

WO-564

The Home Bank

Architectural Survey File

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: The Home Bank Inventory Number: WO-564
Address: 8305 Langmaid Road Historic district: yes no
City: Newark Zip Code: 21841 County: Worcester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Ninepin Branch
Property Owner: Mercantile Peninsula Bank Tax Account ID Number: 001524
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 135 Tax Map Number: 40
Project: Historic Structures Survey along US-113 Agency: Maryland SHA
Agency Prepared By: Hardlines Design Company
Preparer's Name: Roy Hampton Date Prepared: 9/27/2007

Documentation is presented in: Compliance Report and Historic Context for Proposed Highway Improvements-U.S. 113: Five Mile Branch Road to Massey Branch

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The building description and significance statement will be found in the attached MIHP form.

NRHP Recommendation: Not eligible

Criterion A: The building has significance in local history as Newark's only bank facility, although it appears that the Home Bank was a small bank and not highly influential in Worcester County history and is recommended as not eligible under Criterion A.

Criterion B: No important historical persons were associated with the bank, and it is recommended as not eligible under Criterion B.

Criterion C: The building is a good example of an early twentieth-century brick bank building with Neoclassical Revival and Late Victorian features. However, a review of the area and of local architecture surveys indicates that this style of brick bank building is an extremely common property type in Worcester County. Two examples can be found at Snow Hill, at least one at Pocomoke City, and at least two examples in Berlin. The original portion of Newark's Home Bank Building retains most of its original

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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Tom Janowski
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/5/08
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/9/08
Date

exterior features, but the additions to the building are sizable and are larger than the original building. Due to the extensive additions, the Home Bank is recommended as not eligible under Criterion C.

Criterion D: The building appears to have no potential to reveal any significant historical information and is recommended as not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

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Name of Property: The Home Bank

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Location: 8305 Langmaid Road

Town / Vicinity: Newark

Date of Construction: 1919

Access: Public Private

The Home Bank is a one-story red brick building. The building has a hipped asphalt shingle roof and arched windows with leaded glass transoms. The central entrance is round-arched with wood double replacement doors and an arched, leaded glass transom. A squat tower over the entrance has a hipped roof and is clad in asphalt shingles. A series of large additions have been made, on the building's rear and on its east side to accommodate a drive-through window. Both of the additions are architecturally compatible with the original building.

Constructed in 1919, the building has minor significance as one of only a few remaining commercial buildings still in operation in Newark. The building is also significant in terms of architecture. While the building has had several additions, the original portion of the building has remained relatively untouched. In terms of National Register of Historic Places eligibility the building lacks the significance and integrity necessary for inclusion. Under Criterion A, the Home Bank has some significance in local history as the only bank facility in Newark, although it appears it was not highly influential in Worcester County history. Under Criterion B, no important historical persons were associated with the bank. Under Criterion C, the building is a good example of an early twentieth century brick bank building. However, this style of brick bank building is an extremely common property type in Worcester County. Examples can be found at Snow Hill, Pocumoke City, and Berlin. The additions to the building are sizable and are larger than the original building.

After Newark went many years without a banking facility, the Home Bank was founded in 1918, and was housed in a small wood frame building on the opposite side of Newark road from the existing building, which was finished the following year. The building is now owned by the Peninsula Mercantile Bank, one of the more prominent banks on the eastern shore.

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.

The Home Bank is located in the town of Newark at the southeast corner of the intersection of Newark Road and Langmaid Road. The building sits at the northwest corner of its lot and is surrounded on the south and east sides by a paved parking lot for bank customers. A modern post office is located next to the bank and an abandoned early twentieth century commercial building is located catty corner to the bank. While the center of town was once dominated by commercial buildings, many have been replaced by single family houses.

According to a plaque on the front of the building, the bank was constructed in 1919. The bank is a one-story structure with red load bearing stretcher bond brick walls. The building is three bays wide by four bays deep with a hipped roof clad in modern brown asphalt shingles. A wood dentil cornice painted a cream color is located under the roof line and extends around the entire building. The original section of the building has retained its original one-over-one wood windows with arched brick lintels and plain lug stone sills. A leaded glass transom is located above a prominent window located on the north side of the building. The main entrance is located at the northwest corner of the building facing the intersection. The entrance features double wood replacement doors with one pane and two-panels per door, an arched, leaded glass transom in a fan pattern, and an arched brick lintel. A squat square tower is located over the entrance and features a pyramidal roof clad entirely in asphalt shingles with a louvered vent on the northwest side. Corbelled brick piers are located at the corners of the building and separate each window bay.

A series of large additions have been added to the building. One of these additions expands the interior space of the building to the south and east. The addition is architecturally compatible with the original building, being clad in red stretcher bond brick with a traditional cornice that imitates the original cornice and corbelled brick piers that separate each bay. The windows on the addition's north side are one-over-one double hung windows with arched brick lintels and plain lug sills similar to the original windows. However, the windows on the remainder of the addition are squat rectangular one-over-one windows with brick sills. The addition is easily differentiated from the original portion of the building because the roofline of the addition is slightly lower than the original section of the building. The bank also features a drive-through addition located on the east side which is one bay wide with a hipped roof and low brick wall.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

Unknown

Construction dates 1919

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.)

Summary of Significance

Constructed in 1919, the building has minor significance as one of only a few remaining commercial buildings still in operation in Newark. The building is also significant in terms of architecture. While the building has had several additions, the original portion of the building has remained relatively untouched.

The building is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Under Criterion A the building has significance in local history as Newark's only bank facility, although it appears that the Home Bank was a small bank and not highly influential in Worcester County history. Under Criterion B no important historical persons were associated with the bank. Under Criterion C the building is a good example of an early twentieth-century brick bank building with Neoclassical Revival and Late Victorian features. However, a review of the area and of local architecture surveys indicates that this style of brick bank building is an extremely common property type in Worcester County. Two examples can be found at Snow Hill, at least one at Pocomoke City, and at least two examples in Berlin. The original portion of Newark's Home Bank Building retains most of its original exterior features, but the additions to the building are sizable and are larger than the original building. Under Criterion D the building appears to have no potential to reveal any significant historical information.

Historic Context

Newark

The Home Bank is located in the small town of Newark, Maryland. Newark began as a cluster of development at the crossing of two roads, Newark Road, which once connected the town to Snow Hill and Berlin, and a second road that is now known on the south side of Newark Road as Langmaid Road, and on the north side as Patey Woods Road. The beginnings of a village at the intersection can be traced to the late eighteenth century, with Langmaid Road providing access to commercial landings on Chincoteague Bay. In 1793, the site was part of a land tract known as Yorkshire.¹

¹ Paul B. Touart, *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*, (Snow Hill: Worcester County Library, 1992), 298.

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It is thought that by 1800, the intersection of Newark Road and Langmaid Road probably contained a meeting house, a few dwellings, a blacksmith shop, and a tavern.² The earliest map found that names the town is an 1839 anonymous map of Maryland, which labels the settlement as “Newark.” The Newark name may have originated from an early name for the town’s Methodist Episcopal Church that was named New Ark of the Covenant Church.³ Another account states that resident A.P. Bowen claimed, in the early twentieth century, that the name had come from a large wood frame building constructed at the town center that was nicknamed “the new ark” because of its resemblance to the biblical Noah’s ark.⁴

On an 1877 Lake Griffing atlas, Newark contained one hotel, three retail stores, and three buildings marked G.S. Richardson and Company. Single family residences extended southwest on Newark Road, to the tracks of the Breakwater, Frankford and Worcester Railroad. On Patey Woods Road, single-family house development also extends up to the railroad tracks. The town is shown with about 20 houses, the one-room Schoolhouse No. 3 on Newark Road, and a Methodist Episcopal church. A railroad depot is shown, close to the location of the current 1910-1911 Queponco Station, and a building labeled S.S. Mill was located along the tracks south of the depot building.

Currently, the center of the town features few pre-1900 buildings. This is due to a severe fire in 1905 that destroyed the town’s millinery shop, Odd Fellows’ Hall, and several houses.⁵ Industrial development in twentieth century Newark remained very limited in comparison to development in the Worcester County communities of Snow Hill, Pocomoke City, and Berlin.

Most of the existing single-family houses in Newark today were built from about 1900-1930, according to Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation records.⁶ Construction in the town slowed during the 1930s depression and World War II.⁷ In the post-World War II economic expansion of the 1950s and 1960s, several Cape Cod, Minimal Traditional, and Ranch style houses were built on vacant lots in the developed section of Newark, or on the town’s outer fringes.

In 1956, work began on a bypass road that took US 113 around the south side of Newark, and routed highway traffic away from Newark’s central intersection. Today, Newark is mostly residential, with the post office and Mercantile Peninsula Bank buildings being the main non-residential buildings at the town center. Newark also

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Reginald Truitt and Millard Les Callette, *Worcester County, Maryland’s Arcadia* (Snow Hill, Maryland: Worcester County Historical Society, 1977), 96.

⁵ Ibid, 96.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid, 339.

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features an RV sales and repair business and a lumber firm, located near the railroad tracks on Patey Woods Road.

The Home Bank: 8305 Langmaid Road

The Home Bank is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Newark Road and Langmaid Road. Initial development of Newark began at this intersection with later development radiating out along the crossroads. Based on an 1877 Lake Griffing atlas, the crossroads of Newark were in use as a commercial center with several stores, a post office, and a hotel located at the intersection. The southeast corner of the intersection where the Home Bank is now located was occupied in 1877 by a building labeled G. S. Richardson & Co. This building may have been destroyed by a 1905 fire that destroyed several buildings near the center of town. The number of commercial buildings near the crossroads dwindled, and currently the only commercial buildings in operation near the town center are the Home Bank and a modern post office.

The first bank in Newark was constructed in 1918. Before this Newark residents had to go to Snow Hill or Berlin for their banking needs. The Home Bank of Newark was initially operated out of a one-room wood frame building on the west side of Newark Road, near the current bank site. In 1919, the current brick bank building on the southeast corner of Langmaid and Newark roads was constructed.⁸ Since its construction, the building has continued to be used as a bank and the building now houses a branch of the Peninsula Mercantile Bank.

⁸ Board of Education of Worcester County. *Worcester County: Past and Present, part VII, Communities of Worcester County*, (Worcester County Board of Education: 1956), 26-27.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 24,850 sq ft
Acreage of historical setting 24,850 sq ft
Quadrangle name Ninepin Branch Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Home Bank is bounded by parcel 135, map 40 of Worcester County. The current boundary and the historical boundary for the property are identical, as the property boundaries for the bank have not changed. The boundary is large enough to encompass the entire bank building and corresponds to the historical boundary of the property. See attached parcel map.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Columbus	state	OH

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WO-564, The Home Bank, Newark, Worcester County, Resource Sketch Map-Tax Map 40, Parcel 135



WO-564, The Home Bank, Newark, Worcester County, Ninepin Branch Quad



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Bank Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 - 12:00
Sat. 9:00 - 12:00
Sun. 12:00 - 2:00

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Worcester County, Maryland

Heather Kenney

May 29, 2007

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Northwest corner of building looking southeast.

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Worcester County, Maryland

Heather Kenney

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Southeast corner of building looking northwest.

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