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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Allegheny
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Western Maryland Railway Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Canal Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cumberland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Sixth

STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24      COUNTY: Allegheny      CODE: 001

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) offices

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Western Maryland Railway

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Western Maryland Railway Station, Canal Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cumberland

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Allegheny County courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Prospect Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cumberland

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

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STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Allegheny

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Western Maryland Railway Station is located at the southern end of Canal Street on the east bank of the mouth of Wills Creek in Cumberland, Maryland.

The station is a frank, straightforward, commercial style building which expresses the architectural functionalism of the turn of the century. The brick structure is nine bays long and three narrower bays wide. It is two monumental stories tall on the west facade and three stories on the east with dormers in the hip roof. A massive, modillioned cornice encircles the structure. Three dormers are located directly over the three central bays on the longer facades. There is a dormer over the second and eighth bay. A pair of chimneys protrude from the east and west sides of the roof; each pair flanks the three dormers. The shorter, three bay facades have one dormer over the central bay.

Each bay is defined by a segmentally arched recessed panel which extends from the ground to the top story. Within each panel on the first floor is a rectangular, three-part window with three transoms. The top story, three-part windows have transoms which follow the segmentally arched panel. The three bay facades have similarly shaped, two part windows in each bay.

A band of decorative brick encircles the structure below the cornice. Brick disks regularly interrupt the band, defining each bay.

A one story porch runs along the west facade and extends out toward the tracks.

The station is located on the site of the western terminus of the C & O Canal.

The Western Maryland Railway is currently using it for offices.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1913

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Western Maryland Railway Station is an important commercial structure in Cumberland a town whose 19th century prosperity depended largely on railroads. With the demolition of the B & O Railroad's Queen City Hotel, Cumberland's physical ties with its railroad oriented past have diminished leaving the Western Maryland Railway as the sole major depot.

The Western Maryland Railway Station dates from 1913 the peak of American railroads' power. Its monumental scale and commanding, if restrained, exterior express both the company's success and the central importance of Cumberland in the railroad system. The Western Maryland Railroad received its charter in 1852. Fifty years later the company underwent a major reorganization under the control of the Gould railroad interests. With new leadership and with out-of-state capital the railroad reached Cumberland in 1906 and Collensville, Pennsylvania, six years later. The town was the western terminus of a branch of the New York Central which had direct connections with Pittsburgh and with Chicago. In 1923 the Western Maryland purchased the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad in order to obtain its right of way through the Narrows and thereby provide an easier grade around the mountains. The purchase also included a site on the Potomac River at the mouth of Wills Creek. In this picturesque river valley the railroad constructed the station.

During the first half of the twentieth century Cumberland was the most important stop on the Western Maryland Railway system between Chicago and Baltimore largely because the West Virginia railroad system intersected the Western Maryland at Cumberland. The railroad reiterated the importance of Cumberland in the architectural pretensions of their 1913 depot.

<sup>1</sup> James W. Thomas and T. J. C. Williams, History of Allegany County Maryland, reprint, Baltimore, 1969, I, 273.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hansrote, Hazel Groves. Research Notes. Allegany County survey file. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Thomas, James W. and T. J. C. Williams. History of Allegany County, Maryland. 2 vols. reprint. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1969.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Nancy Miller, Histrian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis, STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout, IV

Title State Liaison Officer for  
Maryland

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Easement

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1. STATE Maryland  
 COUNTY Allegany  
 TOWN Cumberland VICINITY  
 STREET NO. Baltimore at Canal Street  
 ORIGINAL OWNER  
 ORIGINAL USE  
 PRESENT OWNER Gone  
 PRESENT USE  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION  
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
 INVENTORY #2-~~82~~ 83

2. NAME RAILROAD STATION-- (Union)  
 W.Va. Central; Penna. RR; George's Creek  
 DATE OR PERIOD 1887 & Pittsburgh RR  
 STYLE  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER (SITE)

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A UNION STATION CONSISTING OF

WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL RAILROAD  
 GEORGE'S CREEK RAILROAD  
 PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD  
 PITTSBURGH RAILROAD

WAS BUILT Aug. 31, 1887 AT CORNER OF BALTIMORE & CANAL STREETS,  
 CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered

Interior

Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)

INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

Picture--Transportation Room,  
 History House.  
 Railroad History--Allegany Co.  
 (undated clipping)

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman  
 MHT-Allegany County Comm. and  
 Sec.-Preservation Society

DATE OF RECORD Mar. 25, 1970

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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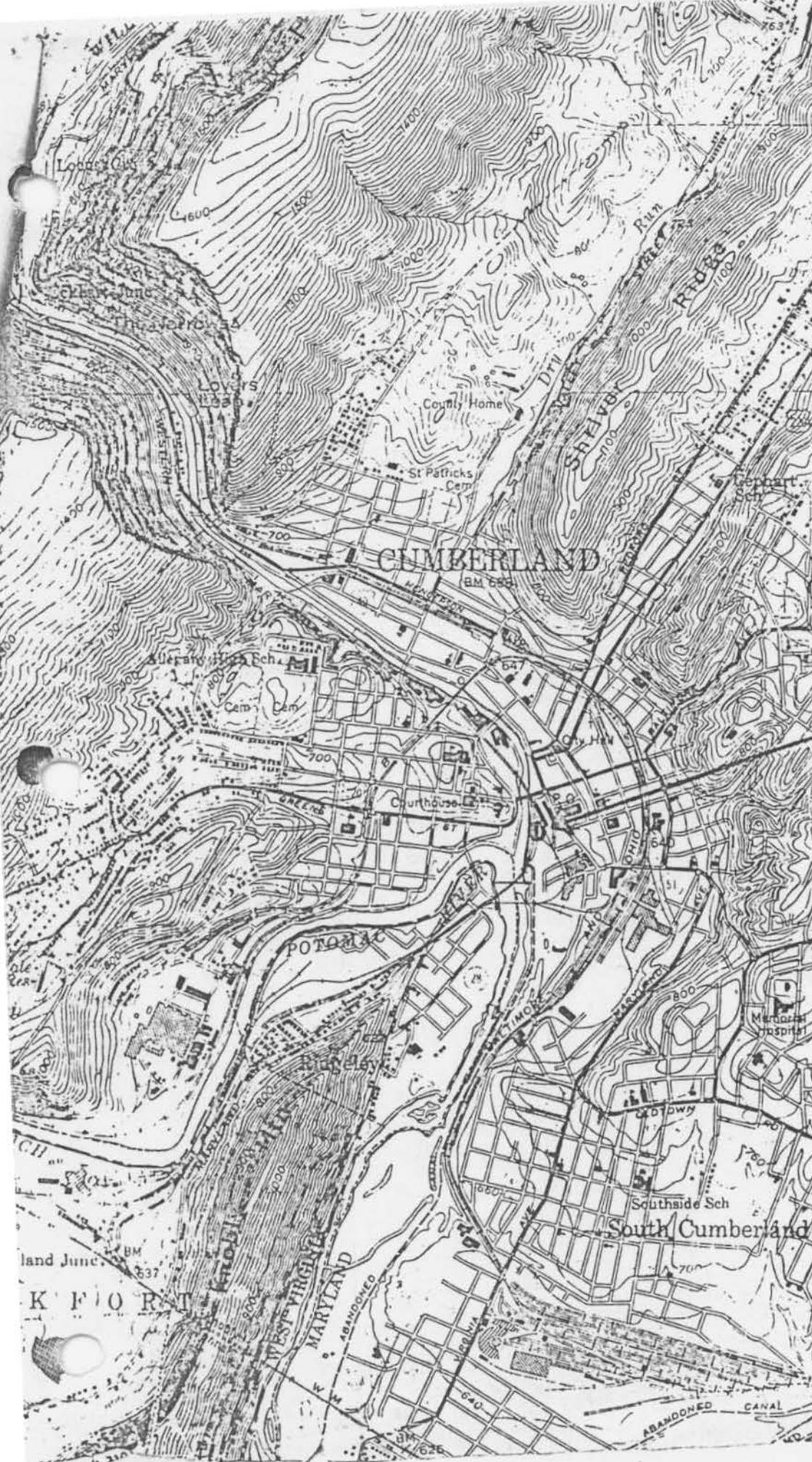
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Western Maryland RR Station.  
Cumberland -

No. note up 7/70.  
pix - b & w - Morgan 6/70

#83 ?? same # bldg.

See NR file?



4194

40'

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Western Maryland  
Railway Station

420 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4391  
lat. 39° 38' 58.5"  
long. 78° 45' 49.5"

439056m N

110 000 FEET  
(PA.)

K F O R T



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NORTH ELEVATION

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TRACKSIDE CANOPY

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3RD FLOOR NORTH

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BASEMENT NORTH END

W.M.R.R. 8-19-83



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MAIN WAITING RM

- EXHIBITION HALL

W.M.P.R.

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MAIN STAR

W.M.P.R. 8.19.83



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2ND FLOOR VAULT

W.M.R.P. 8-19-83



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TYP. WINDOW INTERIOR

W.M.R.R. 8-17-83