodist Protestant Church is a 2½ storey American bond brick building that is crying for repair and restoration. While a church it probably was only 1 storey with possibly a gallery.

The Cross St. entrance to the present Kent News Building was obviously the church's main entrance and has recently been "remodeled". Above it is a 19th century adaptation of a Palladian window, minus the central arch. It has an ornamented lintel, is shuttered. The central portion is double hung 6/6 and the flanking sides are double hung 2/2. On either side of the door way are large, 9/9 double hung shuttered windows.

At either corner of the Cross St. facade and Cannon St. side are brick pilasters. On the front the cornice returns on these. The bargeboard is one with sawn decorations.

The rear (or parking lot) side of the building has 2 small windows in the peak of the gable which are now boarded up. The bargeboard is similar to that of Cross St. An outshot is centrally located in the rear and was obviously related to the interior sanctuary, having one shutter wide window in each side.

The north, or Cannon St., side is 4 bays with 3 brick vestigial buttresses between each window. The second floor contains 4 6/6 double hung windows directly up to the cornice, also with sawn decorations. The first floor, from left to right, has 2 6/6 double hung windows, a door with new brick work surrounding it, and another 6/6 double hung window. The first floor windows have cantilevered bricks above them. Directly over the central buttress is a stuccoed chimney with a Victorian chimney pot. The roof is of strips of tin.

Only a small portion of the south side is visible due to an addition, but one can see the 4 bays with windows directly up to the cornice, and the 3 vestigial buttresses.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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 1829-1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

If restored, the present Kent News Building would be a handsome addition of its period to the town. Externally one can see that it was a church with its outshot at the rear (related to the sanctuary) and the adapted Palladian window. The interior has been cut up into many small rooms and offices for the news offices.

The first Methodist Meeting House in town, built in 1803, then housed all the town's Methodists. However, a schism later developed and the Methodist Protestants built their own church here, and remained ~~to workshop~~ until the end of the 19th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fred G. Usilton's "History of Kent County" and history of Chestertown History of K.C., shows old photo of Kent New Bldg. with 4 windows on Cannon St. side.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

parallelogram 91'8" x 55'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

beginning western most corner Cross and Cannon and at eastern most corner of lot #93, extending sw along Cross to a point 64'10" measuring from east corner of old Church Building. Then at right angles with Cross and in nw direction parallel with Cannon a distance of 55', then in ne direction and parallel with Cross 63'10" to Cannon. Then by and with Cannon 55' to beginning.
2nd lot- 26'10" by 55'

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Historical Trust, City of Chestertown

DATE

Sept. 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Md.

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

KENT NEWS BUILDING corner Cross and Cannon

WHG 10/163 2/9/49

Harry S. Russell, Rebecca A., wife, and Emerson R. Russell and Frances R., wife to Kent Publishing Co., Inc.

beginning w most corner Cross and Cannon and at eastern most corner of lot 93, extending sw along Cross to a point 64'10" measuring from e corner of old Church Building (now the Enterprise Building) now on the lands hereby conveyed. Then at right angles with Cross and in nw direction parallel with Cannon, a distance of 55'; then in ne direction and parallel with Cross 64'10" to Cannon, then by and with Cannon 55' to beginning, the same being a part of lot 93.

and also the attached part

beginning at a point found by measuring in a sw direction 64'10" from e corner of old MP Church Building (now known as the Enterprise Building) located at corner of Cross and Cannon and extending from the point in a sw direction with and parallel to Cross 26'10" thence at right angles with Cross and in nw direction with and parallel to Cannon 55', then in ne direction and parallel to Cross 26'10", then in SE direction and parallel with Cannon 55' to beginning.

26'10" x 55' which with 1st lot makes a parallelogram 91'8" x 55'.

RAS 31/295 3/24/43

L. Bates Russell, Jr. and Inez Russell, executors of will of L. Bates Russell, Sr., deceased (EE 1/297) to Harry S. Russell and Emerson R. Russell, house and lot known as Enterprise Building lot. \$2,000.00.

JTD 9/249 4/30/04

Charles S. Smith and wife, Emma N., his $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest to L. Bates Russell, Sr. 1st piece

JTD 24/236 8/14/11

Charles S. Smith and wife to Lawrence Bates Russell 2nd piece.

JTD 8/95 5/12/03

Bd. of County School Commissioners to Charles S. Smith & L. Bates Russell for \$2,625.00., known as the "Old Public School, total lot #93.

photo F.G. Usilton History of Kent County, p. 101, old public school and MP Church.

JTD 8/60 4/17/03

Christ Methodist Protestant Church of Chestertown to Board of County School Commissioners. \$2,500.00.

The Chestertown Story - Oct. 5-13, 1956 Program states Methodist Protestant Church organized July 13, 1827. First church erected, 1829, Cross and Cannon, today the home of the Kent News. F.G. Usilton, History of Kent County refers to the new MP Church dedicated 1/30/1859 and thoroughly repaired in 1878

JNG 2/87 1/8/30

Geo. W. Thomas to Trustees of Associated Methodist Church, 1st lot #93, 50' sq., bldgs. \$100.00.

JKH 1/240 8/9/58

Joseph Kennard & Dorcas K. (Darkey Carter) to T of AMPC, 2nd part #93, 5' x 50'.

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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (NEW) FARM

COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KENT

LYNCHBURG STREET

POPLAR RD.

PROSPECT ST.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE AVENUE

AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

PINE

CEDAR

SCHOOL

STREET

STREET

STREET

KENT

STREET

MT. VERNON

CAMPUS

COLLEGE

BROWN VIEW RD.

STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

TERRACE

RIVER

SCHOOL STREET

MILL

CALVERT STREET

SCHOOL AVENUE

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

CROSS

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ROW STREET

PARK COURT ST.

CHURCH ST.

AVENUE

STREET

BYFORD COURT

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

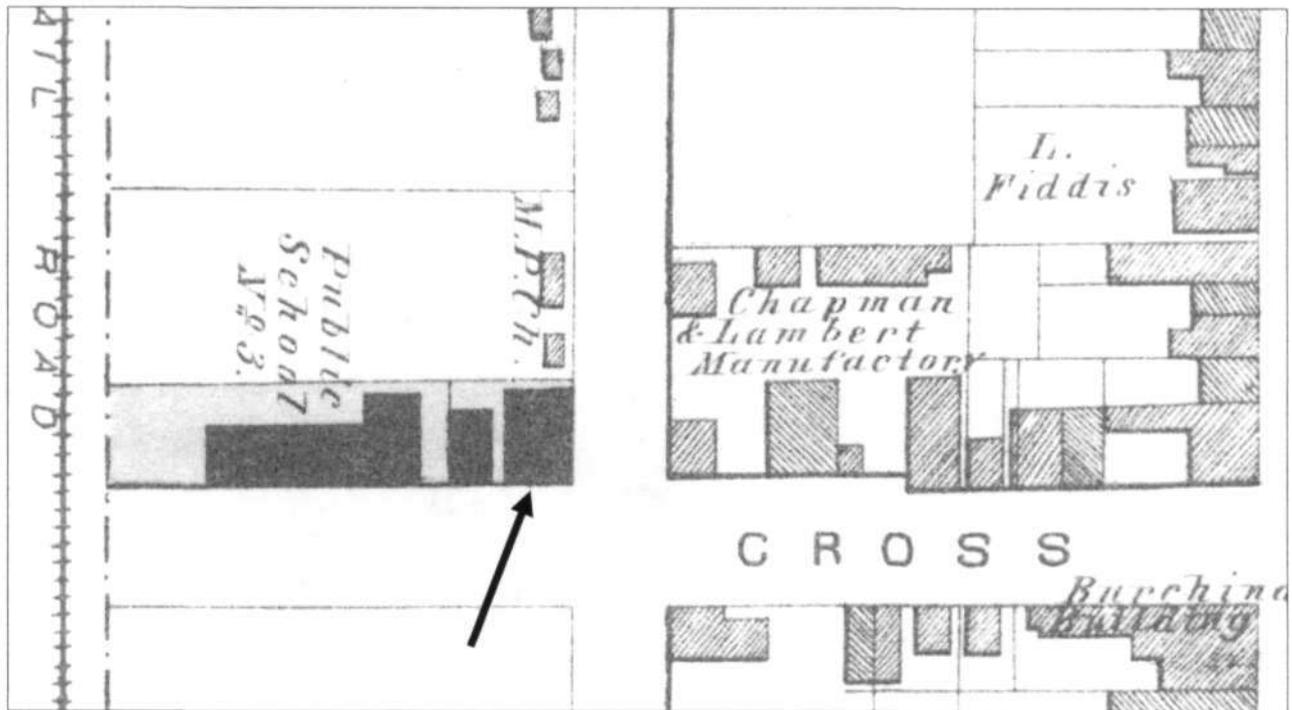
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Chester

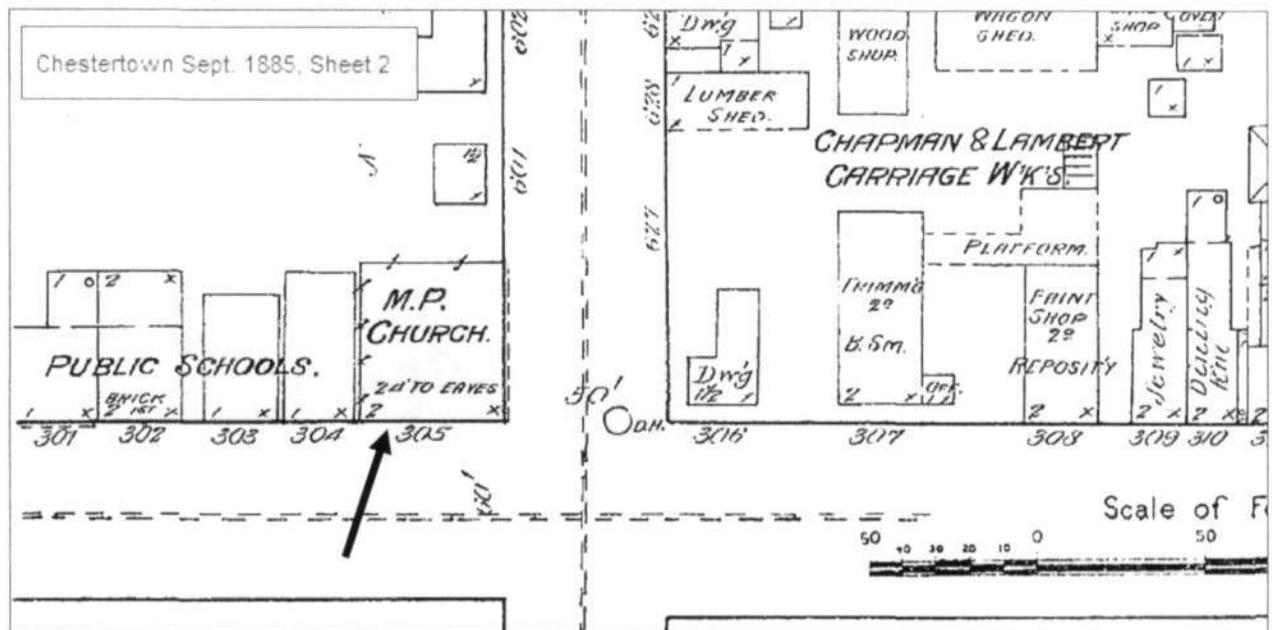
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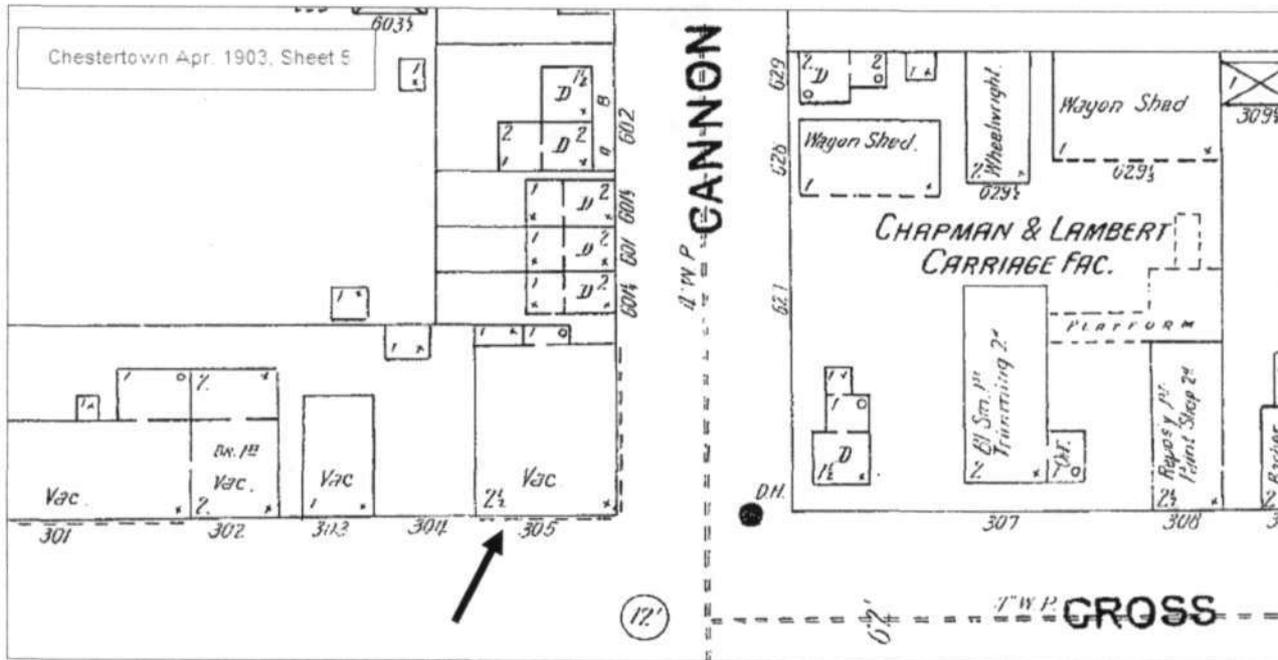
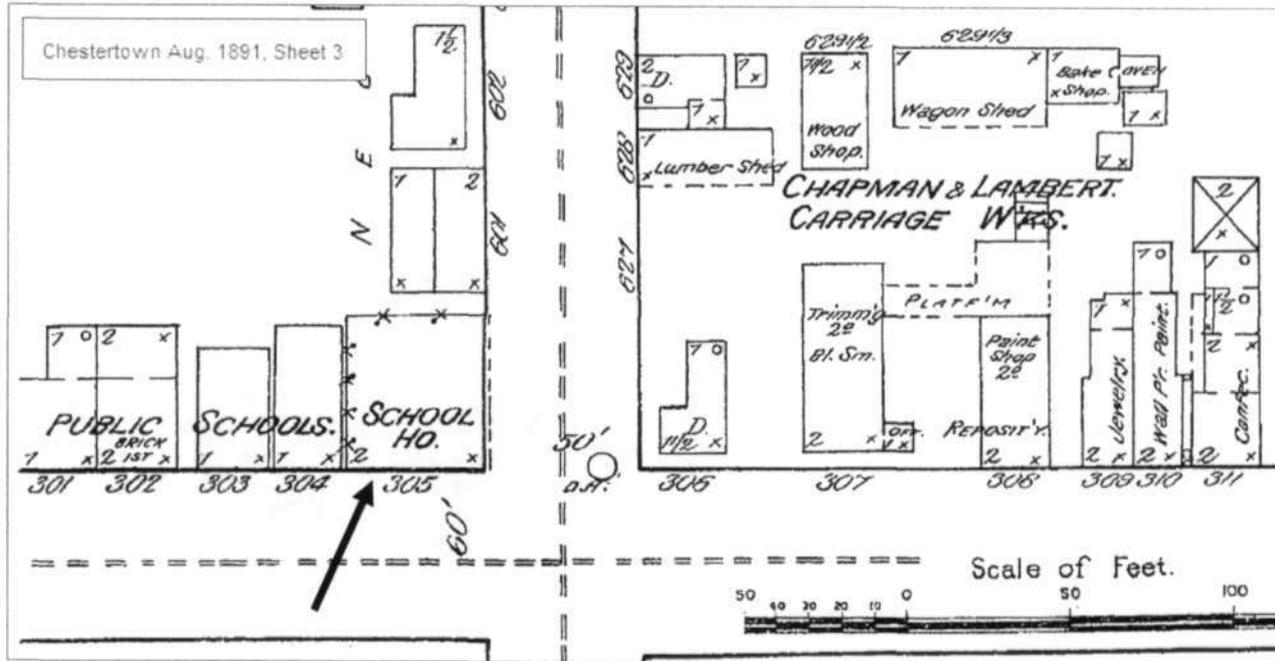
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 Kent News Building
 202 S. Cross Street, Chestertown
 1877 Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas



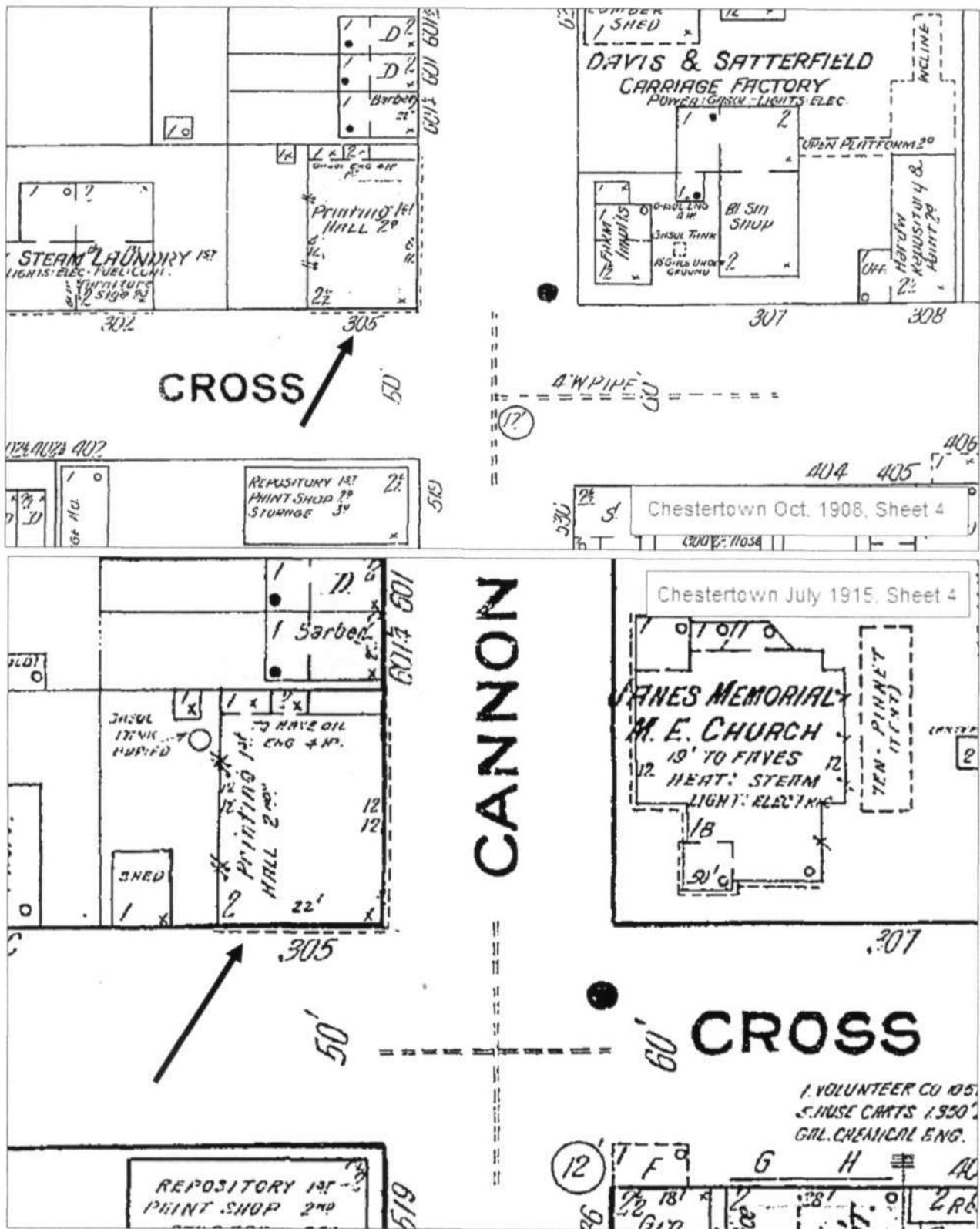
1885 Sanborn Map



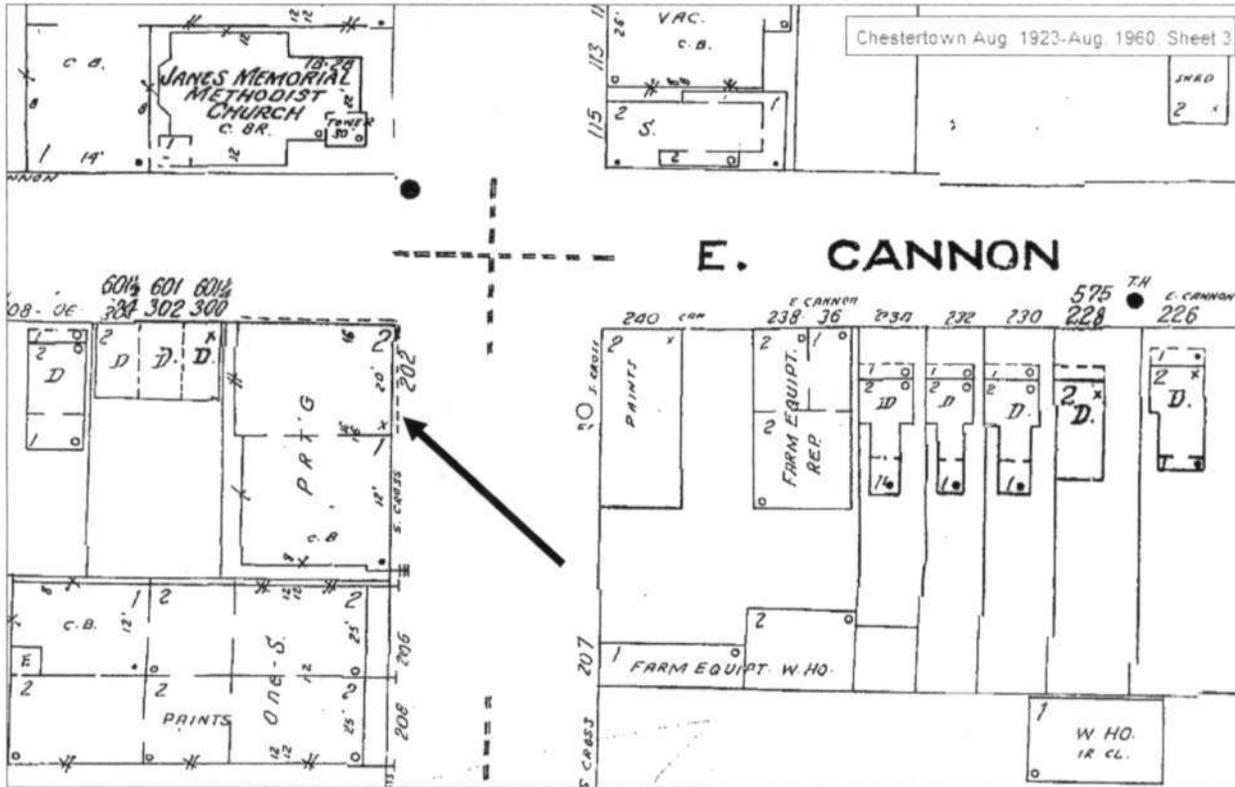
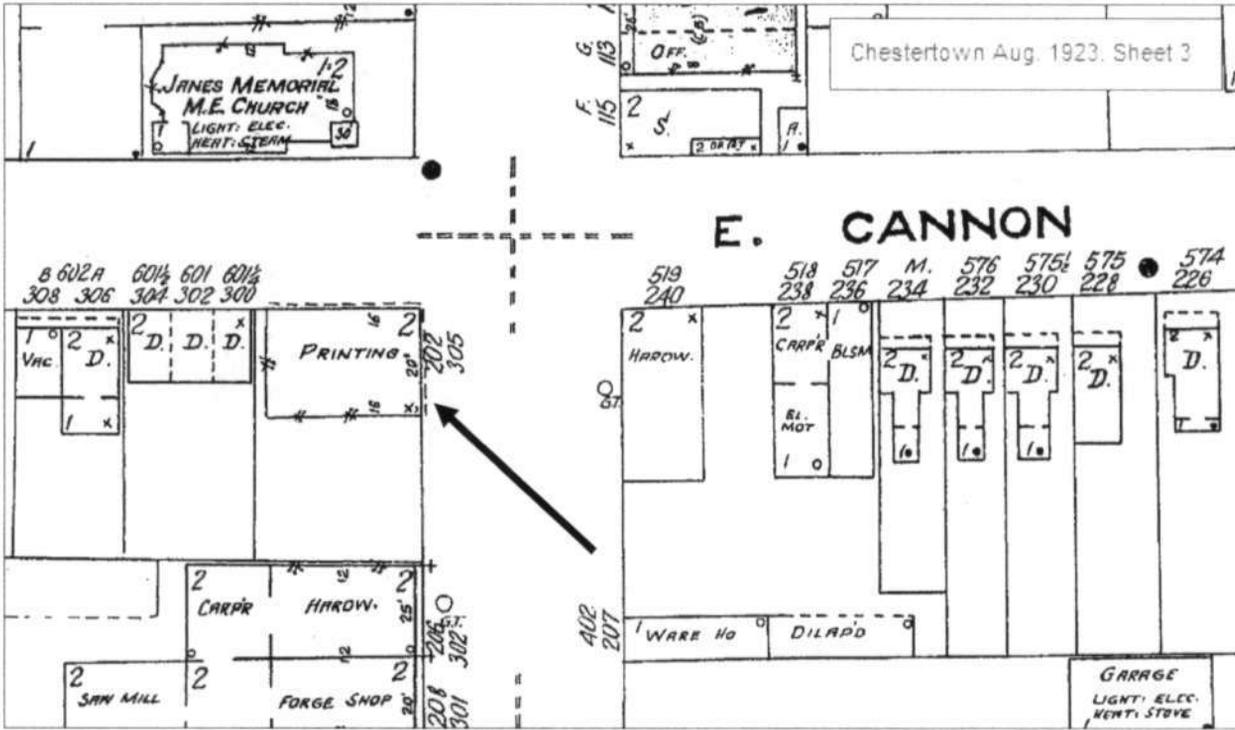
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 Kent News Building
 202 S. Cross Street, Chestertown
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K-347
Kent News Building
202 S. Cross Street
Chestertown quadrangle



Tax Map 203, Parcel 1231





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1/77 W 4 W

note outshad on rear