

## WILLIAM FRAZIER HOUSE/SHOP

153 EAST MAIN STREET

Number 153 East Main Street has its two-bay entrance facade fronting the north side of East Main Street, halfway between Lincoln Road and Center Street in Westminster. Probably built by one William Frazier, silversmith, around 1820, the narrow house is almost identical to the Beaver House, located across the street at no. 126 East Main Street. Despite its small size, Frazier clearly had a trained eye, as his house is perfect. It is impeccably executed, and is very cleverly designed; rather than try to compete with its larger neighbor, no. 151, Frazier's house continues 151's lines, almost acting as a better built extension. Their windows are perfectly aligned, their cornices run together, their roofs have the same pitch. Yet the buildings are still separate - Frazier saw no need to echo his neighbor's one-bay entrance porch, relying instead on his building's solid-void relationship and overall proportions for effect. His plan worked, for as small as 153 may be, one's eye somehow still seeks out its 5-course common bond facade.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC William Frazier House/Shop  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 153 East Main Street (MD 32)  
 CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6  
 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Robert G. Stouch Telephone #: 876-3311  
 STREET & NUMBER 155 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 #: 248  
 STREET & NUMBER Center Street Folio #: 535  
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

Number 153 East Main Street faces the north side of that street halfway between Lincoln Road and Center Street in Westminster. Its two 2-bay facades (the east and west walls are party walls) are simple yet effective. The entrance (south) facade is laid in five course common bond above a low roughly coursed fieldstone foundation and below a low-pitched, gable, silvery-painted tin roof, finished by a plain two-part entablature (The entablature, indeed the whole roof, is a continuation of no. 151 East Main, CARR 143.) There are two double-hung sash windows on the second floor, with two-over-two panes; windows are decorated with white wooden sills, while louvered shutters, and three course gauged flat arches. The two ground-floor bays are aligned with the upper story's windows. The western bay is the entrance door - a four panel door beneath a narrow glass transom and a two-part bracketed entablature. To the east is a 2/2 window, treated similarly to those above, but with arches five courses high instead of three.

The building's north facade has a high basement (the house is built into a small hill) with a large metal bulkhead cellar entrance to the east of a single flight of wooden steps which lead to a shed-roofed porch. A six-panel door is sheltered by the porch, and a 6/6 window is located to the east. Above, are two windows - the eastern one is 6/6 paned, the western 2/2.

The house has only two facades, as its east and west walls, are party walls with its neighbors, nos. 151 and 155 East Main Street.



# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the westerly half of lot 39 in the town of New London, later incorporated into Westminster.

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

December, 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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155, 153 E. Main St.

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NE facade

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