

HARDWARE STORE
5121 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, Maryland

BOUNDARY:

Coterminous with the three (3) story structure just north of Hanley's Watch Repair at 5119 Baltimore Avenue.

DESCRIPTION:

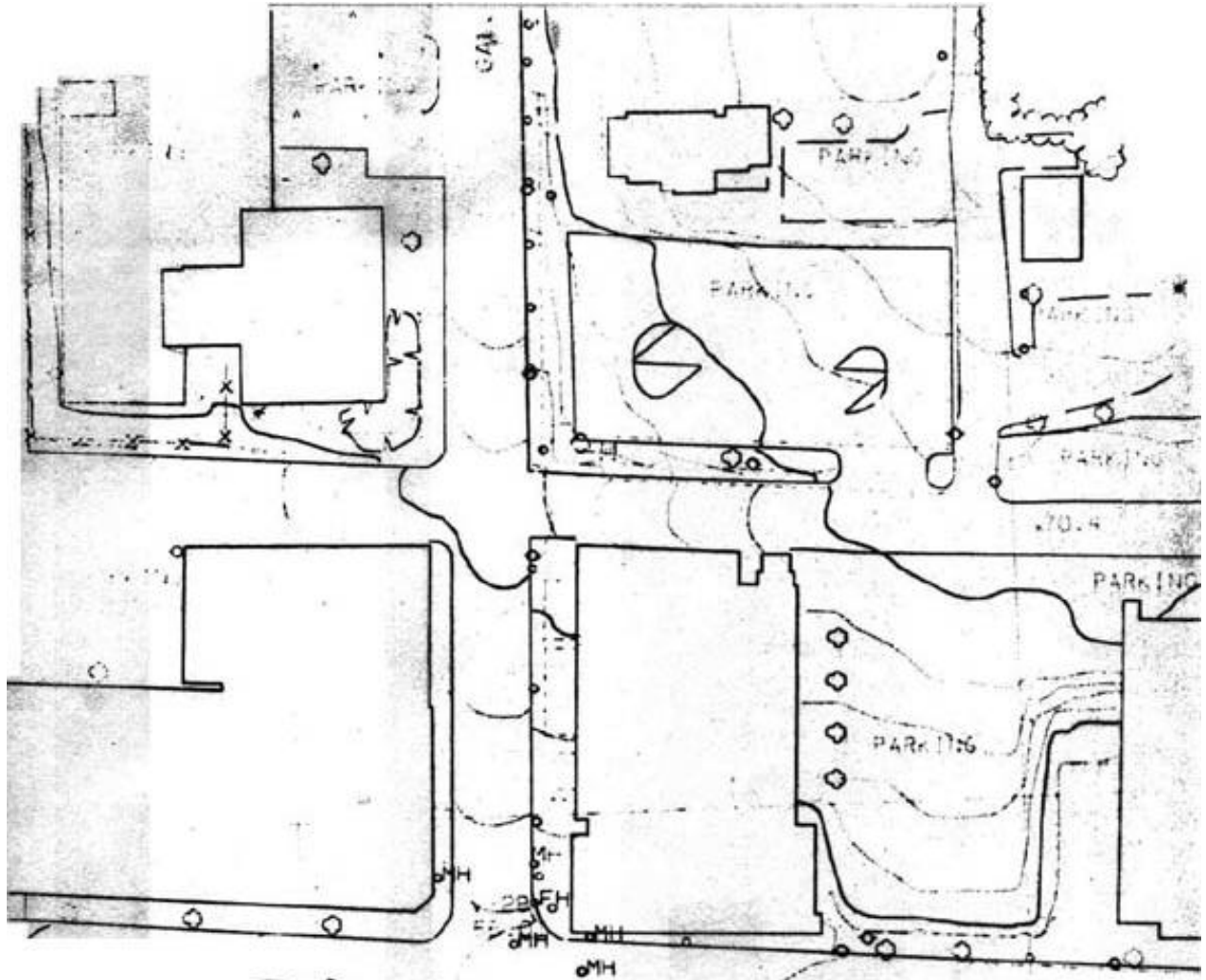
The first floor of this brick commercial structure, typical for the turn of the century when it was constructed, has been greatly altered. The two upper stories, however, from the wooden cornice between the first and second stories (which stops about one foot short of the end walls) to the dogtooth cornice at the roofline, retain much of their original appearance. In these two levels are located two (2) sets each of two (2) over two (2) sash windows which are coupled under gauged brick segmental arches. These, in turn are surmounted by horizontal, projecting, decorative, brick courses which are shouldered on each side of the window to encompass the segmental arches. On the third story, this band is curved to approximate the shape of the segmental arch, whereas on the second, it is squared off as is the segmental arch below it. In the wooden enframements above the windows, and below the brick arches is decorative sawnwork. Fluted attached pilasters are located between the paired windows.

The cornice is made up of four (4) rows of corbelled bricks which are alternately projected to approximate a modillon cornice, with two (2) courses of bricks set in a dogtooth pattern at roofline

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is significant as the only intact example of the once numerous commercial brick buildings of similar type which existed in Hyattsville at the turn of the century. It is a good example of the kind of commercial building built in a small business and trading community along a railroad line.

Information was derived, for the most part, from Maryland Historical Trust inventory form PG 68-9 concerning the Hyattsville Commercial area.



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