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HISTORIC SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: 55 North Liberty Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Commercial Savings Bank Building				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 55 North Liberty Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Offices</u>
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Cumberland Urban Renewal Agency				
STREET AND NUMBER: 55 North Liberty Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		21502
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 448-724				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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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

55 North Liberty Street in Cumberland, Allegany County, stands on the east side of the street at the intersection of Frederick Street, southeast corner.

The building is a circa 1910 red brick structure, three stories high, with a stone (probably marble) facade on the street level and a bracketed cornice. The first floor has five windows and a doorway, all flanked by plain pilasters, along the Frederick Street side and two windows and a center door, on the main entrance to the first floor, with flanking pilasters on the North Liberty Street side (west). The second story windows, four on the west side and nine on the north side, have stone lintels. The third story windows, same number as the second floor, have sound tops. The name "Commerical Savings Bank" is mounted above the first floor windows on both the north and west sides.

The building is structurally sound and the exterior is fairly original.

NOTE: A sketch of this building that appears in c.1913 advertisements for the bank shows a heavier cornice than the existing one. The cornice shown in the sketch was probably never built.

NOTE: A photograph of the exterior appeared in the 1923 History of Allegany County between pages 430 and 431.

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6. 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) c. 1910

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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

55 North Liberty Street, also known as the Commercial Savings Bank Building, was built about 1910. It is representative of eclectic form of commercial architecture being erected in Cumberland at that time. The ground floor has the strong classical feel that was favored by financial institutions at the turn of the century and on into the twentieth century. The upper levels, however, still retain the influence of the Romanesque period in arch top third floor windows and the rusticated stone lintels above the second story windows.

Thomas and Williams noted that the Bank, formed in 1907, moved into the Liberty Street building a few years after formation and remolded the structure. (Vol. I, P. 428.).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD
 - Thomas, James W. and T. J. C. Williams. History of Allegany County, Maryland (2 vols.). n.c.: L. R. Titsworth and Company, 1923.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 31.5'x116'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

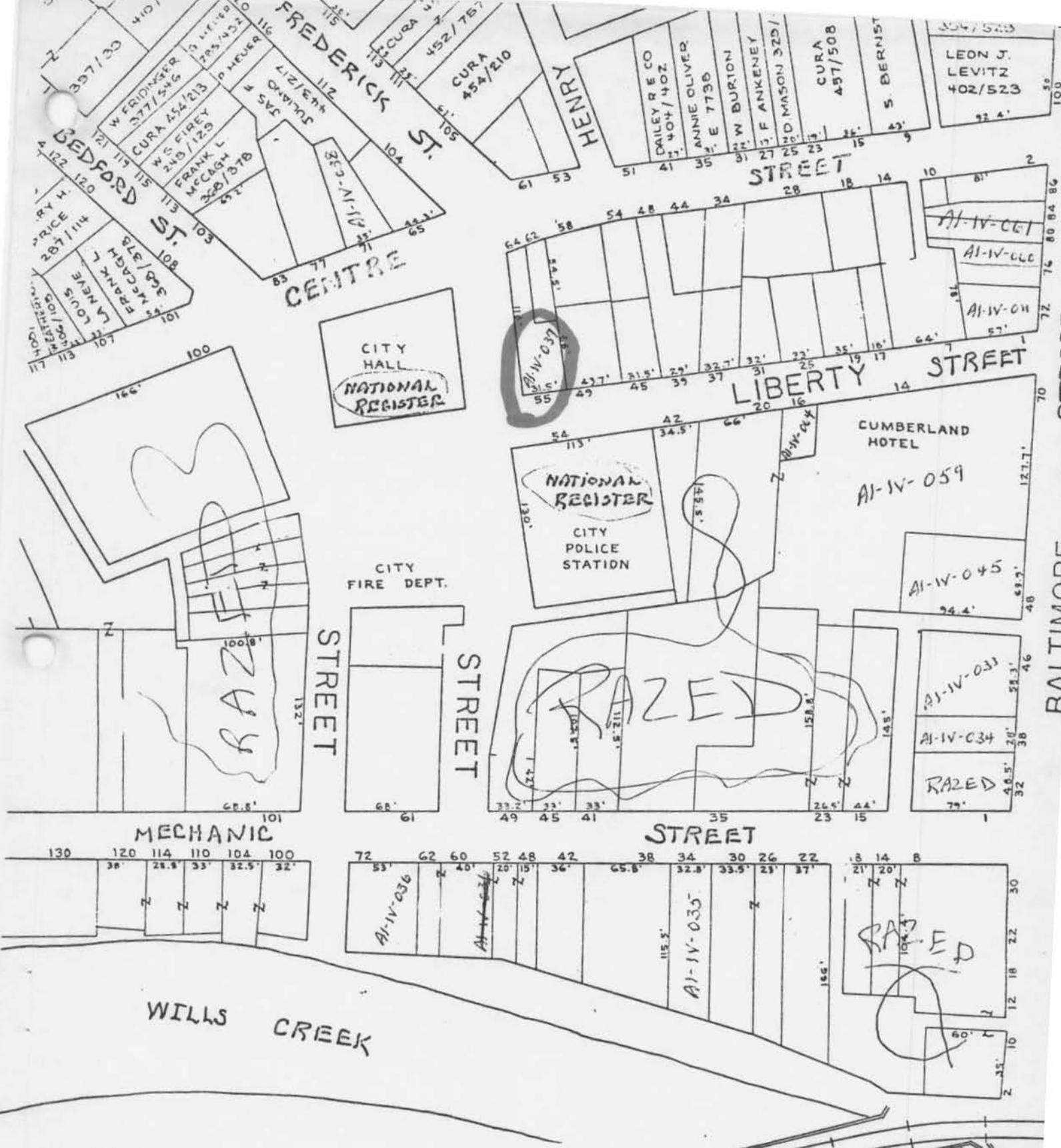
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for W. Md., Inc.	DATE 5/09/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



Cumberland
Allegany County
Maryland

site #: A1-IV-037
55 North Liberty Street

source: Tax Map 29
scale: 1"=100'
date: 1972



55 North Liberty Street
Commercial Savings Bank Building
Allegheny Co., Md.
n 3/4 view
September, 1974

n/w

RONALD L. ANDREWS