

PHILLIP JONES HOUSE AND STORE

132-132½-134 EAST MAIN STREET

Built as a "triplex" in 1817, the row can still be read as a single 9-bay unit, laid in Flemish Bond. Upon closer examination, differences exist among the three units, differences which can probably be explained by the original use of each unit. Number 134 has slightly more elaborate treatment, especially as regards the door surround and the cornice, and so we ought not be surprised to learn that this was originally designed as a residence. Number 132, on the other hand, is simply treated to the point of plainness, as was befitting its original use as an iron and bacon store. Between these is one no. 132½, its decoration is similar to 134's, but of smaller scale; no one seems to know the original intended use for this third of the building, but it was soon taken over by Jones, to house his "rapidly expanding family". The building has served a variety of uses during its 160 years; during the 1870 and 80's it housed the owner and offices of a prominent local paper, "The American Sentinel"; and is now an attorney's office and residence.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Philip Jones House and Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

132-132½-134 East Main Street (MD 32)

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CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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

Roland F. Haifley

Telephone #: 848-8663

STREET & NUMBER

132 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 #: 392

Folio #: 578

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Westminster Bicentennial

DATE

October, 1964

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Carroll County Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE
Maryland

2000-05

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
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<input checked="" 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

Built as a "triplex" (with 132's being a store) the row 132-132½-134 East Main still could be read as a single 9-bay unit, laid in Flemish Bond - at least on the north facade, the facade fronting Main Street. Number 134 has slightly more elaborate treatment (upon close examination differences appear among the three units). The entrance door, a six-light - three-panel door approached by two stove steps, below a simple bracketed cornice, and between smooth pilasters, is the western ground floor bay. The other five bays in the unit are double-hung sash storm windows (two on the ground floor, three above, all regularly spaced). Windows have white wooden sills; their gauged flat arches are 5 courses tall on the ground floor, and 3 on the second. Number 132½'s door enframingent is similar but smaller scale; the door itself is a half-glass (one large pane) half-wood, (two panels) door recessed behind a glass and aluminum storm door. This door makes the easternmost bay of the building; the other ground floor bay is a window similar to 132's treatment but squarer. Above, are three windows identical to no. 132's, the westernmost of which is above a round arched passageway to the back yard. (The interior of the arch is filled with a simple iron grate probably from the iron stove located c. 1840 in 132.) The old store itself has six regularly placed bays. The recessed entrance door (the easternmost bay) is simply treated, no enframingent and only a rectangular transom above it.

A simple cornice decorates the eaves; it is denticulated above nos. 132 and 132½, and plain above the old shop. The green sheet metal covered roof is broken by 3 randomly placed gable roofed 1/1 dormer windows. (Although they are randomly placed, there is one window per unit.)

Only no. 134 has an eastern facade; it has the usual 2-section makeup - one section nearer Main Street with its gable ends to the east and west; the other section perpendicular to it with its roof's gable end to the south (or north). The Main Street section's 5 course common bond east wall has four 2/2 windows (two per floor regularly placed). Windows are identically treated (white wooden sills, 2 course gauged flat arches) regularly placed about a central flush corbel-capped chimney. The other section (laid in four course common bond) is four 1/1 windows deep below a roof approached by 3 step corbelling.

The arched alley-way provides an easy way to separate the buildings' south fronts; 132½ and 134 were used as a unit, originally, and these facades have a degree of unity today - the western slope of 134's gable roof seems to flow into the edge of 132½'s southward sloping shed roof. The wall of 134 (laid in 6 course common bond) has three openings - two are doors. The second floor door has four lights, is sheltered by a green plexiglass

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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	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS (Journalism)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1817	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	John Grumbine
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally built as a shop and residence, the row has significance for the number of uses it has served, for the excellence with which it has performed this variety of roles, and as a rare Westminster example of a common regional style.

Although there are whole blocks of nearby towns with similar rows (whole sections of, for example, Frederick, or Carlisle, Pennsylvania, are made in this style), the form is almost non-existent in Westminster. (Its nearest equivalents are, perhaps, nos. 220-222, and nos. 283-285-287 East Main.) The row consists of three joined hall-and-parlor brick cabins, partly divided by an arched passage to the rear yard. Besides being a (local) rarity, the buildings are extremely fine structures - care has been lavished on them as evidenced by the nicely executed extra-tall arches, by the well-laid Flemish Bond, and by 132½-134's crisp cornice.

Elizabeth Stevenson sold the land (numbers 14 and 15 in the town of "New London") to John Grumbine for \$250 on May 24, 1817 (Frederick County Deed Book JS 4, Page 517). Grumbine was a local builder and was probably impressed by the relative inexpensiveness of this row house style - getting three connected units on two lots in an age when one unit per lot was the norm. The next year, November 28, 1818, Grumbine sold the land to Philip Jones for \$2000 (JS 8/168) who lived in 132½-134, and ran a small "iron and bacon" store in 132. (The present owner of 132½-134 believes that Jones intended to live in only one, not two of the sections, but "his family grew faster than he expected.") The diary of Katharine Jones Shellman notes that "Philip Jones, merchant" lived here between 1822-1832: Jones mortgaged the property to Sophia Campbell on September 12, 1831 (JS 42/513), who foreclosed on the \$1500 owed her April 19, 1838 (Carroll County WW2/171), when it was sold to William Grumbine. Grumbine didn't live long thereafter - his trustee, John Smith, sold the place to Jacob Reese on June 23, 1849 (10/35) for \$1550. This venture did not prove profitable for Reese, a prominent local merchant, as he sold the place for \$1400 on January 16, 1854 to William H. Grammar (16/36). The Ripbard family, who published the "American Sentinel" lived there during the 70's and 80's - an 1877 plat labels the buildings as "American Sentinel Print. Off.", and the 1887 City Directory lists Mrs. Mary A. Ripbard as living at 140. It descended, by will, to George W. Albaugh who

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awning and is approached by a single flight of wooden steps, rising from the west. More or less directly below is a modern glass and aluminum storm door. The remaining opening is a four-light attic window. The south front of 132½ probably was originally shaded by a two-tier porch; two thirds of it still is - to the west. Behind the porch, the wall has a four-light door to the west of the ground floor and three 6/6 windows (one on the ground floor, two on the second). To the east, the porch is covered with green asbestos shingles, a covering pierced on the second floor by a 6/6 window. A small brick furnace flue is roughly in the center of the facade, a few feet to the north of the wall.

The south facade of 132 also has the remains of a 2 story porch - in its northeast quadrant which also has a 4-panel door to the east, and a 2/2 window. The rest of the second floor is covered with white asbestos shingles with a central 6/6 window. Below is a shed roofed addition (roof sloping to the south) covering the entire ground floor and broken by an eastern 4-panel door and, just to the west, a 6/6 window.

In plan the buildings are all variants of the hall and parlor plan and are, happily, little altered (except for the indicated infills).

Right on the line between 132 and 132½, and about 15 feet to the south of these buildings, is a two-story clapboard "slave cottage"/storage shed. The gable roofed shed (gables to the east and west) has a board and batten door to the west, a 6/6 window and a 6-panel door to the north, a 6-light window to the south, and a 6/6 window to the east. These are all ground floor openings; there is a four-light second floor window to the east.

divided the properties, which have had a long, involved series of quick sales until the present owners took title, for 132, on July 28, 1965, for 132½-134 on January 3, 1955.

Therefore, this row provides an important link between Westminster and its neighboring towns, and an illustration of the disappearing habit of shopkeepers living next to their shops/offices (Robertson, who has his law office in 134, lives there as well, as did the Rippards, as did Jones.)

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132-132 $\frac{1}{2}$ -174 E. Main St.

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E. Main Street
Westminster

N. Yucca

C. Wech 12/76



CARR 381

132-132½-134 E.

Main st.

S. facade

c. week 11/76



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132-132 $\frac{1}{2}$ -134 E.

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CARL 381

132-136 S. 134 E. AHW ST.

W. EDMUNDS BK

S. Jerome c. 1900

C. Webb (C.C. Hist. Soc.)