

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG: 68-041-01

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic First National Bank of Hyattsville
other Professional Building (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 5200 Baltimore Avenue not for publication
city, town Hyattsville vicinity
county Prince George's

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

name Ginkgo Group LLC
street and number 5200 Baltimore Avenue telephone
city, town Hyattsville state MD zip code 20781-2006

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 18908 folio 686
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 50 tax parcel A tax ID number 16 1822238

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: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Professional Building, historically known as the First National Bank of Hyattsville, is located at 5200 Baltimore Avenue. The building is sited on the northwest corner of Baltimore Avenue and Gallatin Street in downtown Hyattsville. The building is a contributing resource in the Hyattsville Commercial Area and the Hyattsville National Register Historic District. The two-story, three-bay commercial building fronts Gallatin Street. The building was constructed c. 1905 and renovated c. 1930 in the Neo-classical style. A brick structure built on the rear of the lot as a theater has been connected to the Professional Building via a hyphen. A concrete sidewalk separates the building from the street. A paved alley is located in the rear, accessed from Gallatin Street. There are no secondary resources associated with this property.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING

The Professional Building was originally constructed c. 1905 as a one-story, three-bay brick structure. It featured a brick cornice with modillions, concrete door and window surrounds with classical entablatures and brick quoining at the corners of the structure. The bank was expanded to its present two-story, three-bay Neo-classical form c. 1930. Set on a parged, concrete foundation the masonry structure is built of 6-course American-bond brick. The façade (south elevation) and east (side) elevation of the main block are clad in cast concrete blocks. The foundation on those elevations is clad in a granite veneer and features a granite water table. An interior chimney of brick construction pierces the roof in the northwest corner. The building is covered by a flat roof with a parapet. The façade (south elevation) and east (side) elevation are highly ornamented with a Neo-classical-style parapet and ornamental entablature. The entablature features an ogee-molded bead molding and paneled frieze. The architrave has a guilloche motif. The ogee-molded cornice features a dentil molding, egg-and-dart, and modillions.

The façade (south elevation) of the main block features the main entrance to the Professional Building. The building's address is on Baltimore Avenue; however, the entrance on Gallatin Street was the historic entrance and is the current entrance to the Professional Building. The façade is fenestrated by a centrally placed double-leaf metal and glass door. The door features a 1-light transom and 1-light sidelights. The entry has a Neo-classical surround with full entablature and denticulated frieze. The architrave has circular medallions flanking the inscription "Professional Building." Two-story Doric columns with egg-and-dart capitals flank the door. A fixed 1-light metal window is located on either side of the columns on the first story. The second story is fenestrated by a centrally located fixed 1-light metal window, which is flanked by two fixed 2-light metal windows. Fixed 2-light metal windows are located on the second story between the columns and the Doric pilasters, with egg-and-dart capitals, that frame the façade (south elevation).

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The east (side elevation) of the main block is seven bays in width. Two-story Doric pilasters with egg-and-dart capital are located between each window bay. A single-leaf glass and metal door is asymmetrically located on the first story. A frosted glass transom is placed over the door. Two fixed 1-light metal fixed windows are located north of the door on the first story. A smaller blind window covered in plywood is located south of the door. Three 1-light metal fixed windows are placed in the southernmost bays of the first-story. The second story of the east (side) elevation features a centrally located blind window now partially covered in plywood. Three 1-light metal fixed windows with spandrel panels are located on either side of the blind window. A one-bay, two-story wing is sited on the north of the elevation. The wing is clad in cast concrete blocks. The entablature on the main block extends across the wing. A fixed 1-light metal window with spandrel panel is located on the second story east (side) elevation of the wing.

The 6-course American-bond brick structure of the bank is visible on the north (rear) elevation of the main block. The flat roof is capped by metal coping. A single-leaf metal basement-level door with a rowlock lintel is sited on the north elevation. The first and second stories are fenestrated by three fixed 1-light metal windows with rowlock sills. A brick pilaster, located between the first and second window bays, runs the entire height of the elevation.

A two-story, one-bay cast concrete block hyphen is located on the west (side) elevation of the main block. Based on the form, materials, and historic maps, the hyphen was constructed c. 1932 in the same style as the bank. The hyphen connects the main block of the bank with a two-story brick building built by the Arcade Theater Company in c. 1930. A fixed 1-light metal window is placed on the first story of the hyphen. A relief panel ornaments the second story.

A two-story, seven-bay addition is located on the rear (west) elevation of the main block. Based on the form, materials, and historic maps, the addition was constructed as the Arcade Theater c. 1930. Set on a solid concrete foundation, the addition is masonry construction of 6-course American-bond brick. The structure is covered by a flat roof with a parapet. The parapet features a rowlock cornice and metal coping. An ogee-molded metal cornice, reading as an architrave, is located above the second-story windows on the south (side) elevation. The south elevation of the addition is fenestrated by a single-leaf paneled wood door and a double-leaf opening covered in plywood located in the first (easternmost) bay of the first story. The first story of the second bay is fenestrated by a double-leaf metal door with a wood lintel. The first story of the third and fourth bays are fenestrated by 1/1 metal-sash windows with rowlock sills and soldier lintels. The windows are covered in metal security bars. A single-leaf paneled

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wood door with a soldier lintel is placed in the first story of the fifth bay. A double-leaf opening covered in plywood is located in the sixth bay. The seventh (westernmost) bay of the first story is fenestrated by a double-leaf paneled wood door. A pent roof covered in asphalt shingles is located on the second story of the first and seventh bays. Three sets of tripled 6/6 windows with concrete sills and soldier lintels are symmetrically placed on the second story of the addition. Single 6/6 windows with concrete sill and soldier lintels are located between the tripled windows.

The southernmost portion of the rear (west) elevation of the addition is fenestrated by three fixed 1-light windows with rowlock sills. The central window is covered in plywood and the other two windows have metal security bars. The central portion of the rear (west) elevation is two stories in height. It is fenestrated by a fixed 1-light window on the second story of the north, west and south elevations. The windows have rowlock sills and lintels. A single-leaf wood door with wood surround is located on the first story. The northernmost portion of the rear (west) elevation is covered by a shed roof with standing-seam metal. A brick chimney with a corbelled cap punctures the northwest corner of the roof. The northern portion is fenestrated by a 1/1 window with a rowlock sill. The opening has metal security bars. An off-centered window opening with a rowlock sill is covered in plywood.

The basement-level of the north (side) elevation of the addition is fenestrated by two windows, covered in plywood with metal security bars. The openings have rowlock sills. A shed-roofed projection is located at the basement-level where the addition abuts the main block. The projection is constructed of 6-course American-bond brick and covered by a standing-seam metal roof. The first story of the north (side) elevation is fenestrated by a single-leaf wood door and four blind windows with rowlock sills.

The interior of the building was not accessible at the time of the on-site survey.

INTEGRITY

The Professional Building retains a high level of integrity. The Neo-classical-style main block of the building retains its integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The rear addition does not compromise the integrity of the buildings design because it reads as a separate building. Located in the commercial downtown of Hyattsville, the building retains its integrity of setting, location, feeling, and association.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates c. 1905 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates c. 1905, c. 1930, c. 1932

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.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Professional Building, historically known as the First National Bank of Hyattsville, located at 5200 Baltimore Avenue in Hyattsville is an excellent example of a commercial building designed in the Neo-classical style. The bank constructed c. 1905 and expanded c. 1930 is one of the oldest extant commercial structures remaining in downtown Hyattsville. The Professional Building is a contributing resource in the Hyattsville Commercial Area National Register Historic District. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey the characteristics for which it is significant.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Professional Building is located in the commercial district of Hyattsville, Maryland. Hyattsville developed as a railroad suburb in the mid-nineteenth century and expanded with the early-twentieth-century advent of the streetcar and automobile. Anticipating the development of a residential suburb to serve the growing population of the District of Columbia, Christopher C. Hyatt purchased a tract of land in 1845 adjacent to the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad and the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike (now Baltimore Avenue) and began to develop town lots.¹ Hyatt's Addition, which was successfully platted in 1873, was followed by numerous additions subdivided by other real estate developers. Despite Hyattsville's advantageous location along the railroad and turnpike, suburban development was slow until the extension of the streetcar lines in 1899. Hyattsville grew throughout the early twentieth century with no less than twenty-five additions, subdivisions, and re-subdivisions by 1942.² The end of the streetcar service and the ever-increasing rise of the automobile transformed Hyattsville into a successful automobile suburb, with a commercial corridor stretching along

¹ Kristie Baynard and Laura V. Trieschmann with E.H.T. Tracerics, Inc., "Hyattsville Historic District (Amended and Expanded)," National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (June 2004), 8:18.

² Kristie Baynard and Laura V. Trieschmann, "Hyattsville Historic District (Amended and Expanded)," 8:18-20.

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Baltimore Avenue that represents the city's several phases of development.³ The oldest commercial buildings in the area were constructed in the 1880s.⁴

The First National Bank of Hyattsville was organized in 1904 by directors Frances H. Smith (president), William P. Magruder, Jackson H. Raiston (vice-president), Harry W. Shepherd (cashier), C. Frank Carr, S. W. Woodward, H. J. Patterson, W. A. Wilson, J. W. Aman, Dr. Charles A. Wells, and General George H. Harries.⁵ In November of 1904, a committee was organized to select a site in Hyattsville to build a \$6,000 brick bank.⁶ The one-story, three-bay brick First National Bank of Hyattsville was constructed c. 1905. The bank occupied the corner of the lot with an Episcopal Church located on the rear of the lot.⁷

By 1922, the Episcopal Church had built an ell that extended to within a few feet from the rear of the bank.⁸ Historic maps indicate that between 1922 and 1933, the church was razed, and the bank building was expanded from its one-story form to the building present on the site today. A large theater was built on the rear portion of the lot during this time.⁹

In 1925, the property was sold to the Arcade Theater Company, which owned the property until 1969.¹⁰ In c. 1930 the building was expanded to its current two-story, seven-bay form by the Arcade Theater Company.¹¹ In c. 1932 the theater was connected to the Professional Building via a hyphen.¹² During this time the main block of the building was occupied by the Hyattsville Police Station, Court and Jail and the rear building was occupied by the theater. The Police Station relocated to the new County Service Building in 1939. After the police station moved out and different businesses moved in, the building became known as the Professional Building.

After the Arcade Theater Company sold the property in 1969, the Professional Building went through four owners and many uses but was primarily vacant until 1984.¹³ When 5200 Baltimore Avenue Limited Partnership purchased the site in 1985, it housed multiple commercial stores and business offices.¹⁴

³ Kristie Baynard and Laura V. Trieschmann, "Hyattsville Historic District (Amended and Expanded)," 8:16.

⁴ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992), B-4.

⁵ *The Washington Post*, "Hyattsville Bank Officers Elected," page 12, November 24, 1904.

⁶ *The Washington Post*, "Hyattsville Bank Officers Elected," page 12, November 24, 1904.

⁷ 1906 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*.

⁸ 1922 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*.

⁹ 1933 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*.

¹⁰ Arcade Theater Company, Prince George's County Land Records, 242:168.

¹¹ Arcade Theater Company, Prince George's County Land Records, 242:168 and 1933 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*.

¹² 1933 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*.

¹³ "Professional Building," (PG: 68-41-1) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, 8:1.

¹⁴ John A. and Amanda C. Forbes et al to 5200 Baltimore Avenue Limited, Prince George's County Land Records, NLP 6118:809.

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Currently, the property is owned by the Ginkgo Group, LLC. The building is occupied by a craft store, offices, and a knitting store named, A Tangled Skein.¹⁵

¹⁵ G. Jerry and Phyllis Overbey to Ginkgo Group, LLC, Prince George's County Land Records, 18908:686.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*, 1906, 1922, and 1933
Baynard, Kristie and Laura V. Trieschmann with E.H.T. Traceries, Inc. "Hyattsville Historic District (Amended and Expanded)," National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, 2004.
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan*, 1992.
Prince George's County Land Records.
"Professional Building" (PG: 68-41-1), Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form.
The Washington Post, "Bank Election Held in Prince George's County," January 9, 1924.
The Washington Post, "Banking in Hyattsville," 1961.
The Washington Post, "Hyattsville Bank Officers Elected," November 24, 1904.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property less than one acre
Acreage of historical setting less than one acre
Quadrangle name Washington East Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Professional Building is sited on a large commercial lot at the northwest corner of Baltimore Avenue and Gallatin Street. The building has been associated with Parcel A as noted on Tax Map 50 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Saleh Van Erem and Paul Weishar, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	October 2007
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600

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Chain of Title

Deed JWB 7:542 November 11, 1886	George J. and Annie E. Johnson and Louis D. Wines and wife to St. Matthews Parish.
Deed 22:267 December 30, 1904	The Vestry of St. Matthews Parish to The First National Bank of Hyattsville
Deed 242:168 April 15, 1925	The First National Bank of Hyattsville to the Arcade Theater Corporation.
Deed WWW 3736:417 June 3, 1969	Arcade Theater Corporation to Quade, Inc. (Lots 21 and 22 in Johnson and Wine's Second Addition to Hyattsville)
Deed WWW 4382:584 June 20, 1974	Quade Incorporated to the City of Hyattsville.
Deed CEC 4505:837 June 17, 1975	The City of Hyattsville to John B.Goode.
Deed NLP 5005:532 October 13, 1978	John B. Goode to John A. and Amanda C. Forbes et al.
Deed NLP 6118:809 May 30, 1985	John A. and Amanda C. Forbes et al to 5200 Baltimore Avenue Limited Partnership.
Deed VJ 8565:900 November 30, 1992	5200 Baltimore Avenue Limited Partnership to G. Jerry and Phyllis Overbey.
Deed 18908:686 July 14, 2006	G. Jerry and Phyllis Overbey to Ginkgo Group, LLC.

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Photo: Professional Building, view of the southeast corner, looking northwest.

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Photo: Professional Building, view of the south elevation addition, looking north.

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Photo: Professional Building, view of the south elevation, looking north.

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Photo: Professional Building, view of the west elevation, looking east.

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Photo: Professional Building, view of the north elevation, looking east.