

CHARLES WANTZ

101 EAST MAIN STREET

Built around 1875, this is one of the largest houses in the City, a point that the original builders, a family of prosperous merchants, certainly would have intended. The house, for all its size, continued the local norm of having 2 perpendicular-gabled sections with a 3-story, 3-bay facade facing Main Street. Certain features help the house escape grossness; the semicircular, leaded, stained glass transom over the entrance door itself, the finely-carved, pelleted door surround, and, perhaps most especially, the architrave row of brick recessed, Greek Crosses that ease the transition from wall to roof to the east and west. This Greek Cross pattern is an interesting 2-generation-later variation on the cornice of the Ecklar House (255 East Main Street).

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Charles Wantz House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 East Main Street (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

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

101 East Main Street Corporation

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

101 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 #: 575

Folio #: 310

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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<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

One of the largest houses in the City, 101 East Main Street faces the north side of that street (Md. Route 32) about 180' east of Longwell Avenue in Westminster.

The south (principal) facade is tall above the low coursed field-stone foundation, and below the heavy bracketed two part modillion entablature. The deep rust brick, laid in Flemish Bond, is broken by three regularly-placed bays on each of the south facade's three floors. The entrance door, the eastern ground floor bay, is recessed about 3' behind an elaborate, heavy, round arched frontispiece, whose white painted carved wood is topped by a thick cornice supported by a pair of ponderous pelleted, scroll brackets. The door itself is topped by a semi-circle of leaded stained glass. To the west, the two other ground floor bays are double-hung sash windows of one-over-one panes; windows are segmentally arched with flat cornices similar, but smaller in scale, to that over the door. (White wood smoothly fills the space between the top of the arch, and the bottom of the cornice and its brackets.) Granite sills complete the windows' trim. A white wooden 2-part entablature approximates a pent-roof separating the ground floor from the two stories above it. A cast iron balcony tops this pent-roof, and is reached by the second floor's three tall French Doors. The doors have arches and cornices which repeat the theme of those on the ground floor. Third floor windows are similarly treated but with white wooden sills and 2/2 panes.

The east and west facades reveal that 101 was built in the customary two sections. A bit more irregularity marks the east facade. The Main Street section laid in 6 course common bond, has one window to the south of the ground floor bay; except for its 1/1 paning it is similar to those of the south facade. Above the twin 1/1 segmental-arched attic windows, the wall meets the gable roof through an elaborate cornice-corbels table of 3 strata of molded brick. The shed-roofed north wing has two sections. Originally, there was probably a recessed two-tiered porch just north of the Main Street section (i.e. similar to that at 252 East Main Street); now it has been covered with white aluminum siding which has four 1/1 windows randomly placed on each of its two floors. Further north, the thin 6 course common bond section has one 1/1 glass and aluminum storm window per floor, each window has a three course gauged flat arch.

Opposite, the west facade has the same molded brick pattern at the top, but is otherwise very different. The Main Street section has three 2/2 windows on as many floors, with a pair of 1/1 windows in the attic. All windows have three course gauged flat arches and white wooden sills. Two corbelled chimneys flank the peak of the gable roof. To the north, the other section continues the molded brick, but adds an extra fillip - a broad "architrave" row, decorated by recessed Greek Crosses. In the center of this

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being all of lot 27 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

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December, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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section is one narrow 1/1 window on each of the three floors, with a one 2/2 window to each side; ground and second story windows are elongates.

From the north, it is possible to see how steeply the shed roof of the northern section slopes to the east. This facade, laid in 6 course common bond, has a screened-in second-story porch, with a 4-panel door in its center, with a similar door in the center of the ground floor. The porch is reached by a double flight of grey wooden steps. A broad corbel-capped chimney is in the center of the roof.

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