

WO-253
Sno-Mar Gift Shop
Snow Hill
private

c. 1894

The Sno-Mar gift shop occupies a two-story stretcher bond brick commercial building that was erected shortly after the disastrous 1893 Snow Hill fire that devastated a large part of the central business district. With its slightly higher elevation and arched second floor windows, the two-story brick storefront contrasts with the contemporary adjacent buildings. Originally, the first floor included a separate two-bay office that was for many years occupied by Dr. John S. Aydelotte. More recently the larger, consolidated floor space was the location of the local Ben Franklin department store.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: SNO - MAX GIFT SHOP

MHT Inventory Number: NO - 253

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, ECONOMIC

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1890 - 1930 INDUSTRIAL - URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. STORE

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-253
Magi No. 2402535611
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common SNO-MAR GIFT SHOP

2. Location

street & number 112 Green Street not for publication

city, town Snow Hill vicinity of congressional district F1st

state Maryland county Worcester

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	Public Acquisition	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Warne Littleton

street & number telephone no.: 632-2759

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 21864

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Sno-Mar gift shop stands at 112 Green Street in the central business district of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay brick building faces southeast.

Built around 1894, the two-story, stretcher bond commercial building is marked by a reworked first floor front of large glass display windows to each side of a recessed entrance. The first floor was probably reworked during the 1960s or 1970s. Marking the second floor level are four six-over-six sash windows highlighted by marble sills and round brick arches. The three-course rollock arches span are arched fanlight above each window. Topping the stretcher bond facade is a decorative corbelled brick band below a metal cornice.

The sides of the building are covered by adjacent commercial structures, and the first floor interior has been reworked. The second floor was not seen.

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 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
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<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

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Sno-Mar gift shop building was erected shortly after the 1893 Snow Hill fire for the 1895 Sanborn Insurance map designates a building at this location. The former configuration of the first floor included a smaller shop front and an adjacent office. Large plate glass display windows flanked a recessed entrance, while the office was marked by arched door and window openings. For many years the office was occupied by Dr. John S. Aydelotte. Within more recent times the consolidated space was the location of the Ben Franklin department store chain.

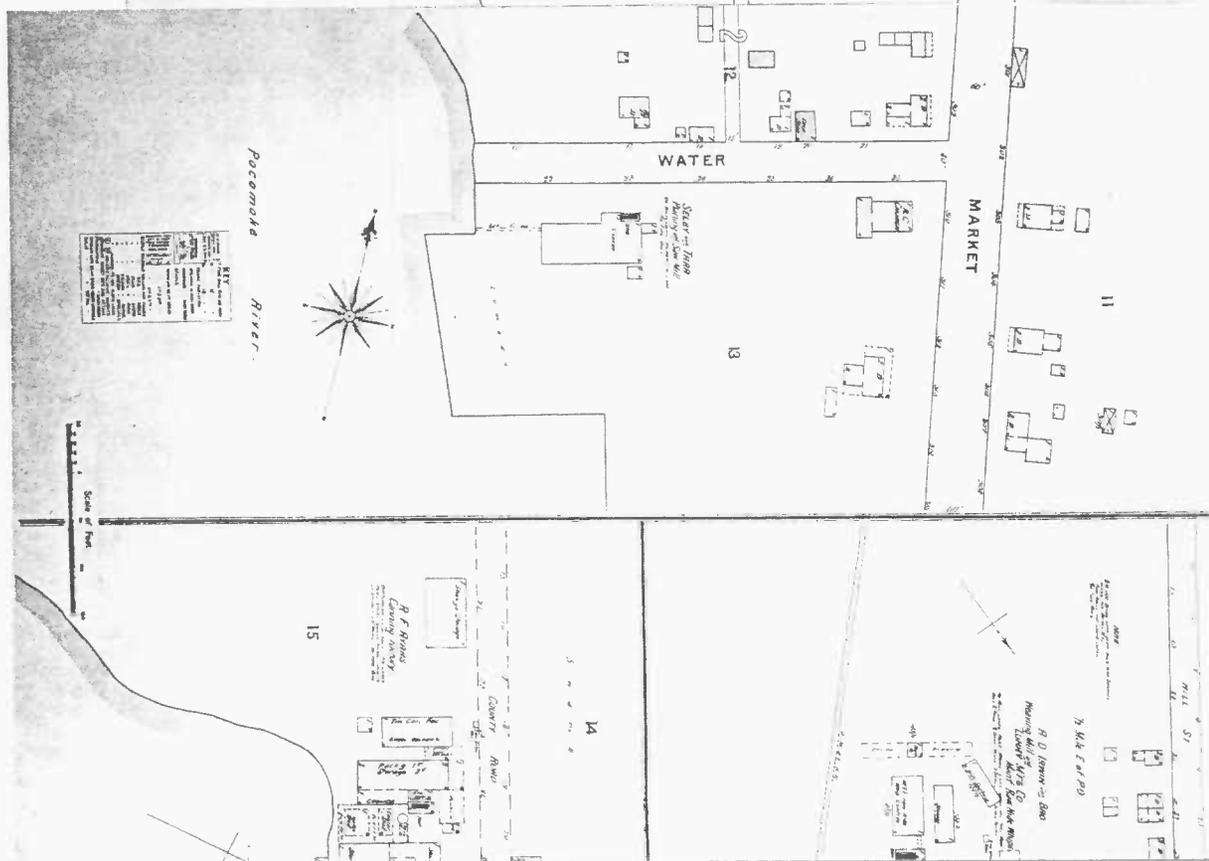
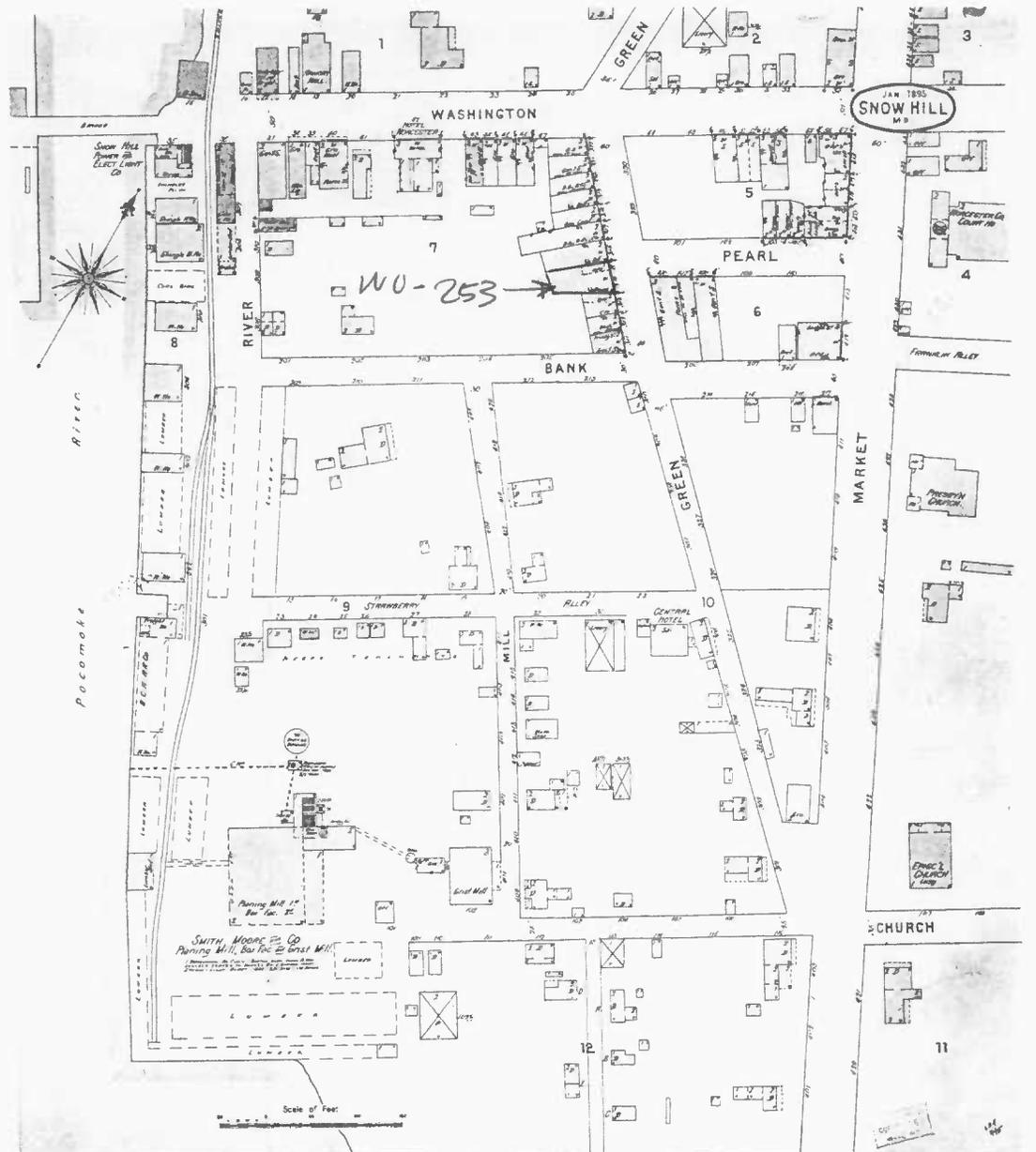
The two-story, four-bay brick commercial building stands in a row of relatively unaltered late nineteenth-century store buildings and contributes to the variety of consistent period architectural features that distinguish Green Street.

1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



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~~1895~~
 1895
 SANBORN
 INSURANCE
 MAP



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SNO-MAR GIFT SHOP
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

