

228 EAST MAIN STREET, WESTMINSTER

ZIMMERMAN HOUSE

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Form 359  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Zimmerman House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

228 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Virginia E. Robrecht

Telephone #: 848-4184

STREET & NUMBER

230 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 #: 102

Folio #: 316

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**

<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

Huddled into the southwest corner of the intersection of Ralph Street and Main (Maryland Route 32) in Westminster is number 228 East Main Street, a small white Queen Anne - Eastlake House. Two and a half stories tall with a hexagonal three story tower, the house sits on the eastern half of lot 41 of the original town of Westminster.

The Main Street facade is dominated by the tower which acts as the eastern bay, and by the black asbestos covered 1 story shed roof porch, which slopes to the north, is supported by finely turned columns which are connected, below by simple balusters, and above by scores of turned spindles. The rest of the facade contains, on the ground floor beyond the porch, a central glass and two-panelled door, and an elongated single pane double-hung sash window to the west. All windows, including those on the turret, are identical in treatment (1/1 with louvered black shutters) and differ only in size. Above the porch, the second floor is the same as the first, except that the central bay is a window. Above this is the imbricated shingled corner turret, now a full hexagon, but with still only 3 northern windows, at the corner between two similarly shingled pedimented gables which spread over their respective facades (east and north). This skyline massing is one of the house's most interesting features, a massing enlivened by the hexagonal conical roof of the turret (complete with ball finial), and by the size differences between the gables (the eastern is larger and possesses a double window). These roofs are covered with black asbestos shingles.

Below the eastern gable, the east front stretches 4 bays to the south (the gable only covers the northern 2 bays). All windows are similarly treated and are identical to those on the north, except that the third window on each floor (counting from the north) is smaller. This facade is entirely covered in white clapboard and its gable roof is covered with black corrugated sheet metal.

There is a 1 story shed roofed addition to the south which has, on its south front, an elongated 1/1 window. Otherwise the south front is 3 bays wide with a small porch covering the western 2 bays. There is a central 5 panelled ground floor door; other bays are 1/1 windows. A small square flat-capped furnace flue rests in the center of this gable roofed section.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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

1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Paul A. Zimmerman

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The land, the eastern section of lot 41, remained unimproved until bought by Paul A. Zimmerman on September 21, 1905. Zimmerman used the existing building (number 226 East Main) as rental property, while he and his family lived at the nearby built (in 1906, according to his daughter, the present owner) house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the eastern portion of lot 41 as shown on a plat of Westminster 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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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CARL 359

228 E. Main St.  
Westminster

SE facade

10/74 C. Weeks

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CARR 359

228 E. Main St.

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48%

A Section

61 1/2



98 157

AM. CAMERA

☐ LINE  
○ HALFTONE  
○ DUOTONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CARR-359

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~~63~~ 63%  
63%

228 E. Main St

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