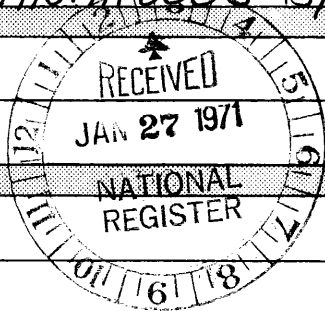


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Georgetown Market

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3276 M Street, N.W. (Georgetown)

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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| District of Columbia | 11 | District of Columbia | 001 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
District of Columbia

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
6th and D Streets, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Proposed District of Columbia Additions to the National Register of Historic Properties recommended by the Joint Committee on Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: March 7, 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Capital Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
726 Jackson Place, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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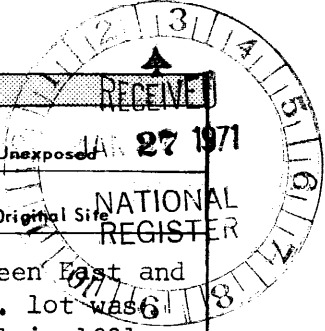
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7. DESCRIPTION



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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Georgetown Market faces north at 3276 M St., N.W., between East and West Market Sts., just north of the C&O Canal. The 9,920 sq. ft. lot was once part of a larger site reduced when the building of the canal in 1831 separated the lower third of the lot from the market property. 2,700 sq. ft. of this parcel south of the canal are still in District ownership and could be used for future market parking. The one-story brick market erected in 1865, apparently on the fieldstone foundation of the 1796 market, originally measured 40' (3 bays) across the front by 150' (9 bays) along the sides--since extended to 199.75' (11 bays). The building is about 25' high at the eaves and 30' at the north-south ridge of the wood-frame tin-covered low gable roof.

The M St. facade of this functional arcaded market house consists of a recessed round-arched central door about 6' wide and 16' high flanked on either side by a round-arched window (formerly a door) of similar height and width, but closed in at the base. Ornamental scrolls which originally decorated the fanlights over the doors have been replaced by plain glass. The arches are framed by bonded-brick circumscribed by simple molded brick archivolts curving into a horizontal molded brick string course which spans the elevation at the spring line of the arches. The common bond wall has a row of headers every 8 courses and rises to an elaborate stamped-tin cornice with decorative brackets in the Italianate style. This dentilled and bracketed raking cornice is broken by a low central block motif which is capped by a flat bracketed and dentilled cornice. Originally the word MARKET appeared in this central block above the door. Small pediments facing east and west are supported by paired brackets at either end. The main facade is painted white with green trim.

The 11 bays of the east and west facades are similar to those on M St., but are arranged in series of two windows and a door, each recessed three inches and separated from the adjoining bay by a brick pilaster about three feet wide which rises from the foundation and merges into a projecting brick surface which runs the length of the sides below the cornice. The iron grills over the windows and doors date from 1942. In the south, rear wall a central shacklike entrance to the basement is flanked by two arched windows.

One of the most architecturally distinguished elements of the interior is the basement, obviously much older than the market above. It is probably part of the 1796 market or it may have been constructed when the canal was built in 1831. The foundation walls are about 4' thick and rise about 15' to wooden joists which support the market floor. Running directly down the center of the basement is a 2' thick stone wall punctuated by 14 stone and brick arches. On either side of this central arched wall, the basement is divided into storerooms by transverse walls. Several of these walls have failed due to settlement but no serious damage to the building has occurred. The alleged "slave auction block" is located at the center of the east wall.

The first floor, containing an area of about 7200 sq. ft., is an open space with approx. 30' high ceilings. This space has been partially partitioned by temporary storage compartments.

The market's age and inadequate maintenance in recent years has led to the failure of some structural elements, termite damage to the floor and weather damage to the roof. The building is basically in sound structural condition, however, and could readily be restored to market use.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

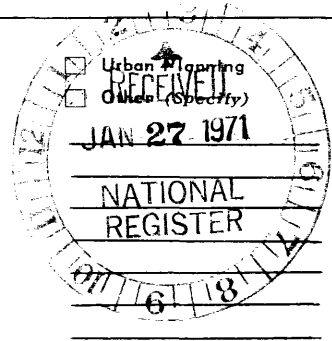
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1865**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joint Committee on Landmarks has designated the Georgetown Market a Category II Landmark of importance which contributes significantly to the cultural heritage and visual beauty of the District of Columbia. Built in 1865 on the site of an early 1795 market (the first public market of record in D.C.), the Georgetown market is perhaps the finest extant example of Georgetown's long history of commercial activity. Restoration of the market to its original use as part of the plan for reconstructing facilities along the C&O Canal would do much to upgrade this long-blighted area of Georgetown.

The history of the market site goes back to the Revolutionary period when a butcher's market occupied part of the present property. This market was later replaced by the Georgetown debtor's jail. In 1795 the jail was removed to complete a new frame market house. Because of the town's growth, the frame market was demolished a year later, and a larger, more substantial market was constructed from voluntary contributions on an expanded site. The entire property was not finally acquired by the Georgetown Corporation from Adam King and John Mitchell until 1803. One of the stipulations of King's deed was that the site was "for the use of the market aforesaid, forever, and for no other use, interest or purpose whatsoever..."

By the end of the Civil War, this 1796 market, which had been enlarged several times during the heyday of the C&O Canal, was so dilapidated that it was razed. The present market was erected in 1865. The architect is unknown and no plans of the building exist. The Georgetown Corporation operated the market until Georgetown was incorporated into the District of Columbia in 1871. The market was then administered by the District Government. Stalls of butchers, fish mongers and dairy farmers requiring refrigeration were located against the interior walls of the market. Butter stalls generally stood in the center. Produce was sold at outside stands.

In 1935, when the District Commissioners wanted to get out of the market business, they were restrained by the provisions of King's deed. Hoping to nullify these restrictions by renting the building to private firms, the Commissioners first leased the building to a private meat market and then in 1945 to Southern Distributors Inc., a wholesale automobile supply parts distributor which has used the building for non-market purposes for 25 years.

On Sept. 11, 1966, the United States Congress passed Legislation directing the District to preserve the building as an historic landmark, to operate and maintain it as a public market, and to make a small portion of it available to the National Park Service for the C&O Canal Museum. Congress has not yet appropriated the funds necessary to restore the market.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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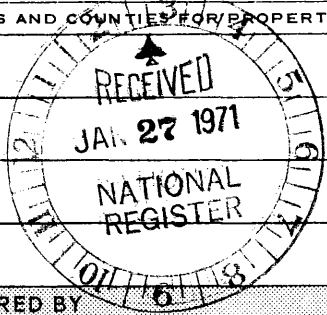
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9,920 Square Feet c. 1/4 acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy C. Taylor, Landmarks Historian

ORGANIZATION: National Capital Planning Commission DATE: November 3, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 726 Jackson Place, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Sharon W. Wood*

Title: Deputy Mayor-Commissioner

Date: January 21, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: MAY 6 1971

ATTEST:

William Sturtevant
Keeper of The National Register

Date: APR 8 1971