

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Citizens State Bank
other names AA-33; Odenton Bank; Odenton Heritage Society Bank Building and Museum

2. Location

street & number 1402 Odenton Road not for publication
city or town Odenton vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Anne Arundel code 003 zip code 21113

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination
request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic
Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does
not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (
See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Karenbeth Hughes, DSHPO 11-5-13
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Maryland Historical Trust
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 Determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other (explain): _____

	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial/Financial: Bank
Commercial: Specialty Store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Education: Museum
Commercial: Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Neoclassical Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Concrete (rusticated block)
roof Metal
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Commerce

Period of Significance

1917-1963

Significant Dates

1917

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- Criteria for previous documentation on files (NPS).

Primary location of additional data:

- Criteria for primary location of additional data.

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre Odenton, MD USGS quad

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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	Zone			Easting			Northing								
4															

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betty Slayton, Secretary
Organization Odenton Heritage Society date July, 2011
street & number P. O. Box 282 telephone _____
city or town Odenton state Maryland zip code 21113

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Sara A. Shoemaker, Treasurer, Odenton Heritage Society
street & number P. O. Box 282 telephone _____
city or town Odenton state MD zip code 21113

Paperwork Reduction Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et. seq.).

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Description Summary:

The Citizens State Bank is a small one-story commercial building constructed in 1917 of rusticated concrete block. It is located on the north side of Odenton Road beside the MARC (formerly Pennsylvania Railroad) Station in Odenton, Maryland. The building features restrained detailing in the Neoclassical Revival style. The front door is highlighted by sidelights, a transom and a pediment. The bank building is owned by the Odenton Heritage Society (OHS) and has been restored for use as a local history museum and coffee shop.

General Description:

The Citizens State Bank is a one-story, three-bay, shed-roofed, rusticated concrete block commercial building, rectangular in plan, measuring 20 feet wide by 25 feet deep. It has a flat parapet roof with round, molded concrete block caps around its front and sides with a projecting wooden cornice a few feet below the parapet edge. The concrete blocks are tinted in two different shades, with lighter-colored employed to create "quoins" at the corners, a single belt course around the top, and a crenellated surround framing the front door. Door and window openings have narrow, flat cast-stone lintels. The entrance holds an 18-light wooden door with sidelights and a three-section transom. A small gabled pediment is located above the door. The front (south) façade is symmetrical, with small four-over-four wooden sash windows flanking the door. Each side elevation has a small four-over-four window at the rear and two larger windows toward the center. The larger windows have six-over-six sash and a three-light transom above.

The interior comprises a single room, with small closets in the rear corners flanking a counter area. The closet doors have five horizontal panels. Original window and door trim and baseboards survive throughout, as does hardwood flooring.

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Citizens State Bank building is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of the Odenton area during the World War I era. Constructed in 1917, the bank was intended to serve military and civilian personnel assigned to the newly formed Camp Meade as well as the surrounding agricultural community. The building derives additional significance under Criterion C, as a well-preserved and carefully-restored example of a type of small bank building that characterized rural communities during the period.

The period of significance, 1917-1963, represents the period from the original construction of the building to a date fifty years in the past. The building remained in continuous commercial use until 1966, when it was closed and remained vacant until it was acquired by the Odenton Heritage Society in 1993. The restored building houses the Society's local history museum and a coffee shop.

Resource History and Historic Context:

World War I Bank

On April 14, 1917, The Baltimore Sun newspaper announced that the Citizens State Bank, formerly the Bank of Govanstown, was planning to build a branch office in Odenton. The main bank office was in Govans, a neighborhood in north central Baltimore. This new branch would provide Odenton's farmers, railroad workers, and other residents with their first banking services. It also would serve men and women who trained or worked at the U. S. Army's Camp Meade cantonment, which was built on leased land west of Odenton in the summer of 1917. Citizens State Bank's slogan was "The Bank with a Heart."

The president and majority stockholder in Citizens State Bank was Samuel Want, a prominent young attorney from Baltimore. Born in Manchester, England, in 1888, he had emigrated to the United States alone at the age of 12 and lived with an uncle in South Carolina. Samuel Want worked in a store and studied law in South Carolina, and in 1907 he moved to Maryland, where he earned a law degree at the University of Maryland. He became an attorney, a legal writer and editor, and one of the youngest instructors at the University of Maryland law school. By 1914, he was also manager of the National Permanent Savings and Loan Association. In 1917, at age 28, he assumed the presidency of the Bank of Govanstown, which was renamed Citizens State Bank.

Citizens State Bank leased a lot in Odenton beside the Nathaniel Peter Watts house, which also contained Watts' general store. CSB had awarded a construction contract for a permanent bank building by the time of the April 1917 newspaper announcement. Until the building was completed, CSB made arrangements to conduct business at a temporary location in Odenton.

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Opened later in 1917, the permanent bank building was located at a bush junction where the Pennsylvania Railroad crossed the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railroad. Passenger, freight, and troop trains rolled though the junction on the way to and from Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis, and Camp Meade. Doughboys at Camp Meade walked or rode in WB&A trains and Model T jitneys to Odenton, where they attended dinners and other activities at the Salvation Army hutment. The Citizens State Bank was an important stop on their route; the bank kept doughboys and officers' accounts and provided safe storage for their valuables. The bank also helped the U. S. Army with cash to meet Camp Meade's payroll.

On February 8, 1918, both branches of Citizens State Bank closed because of insufficient funds. The state bank commissioner assumed control of the bank and placed it in receivership. The Odenton Branch reopened, but it is not known when or under whose management. In an oral history interview, Gerald Hicks, who visited the Odenton bank in the early 1920's, recalled that it was open limited hours, a few days a week, and a few hours a day. The interior was furnished with dark wooden furniture and a single teller's cage that stood parallel to the left (south) wall.

Whittle's Store

By 1928 the bank building was vacant, but soon it would be pressed into service again following one of Odenton's worst disasters. On June 3, 1928, the Nathaniel Peter Watts House and Watts' store, then operated by N. P. Watts' grandson, Charles Whittle, Jr., were destroyed by fire. It is believed that sparks from a Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive ignited the two-story wooden structure.

Whittle rescued some of his merchandise and set up a grocery store inside the former Citizens State Bank building. It is believed that Whittle's store remained in the bank building until the late 1920s. It was one of several small, family-operated grocery stores in Odenton. In about 1940, Whittle moved his business to a new store building one half mile north of the bank, where Route 175 crosses the Pennsylvania Railroad on an overpass. Whittle's second store is still standing but has been remodeled extensively.

The Little Store

Early in World War II, William A. Pumphrey, Sr. purchased the bank building and its lot from May Watts. Mr. Pumphrey purchased this property in order to have sufficient room to maneuver his transit buses, which ran between the Odenton railroad station and Fort George G. Meade.

From 1942 to about 1946, Pumphrey rented the bank building to Janet Eckman, who operated it as "The Little Store." Inside, Mrs. Eckman, her daughter Dorothy, and other helpers sold hot dogs, ham sandwiches, sodas, ice cream, cakes, candy, cigarettes, magazines, notions and souvenirs to servicemen and women who arrived or departed on Pennsylvania Railroad passenger trains and troop trains. The furnishings included a

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counter, shelves, cupboards, racks, and a booth with one table and seats for four people. A jukebox played favorite swing and sentimental tunes of the day.

The Little Store was open whenever servicemen were boarding trains, and it was open more hours in the summer than the rest of the year. Weekends were especially busy as thousands of servicemen on furlough boarded trains to go to northeastern cities for a day or two of fun or visiting. Neighborhood boys employed by Mrs. Eckman sold ice cream to GIs who were standing in long boarding lines on Odenton Road and were reluctant to give up their places.

During the war, the bank building was moved several yards back from the tracks to make room for the present passenger station, which opened in 1945. The Little Store remained open during this move. A basement was dug in the store's new location and was used to store sodas and other goods for the Little Store. The basement was filled in during the 1994 restoration.

Railway Express Agency

After World War II, James Robert Turner, Sr. of Gambrills, known as Robbie Turner, operated the local Railway Express Agency office and parcel depot in the former bank building. The REA shipped parcels by rail, truck, and air to communities throughout the United States. Turner was in charge of the local agency from the 1940s until about 1966, when he retired. The former bank building closed at that time, and the REA office moved from that location to a building beside Rieve's store on Telegraph Road.

From Doughboys to Doughnuts

In 1989, the Odenton Heritage Society was formed to document and preserve Odenton's unique social, cultural, and architectural history. In March of 1993, with the cooperation of community volunteers and state and county officials, and a loan of \$12,500.00 from the Bank of Glen Burnie, the Society purchased the Citizens State Bank building from a private citizen for use as a local history museum.

The Appraisal of the building and property was dated Nov 3, 1992 at \$82,000.00, assuming it to be completely renovated per plans and specs furnished. Cost to rehab was \$94,500.00.

The deed is dated 10 March 1993. An easement with the Maryland Historical Trust was executed in order to help preserve the building in perpetuity. The Deed of Easement and Confirmatory Deed dated 31 January 1994 is recorded in Book 6466, pages 611-615.

The Society established a building fund to restore the building to its 1917 appearance. In November 1993, seven months after the OHS assumed the \$12,500.00 mortgage, nearly one-half (\$6,200.00) had been paid

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off. The balance was paid off in record time. The fund continued to grow through contributions, sales of crafts and merchandise, a "Buy a Block" campaign and various other fund raising activities. With approval of the Anne Arundel County government, a low-interest construction loan was obtained from Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. which, along with the loan, provided technical assistance and expertise during construction. Additional funding has come from a grant awarded to the Society by the U. S. Department of Transportation through Maryland's Mass Transit Administration and from a grant by Preservation Maryland. MTA and the Anne Arundel County government also provided in-kind assistance toward the restoration and the creation of a pedestrian plaza between the bank and the MARC station.

The Grand Opening of the restored Bank Building was June 21, 1994.

In September 1994, the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation presented the Orlando Ridout IV Award to the Society in recognition of the OHS's outstanding restoration efforts.

The Society contracted with a concessionaire to offer carry-out food and coffee service to the many commuters who board MARC trains on weekdays in Odenton. The concessionaire occupied approximately 50% of the floor space in the bank building and paid the Society a monthly rent. The remaining floor space was used for the Society's exhibits and other activities.

Throughout the years since the restoration, several concessionaires have occupied the building.

Dunkin Donuts – began in 1994 until 20 June 1997

Seattle Style Coffee – began in May 2001 until 2003

Black Rooster Espresso and Tea, LLC – began in April 2003 until 2010

The Whistle Stop Coffee House – began in 2010 until the present time

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Picture of the Citizens State Bank, 75 years – 1917-1922 by A. Crane Studios, Annapolis, MD

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is identified as Parcel 550, Block 22, on Anne Arundel County Tax Map 21.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property, 3,120 square feet, represents the entire parcel historically associated with the resource.

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The following information applies to all photographs which accompany this documentation:

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Number: AA-33
Name of Property: Citizens State Bank
Location: Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Photographer: Melissa Archer
Date taken: July 18, 2011
Location of original digital files [or negatives]: MD SHPO

Photo captions:

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View from SW

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View from SE

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East elevation

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View from NE

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Interior, facing SW

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Interior, facing NE

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South facade



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Anne Arundel County, MD

Melissa Archer

July 18, 2011

View from SW

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Citizens State Bank

Anne Powell Co. July 18, 2011

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July 18, 2011

View from SE

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Citizens State Bank

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East Elevation

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Comenius State Bank

Anne Arundel County, MD

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Interior, facing SW

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Common State Bank

Arden, Jackson County, Ind

Melvin L. Fisher

July 18, 2011

Inventory, for right

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MUSEUM

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Citizens State Bank

Amesbury County, N.H.

Melissa Archer

July 18, 2011

South facade

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ODENTON ROAD

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STATE BANK
ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY,
MARYLAND

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BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARKWAY 3.1 MI.





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