

155 EAST MAIN STREET

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

NOTE: (pictured w/ 153 E. Main St.)

STREET & NUMBER

155 East Main Street (MD 32)

6

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	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 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 #: 346

Folio #: 158

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 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

The Flemish Bond wall of 155 East Main Street faces the north side of that artery (Md. Route 32) about 120' west of Main Street's intersection with Center Street. The 3-bay wide building was built in 2 sections; a gable roofed section on Main Street, with a shed-roofed extension to the north.

The principal (south) facade has two double-hung sash windows (with two-over-two panes) as the central and western bays. Windows have white wooden sills, white wooden louvered shutters, and four course gauged flat arches. The eastern bay is the six-panel entrance door, which is flush with the sidewalk, below an elliptical-shaped transom and a modillion-bracketed cornice and between rows of four side lights. The three regularly placed second story windows have 2/2 panes, and are treated similarly to those on the ground floor, except that their arches are three courses high, not four. all five windows on this facade are elongated, but are more or less aligned with those in nos. 153 and 151 East Main, creating a certain broken continuity. The wall is topped by a cornice which finishes the silvery, corrugated, sheet metal cover roof. A large flat-capped brick outside end chimney is located a few feet north of the gable's peak, temporarily interrupting the party wall between 155 and its western neighbor, 153.

The eastern wall has recently been covered with white aluminum siding. The Main Street section is blind above a low coursed fieldstone foundation; the shed-roofed section has two windows on each of its two floors above a high brick foundation. Second story windows have 6/6 panes, as does the southern ground floor window. The other ground floor opening is a modern single-pane casement window.

There is a two-tiered porch across the building's northern end above the high basement. Each story is treated the same, with a western 6/6 window, and an eastern half-wood (2 panel) half-glass (2 panes) door. There is an eastern modern glass and aluminum storm door into the cellar. The northern wall is also covered with white aluminum siding.

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 checked="" 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	c. 1820	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural interest of no. 155 East Main Street is fairly easy enough to describe, but speculation and inference mark its "community planning" significance. The building is another variation on the two perpendicular box theme that generally governs the cityscape. Most houses that follow this pattern (i.e., most houses in the City) have two gable-roofed sections. Here the rear section has a shed roof which slopes at an angle sympathetic with the slope of the hill into which the house is built. Further, as the house is separated from its eastern neighbor by a grassy slope 30' wide, the resulting sloping, nearly blind wall gives the appearance of a barrier, protecting the very valuable western section of this block from the unimaginative late Victorian incursions to the east. Five of the six buildings in this "valuable western section" antedate the creation of Carroll County, and form a nice unit in which each component is clearly defined.

Joshua Cockey sold the lot to John Orndorf on February 25, 1833, for \$1000 (Frederick County Deed Book WR 41, Page 432), a price that probably, but not definitely, indicates the presence of a building. Orndoff kept title until March 31, 1864 (Carroll County 30/486) when he sold it to Mary E. Smith, Annie L. Smith, and 2 others named Smith for \$3000. The Smiths gradually died out, leaving Annie as last survivor, until she died in 1925. Her executor, George Stocksdales, sold to Richard W. Barnes on September 27, 1927. Barnes' heir, Hammond Barnes, sold to Edward C. Seitz (177/362, November 24, 1941) who sold to Minnie Flohr (185/32, November 4, 1944). Several straw deeds 221/426, 229/38, 229/383, 317/129, 317/131) were made until title eventually vested in Maude Heinritz, who had the land surveyed as she sold to Edwin Stater (June 27, 1961, 335/369) who sold to the present owner on May 7, 1962.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the westerly section of lot 40 of 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

DATE

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Westminster

Maryland

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