

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: _____ PG:LAU-18 (PACS 1.23) _____ Construction Date: _____ circa 1925

Name: Ward Building

Location: 132 Washington Boulevard, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Ward Building is a 1-story, 4-bay commercial building on the east side of Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1925, the building is a massed plan with side and rear additions. The structure has a front-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, and a brick chimney is located on the north side. It is of formed concrete block construction with a brick facade, and it has a formed concrete block foundation. The windows are a combination of fixed plate-glass and double-hung wood sash.

Significance:

The Ward Building was built circa 1925 on 485.9 square meters (5320 square feet) of land which W. Vernard and Grace L. Ward and George and Grace E. Ward purchased from Elwood and Bernice Fisher in 1924 and 1926. The Wards sold the property in 1940 to Walter and Jane Susini and G. Bowie McGeney. Lester and Della Levie bought the property in 1952. They sold it to William and Alma Blitz in 1963. Lawrence and Carol Cody purchased the property, known as Lot 12 in Block 56 in 1971. The Cody's sold the property in 1974 to Peter and Gretchen Klosky in 1974. The current owners purchased the property in 1992.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Ward Building (preferred)

and/or common Laurel Plumbing Supply Property

2. Location:

street & number 132 Washington Boulevard

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel

___ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ education	___ private
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	residence
___ object	___ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ religious
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ scientific
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:
			___ transportation	

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

name Bernard and Karin Burke

street & number 132 Washington Boulevard

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code

Maryland 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 8268

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 398

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

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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<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

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

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The west, or front elevation has been altered with a side shed-roof addition. There are two entrances on the first story, one in the second bay and one in the fourth bay. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, and there are fixed plate-glass windows in the first and third bays. A portion of the original window openings have been boarded. The windows have vertical-brick sills and lintels.

The south elevation is composed of the side of the shed-roof addition. It is of concrete block construction, and has a stepped parapet. There are six window opening on this side, and all have been blocked with concrete blocks.

The east, or rear elevation consists of the east side of the rear addition. It is constructed of formed concrete block, and has a door and a garage door.

The north elevation is constructed of formed concrete block. There is a brick chimney approximately centered on the wall. There are six windows openings, and all but the third have been boarded. The window in the third bay is 2/2 double-hung sash.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Ward Building is located on the east side of Washington Boulevard, and is surrounded by a residential property to the immediate north, a commercial property to the immediate south, and an alley and commercial property to the east. The current setting is relatively unchanged from the historic setting.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

The one-part commercial block is a one-story structure which functions as services the general public as merchandise space or lobby space for a bank or hotel. The building has a parapeted flat-roof and ornamentation around the entrance and display windows. The building can be grouped into rows of one-story shops and unified by repeated ornamentation (Longstreth 1987, 54).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1925, the Ward Building is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common example of a one-part commercial block which has been heavily altered. Side and rear additions have been added, the front display windows have been altered, and most of the fenestration has been blocked or boarded. The property no longer retains integrity of design, workmanship, feeling, or association. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2/2/93</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/1/93</u>

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-18(PACS 1.23)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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city or town Baltimore

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust

DHCP/DHCD

100 Community Place

Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Commerce

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

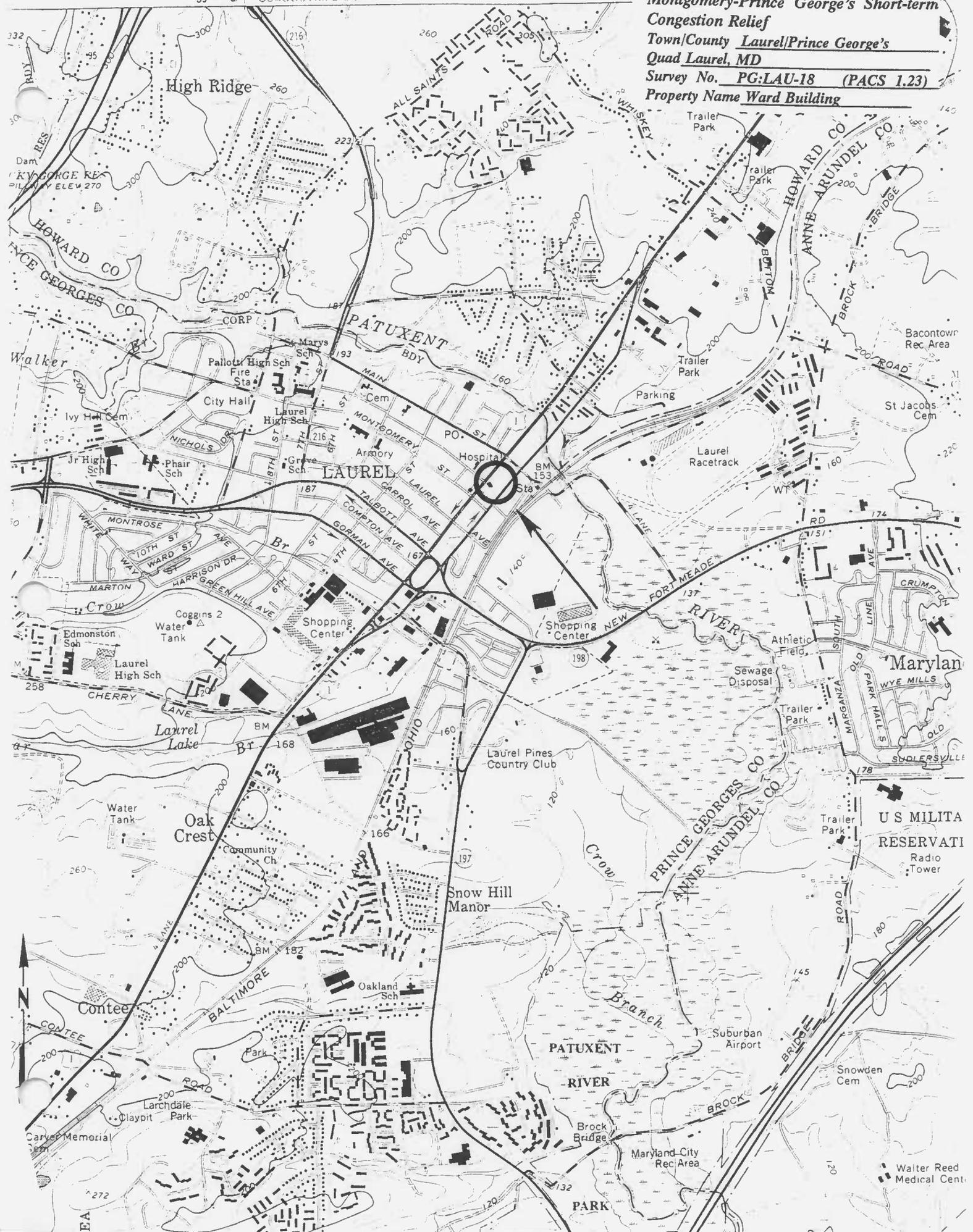
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

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May 1998

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 Town/County Laurel/Prince George's
 Quad Laurel, MD
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A black and white photograph of a small, dark-colored building with a gabled roof. The building is identified as 'LAUREL PLUMBING SUPPLY' in large, white, sans-serif capital letters on the front facade. To the left of the entrance, there is a white silhouette of a faucet. The address number '132' is visible on the wall above the entrance. A white awning covers the entrance area. The building is situated on a street corner, with a utility pole and power lines in the foreground. To the left, there is a light-colored building with a corrugated metal roof. The background shows trees and other buildings under a clear sky.

LAUREL PLUMBING SUPPLY

132

1 PS 200 -18

2 Wm R - 14 - Popo. Tex

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 NW corner

2000 N. 1400 E.

8 1-27

LAUREL PLUMBING SUPPLY

132



1 PG-Lau-18

2 Ward. Building Property

3 Prince George, Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SAPO

7 W. Cluster

8 2037

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A black and white photograph of a street scene. In the foreground, two wooden utility poles with cross-arms are positioned vertically. Behind them, a dark-colored building with a gabled roof is visible. The building has a sign that reads "LAUREL PLUMBING SUPPLY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the left of the building is a white, single-story house with a gabled roof and several windows. To the right is a brick building. A utility pole with power lines is on the far left. A small, light-colored trash can is on the sidewalk in front of the plumbing supply store. The street is paved and has some faint markings. The sky is overcast.

LAUREL PLUMBING SUPPLY

10 Law-1

Ward Building Property

Prince Georges Co. Md

Susan Taylor

5/98

Md SHPO

SW corner

3 of 7



- 1 PG: can - 78
- 2 Wood Building Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/28
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 SE corner
- 8 4 of 7

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A black and white photograph of a long, single-story brick building. The building has a flat roof with a dark gutter. The left side of the building is made of dark, uniform bricks, while the right side is made of lighter-colored bricks with some peeling or missing mortar. A sign on the left wall reads "EMPLOYEE PARKING". The building is surrounded by trees and bushes, with a paved area in the foreground and a driveway leading to a garage in the background.

EMPLOYEE
PARKING

- 1 PB-Law-18
- 2 Ward Building Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPC
- 7 E elevation
- 8 5 of 7

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- 1 PB. Lan - 7
- 2 Ward Building Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 N. elevation
- 8 1 of 7

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