

36 BOND STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC _____
 AND/OR COMMON _____

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER 36 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 James A. Snyder Telephone #: 848-7984
 STREET & NUMBER 36 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 #: 616 Folio #: 767
 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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	From Last Alteration	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large rambling building fronts the west side of Belle Grove Square in Westminster, facing Bond Street in that City.

Number 36 Bond Street, Westminster, brings to mind questions of dating: if we can be certain that part of the building dates from the 1870's (it is shown on the 1877 plat of the City) most of what we presently see dates from at least a generation later. What we see is a 3-sectioned beachy type house sheathed in white clapboard with porches, oriels, gables, and towers adding interest and movement. The facade that fronts Bond Street is made of the western facade of a four-bay 2½-story gable-roofed cube. This facade has its four bays most evident on the second floor where they take the form of four glass and aluminum storm windows flanked by black louvered shutters. Below that, there are two elongated glass and aluminum windows (also with black louvered shutters) to the south, regularly spaced and aligned. The other half of the ground story is situated ten feet back behind a recessed cloth-awned porch. The porch is encircled by simple balusters, and by well-proportioned wooden Doric Columns perched atop chamfered wooden white and black bases. The entrance door is situated to the south of a large glass and aluminum shuttered picture window. Above, the roof line is fairly evenly divided between a broad gable and a squat square pyramidal-roofed tower. The gable and tower are covered with imbricated shingles and possess groups of nine-light casement windows: there is a single pair of these windows in the gable, a group of three on this eastern side of the tower. The tower is surmounted by a ball finial. Three windows of the tower are repeated on the building's north facade.

This facade also continues the window pattern on the second floor except that the two eastern windows are replaced by a box multi-paned glass oriel window. On the ground floor, the porch is continued in front of a single 2/1 window. The southern facade gives the appearance of its traditional L-shape: gable roof section to the east with one window to the west on the second floor. The "L" consists of two regularly spaced windows identical to all those previously described. The second section of the building, which fills in the "L", consists of a tin roofed two story pile (possibly the original building). This section has two 2/2 windows on each of its floors on its only exposed facade, the north facade. This tin roof contrasts with the wooden shingled roof of the other section and with the asbestos tiles of the third section.

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 Several BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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On December 10, 1869 George W. Matthews, who was busily laying most of this area, sold lot 15 to Edwin Koontz for \$500, the standard price for an unimproved lot (Carroll County Deed Book 38, Page 33). Much intra-family squabbling fills the next years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being all of lot 15 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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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This third section, a gable roofed section of uncertain proportion, stretches off to the west. It has a glass and aluminum storm door to the east on the ground floor and glass and aluminum storm windows placed one per floor on each of the two floors of that northern section's facade. Opposite, on the south facade, a pair of glass and aluminum storm windows are on the second floor and two single windows are on the ground floor. Although this description makes the building seem a bit disjointed (as it is in fact) the dominant impression is overwhelmingly that of the large eastern porched - towered section, and is one of relaxed comfort.

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