

HORATIO PRICE HOUSE

83 WEST MAIN STREET

Probably built around 1860, the Price House is a fine example of the Victorian-Germanic influences that played upon the standard crisp three-bay unit. Basically a two-story, 3-bay box, Price filled the western bay with a two-story bow window, and topped off the building with a series of carved plaques. The curve of the bow makes a nice tension in an otherwise angular block of buildings, and the plaques relate nicely to the row of buildings (58½-68½ West Main Street) across the street.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Horatio Price House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

83 West 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 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

Calvin D. Starner

Telephone #: 848-9047

STREET & NUMBER

1032 Meadow Branch Road

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 #: 317

Folio #: 363

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	
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<input 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

The 2-story house built by Horatio Price looks north to Main Street (St. Route 32) about 60' west of that street's intersection with Pigman's Alley in Westminster. Sitting on a low field-stone foundation, the house rests quietly below its shed roof.

Superbly combining curved and straight lines, the north (principal) facade is 3 bays wide. The westernmost bay is a two-story bow window with three double-hung sash windows per floor (paned 1/1). Wooden sills, enframement, and 3 course gauged, flat arches are all painted an olive green several shades lighter than the green of the Flemish Bond brick wall. The rest of the facade has 2 regularly placed bays per floor - two 1/1 windows on the second floor and one on the ground floor (all three match the bow's in treatment), and an eastern ground floor entrance door. The door has 12 glass panes behind a glass and aluminum storm door, below a small rectangular transom, and between unfluted wooden pilasters. The entire door arrangement rests under a gable-roofed entrance porch; the porch is a pedimental, broken on its base by a segmental-arched opening. Pairs of slender turned columns help the pilasters support the porch roof. The door, porch, and columns are all painted the same dark green as the windows' trim, as is the main roof's modillioned cornice and the 3 anatomical-shaped brackets which support it.

The west wall, only inches from its neighbor, is blind. Imagining that the building is basically a box, the southeast 10' x 10' corner is cut out to create a 2-tiered porch. To the north of the porch, three windows pierce the building's east facade (two 2/2 on the ground floor, and a single 6/6 to the rear of the second floor). Windows are similar to those on the north facade, as are the two windows on the unporched south facade (the second floor's is 6/6, the ground floor's is 9-light casement). Glass and aluminum storm doors lead to the porch - from the south and east facades on the ground floor, and from the east on the second floor. The north front on the second floor, and the east front of the ground floor both have two 6/6 windows. The porch itself is simply railed and balustered, and painted the same olive green. Simple but effective gardens border the building to the east and north.

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 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1860 (?)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of no. 83 West Main Street is architectural. With its pronounced bow window, the "Price House" creates a quiet tension within itself, as well as with the basically angular "Rosser's Choice" next door. (This tension is furthered, a bit, by the segmental arch within the porch pediment.) The house is another example of how mid-Victorian builders adapted the basic 2-story, 3-bay building to suit their desires. Here, Price turned the third bay into a round (circular, really) window, and added plaques within the main facade's cornice - bracket - string course spaces. This latter act creates interesting dating questions. Price bought the 35' x 198' lot from John Orendorff on October 6, 1851 for \$111 (Carroll County Deed Book 13, Page 72), and probably built the house not too much later (see report for 79 West Main for earlier title information on Orendorff's lot). The row of buildings, 58-68 West Main Street, across the street, also uses this Germanic plaque motif. It is clear that they were built after 1873 (after the fire devastated the block), so did Price influence Herr (who built 58-68), or did Herr influence Price? One supposes that Herr would have been more likely to use a Pennsylvania-German decoration, which would mean that Price never built on his lot, as he died on July 20, 1863, Will 3/200, or that his widow, Elizabeth, tacked the plaques on his existing structure. One wonders.

Anyway, the building is clear on the 1877 map of the City, and the 1887 Directory lists Mrs. Price as living at no. 83. She died seized of the lot, and her trustee, Francis Shriver, used a series of straw deeds (to and from Isaac Baile) to vest title in himself (69/547, 69/549, both dated May 24, 1889). Shriver sold the place to Jonas Bachman for \$1825 (\$625 more than he paid for it) on November 11, 1895 (81/428); in the divorce case Bachman v. Bachman, Equity No. 5685, Bachman's wife, Laura, got title on October 8, 1926 (153/239). Another pair of straw deeds (dated March 28, 1935) were used to convey title from her executor, David K. Brown, to Carrie B. Myers and wife (162/54, 162/53). The price was \$3200. Despite various complications, the land stayed in the Myers family until Mary E. Myers and her husband, Russell, sold the place to the present owner on December 5, 1953 (227/483; see also LWT of Carrie Myers, 16/526). Yet another pair of straw deeds was used to clear title when the owner, Calvin D. Starner, changed wives (317/361, 317/363, dated February 10, 1960).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a 30' x 198' plot between lots 1 and 2 of B. S. Pigman's Addition to Westminster, as d-scribed in Carroll County Deed Book 13, Page 72.

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

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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