

300 CLARKE AVENUE (COMMERCIAL BUILDING)  
Pocomoke City  
Worcester County  
Maryland

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Location: 300 Clarke Avenue, Pocomoke City, Worcester County Maryland

USGS Pocomoke, Maryland Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinator  
18.449860.4214400

Significance: This building was used as a furniture store for many years. (Smullen's Furniture) This building is typical of commercial architecture of the period.

Description: This building is a two-story, eight-bay by four-bay, frame structure that stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Clarke and Willow Streets, now housing the First National Baptist Deliverance Center, was built during the late years of the 19th century, most likely several years after the devastating 1888 fire that destroyed much of the commercial district. Resting close to the ground, the weather-boarded structure is covered with formed stone on the Clarke and Willow Street elevations. The principal entrance, which opens into the church sanctuary, faces the intersection, while the adjacent walls are defined by a combination of secondary entrances and display windows on the first floor and six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. The roof follows a nearly flat shed form sloping toward the center of the structure. Inside, the first floor includes the sanctuary of the church, a den, a kitchen, and a hall which leads to a dog-leg stair that provides access to the second floor apartments. The walls and ceilings that have not been covered with later materials retain narrow beaded board sheathing.

History: This property was purchased by John Smullen from Edward Lankford and Edwin Townsend on December 1, 1922 and used as a furniture store. In 1940, Annie Payne bought it and owned the store until County Furniture bought it in July 1957. In 1959, it was sold again to Henry Lankford, who transferred it to Lester Kirby in 1973. Mr. Kirby primarily rented apartments in the building and later sold it to the Board of Trustees of Faith Deliverance Baptist Church in 1987. It is presently used as a church.

Source: Worcester County Deed Records

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Davidson County Historical Association

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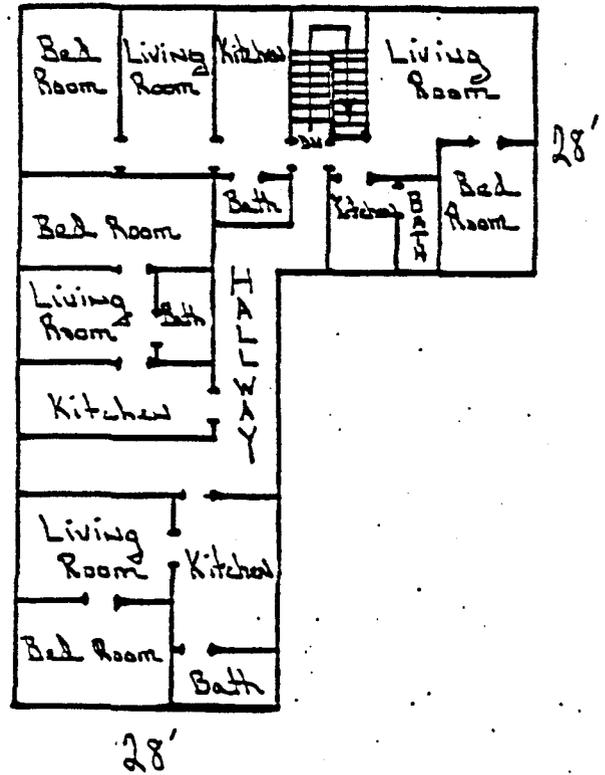
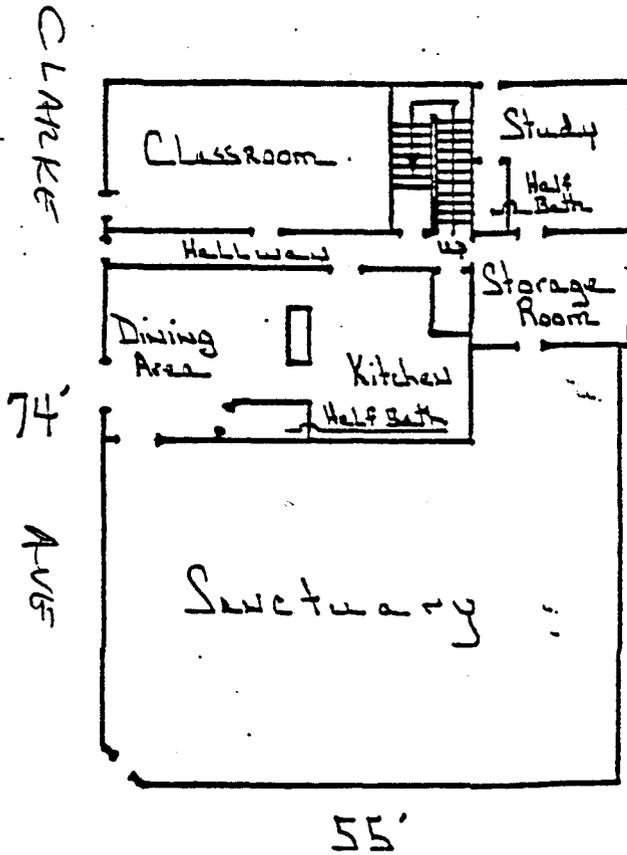
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**SUBJECT SKETCH**

Lower Level

Upper Level



WILLOW ST.