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Hitchins House
Frostburg

Late 19th Century

The Hitchins House is a good example of the type of residence found among the more affluent citizens of Frostburg. It is a two and a half story "L" shaped block that is five bays wide and is constructed of American Common Bond brick. It possesses a gambrel roof divided by a cross gable which is also gambrel roofed. The entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with an iron rod banistered balcony atop the porch. The porch is supported by Ionic columns, another example of the attention to detail which makes the Hitchins House pleasing to the eye.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hitchin's House

AND/OR COMMON

Jenkin's House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

45 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jonathan Jenkins

Telephone #: 689-5221

STREET & NUMBER

45 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 373

Folio #: 249

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Hitchin's House is located at 45 West Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County on the northeast side of the street between the intersections of Beall's Lane and Water Street.

The house basically consists of a two and a half story "L" shaped block; five bays wide which exhibits an entrance flanked by two windows on each side. A rear, eastern side second story wing with a shed roof is abutted to the apex of the "L" and the addition covers a three bay porch. The building is of American Common Bond brick construction supported by a low roughly cut stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the entire "L" shaped facade is that of a gambrel which is covered by replaced asphalt shingles and supported by brackets and architrave. The front southwest side of the gambrel is divided by a center dormer, with double windows and gambrel roof, and this dormer is flanked by a single window, cross gable roofed, dormer on each side. The wing extending northeast and forming the "L" of the structure is divided by a one window cross-gable dormer on each side of the gambrel. Windows in the house feature double hung wooden sash frames with four-over-four lights and louvered shutters with pediments on the front, southwest side. Windows in the dormers and ends of the gambrel are double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and include a pediment. The main entrance is located on the southwest face of the principal facade and includes a transom and side lights. The entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with an iron rod banistered balcony atop the porch with an entrance to the balcony on the second story. Four original, corbeled brick chimneys are included in the structure, three are located on the inside ends of the gambrel and one located centrally to the interior.

The house is structurally very sound and appears to be in very near original condition and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hitchin's House is an excellent example of the type of residence found among the more affluent citizens of Frostburg, Allegany County in the mid to late nineteenth century. Although the exact date of construction is unknown the house was probably built between 1870 and 1890. The approximate date is based upon the title search for the structure when in 1893 Thomas Frost the grantor sold the property to William Duffy for the consideration of \$4,300. It is estimated that Frost had the structure erected several years before this transaction due to the fact that there were no prior reference numbers mentioned in the deed. The house is in near original condition and is a cultural document of a way of life and architecture once found in Allegany County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 88' x 165'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

45 West Main Street

Boundary Lines Southwest & Northeast 165' Lines Southeast &
Northwest 88'**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

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CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

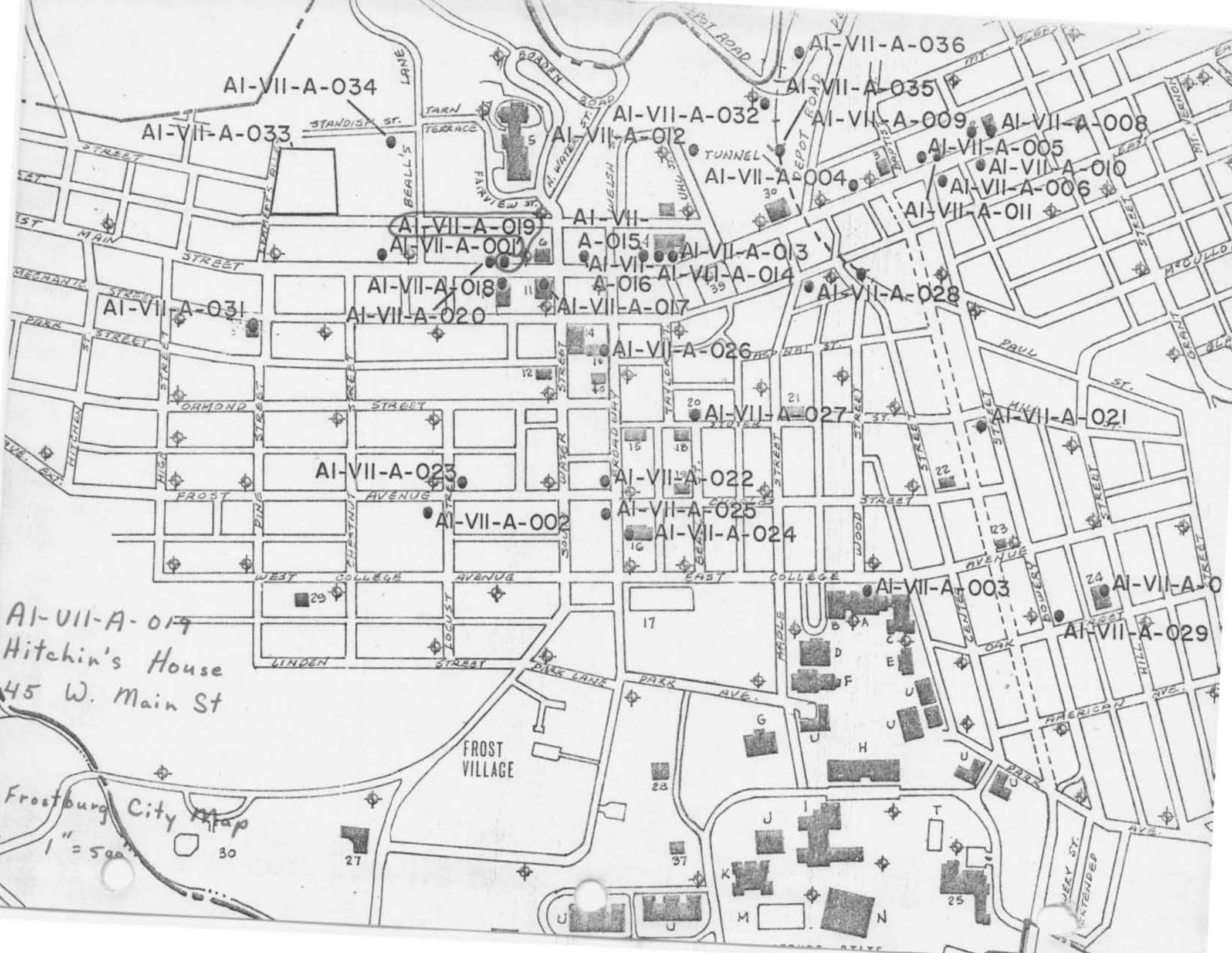
STATE

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.

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Hitchin's House
45 W. Main St

Frostburg City Map
1" = 500'

FROST VILLAGE



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North



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South