

**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 Glen Oak Hotel

and/or common Glen Oak Hotel

2. Location

street & number 201 Academy Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hurlock N/A vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state Maryland code 24 county Dorchester code 019

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Edwin B. Feldman

street & number 6883A Eastern Avenue, #22

city, town Takoma Park N/A vicinity of state Maryland 20912

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Dorchester County Courthouse

street & number 206 High Street

city, town Cambridge state 21613

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Glen Oak Hotel, located at the intersection of Main, Broad, and Academy Streets in the town of Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland, is a three-story frame building constructed ca. 1890. The building stands three bays wide, facing south; a two-tiered porch with turned columns spans the facade. The main section is three bays deep; two two-story sections, one four bays long and the other two bays long, extend to the rear in "telescope" fashion. The building displays its original beveled siding, with standing-seam metal covering its shallow hipped roof. Windows throughout hold 2/2 sash in plain surrounds with simple molded cornices. The interior retains its original plan, consisting of a central hall on each story, with public lobby and dining room, owner's quarters, and 20 guest rooms. Trim consists primarily of symmetrical molding with bullseye corner blocks. Original two-panel doors also remain, as does a small fireplace in the front room.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Glen Oak Hotel is located on a triangular lot formed by the intersection of Main, Broad, and Academy Streets in the center of Hurlock in Dorchester County, Maryland. The building, erected ca. 1890, is of frame construction and consists of three sections. The Main block is three stories tall, three bays wide, and three bays deep; a two-tiered porch with turned columns spans the principal (south) facade. Two two-story sections, one four bays long and the other two bays long, extend to the rear in "telescope" fashion. The three sections have hipped roofs, covered in standing-seam metal. A sheathing of asbestos shingles (shown in the photographs accompanying this nomination) was recently removed to reveal the original beveled siding. The facade within the porches was never clad in asbestos. Windows throughout the structure are 2/2 sash in plain surrounds with simple molded cornices.

The interior retains its original plan, consisting of a central hall and stair on each story. On the first floor, a lobby and public dining room open off the east side of the hall, with guest rooms and owner's quarters opposite. The lobby area has been altered with the application of plywood paneling and most recently served as a beauty parlor. The installation of the paneling did not involve removal of original woodwork, which consists of symmetrical molding with bullseye corner blocks on door frames and window surrounds throughout the building. The center hall leads through the building to the kitchen and pantry at the rear. The upper stories contain guest rooms.

Interior ornament remains essentially intact; in addition to the restrained architraves and window surrounds, original two-panel doors remain throughout the building. There is a small Victorian fireplace in the front room.

8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1890 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Applicable Criterion: A

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Glen Oak Hotel is significant for its association with the early development of Hurlock, a market town on the rural Eastern Shore of Maryland. The initial impetus for the town's creation was the establishment of a line and station of the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad in the area in 1867; Hurlock grew in size and commercial importance after the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad crossed the D & D there in 1890. The Glen Oak Hotel was one of the first buildings constructed in the town, and functioned as a commercial and social center, serving salesmen who traveled by rail. In addition to overnight accommodations, the hotel provided a livery stable, enabling travelers who came to town by rail to make calls in the surrounding countryside.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

In 1867, the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad located a station in the upper portion of Dorchester County where the town of Hurlock stands today. Shortly thereafter, in 1869, John M. Hurlock built a storehouse near the station and in 1872 built the town's first dwelling.

Hurlock grew slowly, comprising by 1888 five houses and a church in addition to the railroad depot and warehouse. The town's importance as a railway center increased markedly in 1890, when the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad crossed the Dorchester and Delaware line. The prospect of increased rail traffic through Hurlock may have impelled James A. Dean to construct the Glen Oak Hotel at that time. (Although secondary sources attribute an 1887 date to the hotel, land records suggest that the building was erected between 1890 and 1894.)

In the days before the automobile, The Glen Oak was the center of the social and commercial life of the community. "Drummers" or what we now call salesmen, descended from the passenger cars of the railroads in dozens to keep the hotel full. These gentlemen of trade would check into the Glen Oak, hire a horse and carriage at its livery stables and make their calls in surrounding countryside. An excellent chef prepared ample meals and white jacketed waiters attended the dining room.

In addition to catering to Drummers bringing commerce to the area of the Eastern Shore the hotel was also the center of social activity in Hurlock. High School graduating classes held dinners at the Glen Oak, as did local civic organizations.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Federalsburg, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	1 8	4 2 4 7 1 0	4 2 7 6 4 6 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
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D			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2

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 Edwin B. Feldman, contract owner

organization _____ date _____

street & number 6883A Eastern Ave., #22 telephone 301-270-0777

city or town Takoma Park state Maryland 20912

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] 7-19-83

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date _____

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Patrick Andrews</u>	date <u>9/8/83</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (Continued)

Charles M. Stevens, the last Inn Keeper of the Glen Oak, operated the Glen Oak from 1920 until his death in 1971 - 51 years. In addition, he also served for a number of years as a town police officer - "bailiff" or town security officer. His wife continued the operation on a steadily lessening basis until her death in 1981. According to her son, the Hotel was constantly filled each night until the construction of U. S. Highway 50 bypassed Hurlock. The Stevens' operation of the Glen Oak spans 61 years and appears to be the longest continuing business operation in Hurlock.

This building has remained essentially the same as it was circa 1900, and represents an example of a rural hotel on the Eastern Shore in the era of the Railroad and horse and wagon.

According to secondary sources, James A. Dean built a hotel on the site of the present Glen Oak Hotel in 1887;¹ however, land records show that Dean did not purchase the land until 1890. This deed, recording the purchase of the land upon which the Glen Oak Hotel stands by Dean from Author A. Potter and his wife for the sum of \$550.00, makes no mention of a hotel on the property. It is likely that Dean built the hotel sometime between 1890 and 1894, when he sold the property to J. Albert Williams. The deed which records this transaction, recorded November 21, 1894, describes the property as "at present occupied by the aforesaid James A. Dean as a Hotel."² The selling price of \$3000.00 suggests that Dean had made considerable improvements to the property since the 1890 purchase.

The property was next sold at public sale to Duane H. Rice of Baltimore City, February 1, 1896.

In the deed conveying the land to Rice, it is described as "known as the Hotel and Livery Stable Property".³

In the deed recording another transaction, dated December 31, 1898, the property is again referred to as the "Hotel and Livery Stable Property".⁴

The first time the hotel is mentioned by name is in a deed recorded on September 19, 1905, in which the parcel is referred to as "known as the "Glen Oak Hotel Property".⁵

The property was sold to Charles M. Stevens in 1920.⁶

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Footnotes

¹ Elias Jones, History of Dorchester County, Maryland. (Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1902)

² (Liber CL #18, Folio 672)

³ (Liber CL #21, Folio 26)

⁴ (Liber Cl #23, Folio 31)

⁵ (Liber CL 31, Folio 128)

⁶ (Liber WHM 7, Folio 575)

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Elias. History of Dorchester County, Maryland (Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1902).

Interviews:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Stevens, Jr., Hurlock, Maryland.

Mr. F. Winfield Trice, Hurlock, Maryland.

Col. Nichols, U.S.A., Ret., Hurlock, Maryland

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

All that triangular parcel of land known as the 'Glen Oak Hotel Property' situated on the west side of North Main Street and on the northeast side of Academy Street, and bounded on the northwest by Hasting, or Livery Stable Lane. The property being nominated includes only the town lot upon which the resource stands.