

## 19 WEST GREEN STREET

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC 19 West Green Street

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 19 West Green Street

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 William A. Shaeffer Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 19 West Green Street

CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21157

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 168  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 83  
Carroll County Office Building

STREET & NUMBER Center Street

CITY, TOWN Westminter 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This five bay pile is located on the south side of West Green Street in Westminster at the intersection of that street with X Alley. It is a fine late sample of the local vernacular form. The north (principal) facade consists of ten regularly spaced bays, (five per floor). The entrance is the central ground story bay. It is a many-paned glass door located beneath a small glass rectangular transom and flanked by smooth white pilasters. A delicate cornice tops the door and is supported by extremely elongated, pelleted scroll brackets. The other bays are all two over two double-hung sash windows with white wooden sills and simple enframement. Hooks reveal the former existence of shutters, but there are no shutters now. A delicate saved strip of leaf-stars runs along the roof's simple eaves; the roof is gable and is covered with silvery rolled tin. A simple flat capped furnace flue, (formerally chimney) rises at the roof's eastern peak flush with the wall.

The east and west facades of this main section are blind. It was stated that this house was a late survivor of vernacular style; this is true, but there are variations present. One such variation is that the standard L is not, strictly speaking, an L, as it is about 5 feet east of the principal sections western edge. (This is due to its sitting very close to X Alley.) The western side of this "L" has one 2/2 window in the center of each of its two floors, and a small four light window lights the attic to the south. The eastern facade still has its original two tier porch, approached on each floor by a glass and aluminum storm door. The south facade of the principal section which overlooks the two tier porch has one 2/2 window per floor. The leaf-star trim found on the eaves of the principal facade is continued all about the building. To the rear of the building, in its small lot, is a very Latin-looking garden: everything is closely planted together beyond a flourishing grape arbor which is used to shade the patio.

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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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Nothing appears to indicate this house's presence on the 1876 plat of the City; on April 19, 1884, George Hoppe and others sold lots 5 and 4 of Mathias' Addition to George Orstuch for \$850 (Carroll County Deed Book 61, Page 30), and Orstuch sold the same lot on the same day, for \$400 less to Milton Shaeffer (61/32). Shaeffer would keep title until September 6, 1899, when he sold the place for \$325 to Susan Wilson (89/453). Ten years later Wilson's trustee (she was declared a lunatic) sold to Ezra C. Brown for \$735 on September 16, 1909 (112/357; this transaction is interesting as it represents the first increase in price). Brown sold to Carroll N. Lockard on March 18, 1919 (135/50), who ran into difficulties, so his trustee sold to Martin L. Minters for \$1700 on March 1, 1924 (143/197). Minters sold the house to Cora B. Amphrazes on May 9, 1929 (152/381) and her heir, Thomas A. Amphrazes, sold to the present owners family on March 12, 1938 for \$2300 (168/83).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Being the northwest corner of lot number 5 of J. T. Mathias' Addition to the City of Westminster as shown on a plat in the Real Estate and Mortgage Records of Carroll County in Book 3, Page 55.

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

August, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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19 W. Green St.  
Westminster

S. Jacaranda  
c. week 6/73