

# Easement

QA - 372  
Church Hill Store and House  
Church Hill  
Private

Before Circa 1815;  
Circa 1870-80

The Church Hill Store and adjoining house are located on the south corner of Main Street (Old Route 213) and Walnut Street (Route 19), opposite St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the center of Church Hill. These two adjoining structures appear to date in their present form to the period circa 1870-80.

The store is an exceptional example of a post-Civil War commercial building and remains virtually unchanged from the Victorian period. Significant details include the handsome Victorian storefronts on the two street facades, the original wood awning on the Main Street facade with chamfered framing and decorative scrolled trim, the original interior shelving, and a variety of smaller details throughout the building.

The house is an equally fine example of Victorian domestic architecture. There have been only minor changes to exterior; the interior has undergone a number of alterations, including the removal of the original stair, insertion of several interior partitions, and the closing off of one first floor fireplace.

Of equal significance is the evidence of an earlier structure that predates the existing store. Evidence of this earlier building includes the front portion of the brick cellar, which appears to date to the late 18th or early 19th century, the reused framing timbers in the first floor structure, beaded weatherboard siding on the south wall of the store, and early scantling reused in the roof. The latter material includes numerous hand wrought nails, suggesting a date prior to circa 1815. While only fragments of this earlier building survive, they are significant as one of the earliest structures in Church Hill.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Church Hill Store and House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 19 and Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Church Hill

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ross & Marie Rhodes

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Church Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21623

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: TSP 37

Folio #: 399

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

GA-372

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Church Hill Store and House stand on the south corner of the principal intersection in town, opposite St. Luke's Church. Both structures appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century, except for a small portion of wall on the southwest side of the store.

The north facade has a wide store window with central entrance and two flanking windows. The store window has 4 large panes on the front and two panes where it projects from the plane of the building. Beneath the windows are panels surrounded by bold bolection molding. The same panels are at the bottoms of the double doors. The doors have two glass panes each and there is a two pane transom above. In the soffit above the doors is a panel. Flanking each window is a large bracket beneath the projecting cornice. The crown molding is broken where the wood awning originally hung. (The original awning exists on the northwest facade). Flanking the store front are two windows with overhanging cornices supported on two brackets. A squiggly scallop design hangs from the cornice. Both windows have 2/2 sash.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Church Hill Store and adjoining House stand on the south corner of the intersection of old Rt. 213 and Rt. 19, opposite St. Luke's Church. Both structures appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century, although part of the southwest wall of the store appears to date from the first half of the 19th century. The store still retains its original store windows (some broken panes), same shelving and many original details. Exterior detailing of the house is very similar to several houses constructed in Chestertown in the 1880's. The living room retains a good buffet-type mantel with its original glazed tile around the stove and on the hearth.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/16/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

On the second story there are five windows with 6/6 sash, all having Greek Revival trim.

The northwest facade has only a store window on the first story which is identical to the other window in every detail, only narrower. The original awning has chamfered structural members and exposed beaded dado or decking. Between the cornice and the diagonal pipe support is a row of the same type squiggly scallop as found on the northeast windows. There is one window, off-center, on the second story.

Part of the southwest side, about 15', has beaded weatherboard over its first story. Its foundation is taller than the other part of the store and is exposed inside, behind the shelves. These weatherboards are fastened with cut nails.

The southeast facade has a single door on the first story. It is an early 19th century 6-panel door.

The house is an 'L' plan, two story building with the entrance porch recessed between the 'L' of the living room on the right and the store on the left in a three-sided courtyard. The porch and corresponding facade is three bays long, with the entrance on the right side. The porch columns are turned and chamfered and have long horizontal pierced and scrolled brackets supporting the roof. The porch also has brackets above the fascia, smaller in scale than the main cornice. The windows of

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

this facade have 1/1 sash.

Projecting two bays out from the entrance, the living room faces the street with the most architectural feature of the house. Its gable has a bay window on the first floor with scalloped apron above a bolection drip cap. Scored panels with applied molding and cornerblocks are beneath the windows. Large brackets flank each window with two smaller ones between which support a cornice with quatrafoil pierced work. It terminates in a hip tin roof.

On the second story are a pair of arched windows beneath a bracketed and pierced cornice. In the attic is a small circular beaded window. The majority of the gable has a heavy pierced scrollwork within a scalloped arch. There is a finial at the apex of the roof and a ball drop at the top of the arch.

The southwest side is three bays long and the southeast is four bays long, both facades are plain. A kitchen porch with enclosed bath is located on the southeast facade. A door with hood, adjacent the store, leads to an enclosed stair to the second story.

Two chimneys rise from within the house. Both have good bold detail of the period.

The interior of the store was originally undivided and had shelving on two walls, only a portion of which

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

remains. The shelving is beaded and is divided by plain chamfered pilaster-like vertical members with very crude caps.

The interior of the shop windows have mortise marks where shutters or doors closed off the windows from the interior.

The ceiling is quite dark and appears to have been dark tan with a red border around the room with quarter circles at each corner. A chamfered girder runs the length of the building and is supported on two chamfered posts.

Two doors on the southwest wall open into the stair and closet beneath the stair. The latter door retains original tan and red paint.

The second story, over the store, is divided into three rooms.

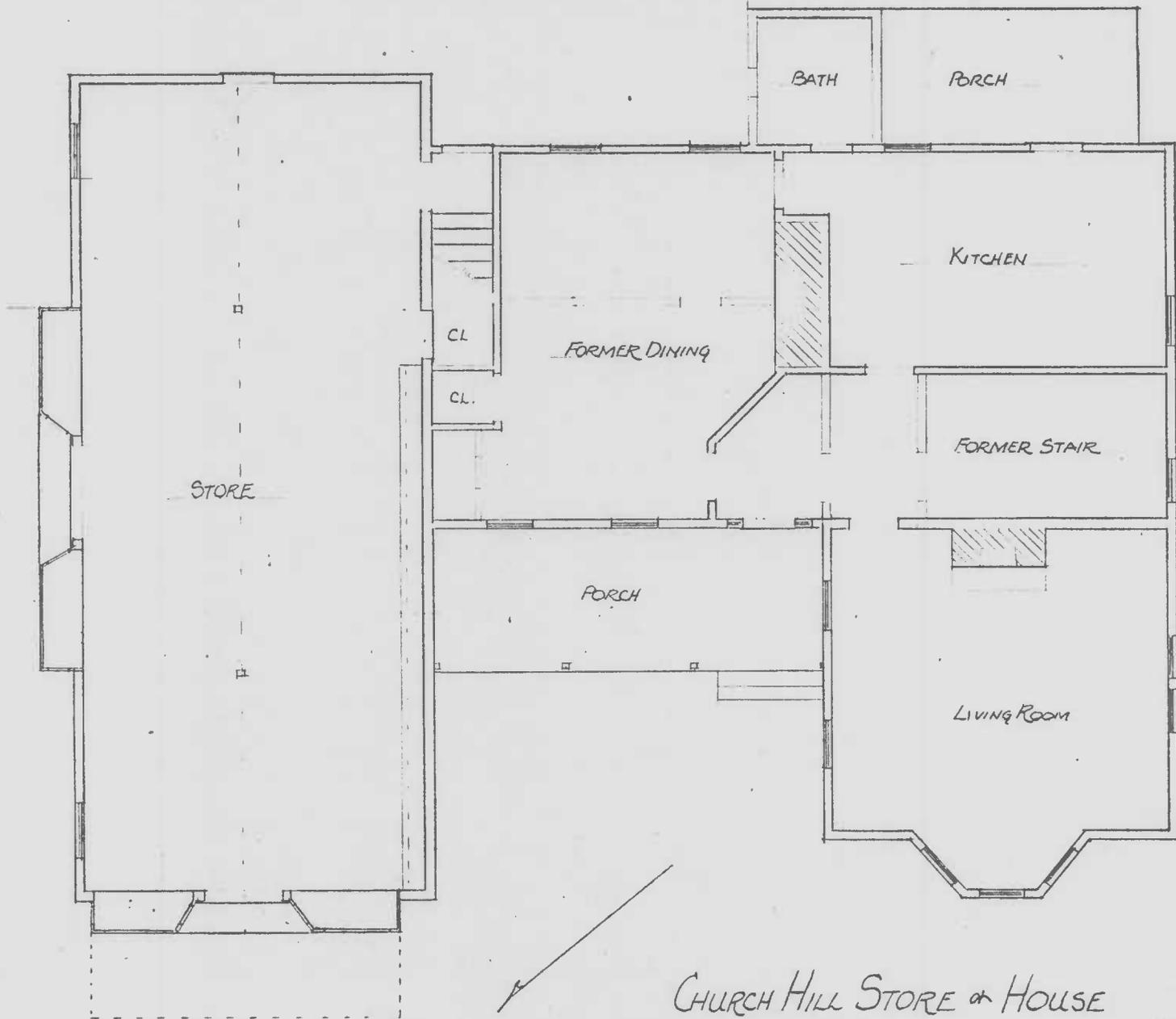
The plan of the house is now cut up into apartments, but the original plan consisted of an entry and stair hall with dining room off the entry and kitchen and living room off the stair hall. Since the stair was removed when the building was made into apartments, the only remaining element of distinction is the mantel in the living room. It is a buffet-type mantel with turned supports holding the principal shelf. Above the shelf are two other tiers of shelves with beveled mirrors behind each section. The cornice has carved floral detail within interlocking

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.4 DESCRIPTION

diamonds. Around the remainder of an old coal stove are brown glazed floral tiles. Glazed tiles with leaf boarder are also used in the hearth.

Original trim is beaded with narrow reeding and bead with corner blocks. One original four panel door with applied molding remains. It has an original mortise lock and wood knobs.



CHURCH HILL STORE & HOUSE

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

FIRST FLOOR PLAN - SCALE - 1/8" = 1'-0"

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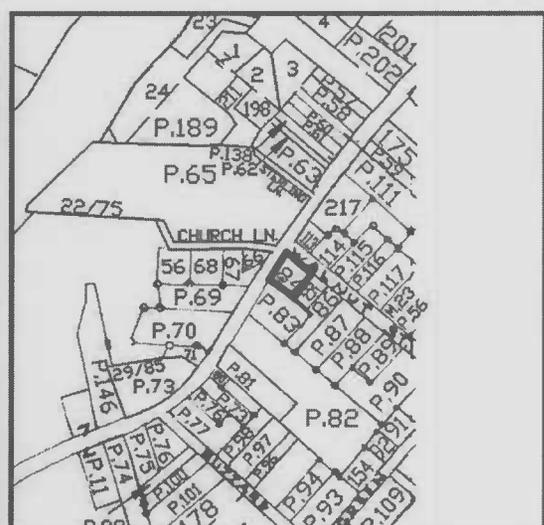


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 Church Hill Store & House  
 324 Main Street  
 Church Hill Quadrangle



1992-95 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 22, P. 84



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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 Account Number - 021633

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b> COMMISSIONERS OF CHURCH HILL  <b>Mailing Address:</b> P O BOX 85 CHURCH HILL MD 21623	<b>Use:</b> COMMERCIAL <b>Principal Residence:</b> NO  <b>Deed Reference:</b> 1) MWM/ 239/ 125 2)
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**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>						<b>Legal Description</b>			
324 MAIN ST CHURCH HILL 21623						LOT 5532 SQ FT E/RT 213 IN CHURCH HILL			
Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
22	6	84		CHURCH HILL				81	
<b>Special Tax Areas</b>				<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>					
					CHURCH HILL 05				
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area		County Use		
1903			1,822 SF		5,532.00 SF				
Stories	Basement		Type			Exterior			

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of	As Of
Land:	15,200	01/01/2002	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
Improvements:	42,200	72,000		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>87,200</b>	<b>77,266</b>	<b>87,200</b>
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
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**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO **Special Tax Recapture:**  
**Exempt Class:** \* NONE \*



QA-372 House and Store  
Church Hill  
West

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QA-372 House and Store  
Church Hill  
Northwest

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