

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Stevensville Bank

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Love Point Road n/a not for publication

city, town Stevensville n/a vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 21 county Queen Anne's code 035

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Charles Marsteller

street & number Route 3, Box 268

city, town Stevensville n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21666

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Centreville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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 <u>n/a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources

Contributing	Noncontributing	Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination:
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> structures	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	Original and historic functions and uses: commercial
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total	

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The old Stevensville Bank is located on the west side of Love Point Road near the center of Stevensville, in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The building faces the street, with the plain rectangular shed roof structure disguised by an elaborate false front on the east (street) facade. This front is carefully ordered and is decorated with an interesting and eclectic collection of architectural details. The street facade is divided into three bays by four pilasters. In the center bay to either side of the door are single one-over-one windows with molded surrounds and pedimented hoods supported by scrolled brackets. A second story is suggested by a large triple window above the door and smaller four-light windows with crossetted surrounds in the flanking bays. The cornice consists of a broad band of stucco serving as a fascia, with a modest molding below, and an ornate architrave above. One further decorative element on the street facade is a large projecting hood over the entrance door. The interior is divided into a public banking room in the front and an office in the rear. The vault is located in the center at the rear of the front room, and is surrounded by a U-shaped counter with tellers' windows. The walls of this room are decorated with narrow headed wainscot paneling below a plain chairrail. The original ornamental pressed-tin ceiling has survived intact. Also on the property is a frame shed which does not contribute to the significance of the resource.

For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	c. 1903	Builder/Architect	unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A, C
Applicable Exceptions: none
Significance Evaluated: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Stevensville Bank is significant for its architecture, and for its role in the commerce of Kent Island and Queen Anne's County. Constructed circa 1903, the Stevensville Bank is the oldest bank building on Kent Island and is among the earliest surviving in the county. The unknown designer combined a variety of classic architectural details into an ordered composition that brings to mind the more formal Beaux Arts bank designs of its period. Although no longer serving as a bank, the building has been carefully maintained and has recently been sensitively restored for use as a law office. The original interior is virtually untouched, with the new office located in the rear, leaving the tellers' counter and vault intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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n/a

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.06 acre

Quadrangle name Kent Island, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat and comprise the single town lot historically associated with the resource.

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

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Survey Coordinator

organization Maryland Historical Trust date 12/14/78;- revised 1984

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town state

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]* 11-19-84

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Entered in the National Register date 1/3/85
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The old Stevensville Bank is located on the west side of Love Point Road near the center of Stevensville, in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. It has not served as a bank since it was sold in 1961, but has remained perfectly preserved, and after a recent renovation has been converted into a law office. The renovation consisted almost entirely of necessary repairs and painting, and the building remains virtually untouched both inside and outside.

The building faces the street, with the plain rectangular shed roof structure disguised by an elaborate false front on the east (street) facade. This front is carefully ordered and is decorated with an interesting and eclectic collection of architectural details.

The entire building is covered with stucco except for the first five courses of the foundation. The street facade is divided into three bays by four pilasters. The entrance is located in the center bay and consists of a pair of paneled glass doors. To either side of the door, in the north and south bays, are single one-over-one windows with molded surrounds and pedimented hoods supported by scrolled brackets. Although the building is only one story high, a second story is suggested by a large triple window above the door and smaller four-light windows with crossetted surrounds in the flanking bays. The triple window has a geometric pattern of muntins consisting of diagonals laid over a normal grid pattern.

Horizontal articulation is accomplished by setting the reeded pilasters on high stuccoed bases, and by employing a very wide, bold cornice. The result is a tripartite pattern both horizontally and vertically. The cornice consists of a broad band of stucco serving as a fascia, with a modest molding below, and an ornate architrave above. This is highlighted by a band of egg-and-dart molding, a row of dentil blocks, and scrolled brackets applied below an overhanging soffit. The fascia board above the soffit is relatively narrow and has a simple crown mold applied to it.

The decorative features of the front are carried around both corners of the facade for about five feet, and are terminated by a pair of reeded pilasters.

One further decorative element on the street facade is a large projecting hood over the entrance door which derives support from heavy chains anchored into the wall. It has a wide fascia board cornice decorated with geometric "triglyph" blocks, and closely resembles the marquee hoods found on turn-of-the-century theatres and occasionally on other commercial structures.

The remaining walls of the building are relatively plain by comparison. On the north wall, there is one large window near the east (front) end, and a single door with a plain entrance hood near the west end. The window is unusual in that the upper sash has nine lights, while the lower sash is divided into one row of three small lights above a single large pane of glass. This is

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

evidently the original configuration, as there are two similar windows symmetrically placed on the rear (west) wall of the building. The south wall is plain except for a large one-over-one window near the center.

The shed roof slopes from north to south, and the eaves on the west wall are finished with a plain rakeboard, while a plain box cornice is carried across the south wall. A brick stove chimney is located on the interior face of the north wall near the rear of the building.

The interior is divided into a public banking room in the front and an office in the rear. The vault is located in the center at the rear of the front room, and is surrounded by a U-shaped counter with tellers' windows. The counter is oak, with raised paneling on the front face. The walls of this room are decorated with narrow beaded wainscot paneling below a plain chairrail and plaster walls above.

The original ornamental pressed-tin ceiling has survived intact. A pair of brass four-light chandeliers is suspended above the tellers' counter.

Also on the property is a frame shed which does not contribute to the significance of the resource.

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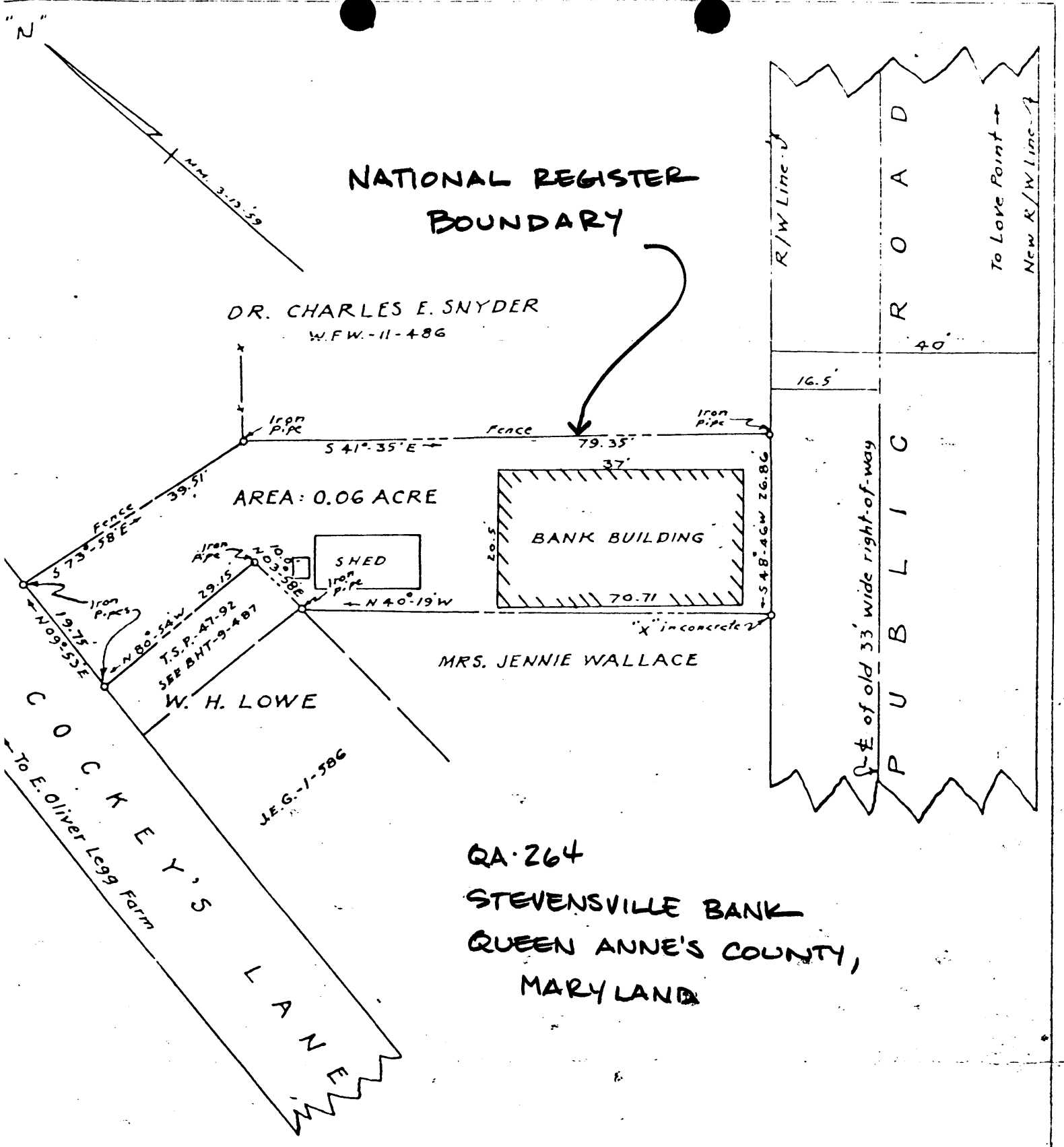
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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The Stevensville Savings Bank of Queen Anne's County was chartered on 4 February 1903. The organizers were Charles Benjamin Downs, founding president, who owned considerable property in the town of Stevensville; Charles Percy Kemp, a physician; Milton Hysore Price and Isaac Grollman, merchants; and John Fletcher Ruth, a farmer. The bank was constructed shortly after that date, on two lots conveyed to the bank corporation 18 December 1903. By 1907, the Bank's financial statement showed assets in excess of \$29,000; the "banking-house, furniture and fixtures" were valued at \$4,301.24. In April 1912 the company's name was changed to Stevensville Bank of Maryland.

The building ceased to be used for banking purposes in 1959, when the company, then known as Tidewater Bank, established a modern facility on the highway southeast of town. The present owner acquired the building in June 1984, and has recently completed a sensitive rehabilitation program, adapting it for use as a law office while retaining all its original furnishings intact.



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 STEVENSVILLE BANK
 QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY,
 MARYLAND

MAP SHOWING SURVEY OF
 A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND
 FOR
 THE STEVENSVILLE BANK OF MARYLAND
 Stevensville, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
 Scale: 1"=20' 2-17-61 Shew & Bartlett, Engrs
 Rec. 1676