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William S. Carmine House
Cambridge
c. 1921
Private

The William S. Carmine house stands out in this Cambridge neighborhood for its bold two-and-a-half story profile and impressive brick construction. Characterized stylistically as an American four-square house form, the dominant finish features blend craftsman and Colonial Revival design traditions. The Flemish bond brick walls rise above a raised foundation of the main block as well as the two-story service wing. The two-sided tapered pier front porch, common to early twentieth century bungalow designs, is accented with long eave blocks often associated with craftsman influenced houses from the early twentieth century. The long eave blocks are repeated in the extremely wide soffit of the steeply pitched hip roof covering the main block. The interior boasts a mixture of craftsman and Colonial Revival detailing with Tuscan columns, simple neoclassical surrounds, and a bold, square cross-sectioned newel post with rectangular balusters and a molded handrail. As an overall statement, the house reflects the ambitions and ability of Cambridge's professional class to finance solid, well-designed houses during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

Erected around 1921, the Flemish bond brick house was financed by William S. Carmine and his wife Clara, who acquired this corner lot from Ernest & Matilda Brannock and William & Eva Mowbray in November 1920. The corner lot was unimproved by the time the 1918 issue of the Sanborn Insurance map was printed for the City of Cambridge, but by 1930 the outline of the structure is clearly indicated. The

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Carmines were long-time residents in this neighborhood, Clara outlived her husband and the property remained in her name until 1971.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-768

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William S. Carmine House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 6 Oakley Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Andrew E. and Sharrel A. Kline

street and number 6 Oakley Street telephone

city, town Cambridge zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 788 folio 532

city, town Cambridge tax map 300 tax parcel 756 tax ID number 7-150385

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

**Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory**

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The William S. Carmine house stands at 6 Oakley Street in the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, two-bay by two-bay Flemish bond brick house is supported on a raised foundation with a fully excavated cellar. The Flemish bond walls rise a full two stories to steeply pitched hip roof with broad eaves and a slate covering. Large hip roofed dormers mark each side. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story Flemish bond service wing covered with a gable roof. The interior retains portions of its early twentieth century finishes including an original staircase, wood floors and five-panel doors framed by simple neoclassical surrounds.

COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

The William S. Carmine house, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Oakley Street and Hambrooks Avenue on the northeastern side of the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story Flemish bond brick house has an address of 6 Oakley Street. The main elevation oriented to Oakley Street is a two-bay façade set on a raised brick foundation. The partially glazed side entrance door is flanked by four-over-one sidelights. To the right (south) of the entrance is a paired set of six-over-one sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a hip roofed porch supported by tapered half columns resting on brick piers. Ghosts of the former handrail are clearly seen on the sides of the piers. The porch stretches around the south side facing Hambrooks Avenue. The eave of the porch is trimmed with long rectangular blocks, which is repeated in the finish of the extremely wide eave. The second floor is lighted by paired sets of six-over-one sash windows, and the steeply pitched hip roof is defined by large hip roofed dormers fitted with slate sides and paired sets of six-over-one sash windows.

The southwest side elevation facing Hambrooks Avenue is marked by a separate sidelighted, partially glazed doorway thought to have been used as a dedicated entrance for William Carmine's office. The interior space, however, does not lend immediately to such a use unless there were movable screens or partitions that divided the living room.

The southeast (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by the two-story, one-room plan service wing that is distinguished by Flemish bond walls as well. A paired set of six-over-one sash windows define the Hambrooks Avenue elevation, whereas off-center single six-over-one sash windows mark the gable end. An interior end brick stove chimney pierces the gable end.

Inside the first floor is distinguished by an intact quarter turn staircase with a heavy square cross-section newel post and rectangular balusters that support a molded handrail. The front entrance and stair hall is visually divided from the living room by a pair of Tuscan columns fixed against the opposite wall surfaces. The windows and five-panel interior doors are framed by simple neoclassical surrounds with a cove molding accenting the lintels. The second floor was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William S. Carmine house is distinctive for this Cambridge neighborhood for its bold two-and-a-half story profile and impressive brick construction. Characterized stylistically as a four-square house form, the dominant finish features were borrowed from craftsman and Colonial Revival design traditions. The Flemish bond brick walls rise above a raised foundation of the main block as well as the two-story service wing. The two-sided tapered pier front porch, common to early twentieth century bungalows, is accented with long eave blocks often associated with craftsman influenced houses from the early twentieth century. The long eave blocks are repeated in the excessively wide soffit of the steeply pitched hip roof. The interior boasts a mixture of craftsman and Colonial Revival detailing with Tuscan columns, simple neoclassical surrounds, and a bold, square cross-section newel post with rectangular balusters and a molded handrail. The house reflects well the ambitions and ability of Cambridge's professional class to finance well-built houses during the second quarter of the twentieth century.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Built around 1921, this two-and-a-half story brick house was financed by William S. Carmine, an insurance agent, and his wife Clara, who acquired this corner lot from Ernest & Matilda Brannock and William and Eva Mowbray in November 1921.¹ The corner lot was unimproved by the time the 1918 issue of the Sanborn Insurance map was printed for the City of Cambridge, but by 1930 the outline of the house is clearly indicated.² The Carmines were long-time residents in this neighborhood, Clara outlived her husband and the property remained in her name until 1971.³

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, WHM 9/397, 6 November 1920, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Sanborn Insurance Maps, City of Cambridge, 1918 and 1930, Library of Congress.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 170/424, 9 August 1971.

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William S. Carmine House
6 Oakley Street
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 300, Parcel 756

MLB 788/532

Alvenia E. Madera

to

2.1.2007

Andrew E. Kline & Sharrell A. Kline

PLC 310/42

Michael J. McFadden and Linda C. McFadden

to

8.31.1994

Carl A. Madera & Alvenia E. Madera

PLC 241/71

Michael J. McFadden

to

10.17.1985

Michael J. McFadden & Linda L. McFadden

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PLC 226/870

Walter R. Chalk, Jr. & Gail M. Chalk

to

5.31.1983

Michael J. McFadden

\$57,000 survey of the lands of Walter r. Chalk, Jr. prepared by Andrews
Miller & Associates, 5.26.1983

PLC 206/555

James H. McAboy & Mary L. McAboy

to

8.31.1978

Walter R. Chalk, Jr. and Gail M. Chalk of Baltimore County, MD

PLC 199/147

Michael W. Todd

to

3.14.1977

James H. McAboy

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PLC 177/60

Olaf V. Tomiuk & Odett Tomiuk, Lachine, Quebec, Canada

to

4.6.1973

Michael W. Todd

PLC 173/552

Steven G. Tyler & Judy K. Tyler

to

4.28.1972

Olaf V. Tomiuk & Odett Tomiuk

All those two lots

PLC 170/424

F. Jeanette Carmine, Personal Representative of the Estate of
Clara B. Carmine

to

8.9.1971

Steven G. Tyler & Judy K. Tyler

\$20,000 Whereas Clara B. Carmine departed this life intestate seized
and possessed of hereinafter described land and property as
tenant by the entirety of her husband William S. Carmine

Lot 75' x 130'

Parcel No. 1 conveyed to William S. Carmine by Ernest J. Brannock,
et al., 11.6.1920, WHM 9/397

Parcel No. 2 conveyed to William S. Carmine and Clara B. Carmine by
Edward S. Phillips, et ux., 11.6.1920, WHM 9/396

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WHM 9/397

Ernest J. Brannock & Matilda E. Brannock & William J. Mowbray &
Eva J. Mowbray

to

11.6.1920

William S. Carmine

WHM 9/396

Edward S. Phillips et ux, Mary V. Phillips

to

11.6.1920

William S. Carmine

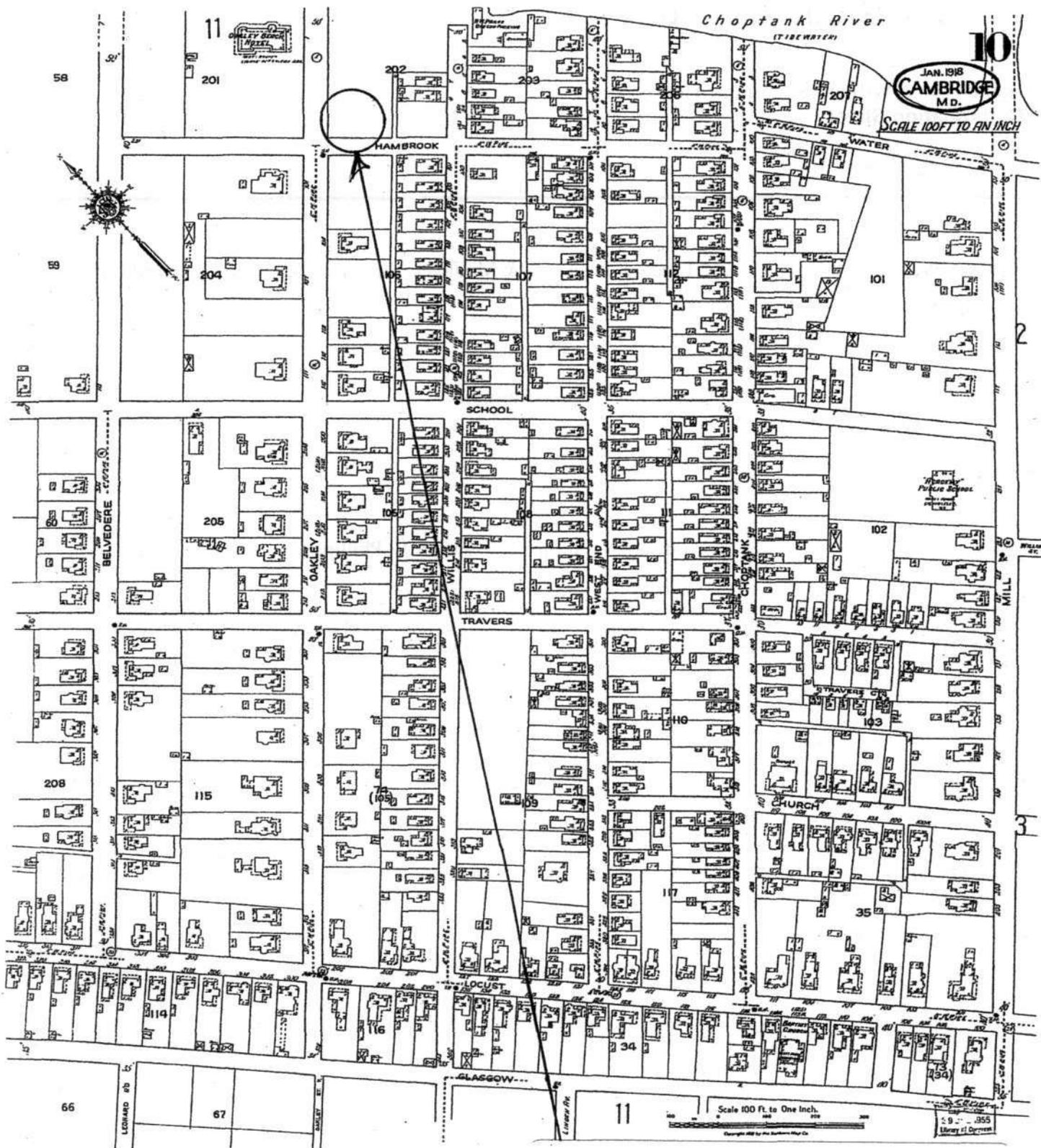
WLR 6/25

Joseph H. Neal

to

5.6.1913

Edward S. Phillips



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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1918

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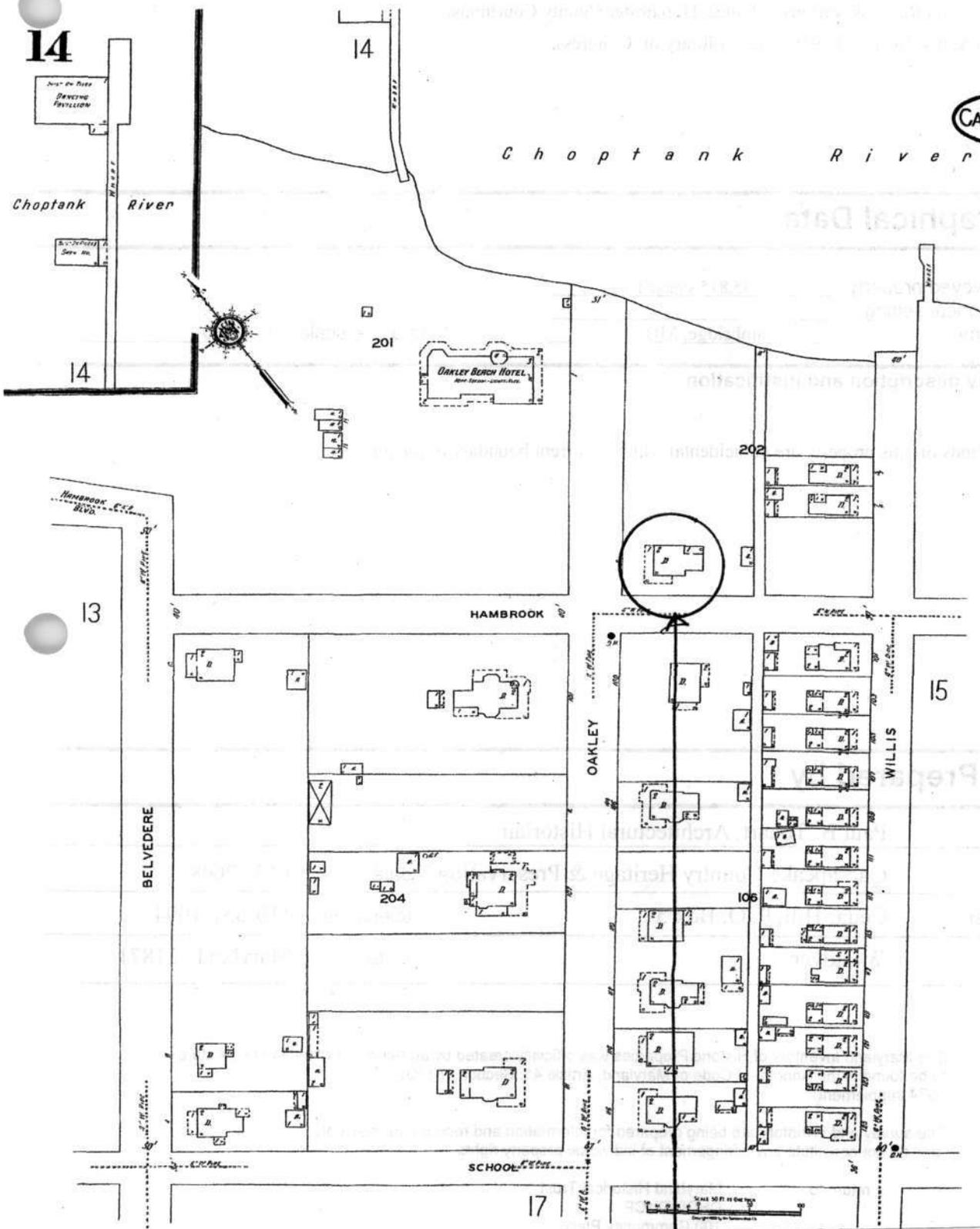
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JAN. 1930
CAMBRIDGE
MD.

Choptank River

Choptank River



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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1930

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse
Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1911 and 1918 issues, Library of Congress.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 35,815 square feet
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Cambridge, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

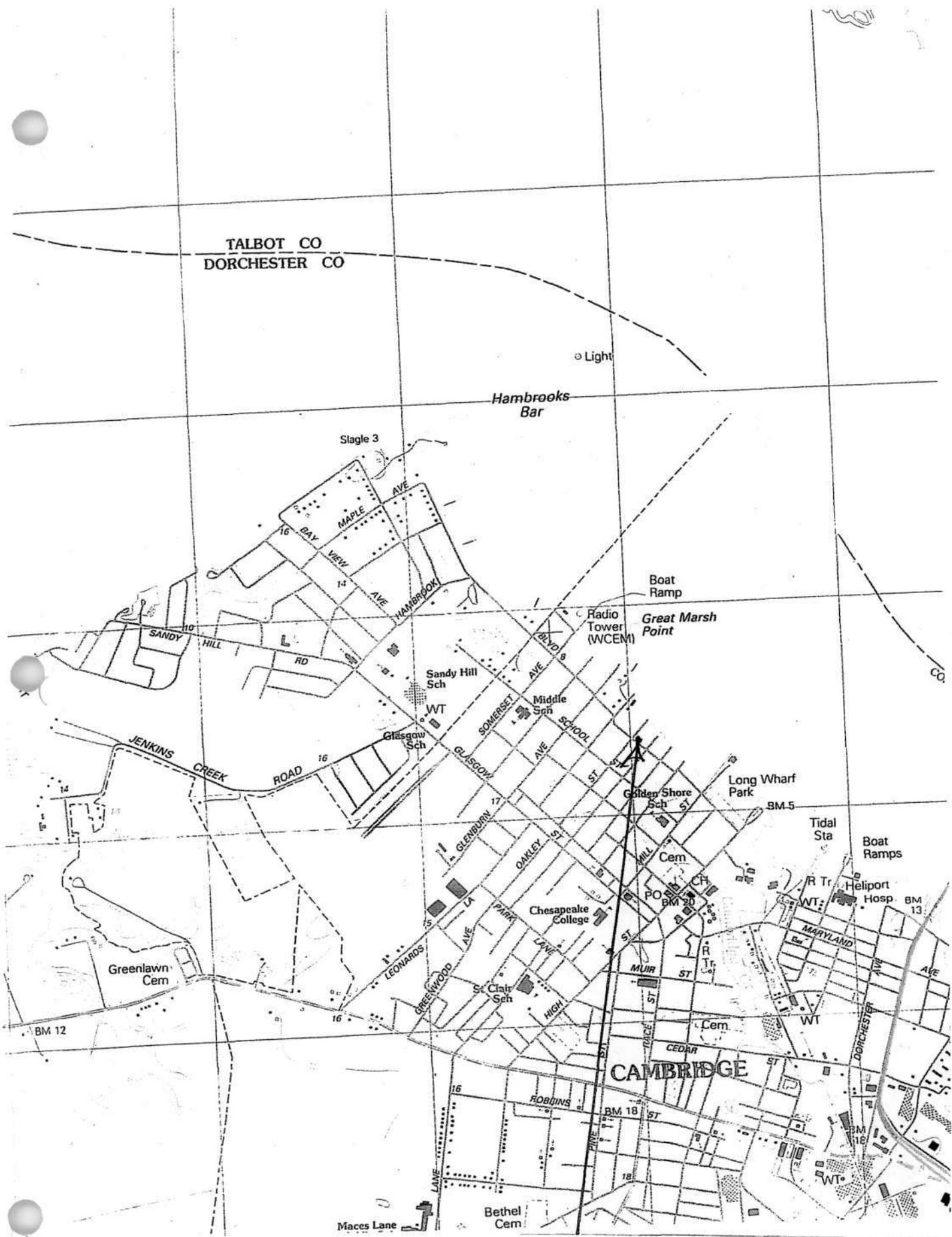
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10.31.2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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 Cambridge, MD Quadrangle