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**CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
Department of Planning and Zoning  
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4 June 2008

Cecile T. McCaffery  
1151 N. St. Augustine Road  
Chesapeake City, Maryland 21915

RE: Historic Property Tax Credit

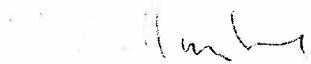
Dear Ms. McCaffery:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners, at our meeting of Tuesday 3 June 2008, has approved your request for the historic property tax credit for the renovation and restoration work performed on the Brick House. This action was taken in accordance with Chapter 258, Article III of the Code of Cecil County.

The Cecil County Treasurer has been notified of this action so that your property tax bill can be adjusted accordingly.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve Cecil County's historic heritage.

Sincerely,

  
William C. Manlove, President  
Board of County commissioners

WCM/ess

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP -- Director Planning & Zoning

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 8 May 2008

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Alfred C. Wein, Jr. – County Administrator

**FROM:** Eric S. Sennstrom, <sup>ESS</sup>AICP  
Director – Planning & Zoning

**RE:** Historic District Property Tax Credit

Please be advised that Chapter 258, Article III of the Code of Cecil County permits a property tax credit of up to 10% of the properly documented expenses of a private owner for the restoration and preservation of a designated structure to be granted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) against the county property tax imposed.

Cecile T. McCaffery, owner of the “Brick House” which was designated as a historic structure by the Board on 17 September 2002, seeks to avail herself of the tax credit afforded by Chapter 258, Article III. Accordingly, Ms. McCaffery has provided her itemized list of renovation and restoration activities conducted over the past year to the Historic District Commission (HDC) for the vetting. The HDC has culled the total expenses from the \$26,550 listed to \$22,550. This means that if the BOCC so chooses, it may grant a County property tax credit of \$2,255 not to exceed Ms. McCaffery’s property tax bill.

Enclosed for your perusal is a copy of the itemized list from Ms. McCaffery explaining the work done to the “Brick House” and its associated cost.

If you opt to grant the property tax credit, please place this request on the agenda of an upcoming meeting as an action item. Thank you for your assistance with and consideration of this matter.

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Enclosure

Nelson K. Bolender, President  
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(410) 996-5201

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Commissioner District

William Kilby  
Commissioner District

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(410) 996-5265

18 September 2002

Daniel L. & Cecile T. McCaffery  
1151 North St. Augustine Road  
Chesapeake City, Maryland 21915

RE: Historic Designation – The Brick House

Dear Mr. & Mrs. McCaffery:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners, at our meeting of Tuesday, 17 September 2002, approved the nomination to designate the Brick House as a historic structure. Items of note pertaining to the historical significance include that the dwelling was used as a seat of court during the War of 1812 and that it was used as a general store and post office into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Additional items of architectural note include that the brick work is original, except where repaired and is comprised of a common bond style with one header course and five stretcher courses, a front door that contains a Georgian arch with half moon fanlight framed by wooden pilasters, three large sash windows on the first floor and a brick exterior staircase that leads to a ground floor room originally used as a kitchen.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve the historic heritage of Cecil County.

Sincerely,



Nelson K. Bolender, President  
Board of County Commissioners

NKB/ess

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP

CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
NOMINATION FORM

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Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

**Nomination Information:** Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property:

The Brick House

b) Estimated age or historic dates: c. 1785

2. Address of property: North St. Augustine Rd. Chesapeake City, Maryland

3. Tax Map: 48 Parcel Number: 81 - Grid 10

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

Cecile T. McGaffery - Daniel L. McGaffery  
1151 N. St. Augustine Rd.  
Chesapeake City, Maryland

(410) 885-5080

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cecil County Historic Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maryland Register of Historic Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ National Register of Historic Places: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.

The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.

The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.

The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.

The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

The property has significant interior features. List \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: DANIEL L. MCCAFFERY Date: 7-15-02

Signature: *Daniel McCaffery*

B. Print Name: Cecile T. McCaffery Date: July 15, 2002

Signature: *Cecile T. McCaffery*

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: *Cecile T. McCaffery*

Address: *1151 N. St Augustine Road*  
*Chesapeake City, Maryland 21915*

Telephone Numbers: (Home) *885-5080* Hours Available: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Available: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: *none*

Date *July 15, 2002*

Official Use Only

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Public Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Election District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Use District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parcel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

HDC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
PC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES FEB 21 2002  
PRE-APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION FORM

This application is for preliminary review only – it does not commit either the applicant or the Commission to proceed with a formal application. If, and when, further application is deemed appropriate, the Commission is prepared to assist the applicant with that procedure.

1. Name of Property

The Brick House

2. Address

St Augustine  
Chesapeake City

3. Date of Structure: c. 1785 Date of Historical Event: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Has property previously received historic designation from any Federal, State, or County agency? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  No

If yes, please indicate which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please provide a short summary of what you consider to be the historic significance of the property.

Temporary Court House  
Post Office  
General Store - Bob Foadi Store

} Other: ask Mrs. Davis - many citizens of Chesapeake City have information about the house

6. Please include photos which depict the property and any surroundings you consider to be a significant part of it.

7. Your: Name Mr. D.J. McCaffrey  
Address 1151 N. St. Augustine Rd.  
Chesapeake City  
Phone (day) 410 885-5080 (night) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
Office of Planning and Zoning  
129 East Main Street, Room 300  
Elkton, MD 21921

## THE BRICK HOUSE

c. 1785

The Brick House is an 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian brick house located at the Northwest corner of Routes 310 and 342 in Cecil County, Md.. The corner now known as St. Augustine was formerly known as Churchtown, in reference to St. Augustine Episcopal Church, which is located on the opposite corner.

The house has served as a temporary seat of the court during the War of 1812 when the court house at Court House Point was burned down by British troops. In addition, the Brick House was a post office and, more recently, was a general store in the early twentieth century. It was known as Foard's Store with a colorful clientele, many of whom can remember a pot belly stove, a stable, and a buckboard which Mr. Foard used to pick up supplies from Chesapeake City.

By the middle of the twentieth century, the store was beginning to show signs of wear and tear. In fact, one wall had completely fallen into the road and the store was abandoned. In 1965 it was purchased by Mr. Richard C. duPont Jr., and with the help of Mr. Frank Howard and an excellent restoration team, the little building was put into the fine condition one sees today.

The brick work is totally original except where repair was needed. There is no insulation between four layers of brick and mortar, with the interior surfaces covered with plaster. Common bond is the style of brick construction used, with one header course integrated with five stretcher courses. A brick belt course strings along the front façade above the first floor. Except for areas of repair, the brick work is completely original.

A handsome front doorway is framed by wooden pilasters, a Georgian arch and a lovely half moon fanlight. Three large sash windows on the first floor sit directly under smaller sash windows on the second floor. There is also an outside stone staircase which leads to a ground floor brick room which was used as a kitchen. A large fireplace is next to the inside staircase.

The interior of the house, one room deep, is fitted with substantial woodwork throughout. The living room contains a lovely carved mantel with detailed paneling and fluted columns flanking a small fireplace. Detailed molding, deep windows sills, raised chair rails, all painted Williamsburg blue reflect the Georgian style of architecture prominent in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Random width pine boards were used for the flooring, but these were part of the restoration.

The second floor contains two small bedrooms with a wide hall. At one time, Mr. Foard lived over his store, in this area. The pine flooring here is original, as is the enclosed pie crust staircase leading to it. Enclosed winder stairs located to the side of the chimney stack were common features in smaller homes in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. One of the bedrooms contains a small fireplace under a lovely mantel with paneling underneath it.

Also on the property is a log cabin style shed dating from approximately 1820 and probably moved from the Port Penn or the Brandywine area. I believe it was placed here during the 1960s restoration.

Many local citizens have memories of the house when it was ~~owned~~<sup>owned</sup> and run by Mr. Foard. It is a fine example of Georgian architecture which was borrowed from England and began in America along the James River in Virginia.

Sources:

*Chesapeake City* by Karen T. Morgan and J. Kevin Titter  
Pg. 109

*Four seasons of the Chesapeake-Fall-Winter* by Red Hamer  
Pg. 25

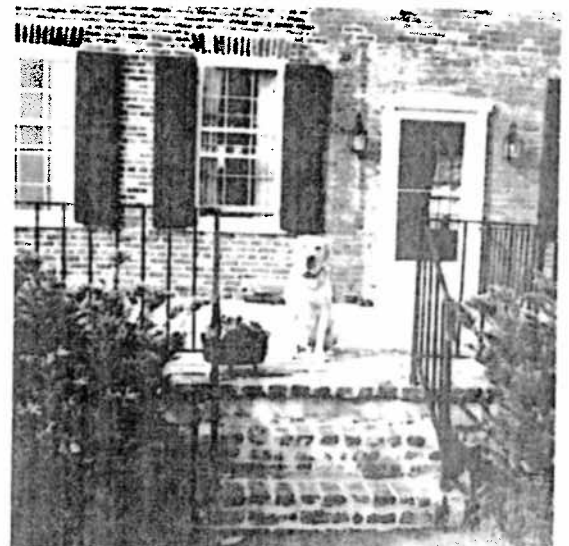
*At the Head of the Bay* by Cecil Historical Trust  
Pg. 309

*Backroadng Through Cecil County* by Nancy Swain





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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Hearing will be held by the Historic District Commission on Tuesday, 6 August 2002 at 3:00 p.m., Room 300, County Office Building, 129 East Main Street, Elkton, MD. Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Monday, 19 August 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in Court Room 1, County Office Building, 129 East Main Street, Elkton, MD. Public hearing will be held by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, 20 August 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Building, 107 North Street, Elkton, MD, on the following applications:

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATIONS**

2002-02      APPLICANT: Classic Yacht Restoration Guild, Inc.  
FOR: Establishing a historic designation on the yacht Elf  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 685 Pond Neck Road, Earleville, MD 21919  
TAX MAP: 56 PARCEL: 8 ELECTION DISTRICT: 1 PROPERTY OWNER:  
Classic Yacht Restoration Guild, Inc. – Rick Carrion, Pres. PRESENTLY  
ZONED: Southern Agricultural Residential (SAR).

2002-03      APPLICANT: Cecile T. McCaffery  
FOR: Establishing a historic designation on the Brick House  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1151 N. St. Augustine Rd., Chesapeake City, MD  
21915 TAX MAP: 48 PARCEL: 8 ELECTION DISTRICT: 2 PROPERTY  
OWNER: Daniel L. & Cecile T. McCaffery PRESENTLY ZONED: Rural  
Residential

BY: Alfred C. Wein, Jr., County Administrator

CW 7/31, 8/7