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The Hopkins and Brother Store is a simple frame structure consisting of a two-story block with a slightly lower two-story ell and lean-to. The yellow and white complex is accentuated by corner pilasters, a bracketed cornice, and one "Gothic" window in the attic. The building's main asset is the pleasing straightforwardness and honesty of the simple composition which is greatly aided by its location on quiet Onancock Creek.

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Although moved to a new location on Onancock Creek, Hopkins and Brother Store retains the water front atmosphere it had when it served as one of the commercial and maritime trading centers of the Eastern Shore. Founded in 1842 by Captain Stephen Hopkins, the business remained in the hands of the Hopkins family until it was discontinued in 1965. The store was begun at a time when such an establishment on the isolated Eastern Shore functioned as both a banker and trading agent. Detailed records of the store exist from 1839 to 1965 and have been donated to the Virginia Historical Society by the present owner of the building.

In addition to the importance of the store in the commercial life of the Shore and the survival of its complete records, the building still contains most of its nineteenth-century furnishings and accessories.

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