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Centreville Furniture Store

circa 1798

Centreville

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Centreville Furniture Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

121 North Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Herbert Goldstein

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

101 North Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 19

Folio #: 305

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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

The Centreville Furniture Store is located on the east side of North Commerce Street in Centreville, facing west to the Court House green. The furniture store encompasses three adjoining buildings. The southernmost of these buildings is the only structure of significance. This two story brick building was constructed in the last decade of the 18th century as a dwelling, and in the late 19th or early 20th century the first floor was opened up for commercial purposes while the second floor was converted into an apartment.

This early dwelling is rectangular in plan with the gable end turned to the street. To the rear of the main building is a smaller detached brick wing. This building was later joined to the front section with a two story brick addition.

The west gable of the main building, facing Commerce Street and the Court House, serves as the front facade. The first story of the street gable has been opened up to accommodate a large, three-part plate glass store front framed with

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

flat pilasters and a Victorian cornice. On the second story, two original windows have been bricked up and a semi-octagonal Victorian bay window inserted. A flush brick chimney that originally was centered on the gable has been removed, and the gable eaves are trimmed with a post-Civil War box cornice that returns at the corners. The surviving original brickwork on the second floor is laid in Flemish bond, and the original window openings have splayed jack arches. A two-course belt course crosses the gable at the second floor eave level.

The first story of the north facade has been opened up to the adjoining one story building. The second story remains intact and overlooks the roof of the adjacent building. There are three 6/9 windows symmetrically ranged across the second story. The brickwork is three course bond. The south facade is covered by a later building on the adjoining lot. The rear or east gable wall is almost completely covered by a later two story addition. The roof of this addition is about two feet lower than the roof of the original building. A flush chimney centered on this gable has also been removed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

The smaller wing to the rear of the dwelling is also of brick. The south wall is laid in Flemish bond, the east gable in five-course common bond. Two large openings on the first floor of the south wall have been blocked up; two 6/6 windows survive on the second floor. On the east gable, a door in the north bay of the first story has been bricked up. Above the door, there is a 6/9 window, and to the left of center in the upper gable a 4/4 window has been blocked. The gable eaves are fitted with replaced rakeboards. On the south facade the eaves are finished with a box cornice.

In the mid-19th century or later, several alterations were undertaken. The detached wing was joined to the main building by a two story in-fill addition and the interior of the wing was reworked. It is unclear if these structural changes pre-date or coincide with the Victorian store front and bay window that were clearly added in the post-Civil War period.

The first floor of the main dwelling was gutted and converted into commercial space. The only feature of interest is a decorative tin ceiling. On the second floor, the original floor plan evidently

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

remains largely intact, with a large room across the front or west end of the building and a side stairhall and a second chamber to the east. Original baseboard, chairrail, and architrave trim survives throughout the second floor, as well as the original six-panel Federal doors. These doors are now painted white but where the paint has chipped it is possible to see original mahogany graining with stenciled inlay.

The rear wing and the later addition have been reworked and are of little architectural interest.

A trap door in the ceiling of the second floor hall allows access to the attic and the roof. The roof of the main house is constructed of hewn and whip sawn common rafters set at a pitch of approximately 35 degrees. The rafters are joined at the ridge with a pegged mortise-and-tenon joint. Evidence of original chimneys at each gable end can clearly be seen in both the framing and the brickwork, although the upper gable of the west wall was rebuilt when the bay window was added. A section of plaster in the southeast corner of this attic suggests the location of an early stair. The plaster is applied to riven lathing secured with machine nails.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

From the attic of the later in-fill addition it is possible to see very clearly that the rear wing is early if not original. The west gable wall of the wing is an exterior wall, with a window opening complete with frame in the upper gable. This frame is of heavy, pegged construction and was fitted with fixed sash, now missing. The original roof framing of the wing has survived, but the floor levels have been changed and are framed with circular sawn timber.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 circa 1792-97

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/8/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XIII; Recorded October 23, 1979.

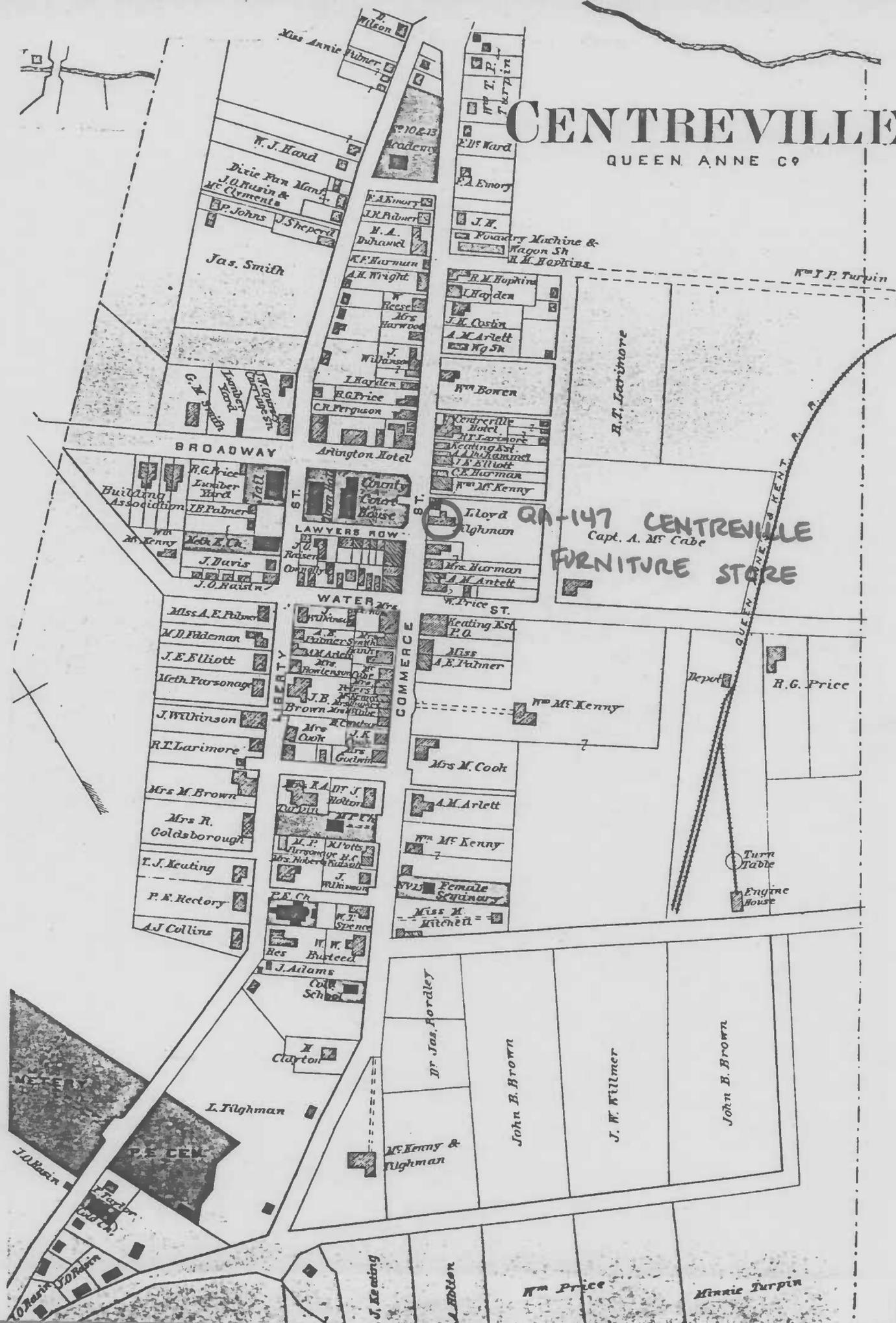
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CENTREVILLE

QUEEN ANNE CO



QA-147 CENTREVILLE
Capt. A. M. Cade
FURNITURE STORE

BROADWAY

WATER

COMMERCE

W. PRICE ST.

N. P. TURPIN

QUEEN ANNE CO

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Engine House

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Centreville Furniture Store
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Front gable wall, from west



QA-147 Centreville Furniture Store
 Centreville, Maryland
 Orlando Ridout V 1980
 Rear view from East