

218-218½ EAST MAIN STREET

The tall, 5-bay facade of 218-218½ East Main Street rises on the south side of that street about 135' west of its intersection with Ralph Street in Westminster. The common stretcher bond principal facade is punctuated by 5 bays on its ground and second stories, and by 6 eye-brow windows which are placed between the string course that tops the second story windows and the plain eaves of the roof. These small windows create an interesting pattern in and of themselves, located as they are behind their intricately wrought iron screens, as well as creating a certain tension with their regularly placed 5 bays per floor below. The house appears to have been built in two sections, one in 1840, and enlarged in 1855, and may once have been adjacent with Cockey's Tavern, in a single 10-bay house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

218-218 1/2 East Main Street (MD 32)

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CITY, TOWN

Westminster

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

218 East Main Street Partnership, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

218 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 511

Folio #: 417

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The large brick building that comprises nos. 218-218½ East Main Street is a good structure to see several eras of Westminster's craftsmanship. Located on the south side of East Main Street (Maryland Route 32), about 135 feet west of that street's intersection with Ralph Street, the entrance (north) front rises 2½ stories above its low stone foundation. The 5 bay entrance front is laid in common stretcher bond. Eastern and central ground floor bays are doors (leading to 218½ and 218, respectively) very different in character. Number 218½'s door, which is topped by a full entablature supported by smooth pilasters, is broad and thick; its upper third consists of 20 small panes, laid out in the same fashion as is its 10-light rectangular transom. Windows in the 218½ section (one on the ground floor, 2 on the second floor) all have 6/6 panes, broad wooden sills and lintels, and are flanked by dark green wooden louvered shutters.

The 8 panel door of 218 has had several attempts to give it the prominence its central position would require; its original 3-light transom - 8 side light arrangement was given added importance by a full cornice with brackets. This was felt unsatisfactory and, c. 1925, a 10' x 10' hipped roof, supported by wooden posts above 3' brick tiers, was added. The result is a bit disquieting. Above the porch is a small balcony with cast iron balusters, which can be reached by a pair of eight-light French Doors. The four windows, regularly placed, 2 per floor, to the west, are 6/1, and are treated identically to those further east. Above both sections is a full-attic, lighted by 6 regularly spaced eyebrow windows above a wooden string course (painted the same pale green as the windows sills and lintels). The windows are protected by cast iron grates.

Number 218½ extends much deeper than does 218, giving the block an L-shape. The east wall of 218½, laid in 6 course common bond, is in 2 sections - the front, gable end section had 3 windows on both the top and second stories (the second floor south window has been bricked in). Windows are identical to those on the Main Street section of 218½, but are shutterless. The final southern flat roofed extension is 2 stories tall and 3 bays long; the northern ground floor bay is a 2 panel door; 2/2 windows are placed 3 and 2 per floor and have green wooden sills, and 3 course gauged flat arches. The rear of 218½ has a 4 light pedimented roof gable window, and one 4-panel door on each floor of the rear of the ell, towards the west. One 4 light casement window is to the east of the second story door. An elaborate system of three-flight wooden steps runs over the facade, sheltered by a shed-roofed porch.

The south facade of no. 218 has irregular bay placement. There is a dominating 2 story 3 sided clapboard bay window, with 3 elongated 2/2

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

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
c. 1840 c. 1855	Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 2 sections in the early 19th century, the buildings today present a fairly unified facade on Main Street, and begin the architectural crescendo that ends with Kimmey and Shellman houses. Eyebrow windows are rare in Westminster's architectural language and work here very well to mark the top of the front wall, as there is virtually no decoration at the eaves. Furthermore, they, in their number, create an interesting tense rhythm with the five regularly spaced and sized bays below. (This must have been even more pronounced before the new porch forced attention to the entrance door and thereby created one too many competing forces, destroying the existing spatial implications.) Moreover, the builders created an interesting and sophisticated variant of the 5 bay central door norm. It is interesting to see how fixed the citizens' minds were on the area's "classic" shapes: the first building took one standard form (3 bays, 2½ stories); when it was expanded, it was expanded into the other standard form. When noticing the firmness with which their forms were implanted on the town's consciousness, the bold novelty of the 6 (an even number!) eyebrow (a smaller size!) attic windows can be more appreciated.

The first section, no. 218, was probably built sometime between 1832 (Katharine Shellman does not mention it, and she, presumably, would have, as it is only 70 feet from her home), and January 7, 1854 when one John Moul sold the land to the Bank of Westminster (for \$3578) for "the purpose of erecting an addition to the existing building" (Carroll County deed 15/550). We can fairly confidently assume that 218½ was tacked on c. 1855. The two pieces were sold as a unit until 1923; they were rejoined 20 years later and changed hands several more times until the present owners, the 218 East Main Street Partnership, Inc. took title on April 17, 1972 (Deed 511/417).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the western section of lot 43 as shown on a plat of the original town of Westminster, as recorded among the Land Records of Frederick County in Book L, Page 472.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

October, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

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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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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windows per floor. On the second floor, two 6/6 windows (with green wooden lintels) flank the bay window. On the ground floor, a metal bulkhead cellar entrance is just west of the bay window, with a wood and glass door to the west of it. A small one story shed roofed porched addition is between the ell and the bay window; a 6 light casement window is on the south wall of this addition, a transomed glass and wood door on the west wall.

The west wall of 218 is a party wall with the neighboring building, Cockey's Tavern.

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1. STATE COUNTY TOWN <i>Westminster</i> VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME <i>218 1/2 - 216 E. Main St. C.D. 32</i> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p style="text-align: center;"> Once "Lockey's Tavern" Vicint Court Sat here in 1837. # 218 1/2 home (1964) of F.S. Campbell 218 " " W.B. Jones 216 (1964) Hoffmann's Inn </p>	OPEN TO PUBLIC
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior	

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
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8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <i>West. Bileat Program 10/4/56 1964</i>	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <i>Riviera MHT 10/70</i> DATE OF RECORD
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CARR 134(A)

218-218½ E. Main St. Westminster

N. Jacaranda

10/76 C. Weech



CARR 134(a)

218 - 218 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Main St.
Westminster

S. facade

10/76 C. Wachs