

AL-IV-A-077  
Shriver House  
300 Washington Street, Cumberland  
Ca. 1872

This Italianate building was built by the Piatt family after the Civil War. It takes its name from the Shriver family whose accomplishments in both engineering and business contributed greatly to Cumberland's development during the nineteenth century. Four members of this family served a total of one hundred and ten years as presidents of Cumberland's first bank. Joseph Shriver, who moved the family to the house, engineered portions of the C&O Canal, the National Road, and the O&O Railroad which he later directed. He also forwarded ten thousand dollars for the pay of the Eleventh Regiment of Indiana Zouaves stationed here during the Civil War.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Shriver House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
300 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN  
Cumberland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Sixth

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Neal W. Blizzard Sr.

Telephone #: 722 7924

STREET & NUMBER  
300 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN  
Cumberland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 441  
Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER  
30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
MHT Index for Survey 89-665

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Maryland Historical Trust, Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Shriver House, 322 Washington Street, is located on the south-western corner of the intersection of Washington and Lee Streets.

The building is a two story, four bay brick structure that was originally "T" shaped. The top of the "T" (the Lee Street portion of the building) is parallel to Lee Street. The stem of the "T" (the Washington Street portion) is parallel to Washington Street. Wall construction is brick laid in american common bond with a random variation that is mostly seven to one. The Lee Street part of the building is gable front, the Washington Street part is gable flank. Both gabled roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. In the top of the northern and southern gables of the Lee Street portion are decoratively cut circular ventilators. Three original brick chimneys have corbeled caps. Two are located inside end on the eastern facade, one is centrally located. The building rests on a low random stone foundation. The water table is plain. The original eaves, still intact, consist of a box cornice, bed moulding, and a wide soffit. What was once a wraparound veranda is now a porch most of which is umbrage on both the north and west. The outer portion of the porch roof on the northern facade at the main entrance is flat. There are nine wooden Roman Doric columns on the porch.

A frame addition has been constructed atop the porch on the north and west and south. On the southern facade the porch has been enclosed with the addition atop it. The result is that the building now has a second floor portion on the west and north, parallel to Lee Street, and the stem of the "T" has been thickened on the southern side.

Windows are covered separately on following pages.

The main entrance, located in the center of the northern facade has the original set of double wooden doors of one light each with a one light plain transom. An octagonal bay, five sides of which are exposed, is located on the northern facade of the Lee Street portion of the building. This bay has a flat roof and above the windows are consoled cornices with soffits. The second floor windows on this facade have bracketed wooden cornices. In the gable of the frame addition is a triangular ventilator

The southern facade of the building is mostly addition. The novelty siding enclosed porch is supported by square wooden posts. Recessed architrave trimmed panels separate the second floor window sills from what appears to be the original wraparound veranda roof. Windows on the original portion of this facade have no cornices or arches.

The eastern facade has heavily barred basement windows. First and second floor windows have bracketed wooden cornices.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cumberland's development during the first half of the nineteenth century was affected by the energetic Shriver family. Members of this family helped Cumberland first through engineering of locally important transportation arteries and then through business. Four members of this family served consecutively as presidents of Cumberland's first bank, totalling over one hundred and ten years of service to the city.

The first Shriver to locate here was David Shriver Jr. He supervised the location of the National Road (Rt. 40) between Cumberland and Wheeling, Va., and later surveyed the road between Wheeling and St. Louis. After being a Wheeling Commissioner of Public Works he moved to Cumberland to direct the reorganization of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, of which he became president in 1833. <sup>1</sup> Unfortunately just as the reorganization was completed the bank was destroyed in the great Cumberland fire of 1833. He had been a stockholder and member of the board of directors since 1811. <sup>2</sup>

Joseph Shriver came to Cumberland at the request of his uncle David to become cashier of the bank. Before this he done much that was beneficial for Cumberland. When eighteen, he helped his brother survey a "projected western division" of the C&O Canal. He later assisted in engineering the location of the National Road west of Wheeling that was surveyed by his uncle. He then surveyed the road between Indianapolis and Jefferson City, Mo. An other surveying task he completed was the that of the B&O Railroad. <sup>3</sup> In 1852, when his uncle David died, Joseph became president of the Cumberland Bank. When the Cumberland Gaslight Company was organized in 1854 he was president of that organization. He also served some time as director of the B&O Railroad. <sup>4</sup> During his presidency the Cumberland Bank was the second bank in Maryland to be nationalized, becoming the First National Bank of Cumberland. <sup>5</sup>

Joseph Shriver proved his ardent support and faith in the Union during the Civil War when, in 1861, in a well documented incident he forwarded \$10,000 for the pay of the 11th Indiana Regiment of Zouaves, stationed in Cumberland and commanded by Luv Wallace, who later wrote Ben Hur. <sup>6</sup> He also served as the president of the local pro-Northern organization, the Union Men, when, in 1863, they urged the abolition of slavery in Maryland. <sup>7</sup> In 1883, Shriver moved his family into the house on 300 Washington Street which still carries his family name although the property was sold out of the family in 1920. <sup>8</sup>

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Samuel S. Shriver, History of the Shriver Family, 1684-1888. Baltimore, Press of Guggenheimer, Weil and Co., 1888.  
 Thomas James, W., and Williams, T.J.C. History of Allegany County, Maryland. Philadelphia L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923.  
 Stegmaier, Harry Jr., Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W. Va. : McClain Printing Co., 1976.  
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

01 x 75

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Shriver House (300 Washington Street)  
AL-IV-A-077

Allegany County Deed: Liber 441, Folio 308  
Grantee: Neal W. Blizzard, Sr. et ux Date: September 25, 1970  
Grantor: Marion S. Hillary et Vir, Martha S. Macdonell et Vir Consideration: \$8,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 287, Folio 557  
Grantee: Marion S. Hillary and Martha S. Macdonell Date: April 29, 1957  
Grantor: Georgia A. Swayne (Widow) Consideration:

Allegany County Deed: Liber 134, Folio 713  
Grantee: Rowley K. Swayne et ux Date: November 5, 1920  
Grantor: Henry M. Shriver et al (to settle estate) Consideration: Stamp \$21.00  
Notes : Henry and Henrietta, James C., Robert S. and Hilda, Van Lear P. and Anna M. (all children of Sarah V. L. Shriver)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 81, Folio 528  
Grantee: Sarah V. L. Shriver (wife) Date: July 24, 1897  
Grantor: Children of Henry Shriver (Deceased) Consideration:

Allegany County Deed: Liber 82, Folio 75  
Grantee: Henry Shriver Date: September 1, 1891  
Grantor: Benjamin A. Richmond (Trustee) for the estate of Joseph Shriver  
Consideration: \$5,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 58, Folio 681  
Grantee: Joseph Shriver Date: January 10, 1883  
Grantor: William R. Percy and Annie E. Percy (Wife) Consideration: \$5,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 58, Folio 682  
Grantee: Joseph Shriver Date: January 1, 1883  
Grantor: William H. Shephard et ux Consideration:  
Notes : 10 foot strip of lot 58. Shephard sold it and Shriver got it back.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 44, Folio 136  
Grantee: William R. Percy Date: January 22, 1875  
Grantor: Mary L. Piatt et Vir Consideration: \$5,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 36, Folio 687  
Grantee: Mary L. Piatt Date: July 3, 1872  
Grantor: James R. Wallace et ux and Henry K. Bull et ux Consideration: \$1,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 2, Folio 45  
Grantee: James R. Wallace Date: April 9, 1846  
Grantor: Mary Black Consideration: \$37.36

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Title Search continued for Shriver House (300 Washington Street) AL-IV-A-077

Allegany County Deed: Liber DD, Folio 583

Grantee: Mary Black Date: September 14, 1843

Grantor: Patrick Hummill (Tax Collector) Consideration: 23.621/2 cents

Notes : Estate of James R. Wallace (Husband of Eliza S. McMahon)

Allegany County Deed: Liber H, Folio 515

Grantee: Eliza Simms McMahon Date: May 7, 1816

Grantor: Thomas Beall (of Samuel) Consideration: \$5

INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-A-077

DATE: 2/2/77

141/303

61 x 75

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Shriver House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 300 Washington Street

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Neal W. Blizzard Sr. et ux

ADDRESS: 300 Washington Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1 ( ) 2 (X) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) BAYS: 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 (X) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) 7 ( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Two story frame addition on stem of "T".

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "T" shaped.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Random on north, 7/1
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Southern facade addition, architrave panels located below sill of second floor windows.

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random stone. Ribbed panels above first floor windows.

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick ilators in original building on Northern and Southern facades.

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1 ( ) 2/2 ( ) 6/6 ( ) 9/6 ( ) 9/9 ( ) other ( )  
(See separate sheet) pegged (X) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center of northern facade, double doors with one long light in  
HARDWARE: original (X) replaced ( ) each, decorative carved trim around  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN windows. One light plain glass  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards transom.

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, (soffit) bed) Box cornice, bed moulding. (wide)  
original (X) replaced ( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #                       
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, (asphalt;) original ( ) replaced (X)  
(shingles)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ( ) hip ( ) gable ( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick (X) Stone ( ) Corbeled (X) Caps original (X) replaced ( )  
Location: Flush end ( ) Inside end (2) Outside end ( ) Central (1) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, (Segmental) Semicircular  
(on basement) Umbrage porch used to be one

COMMENTS: Itatianate Style  
USE: Residence  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/History  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1873  
CONDITION: Good  
BAYS: All original, one on northern facade with flat roof, two on western flank. (one on porch and one on basement)

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: eliptical, tudor

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Unpublished, from the files of A.A. Helmick, Vice President, First National Bank and Trust Company, entitled "First National Bank of Cumberland, Md., It's Officers and Directors."

Robert Shriver, Joseph's second son, began his banking career at the early age of sixteen. At his father's death in 1886 Robert became the president of the bank. Like other Shrivers he was active in public affairs, having been the first treasurer of Allegany County, a member and part-time president of both the Allegany County Board of School Commissioners and the Cumberland City Council. He was instrumental in the formation of the Maryland Bankers Association of which he was the president in 1900.<sup>9</sup> Robert remained a bachelor and lived at the Washington Street home with his unmarried sister Henrietta.<sup>10</sup>

Before becoming the next Shriver banker in Cumberland Henry Shriver was involved in other banking and business enterprises. Originally the superintendent of the Union Mining Company in Mount Savage, moved on after thirteen years in Mount Savage to become chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Rail Company in Cumberland later becoming president of the company. After his uncle Robert's death in 1912, Henry became the fourth and last Shriver to be president of the First National Bank of Cumberland.<sup>11</sup> He retired in 1943 ending 110 years of Shriver leadership in Cumberland banking.<sup>12</sup> Henry Shriver was "also a director of the First National Bank of Mount Savage, president of the Andrew Ramsay Co., a director in Footer's Dye Works, Incorporated; Director in the Cumberland Dry Goods and Notions Company, the Queen City Brick and Tile Company, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Cumberland."<sup>13</sup> At the time of his death he was chairman of the bank's board of directors.<sup>14</sup> His nephew, Sargent Shriver was head of the United States Peace Corps, brother-in-law of President John F. Kennedy, and Democratic Vice Presidential candidate with George McGovern in 1972.<sup>15</sup>

This Italinete building which has undergone moderate remodeling, was built by the Piatt family shortly after the Civil War. What was once a wrap around veranda has been changed to an umbrage porch by the addition of a second floor frame addition. This porch has nine Roman Doric columns. There are three five-sided bays, one on the northern facade and two on the western. One of the western bays is unusually located under the porch on the basement. The windows on the bays are topped by decorative scrolled consoled cornices other windows on the north and east have bracketed cornices. The brick work on this house is in good condition.

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Northern Facade -

First Floor - On bay, two double hung, 2/2 light, narrow two wooden sash, with consoled wooden cornices, wooden slipsills, one on either side of one double hung 4/4 light, two wooden sash, with consoled cornice, wooden slipsill. Three double hung, 4/6 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills. Double door entrance one long rectangular light on each, with vertical boards, decorative carved trim around each light, one light plain glass transom.

Second Floor - Four double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, cornices with brackets. Over bay, one double hung, 4/6 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsill, wooden cornice with brackets. One triangular louvered ventilator in eaves of wooden addition.

Eastern Facade -

Basement - Three with segmental wooden frame, segmental brick arch, segmental arched set of iron bars, two are double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, one is boarded up.

First Floor - Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, wooden cornices with brackets.

Second Floor - Three double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, wooden cornices with brackets.

Southern Facade -

Basement - One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsill. Two double hung, 4/4 light two wooden sash, brick slipsills. Entrance two panels, vertical boards, one large light, architrave trim, two light transom.

First Floor - Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills. Four large one light, fixed, continuous wooden sill and cornice.

Second Floor - One casement, two panes one light each swing out, muntin cross to form diamond shaped panes, wooden slipsill, cornice with brackets. Four double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, one light above these, fixed, top two lights boarded up inside, mullion, continuous wooden sill. One double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden lugsill. Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills.

Western Facade -

Basement - On bay, two double hung, 2/2 light, narrow, two wooden sash, with consoled wooden cornices, wooden slipsills, one on either side of one double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, with consoled cornice, wooden slipsill. One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsill. One entrance, 4 panels, vertical boards.

First Floor - On bay, two double hung, 2/2 light, narrow, two wooden sash, with consoled, wooden cornices, wooden slipsills, one on either side of one double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden consoled cornice, wooden slipsill. One entrance with three panels, vertical boards, architrave trim, one large light with glass beveled on edges, wooden cornice. One large, three lights, fixed, sill is continuous extending around corner to southern facade, wooden cornice.

Second Floor - Four double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden cornices with brackets, wooden slipsills. Two of these double hung with mullion, share same cornice and slipsill. Three double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, one light above these, fixed, top two lights boarded up inside, mullion, continuous wooden sill travels around corner.

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The western facade has an unusual arrangement of bays. One octagonal bay is on the basement below the porch, running from the foundation to the porch floor above it. Above the windows of this basement bay are consoled box cornices with soffits. This bay is unique because it is actually underground with an area around it dug out with a retaining wall. On the first floor another octagonal bay runs from the first floor to the second story addition. Above these windows of this bay are the same consoled wooden cornices and soffits. Second floor windows on the addition have bracketed cornices.

1. STATE **Maryland**  
 COUNTY **Allegany**  
 TOWN **Cumberland** VICINITY **West-side**  
 STREET NO. **300 Washington Street**  
 ORIGINAL OWNER **PIATT; Wm.R.Percy**  
 ORIGINAL USE **Home**  
 PRESENT OWNER **Rawly K. Swayne**  
 PRESENT USE **Home Brick**  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION  
 NO. OF STORIES **2**

2. NAME **JOSEPH SHRIVER**  
 DATE OR PERIOD **19th century**  
 STYLE  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

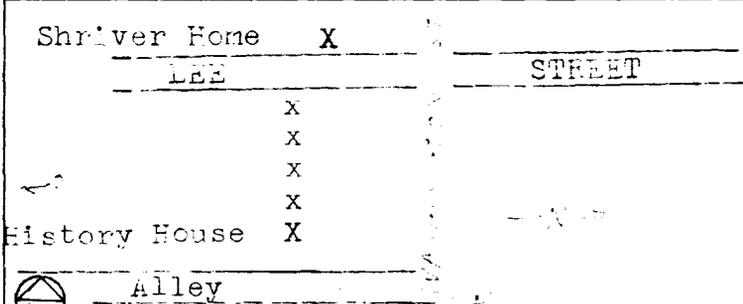
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **NO**

Piatt family built this home before 1876. Sold it to William A. Percy who sold it in 1883 to Joseph Shriver(1806-1886) whose family occupied it from 1883 to 1920. The names of Henry, James, Robert and Van Lear P. Shriver appear on the Swayne deed.

(Robert) Sargent Shriver, b. 1915, became Head of the PEACE CORP descends from above family. He married Eunice Mary Kennedy, sister of John Kennedy, 35th President of the United States.

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior **Fair** Exterior **Fair**



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  
**Allegany County Historical Society data**  
 (property file)  
 and  
**Hazel W. Hansrote records**

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
**Hazel Groves Hansrote (Mrs. Chas. J. Sr.)**  
**519 Hill Top Drive, Cumberland, Md.**  
**(5 yr. Trustee History House)**  
 DATE OF RECORD **Oct. 18, 1969**

Men. Md. Hist. Trust.

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

JOSEPH SHRIVER, son/Andrew( \_\_\_\_\_ )-Union Mills, Md.

b. Jan. 11, 1806-d.1886

came Allegany County in 1832

HENRIETTA J. CAUSTEN

d. ca 1899

ch: Henry Shriver (Sarah VanLear Perry)  
(1841-1896)

Robert Shriver

Mary Shriver(John Schley)--ch:John Thomas Schley

Henrietta Shriver

Eliza Shriver

...Allegany County, Md.

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HENRY SHRIVER, son/Joseph (Henrietta J. Causten)

b.Aug.9,1841--c.Nov.14, 1896

SARAH VANLEAR PERRY, dau/Thomas(Sarah Van Lear)

m.1870

ch: Elizabeth Shriver(Stanley H. Funckenberg)

James Causten Shriver (Gertrude Golden)

Van Lear Perry Shriver (Anna Millholland)--to Pittsburgh,Pa.

Henry Shriver(Henrietta Swartzwelder)--to Calif.

b.Oct.10, 1874-d.Dec.31,1946 d.May 3, 1948

Robert Sargent Shriver(Hilda Shriver)-dau/Thomas H.--Carroll Co., Md.

b. 1878--d.June 12, 1942 " 2 ch: Robert Sargent Shriver(Eunice M. Kennedy)

Mary Shriver

T. Herbert Shriver

...Allegany County, Md.....

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from

Hazel Groves Hansrote records in Genealogy File at History House.

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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>300 Washington Street</u>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-40</u>	
	2. NAME <u>Shriver House</u>  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

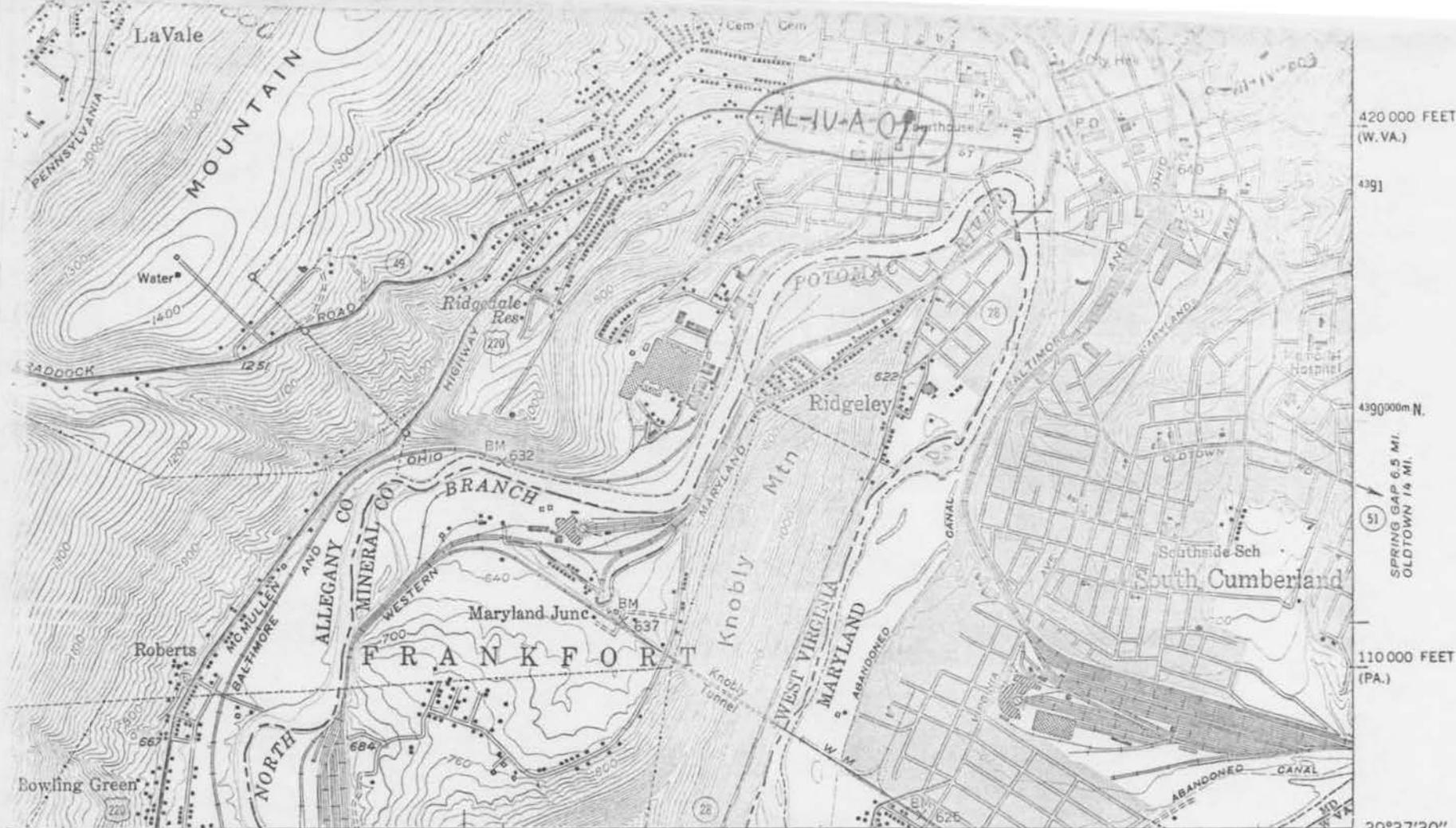
(12B.) Shriver House

One of Cumberland's most attractive old places is the Shriver home, built soon after the Civil War. The house is located at 300 Washington Street and was the home of the Shriver clan, a prominent Maryland family, from 1883 until 1920. The house has been remodeled and added to by various owners, but has never lost its architectural correctness or beauty. Owned by Mrs. Rawley K. Swayne, the house is filled with antique family treasures, and especially noteworthy are shining brass chandeliers in both the drawing room and living room, which were imported from England when artificial gas was first brought to Cumberland.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

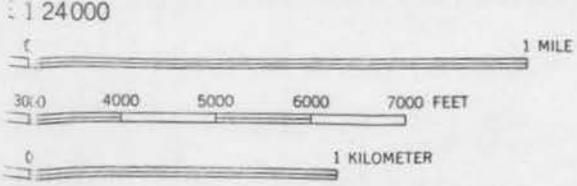
Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965

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



420 000 FEET (W.VA.)  
 4391  
 439000m N.  
 SPRING GAP 6.5 MI.  
 OLDTOWN 1/4 MI.  
 110 000 FEET (PA.)  
 39°37'30"  
 78°45'

ESAPTOWN) 5263 III SE POTOMAC PARK 1.2 MI. KEYSER, W. VA. 17 MI. 47°30" 1710 000 FEET (PA.) 691 692000m E. 2 210 000 FEET (W.VA.) 78°45'



SHORT GAP 6.2 MI.  
 FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————  
 Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt . . . . .



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

U.S. Route State Route  
 AL-IV-A-077 SHRIVER HOUSE  
 300 WASHINGTON ST. CUMBERLAND  
 USGS CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.VA. QUAD  
 NE/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3937.5—W7845/7.5  
 1949  
 AMS 5263 III NE—SERIES V833  
 1324,000

INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242  
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