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James K. Lewis Wharf Office, (Customs House)

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James K. Lewis Wharf Office
Vienna
c. 1825-40
Public

The James K. Lewis Wharf Office is a rare survivor of the utilitarian type of building that housed the daily accounting operations of a substantial merchant firm operating in Vienna during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Built into the bank fronting the Nanticoke River, the office was strategically sited to take advantage of ground level entrance on two floors; a storage cellar on the lower level and the accounting office above. A ladder stair also provides access to a unfinished loft used for storage as well.

While local oral tradition has identified this building as Vienna's historic customs house, there is no portion or aspect of this structure dating from the eighteenth century. Furthermore, the land on which this building stands was never held by the town or county government for the purposes of an official site for the port-of-entry's customs house.

Even though this single-story, one-room plan frame building was used privately and built around 1825-40, it represents an important aspect of nineteenth century river commerce that has altogether ceased on the Nanticoke. With its estimated date of construction, it was clearly the wharf office described in the complex of buildings formerly owned by merchant James K. Lewis (1808-1868), who acquired parcels of land in Vienna during the 1830s and 1840s. The old wharf office stands adjacent to his former residence, the impressive three-story, five-bay brick Italianate style dwelling that he financed in 1861. (See also D-146)

James K. Lewis's estate entered Dorchester County Equity Court for settlement, and in July 1876, Caleb Shepherd, representing the court, sold, "all those parcels of land

and buildings thereon lying and being in the town of Vienna and formerly belonging to James K. Lewis, d'cd, granary, wharf office, store house, dwelling house, ice house, carriage house and stable" to Stephen B. Lecompte. For much of its late nineteenth and twentieth century history the wharf office was held by the Lecompte family which owned the Italianate brick residence. In 1966, Mary W. Lecompte sold the office building to the Commissioners of Vienna, and the town financed restoration work while using it as a tourist venue.

As a one of Dorchester County's port-of-entries, established in 1706 by provincial authority, inspection houses and customs house were erected in Vienna at various times. The first recorded tobacco inspection station was authorized by Maryland's General Assembly in 1747, to be laid out on the land of Henry Hooper, Jr. The Federal authorized customs house was established in Vienna in 1791 and lasted in operation until 1866. When Joseph Scott visited Vienna to research geographical description of Maryland and Delaware, published in 1807, he found the "collector's house" among the building that defined the town's waterfront.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-147

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James K. Lewis Wharf Office
other "Old Custom's House"

2. Location

street and number Water Street not for publication
city, town Vienna vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Town Commissioners of Vienna
street and number P. O. Box 86 telephone 410-376-3442
city, town Vienna state MD zip code 21869

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 147 folio 98
city, town Cambridge tax map 500 tax parcel 190 tax ID number 3-046281

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
☐ district	☐ public	☐ agriculture	Contributing
☒ building(s)	☐ private	☒ commerce/trade	Noncontributing
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ defense	1
☐ site		☐ domestic	
☐ object		☐ education	
		☐ funerary	1
		☐ government	
		☐ health care	
		☐ industry	
		☐ landscape	
		☐ recreation/culture	
		☐ religion	
		☐ social	
		☐ transportation	
		☐ work in progress	
		☐ unknown	
		☐ vacant/not in use	
		☐ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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.

Standing on the edge of Water Street at its intersection with Church Street is a small, single-story, one-room plan frame structure that has been called the old "Custom's House" for the past half century. Reported to have been erected in 1768, this timber frame structure clearly dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. There is no eighteenth century fabric associated with this structure. Its construction date is documented by the essential elements of the building, which is assembled with mature cut nails and finish woodwork and brick typical of the period. The one room office building was most likely erected c. 1825-40.

Facing northwest, the gable roofed office building is oriented on northwest/southeast axis. The single story weatherboard frame office rests on a full common bond brick foundation and is built into the side of a back with ground level entrance on the south side opening through a replacement board-and-batten door hung on strap hinges. The five-course common bond brickwork is laid in uniform sized bricks typical of the second quarter of the nineteenth century, and the joints have been repointed.

The northwest (main) elevation is a gable-front elevation with a door located on the southwestern edge of the façade. The beaded board-and-batten door is framed by a narrow beaded edge surround typical of early nineteenth century. The weatherboards are plain and the original boards are fastened with mature cut nails. The gable end is finished flush with a molded bargeboard finishing the edge of the wood shingled roof.

The side elevations of the office are essentially alike with a single six-over-six sash window piercing each wall surface. The window openings are framed by a narrow, beaded edge surround. Second quarter of the nineteenth century three-panel shutters swing on cast hinges. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Piercing the foundation is a mortise-and-tenon timber frame grilled opening, which is fitted with circular profile, vertical iron bars. The southeast (rear) elevation is pierced by the ground level door, and a six-over-six sash window in the frame superstructure.

The office interior is finished in a plain manner with plastered walls and a beaded edge baseboard that encircles the room. A ladder type stair is fixed in the northeast corner and provides access to an unfinished loft. Inside the loft the common rafter roof system as well as the end wall studs are fastened with mature cut nails.

The interior of the cellar is finished with a herringbone pattern brick floor of recent installation during the last twenty years. The walls have been repointed. The oak floor joists and sills are exposed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
☐ 1600-1699	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ health/medicine	☐ performing arts
☐ 1700-1799	☐ archeology	☐ education	☐ industry	☐ philosophy
☒ 1800-1899	☒ architecture	☐ engineering	☐ invention	☐ politics/government
☐ 1900-1999	☐ art	☐ entertainment/	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 2000-	☐ commerce	☐ recreation	☐ law	☐ science
	☐ communications	☐ ethnic heritage	☐ literature	☐ social history
	☐ community planning	☐ exploration/	☐ maritime history	☒ transportation
	☐ conservation	☐ settlement	☐ military	☐ other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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.)

SIGNIFICANCE

The James K. Lewis Wharf Office is a rare survivor of the utilitarian type buildings that housed the daily operations of a substantial merchant firm operating in Vienna on the Nanticoke River during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. While local oral tradition has identified this building as Vienna's historic custom house, there is no portion or fabric of this building dating to the eighteenth century. Furthermore, the land on which this building stands was never held by the town or county government for the purposes of an official port-of-entry custom's house.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Even though this single-story, one-room plan frame office building was used privately and built during around 1825-40, it represents an important aspect of 19th century river commerce that has altogether ceased on the Nanticoke. With its estimated date of construction around 1825-40, it was clearly the wharf office described in the complex of buildings formerly belonging to merchant James K. Lewis (1808-1868), who acquired parcels of land in Vienna during the 1830s and 1840s.¹ The old wharf office stands adjacent to his former residence, the impressive three-story, five-bay brick Italianate style dwelling that he financed in 1861. (See D-146)

James K. Lewis's estate entered Dorchester County Equity Court for settlement, and in July 1876, Caleb Shepherd, representing the court, sold "all those parcels of land and buildings thereon lying and being in the town of Vienna and formerly belonging to James K. Lewis, d'cd, granary, wharf office, store house, dwelling house, ice house, carriage house and stable" to Stephen B. Lecompte.²

As a port-of-entry, established in 1706 by provincial authority, inspection houses, and later a customs house, were erected in Vienna at various times. The first recorded tobacco inspection station was authorized for Vienna by Maryland's General Assembly in 1747, to be laid out on the land of Henry

¹ Dorchester County Land Records, ER 16/464, 19 December 1837; WJ 1/404, 19 June 1843.

² Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 11/188, 10 July 1876.

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Hooper, Jr.³ The Federal government authorized a customs house at Vienna in 1791, and its operation lasted until 1866.⁴ When Joseph Scott visited Vienna to research his geographical description of Maryland and Delaware, published in 1807, he found the "collector's house" among the buildings that defined the town's waterfront.⁵

³ *Archives of Maryland*, Volume 44, p. 609.

⁴ Jones, Elias, *New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland*, Tidewater Publishers, 1966, p. 88.

⁵ Scott, Joseph, *A Geographical Description of the States of Maryland and Delaware; Also the Counties, Towns, Rivers, Bays and Islands with a List of the Hundreds of Each County*. Philadelphia, Kimber Conrad, and Company, 1807.

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"Old Custom's House"

Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 500, Parcel 190

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Mary W. LeCompte, widow

to

5.2.1966

Commissioners of Vienna

\$700

RSM 98/245

Lloyd S. LeCompte and Robert Edna LeCompte

to

2.28.1956

Harland A. LeCompte and Mary W. LeCompte

WLR 4/287

Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Atlantic Railway Company

to

1.31.1912

Lloyd S. LeCompte and Robert Edna LeCompte

16/1000th acre

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CL 35/318

Robert P. Graham and wife

to

1.24.1909

Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Atlantic Railway Company

CL 35/161

Stephen O. LeCompte, trustee

to

6.21.1909

Robert P. Graham

Wharf property formerly owned by James K. Lewis, report of
Sales of Chancery Case, No. 2745, Third lot sold

CL 3/393

Sewell T. Milbourne, trustee

to

9.14.1881

Stephen B. LeCompte

FJH 11/188

Caleb Shepherd

to

7.10.1876

Stephen B. LeCompte

...all those parcels of land and buildings thereon lying and being in

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the town of Vienna and formerly belonging to James K. Lewis, d'cd,
granary, wharf office, store house, dwelling house, ice house, carriage
house, and stable

1850 United States Census

James K. Lewis, 39 M, Merchant
Sarah A. Lewis 36

WJ 1/404

Henry Page

to

6.19.1843

James K. Lewis

Decree of Circuit Court of Chancery, 10.9.1841, Henry Page, appointed
Trustee....sell and dispose of lot of ground lying and being in the
Town of Vienna owned by Jac'b Cromwell, as to one undivided moiety
and as to the other moiety and the theirs heirs as law of Mrs. Rachel
Lewis, late of Dorchester

Northwest side of Water Street it being the same lot of ground which
was purchased by Jac'b Cromwell and Mrs. Rachel Lewis of Henry Page
Trustee, for the sale of the real estate of Thomas Byrn, late of
Dorchester, for \$359

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ER 16/464

Thomas Holiday Hicks and Ann Hicks, Edwin C. Medford

to

12.19.1837

James K. Lewis

\$500 house and lot of ground....lying and being in the town of
Vienna and known as the property of the late Doctor John
Riddle, and now in the occupancy of George J. L. Smith

Tombstone Records of Dorchester County, 1678-2002. Dorchester County Historical Society, 2002,
Compiled by Nellie M. Marshall

James K. Lewis, born 6.20.1808, died 4.16.1868; Sarah A. Lewis, born 10.28.1810, died 4.28. 1870.

Joseph Scott, *A Geographical Description of the States of Maryland and Delaware; Also the Counties, Towns, Rivers, Bays, and Islands with a List of the Hundreds of Each County.*

Philadelphia: Kimber, Conrad, and Company, 1807

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Rivers of the Eastern Shore

Nanticoke is one of the most considerable rivers of the Eastern Shore, about 45 miles in length. It rises in Sussex county, in the State of Delaware, flows S.W. and empties into the Chesapeake bay, on the S. side of Philip's Point. It received its name from a tribe of Indians, called the Nanticokes, who resided on its bank. They emigrated to the State of New York, and live between Owego and a branch of the Susquehanna. It is estimated that they can muster about 80 warriors.

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DORCHESTER

This is the largest county on the Eastern Shore, except Worcester. It was established before the year 1671 and is 32 miles long and 27 broad, containing 374,579 acres.

It is bounded N. by Caroline county, and Choptank river, which separates it from

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Talbot county, S.E. by Nanticoke river, which divides it from Somerset county, and S. and W. by the Chesapeake bay.

It contained in 1790, 10,538 free persons and 5,337 slaves; and in 1800, 11,778 free persons, and 4,566 slaves.

The lands in the S. part of the county, are low, and marshy, particularly along Transquaking, Blackwater, and Teram creeks, and along Hungary river, which is an arm of the Chesapeake bay, that separates Hooper's Island, from the main land.

The principal produce is corn, wheat, and lumber. The rivers abound with fish, and fowl, as those in the other counties on the Eastern Shore.

Cambridge, a post town, and the seat of justice for the county, containing about 50 houses and 300 inhabitants. It is situated on the S. side of Choptank river, about 15 miles from its mouth. The situation is healthy and agreeable. The public buildings are a church, court house and jail.

It is 37 miles S. of Easton and 152 S.S.W. of Philadelphia and 100 miles from Washington city.

Vienna, a small post town, agreeably situated on the W. side of Nanticoke river upon a plain elevated about 12 or 13 feet above the surface of the river.

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It contains 13 dwellings, principally, in a state of decay, four respectable stores, several granaries, two taverns, a collector's office, and an impaired brick Episcopal church, in which divine service is sometimes celebrated. Two wharves extend into the river, at which vessels of an burthen many load.

The town commands very little trade, although advantageously situated for both foreign and domestic. Its decline has originated, in the absence of enterprising and active inhabitants, the obstruction in navigating the river to its extremities, the commercial importance of Baltimore, and above all the prevailing opinion that the situation of the town is unhealthy; but the character of unhealthiness it no longer deserves; for the excluding by ditches, the tide, which supported a morass on the S. bodies of stagnant water, which lay in the bottom of the town, have been removed, by which the situation has become more healthy.

Middletown, is a small village about seven miles westerly of Vienna, and two E. of the head of the Transquaking creek.

Federalsburg, a small village, on marshy Hope creek, partly in Dorchester, and partly in Caroline counties.

Hunting creek town, a village in the N. parts of the county

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Indian town, a small village situated on Indian creek, a short stream which falls into Choptank river.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Marshall, Nellie M. *Tombstone Records of Dorchester County, 1678-2002*, Dorchester County Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Mardela Springs, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

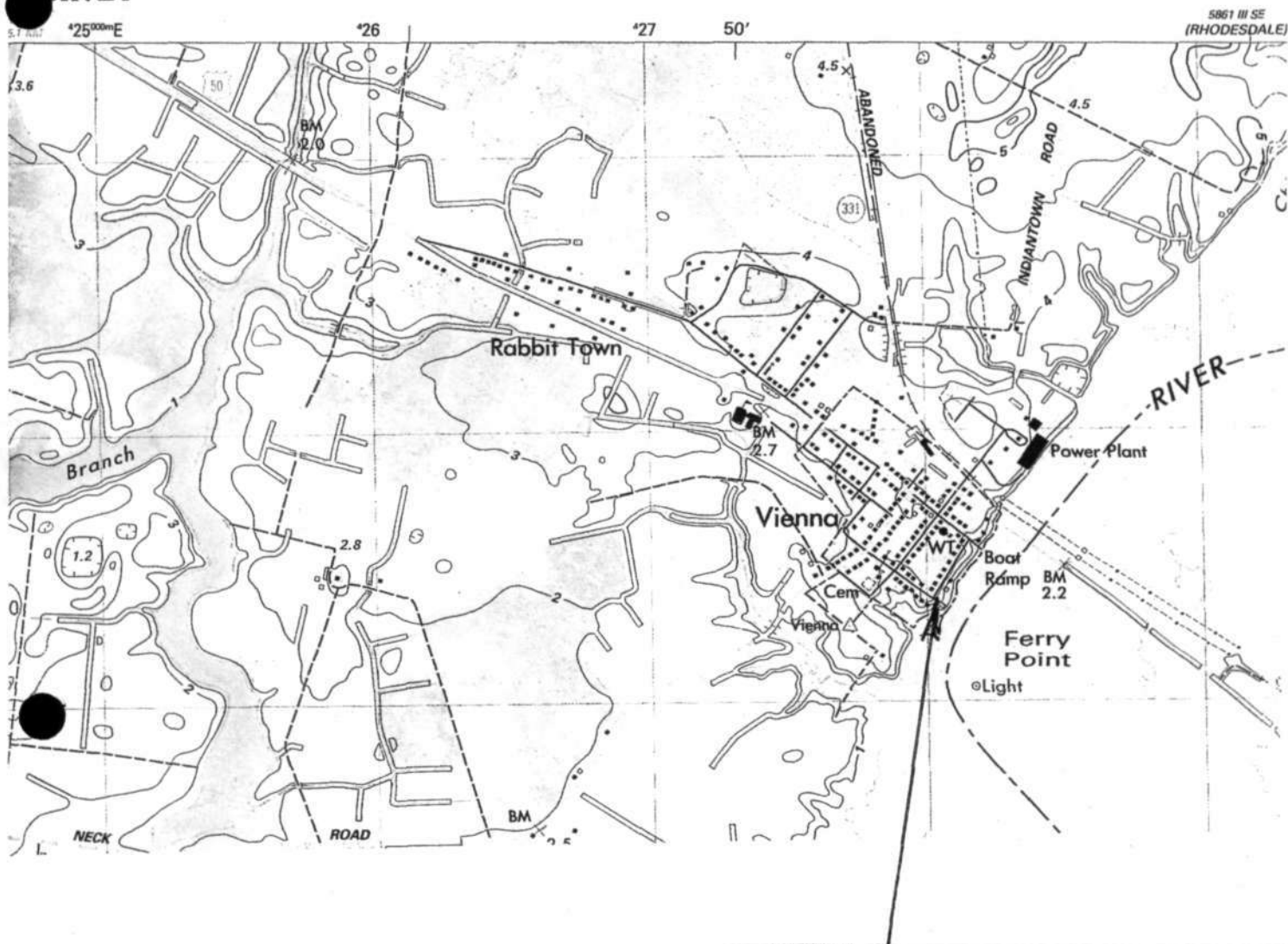
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	7/20/2009
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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James K. Lewis Wharf Office
Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle
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VIENNA, DORCHESTER Co. MA.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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JAMES K. LEWIS OFFICE

VIENNA, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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JAMES K. LEWIS OFFICE
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LAMAR K. LEWIS OFFICE

VENNER, DORCHESTER Co., MA.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: The Customs House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Vienna					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☐ Building ☒ Structure	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☒ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____	☐ Comments _____ _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Commissioners of Vienna					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Vienna			STATE: Maryland	21869	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge			STATE: Maryland	21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 177/435					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair
	☒ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved
			☒ Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
A sign on the side of this small frame structure reads: "Old Customs House - Mar 21, 1791 - Feb 25, 1866 - Vienna Md.". The little building is built on the side of the Nanticoke River bank and has a full story of brick on its river side. The "basement" has one large batten door hung on strap hinges and two vents. In the frame portion above, a single window is centered on each side except the street facade which has a door. The simple structure appears unused and is in deteriorating condition.			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☒ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☒ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		DATE Summer, 1972
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Dorchester TOWN vienna VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Customs house PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Edwin M. Henry PRESENT USE vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION frame NO. OF STORIES one		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY D-147 2. NAME The customs House DATE OR PERIOD 1791 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no A sign on the side of this small frame structure reads: "Old Customs House- Mar 21, 1791 - Feb 25, 1866 - Vienna Md.". The little building is built on the side of the Nanticoke River bank and has a full story of brick on its river side. The "basement" has one large batten door hung on strap hinges and two vents. In the frame portion above, a -ingle window is centered on each side except the street facade which has a door. The simple structure appears un- used and is in deteriorating condition.			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior poor			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER mob Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD Summer, 1972	

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