

SHWEIGART-SHPREEVE HOUSE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Schweigart-Shreeve House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

147 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

Larry E. Haines

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STREET & NUMBER

300 West 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 #: 522

Folio #: 328

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<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

Most of the remaining frame buildings in Westminster are concentrated in the West End; no. 147 is one of these. It is located on the west side of Maryland Avenue at that alley's intersection with the south side of West Main Street (St. Route 32) in Westminster. The two-story, shed-roofed, three-bay by four-bay pile rests on a high, yellow-painted, fieldstone foundation, and is covered with red-painted wooden shingles. The north, principal facade sits below a two-part modillioned entablature, which is supported by small dentils and brackets. Below this entablature, which is painted the same canary yellow as the foundation, are three double-hung sash, second-story windows with two-over-two panes. Window decoration, wooden sills and louvered shutters as well as modillions and transoms, are all painted that same yellow. The ground floor was, almost certainly originally shaded by a shallow-hipped porch, which has recently been enclosed. This enclosure is now covered with unpainted wooden shingles, and has two small 1/1 windows to the north and one to the east. (These windows, except for their white wooden sills, are simply enframed.) A yellow, wooden, panelled door is to the west of the infill on the north facade. The porch's cornice, and posts, still painted yellow, are evident today.

The Maryland Avenue (east) facade seems to have been built in two sections, both two bays long, both shed roofed. Each section has two windows per floor - those on the northern section are treated the same as the north facade's second-story windows (except that the south second story is shutterless), while those in the southern section have 6/6 panes on the second floor, except for the rear ground floor window which has 4 lights in its one square foot of area. The rear (south) of the building has red clapboarding to the east and shingles to the west. The clapboard section's two second-story windows and one western window have been shuttered over; the eastern ground floor door is half glass and half natural wood. The western section of the south facade is entirely covered in shingles and has one 6/6 window on the second floor and one 2/2 window on the ground floor. This 10' x 10' southwestern corner is probably a more recent addition: its roof line is slightly different from its neighbors, and the shed roof of the northwest (original) section ends abruptly where this piece begins. To the west, this infilled section has a 6/6 window on the second floor and one glass and aluminum storm door on the ground floor to the south of a 6/6 window. The older section is divided in half by a flat-capped exterior chimney; there is one 2/2 window on each floor on the other side of it.

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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 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
c. 1870	Lewis Schweigart

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary interest of 147 West Main Street is that its red wooden shingles and yellow trim so well evoke the 1870's; if one had to design a modest woodframe residence of that era, one would almost undoubtedly come up with something that looks like this. The Schweigart-Shreeve house looks just the way it ought to look, just as a contemporaneous commercial building, 26 West Main Street, Wheeler's Floor Fashions (nee Smith Lumber Yard) looks exactly the way the small woodframe commercial building of that era ought to look. Or, rather, each would be perfect but for the recent ground floor tamerings.

On June 11, 1853, J. George Wagoner sold to Elisa Wagoner an entire block on the south side of West Main Street, lots 16 through 20 of "Pigman's Addition." This block was somewhat subdivided later when Elisa sold a 97' x 198' slice to Lewis Schweigart for \$1860 on April 13, 1868 (36/398). Lewis then sold the place to Cyrus Schweigart on February 4, 1875 for \$1800 (44/444); the description says they are transferring lot 16 and part of lot 17, and an 1877 map shows the building running along the border of the lots (which must be no. 147) with a small projection across into lot 17 labeled Blacksmith Shop. If the western section of the building was a self-contained shop, it would doubtless explain the exterior chimney, which would certainly have been necessary for a blacksmith. In any event, Cyrus Schweigart sold the place to Jesse Shreeve for \$1300 on April 3, 1879 (51/350), and it is he who is listed in the 1887 City Directory as having a residence (with no shop) at 147 West Main Street. On May 14, 1920, a plat was recorded showing how the lot was further subdivided: 147 is the easterly 46' of the lot, "bounded on the east by Clay Alley" (which may be a more descriptive phrase than "Maryland Avenue"), (136/98). Joseph Shreeve, who inherited the lots of the intestate Jesse Shreeve, sold our property to Maggie J. Smelser and husband on December 7, 1922 for \$8325 (141/158), and Mrs. Smelser sold, two years later, to Harry V. Mancha and wife (144/359). Mancha sold the property to the present owner on September 22, 1972.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the easterly 46' of lot 16 of Pigman's Addition to 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

April

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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WESTMINSTER
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