

HUGH DOYLE BUILDING

59 EAST MAIN STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Hugh Doyle Building/Henrietta M. Taylor Millinery Co.

AND/OR COMMON C & P Telephone Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 59 East Main Street (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Atlee W. Wampler, Jr. Telephone #: _____

STREET & NUMBER _____

CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building Liber #: 177

STREET & NUMBER _____ Folio #: 429

CITY, TOWN Center Street STATE _____

Westminster 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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (Slightly	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	On Ground Floor)	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Resting on its low fieldstone foundation, no. 59 East Main Street fronts the north side of that street (Md. Route 32) about halfway between Locust Street and Longwell Avenue in Westminster. The building rises 3 stories between the foundation and the shed roof, and is 3 bays wide. The ground floor probably has always had commercial associations and design; at present, the ground floor is composed of a grey-painted-wood and glass-door front. Indications are that the flanking wooden pilasters, 3 smoked-glass transoms, and crowning entablatures were always present - meaning the only recent alterations are the huge plate glass windows and the aluminum and glass entrance door. The door is the easternmost ground story bay, and is, as was tradition, recessed about 3 feet.

The 6, double-hung sash windows (3 placed on each of the two floors) pierce the rose Flemish Bond brick of the south (entrance) facade. The windows are regularly placed, and seek to enliven the boredom of their one over one panes by 4 course gauged flat arches, and by wooden sills, which are painted the same "Williamsburg Blue" as the ground-story woodwork.

Above all this, and continuing the color scheme, four pairs of brackets (symmetrically placed with the windows) support the (now sagging) two-part entablature; wide wooden boards, loosely approximating an architrave, fill the entire space between the bases, the brackets, and the entablature.

The east wall is a party wall (rights for which comprise a large part of the lot's title history). To the west a narrow (3 foot alley allows exterior passage between the rear parking lot and Main Street (or it would, if the perpetually-locked iron gate were opened). Above this alley, the western wall of the building is enlivened by a brick, corbel-capped chimney, which is flush with the wall, and is located about 10 feet from the Main Street facade.

The rear of the building is utilitarian.

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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
<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 checked="" 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. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The entire 60 foot lot brought about a thousand dollars in its sales in the 1850's and 60's; thus, when William Stansbury and wife sold the eastern 23 feet of the lot on August 30, 1869, it is not surprising that the price was only \$450 (Carroll County Deed Book 37, Page 434). Doyle probably wasted little time in building the structure we see today, as the 1877 plat of the City shows a building of correct size, shape, and placement, and early deeds for neighboring properties (early meaning mid 1870's) mention the newly-erected brick building. Doyle must not have been able to pay his creditors for, 10 years later, on March 24, 1891, Pierce, as trustee, sold the lot to Henrietta M. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor had been a tenant in the building before, as the 1887 City Directory lists J. H. Taylor as having a store and residence at 57-59 East Main Street. A series of straw deeds follow as Mrs. Taylor got out of the millinery business and sold the place to Charles E. Fink (March 30, 1891, 72/417), and Fink sold to Mary May Gardner (July 15, 1892, 75/138). All these deeds made explicit the fact that, along with buying the land, they were buying the "goodwill of the millinery business in which Henrietta M. Taylor had been engaged and which she sold in" 72/415. Ms. Gardner sold the lot to Charles C. Clive on February 10, 1913 for \$7125 (121/230) and Clive sold to Atlee W. Wampler, the father of the present owner, on September 11, 1918 (133/54). Wampler's son bought the property on December 23, 1941, after his father died intestate on February 28, of that year (177/429).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the westerly third of lot no. 4 as shown on a plat of Winter's Addition to Westminster, recorded among the Land Records of Frederick County in Book JS 2, Page 195, 196.

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

February, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

STATE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

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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windows, and below the band around the brackets, is a centrally-placed plaque (possibly of brick, possibly of iron) with WANTZ BUILDING in relief.

The east and west facades are blind and display the northward sloping shed roof that covers all 4 sections.

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