

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Harrison Store and Dwelling

4622-4624 College Avenue

College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

1908, 1912

Private

The Harrison Store and Dwelling, also commonly known as the Trolley Stop Sweet Shop, at 4622-4624 College Avenue is significant as one of the oldest commercial buildings in Old Town College Park. Although it can be read as two separate structures, the two buildings have long been considered a single resource because of their construction history and association. The buildings retain sufficient integrity to convey the mixed-use of commercial and residential functions for which they are significant.

Located at the corner of College Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue, the wood-frame commercial building at 4624 College Avenue was constructed in 1908. Set on a concrete foundation, the wood-frame structure is clad in asbestos shingles. The shallow front-gable roof, adorned with a boxed cornice, presents a three-bay-wide façade on College Avenue. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The first story façade (south elevation) has a projecting full-width storefront that originally was an open porch, mimicking those of the neighboring dwellings. The multiple dwelling at 4622 College Avenue is a wood-frame building, erected as a one-story structure in 1912, and enlarged to two-and-a-half stories in the mid-1930s. The building, now clad with asbestos shingles, is three bays wide with symmetrically placed front-gabled dormers and a modest Colonial Revival-style entry surround. A brick chimney sited on the rear-exterior breaks the side gable roofline. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The building, used as apartments with ground-floor commercial space since its alteration in the 1930s, was erected to augment the 1908 building at 4624 College Avenue.