

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 93 Liberty Street

**2. Location**

street & number 93 Liberty Street (Route 27)  not for publication

city, town Westminster  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Contactable through Janet Walker of Long & Foster Realtors

street & number 625-P Baltimore Boulevard telephone no.: 876-2253

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex. liber 1235

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 206

city, town Westminster state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title n/a

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1543

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1543

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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n/a

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .08 acres

Quadrangle name NEW WINDSOR

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

City lot measuring 32x173x13x173 feet, fronted by paved street, backed by gravel alley.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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organization Goucher College date December 15, 1994

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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### Section 7: Description of 93 Liberty Street (Route 27), Westminster, Maryland

Located on a street lined with similar houses, this circa 1890 two story three bay, wood frame Victorian is currently divided into two apartments. Covered with white wood shingle siding, the main block and abbreviated rear wing (projecting perpendicularly from the lengthwise center of the main block) are under a gabled, tin roof. Bisecting the roofline are two cross gables; one in the front and one in the rear which extends over the wing. At either end of the gable are interior brick chimneys. The neighboring houses on either side are stepped back from the sidewalk enough to have small yards, but this building fronts directly on the sidewalk. At sidewalk level are top hinging basement windows in the exposed rubble foundation.

The primary facade facing the street features a central doorway which has a replacement door within an Italianate, bracketed door hood and molded surround. Over the door is a frosted, single pane, rectangular glass transom featuring a floral pattern. The narrow, tall windows on the first and second floors are two panes over two. This fenestration is repeated throughout the building. The small windows in the gabled dormers are one over one.

Moving clockwise to the left of the primary facade, the main block gable end has two windows on the first floor and the same on the second floor. Along this plane, the slightly recessed wing has a now covered two story porch extending from the main block to the end of the wing. The porch has a flat roof. A narrow concrete walkway extends from the

sidewalk to the rear of the building. The walkway is canted toward the building and this has encouraged some water damage to the foundation where the main block joins the wing. This has been patched and repatched with different cements.

The rear facade features the entrance to the basement which is centered in the exposed foundation. The basement entrance is underneath a large, square, deck that extends from the end of the wing. The deck is approached from the walkway which extends past the house to a narrow, deep backyard. From the deck the house is accessed by a door in the center back of the wing. On this plane, there are no windows on the first floor but there is one on the second story located above the first story door, above that window is a vent to the attic area.

The remaining exterior of the building forms a dog-leg consisting of the side of the one room deep wing, the rear of the main block and the side of the main block. The side of the wing and short section remaining of the rear of the main block, each have one window on the first and second floors. The side of the main block has no windows.

Entering through the front door, adhering to the current circulation pattern, provides access to the second floor apartment. Directly upon entering, however, is a very small square confluence space formed by the junction of three doors and the base of the stairs. The doorway on the right retains its original door and is simply locked. The doorway on the left is filled with a piece of plywood backing. The floorplan is symmetrical; the main block of the building is two rooms wide and one room deep, while the wing is one room deep and one room wide. Overall, the foundation is in a "T" shape, while the exterior of the building more closely portrays an "L" shape due to the covering of the two story porch.

At the top of the steep, enclosed stairs is another small square hall space surrounded by three doorways and the stairs. Directly to the right is a living room which is a rectangular room and features a original built-in closet and a section of the chimney stack of the first floor fireplace; the round ghost of a hole for a stovepipe connection is visible. Also in this room is the straight stair entrance to the attic. Directly facing the first floor - second floor stairs is a large room currently used as a kitchen. This room is in the wing. On the left inside the kitchen are two doors leading into the two rooms made out of the original second floor porch. The first room contains hookups for washer and dryer, and the furthest room is the restroom, containing toilet, bathtub and sink. The third large and final room on the second floor is used as a bedroom. Like the living room, it contains an upper portion of the chimney from the fireplace below. Surviving trimwork includes door frame moldings, corner blocks and baseboard. Original surviving interior hardware consists of cast iron carpenter locks, cast thumbblatches, and cast hinges of styles indicative of the 1890's. The trim and hardware seen on the second floor is common throughout the house.

The attic space is accessed via a straight stair which has a door into the living room. The attic is partially floored with gritty insulation visible in the unfloored sections. New PVC vents have been installed across the floor, leading from the restroom below. The common rafter construction is solid and the roof in fair condition. It is observable here that the rafters and floor joists were sawn on a circular saw which left distinctive circular marks in the wood.

The first floor apartment is accessed through the rear of the building, from the deck and mirrors the upper apartment's floorplan. The door in the rear wing of the building leads into a kitchen which has a restroom and washroom on the now enclosed porch on the right. A doorway leads into the main block of the building opens into a bedroom which has a fireplace. The fireplace has been closed in, but has an electric heater embedded in the

fireplace filler. The mantle has tall narrow turned engaged posts on either side and carved flowers in the corner blocks which may be gouge work. The profile of the mantle shelf is abruptly outward tapering in three increments. There is no obvious mark where the doorway leading into the front vestibule has been closed in. From the kitchen, the doorway in the center of the wall which connects to the main block of the building leads into a wedge shaped closet which was formed by closing off the stair leading to basement which was located under the main stairwell. The door on the left opens into a living room, in which it is possible to see the locked door into the vestibule.

Accessing the basement from under the deck, and viewing the foundation from the inside affirms that the main block of the house and the wing were built at the same time, creating a thick "T" shape. Directly inside the door to the left is an unused cistern or sink beneath a small window. At the center of the "T" junction a variety of structural supports have been added to help stabilize the building. These include a stack of cinder blocks and metal pipe. On the rear wall of the right arm of the "T" is a rough hole in the middle of the foundation wall, it was suggested that this was a coal delivery access opening. From the basement it was possible to see that the first floor joists were of the same construction as the joists in the attic.

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### **Section 8: Summary of 93 Liberty Street (Route 27), Westminster, MD**

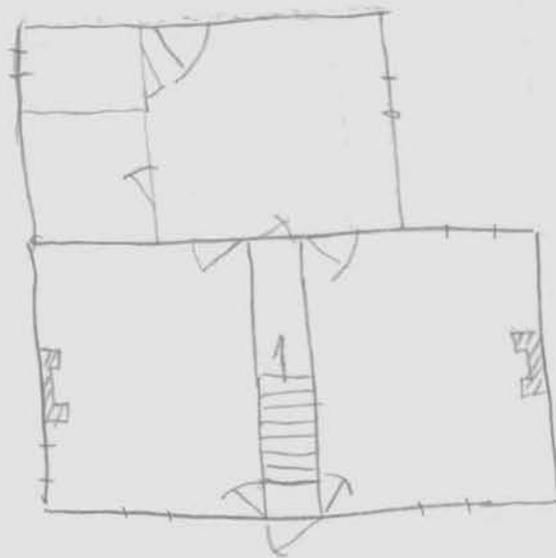
This building is of local significance due to the character of its defining architectural features. It provides an example of late nineteenth century urban architecture in the small county seat town of Westminster. Recently, Westminster achieved designation as a Mainstreet Program town. In the towns' process of developing a sensitivity to historic preservation and economic revitalization within an urban landscape, houses such as this are increasingly important .

93 Liberty Street exemplifies a common building type within the community of Westminster, as well as within the larger community of Carroll County. There are many wood frame buildings, many buildings with cross gables, or tin roofs, or cedar shake siding covered exteriors. Furthermore, within the region it is common for the floorplan to be symmetrical and for the size of the building to be one or two rooms wide or deep. These generalizations include the other buildings on Liberty Street (Route 27). Liberty Street is the western route into and out of Westminster. As the town grew, building patterns spread westward in the mid nineteenth century creating this neighborhood and 93 Liberty Street.

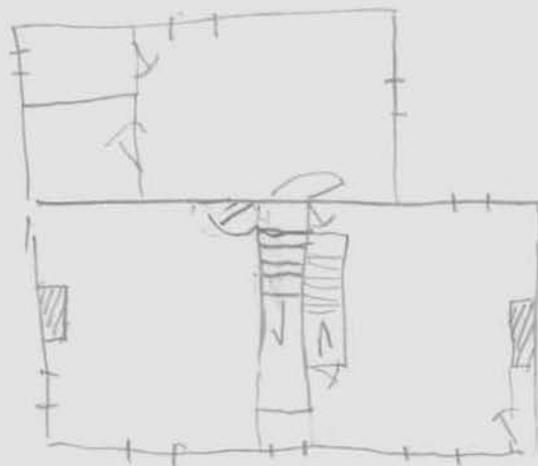
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**Floorplan of 93 Liberty Street, Westminster Maryland**



First Floor



Second Floor





WESTMINSTER

Westminster Airport

NEW INTS OR

Western Maryland College

WESTMINSTER

Radio Tower (WTR)

WESTMINSTER

High Sch

Swimming Pool

DARRIS 43

Robert M. Tolson Sch

Sewage Depos

Spring Mills

County Home

Carroll County General Hospital

Radon House Park

Cranberry Park

Cranberry Station

Reservoir



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