

**Issue Store & Post Office**  
**CH-686**  
**Issue**  
**Private**

**1932**

The Issue Store and Post Office is a deteriorated one-story, painted concrete block and brick commercial structure standing on the west side of Rock Point Road in Issue. Constructed in 1932, the building has a stepped façade and a 2-room open interior plan. The storefront faces east and includes a shallow shed porch supported by square wooden posts. A large cedar marks the site of a gas pump directly in front of the building.

The Issue Store and Post Office is a good example of civic/commercial architecture in Charles County from the second quarter of the 20th century. The structure is closely associated with the development of the Southern Maryland Truckline which follows present day Rock Point Road. This was the first large-scale, State road-building project in Charles County, and as a means of transporting farm produce to markets, the road had a profound impact on the development of the geographically isolated Cobb Neck region.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-686

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Issue Store & Post Office  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 12445 Mosby Place not for publication  
city, town Issue vicinity  
county Charles

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

name Thomas and June Richard  
street and number 12230 Potomac View Road telephone Unlisted  
city, town Newburg state MD zip code 20664-6311

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 88 p. 53  
city, town LaPlata liber 159 folio 164

### 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
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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The interior is divided into two rooms, the larger of which was likely used as a store and contains a row of wooden built-in shelves along the rear wall. Currently, large commercial coolers and shelving are stored inside. The smaller room was not visible at the time of the survey but may have been used as the post office.

A small 2-room, frame shed-roof garage, also fronting Rock Point Road, stands directly to the north (to be surveyed).

## 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<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 industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1932	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1932		

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Issue Store and Post Office is a good example of civic/commercial architecture in Charles County from the second quarter of the 20th century. The structure is closely associated with the development of the Southern Maryland Truckline following present day Rock Point Road, the first large-scale State road-building project in Charles County. As a means of transporting farm produce to markets, the road had a profound impact on the development of the geographically isolated Cobb Neck region.

Since 1920, Charles County has experienced major changes in its economy, demographics, and physical development. To a large extent this development was spurred by substantial transportation improvements throughout the county, beginning with the construction of the Southern Maryland Truckline in the 1920s. In its original conception, the concrete road connected Rock Point at the end of Cobb Neck, to Waldorf and on to Baltimore. Eventually, this highway was named U.S. Rt. 301, or Crain Highway after Robert Crain, a prominent Cobb Neck resident who was instrumental in lobbying the state for funds to build the road. The Southern Maryland Truckline made automobile travel speedy and convenient for both farmers transporting goods to market in Baltimore, and for passengers doing business or visiting outside the county.

The road also opened the area to tourism, as urban and suburban dwellers sought to escape to the country for a day or a weekend. Robert Crain himself developed Cobb Island, at the tip of Cobb Neck, as a summer getaway for Washingtonians and other waterfront development quickly followed. Woodland Point, Wicomico Beach and Banks O' Dee were just a few of the waterfront communities that sprang up overnight. Improved transportation and an influx of weekend and seasonal residents encouraged the establishment of service-related facilities including general stores, filling stations and repair shops.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting 1 acre

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Issue Store & Post Office is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 88, Grid 6, Parcel 53.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 4/28/01

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

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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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Issue Store and Post Office

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

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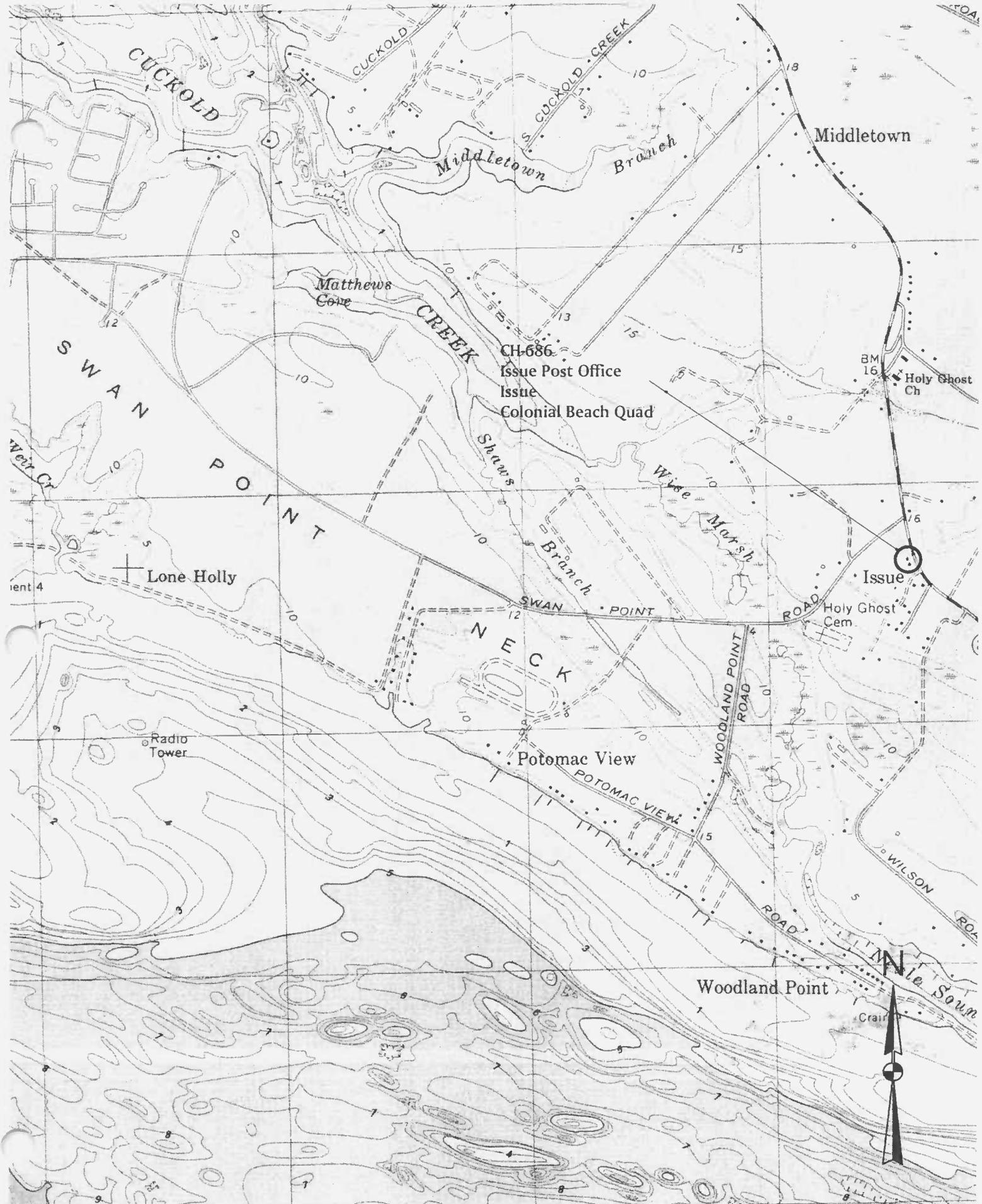
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**Chain of title:**

November 23, 1922 J. Mortimer Hill, et al to Maggie C. Herbert  
39:685

March 5, 1946 Maggie C. Herbert, of Washington City to Julian T. and Minnie E.  
Simpson  
TBM 83:11

May 21, 1956 Julian T. Simpson to Edgar and Edith Porter lying or being at or near Issue  
Post Office. 1 acre.  
86:106



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Middletown Branch

Middletown

Matthews Cove

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CH-686  
Issue Post Office  
Issue  
Colonial Beach Quad

BM 16  
Holy Ghost Ch

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NECK

Lone Holly

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Radio Tower

Potomac View

WOODLAND POINT ROAD

WILSON ROAD

Woodland Point

Craig

WILSON





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