

QA-145
204 N. Commerce Street
Centreville
private

c. 4th quarter 18th century
c. 4th quarter 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Sause Law Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

204 North Commerce Street

x not for publication

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ 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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John W. Sause, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

204 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 #:

Folio #:

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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sause Office located at 204 North Commerce Street is a frame building composed of two early discernible structures. The street front is a two story three bay structure with side hall and parlor plan with a beautifully detailed one-story porch. The rear wing is a five bay long gambrel roof frame structure at right angles to the street.

The street facade of the building is along the lines of a Queen Anne style building, with pediment over the entry of the porch. In the pediment is a sun burst motif. The porch posts are carved and the balusters are turned. There are chamfered brackets between the posts and a gallery below the header.

The facade of the building has a door with sidelights and transom on the south and an angled bay window with four 2/2 sash windows. On the second story, the bay window is squared off. In the facade there are two 2/2 sash windows and on the narrow sides are 1/1 sash windows each. Above, the roof terminates in a pediment. On the 2nd floor, above the entrance, is a single 2/2 sash window with louvered blinds.

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"/> 100-1499	<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 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

8/31/83

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.

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

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

On the north gable are two six-pane casements high in the wall. On the second story is a single 2/2 sash window with louvered blinds. In the attic, the smaller 2/2 sash has no blinds.

The gambrel wing is flush with the north wall of the building and is covered with beaded weatherboard. There are four 9/9 light windows with a small 6/6 window off center, apparently occupying the position of the former back door. Adjacent the center window is a cellar bulkhead. On the lower slope of the roof are three 6/6 sash windows with shed roof. The height of the top pitch of the roof and general form are comparable to the former Clough house near Price. Both chimneys are located within the gable of the wing.

The east gable has 2 4/4 sash windows on the second story.

There is some question as to whether this earlier structure is on its original site. It would be impossible to determine without a closer look at the building; however, interior access has been denied.

CENTREVILLE

QUEEN ANNE CO



Lake, Griffing,
and Stevenson Atlas
1877

**BUSINESS REFER-
CES.**

County Commissioners.
Clerk of County Comis
Clerk of Queen Anne Co.
Deputy Clerk of Queen Anne
Deputy Registrar of Wills.
Surveyor.
President of School Board.
of County Almshouse.
Justice of the Peace.
Master and Ex-Editor.

ATTORNEYS.

OWN, Attorneys-at-Law.
Attorney-at-Law.

**WAGON AND CARRIAGE
REPAIRERS.**

Manufacturers of Car-
riages, &c. Repairing and Paint-
ing.
Manufacturer of Carriages.
All kinds of Repairing and
Painting neatly and to order.
Blacksmith. All kinds of
work to order. Horse-shoeing a
specialty.
Trimmer and Harness
maker.
Manufacturer of Wag-
ons, and Farm Implements.
Goods to order. Shop located
4 miles from Centreville.
Manufacturer of Carts, Wag-
ons, Harrows, Cultivators,
&c. Wheelwrighting,
and shoeing neatly done.

SHIPMEN.

Managing a Freighting Business—
Superintendent Granary. Captain and
Owner of "Wm. S. Copes," that plies
between Baltimore and
Centreville.
Managing a Freighting Business.
Large and commodious, and all
business possible will be given his cus-
tomer's satisfaction.
Captain and Master of Schooner
"Centreville" Landing and Balti-
more Freighting Business.
is still doing a general
freighting business to Baltimore.
at Centreville Wharf.

CONTRACTORS.

Contractor and Builder.
Carpenter, Contractor and
Builder.

DRUGGERS.

Dealer in Dry Goods,
Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes,
and Notions, &c.
Dealers in Dry
Goods and Notions.
Dealer in Groceries and Pro-
visions.

TAILORS.

Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions,
Hats, Groceries, Queensware
&c. Also Manufacturer of
Merchant Tailor.
Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries,
and a variety of goods too
to mention.

RESTAURANT.

Proprietor of "ARLINGTON"
Restaurant. Transient
board to hire below former rates
and prices. Teams furnished by
order.

PHYSICIANS.

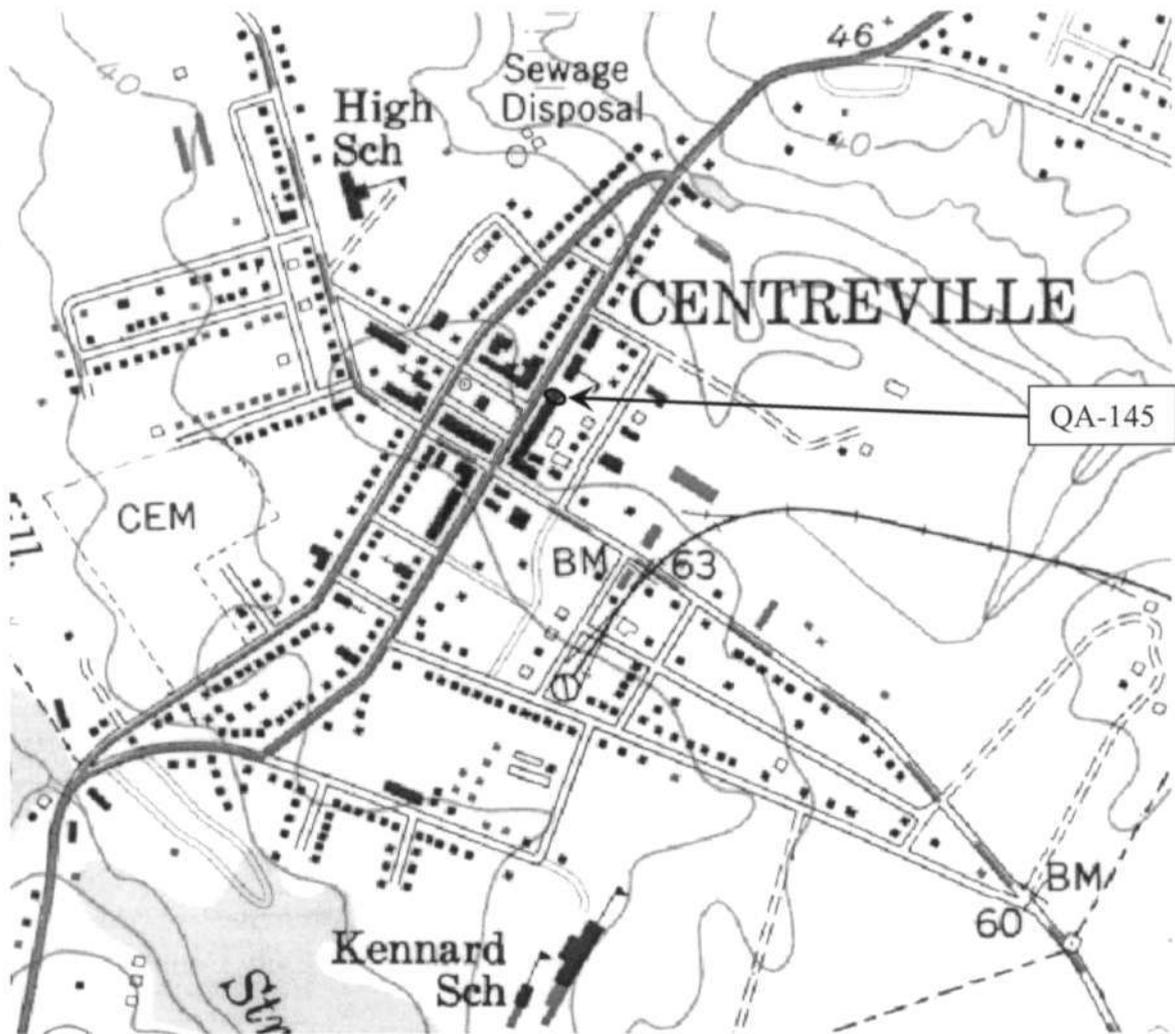
Physician and Surgeon.
American, French and
English Medicines and Chemicals, Hair-
dressing Articles and Stationery,
&c.

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John Sause
Law Office

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT



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John Sause Law Office
204 N. Commerce St.
Centreville
Centreville Quad.
Queen Anne's Co.





QA-145 John Sause Law Office
Centreville, Maryland
James W. Valliant, Spring 1973
View from Northeast



QA-145 John Sause Law Office
Centreville, Maryland
James W. Valliant, Spring 1973
North facade



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N. Commerce St.
Centreville
North

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