

BANKARD HOUSE

32 BOND STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bankard House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

32 Bond 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	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

Bertha W. Shreeve

Telephone #: 848-4918

STREET & NUMBER

32 Bond 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 #: 492

Folio #: 184

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two story stretcher bond brick pile numbered 32 Bond Street looks east across that street to Belle Grove Square in Westminster.

The building might be considered a row house without a row, in that it resembles other more unified groups of buildings in the City, such as numbers 58-68 West Main Street, which are roughly contemporaneous with this structure. The entrance door is the building's northern ground floor bay. It is an enriched panelled late-Victorian door situated below a segmental arched transom. The whole, approached by a single flight of two brick steps, is encased by a simple board trim, topped by a small cornice which is supported by elongated cabriole pelleted brackets. The other five bays are all regularly placed--three on the second floor, two to the south of the ground floor--and all repeat the segmental arch found in the door's transom. These other bays are all double-hung sash windows with two-over-two panes, black louvered shutters, and white wooden sills.

One feature of this house which links it to other houses in the City (such as those already mentioned) is the eaves' treatment. This consists of a small bracketed modillioned cornice with four brackets which repeat the shape and size found by the door. These brackets are placed alternately with the windows and are connected by a string course at their bases. Within the three areas thus formed are plaques, carved with traditional Germanic-appearing floral designs.

The north front of the structure, below the westward sloping shed roof, consists of more or less randomly placed, 2/2 flat gauged arched windows. The southern front is more exposed (no. 30 Bond Street is but inches from the northern wall) and consists, in the main section, of six flat-gauged arched 2/2 windows; the eastern two on the ground floor and second story have black louvered shutters. The continuity of the roof line is continued or maintained by a weatherboarded addition; this has a pair of 2/2 windows on its southern front and a glass and aluminum storm door to the rear yard to the west. This building is one of the original houses that front Belle Grove Square, appearing on the 1877 plat of the City, and it is pleasant that the herringbone brick sidewalk has been retained in front of it.

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 checked="" 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. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The lot, number 14 of Matthews Addition, measuring 51' x 185', was sold on April 9, 1869 by George Matthews to Ann Herr for \$500 (Carroll County Deed Book 65, Page 125). Her heirs, Frank Herr et. al., sold the same lot for the same price to Elizabeth Bankard on November 25, 1877 (67/75); in the deed there is reference to the land Ann Bankard died seized, thus its probable that it is Elizabeth Bankard who built the house. The house stayed in her family until November 24, 1942 when Luther L. Bankard sold the place for \$4500 to Virginia Hering Shreeve (180/146); Luther had inherited the place in the Will of Elizabeth Bankard (15/306). The house has stayed in the Shreeve family ever since by means of several straw deeds (198/185 and 198/186, 285/287 and 285/289). The present owner, Bertha W. Shreeve, took title July 7, 1971 deed 4092/184.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being lot number 14 as shown on a plat of G. W. Matthews Addition to Westminster recorded among 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 & 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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CAR# 481

32 Bond St.

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Return to City of Westminster

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