

MHT #FHD-1296
122-124 Water Street
Built around 1900
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
Private dwellings

Brief Description

This two-and-one-half-story, four-bay, frame duplex differs formally from the other dwelling in the Welty's Addition neighborhood. It is the only one with a centered gable roof, and it is set back slightly on its lot, unlike the majority of the other dwellings on the street, which were built out to the front property line. Despite its setback and distinctive appearance, it is connected to the adjacent 120 Water Street, and a narrow passageway is carved out of its first story, allowing access to the rear of the dwelling.

Summary Statement of Significance

The double frame dwelling at 122-124 Water Street is a contributing building in the Frederick Historic District. It appears to have been built between 1897 and 1904 on Lot 15 of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick, Maryland, a small subdivision developed in the last decade of the nineteenth century on the south side of the B&O Railroad tracks. The two units were owned and occupied in the early twentieth century by the families of Jerome Ford, a fence maker, and Jacob Hahn, a carpenter. The two families were related by marriage, and both had numerous relations in the area.

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1296

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 122-124 Water Street not for publication

city, town Frederick vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Please see continuation sheet

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Court House liber 1265 folio 366

street & number 100 West Patrick Street ~~folio~~ XXXX liber 2129 folio 328

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Standing Structures Report, East Street Widening and Extension in Frederick, Maryland

date May 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

7. Description

Condition

Check one

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excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

unaltered
 altered

original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1 building

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This two-and-one-half-story, four-bay, duplex has a centered gable on its standing-seam cross-gabled roof. Like the other dwellings on Water Street, it rests on a low limestone foundation. A brick flue projects from the peak of the gable roof.

Except for the passageway carved into the north side of the front elevation, the west front elevation is symmetrical with its two front doors centrally located in the second and third bays. The siding covering the two units appears to have been added at different times, however, because the composition boards on 122 Water Street are significantly wider than the weatherboards on 124 Water Street. The windows of 122 Water Street are the original two-over-two double sash, while those on 124 Water Street have been replaced with one-over-one sash. The windows on both units have storm windows. Two small attic openings are centered below the peak of the gable. The one to the north, in 122 Water Street, lacks its window, but a small two-light fixed window remains in the attic opening in 124 Water Street. Both units also have added metal awnings, although that on 122 Water Street extends over the first-floor window and door, while that on 124 Water Street is much smaller, covering only the first-story window. Both units have small poured-concrete front stoops.

The north side elevation of 122 Water Street is partially obscured by the south elevation of its neighbor, 120 Water Street. In the portion of the elevation that projects above 120 Water Street is a small, single-light, fixed window in the peak of the gable end. The drop or German cladding on this side of the dwelling, on the rear of the main block, and on the north side of the back building is covered with octagonal asphalt shingles.

A two-story, single pile, shed-roofed back building projects from the rear of the main block of 122 Water Street. The windows on the north elevation of this two-story rear section are four-over-one with wood sills and lintels. Only the second story of the rear east elevation of this two-story wing is exposed. It is clad with thin vertical boards and has an asymmetrically placed four-light, fixed window. A one-story, flat-roofed wing extends from the east rear of the two-story back building. The single window on its north elevation is also a four-over-one sash. This wing is extended with a one-story shed-roofed addition. The north elevation of this addition is covered with composition shingles and has a small, asymmetrically placed, four-light, fixed window. The east rear elevation is covered with thin horizontal boards and has a four-light paneled door at its north end. An oil tank is situated near the rear of this addition.

On 124 Water Street, the south elevation of the gabled main block has a small window in the peak of the gable end. Like 122 Water Street, the side and rear elevations of this half of the building include a number of additions and alterations. The entire rear section of 124 Water Street is two stories in height, and its cladding matches that on the front of the unit. Nevertheless, the building appears to have been built in several separate sections.

The original two-story, shed-roofed back building has a brick flue rising from the northern section of the roof. The windows on south elevation of the wing are the same as those on the front elevation. A door at the east end of the south elevation has a metal awning, matching that over the front window. The rear two-story wing is extended with a two-story shed-roofed addition that appears originally to have been one story in height, and later was expanded to two. The addition's low foundation is concrete block on the east rear and brick on the south side. A door on the south elevation has a shed-roofed entry porch, consisting of two-by-four columns, a balustrade of two-by-fours, and a poured-concrete floor.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates	c. 1900	Builder/Architect	unknown
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	and/or		
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The double frame dwelling at 122-124 Water Street appears to have been built between 1897 and 1904 on Lot 15 of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick, Maryland. The two units of the house were owned and occupied in the early twentieth century by Jerome Ford, a fence maker, and his family and the family of Jacob Hahn, a carpenter. The two families were related by marriage, and both had extended families in the area. Two large working class families occupied the houses in the 1930s and 1940s, and in the 1950s, the units were occupied by a cab driver and an employee of the Muse Tailoring Company.

This small subdivision of Welty's Addition was developed in the last decade of the nineteenth century on an undeveloped tract of land. Horace G. Welty and John S. Ramsburg surveyed the tract and divided it into twenty lots, as illustrated in a May 23, 1891 plat recorded in the land records of Frederick County. As the residential neighborhood developed, a number of industries were established nearby, isolating this pocket of dwellings amid factories and warehouses. This isolation contributed to a close knit community, and the nearby industries provided its residents with convenient employment.

The dwelling was not shown on the 1897 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Frederick*, but was probably built soon thereafter. In her first tax assessment in the 1896-1910 Tax Book, Laura V. Berry was taxed on a double frame house Lot 15 worth \$560 in. Around the same time, Berry also acquired the adjacent Lot 14. The tax book states that Laura Berry was married to Joseph Berry, and the two lived in Norfolk, Virginia. Two children with the surname Berry, however, were listed in the 1900 census in the household of Jerome Ford, a 48-year-old day laborer with a 46-year-old wife named Mary. One of the children, 6-year-old George Berry, was listed as Jerome and Mary Ford's adopted son, and the other, 2-month-old Florence M. Berry, was listed as their god-daughter. No address is given for the Jerome Ford household in the 1900 census, but a 1906 directory listed him at 124 Water Street.

A 1904 Sanborn map shows the property as a two-story frame double house with two-story rear back buildings with one-story rear wings. In 1905, Laura Berry apparently sold the adjacent house in Lot 14, and in 1908 sold both halves of this double house in Lot 15. She sold half of the lot, probably 122 Water Street, to Jacob M. Hahn, and the other half, probably 124 Water Street, to John L. Ford, who was serving as a trustee for Mary and Jerome Ford. Both halves were assessed at a value of \$280.

By the time of the 1910 census, the Hahn family occupied 122 Water Street, and the Jerome Ford family occupied 124 Water Street. Jacob Hahn, the head of the household in 122 Water Street, was a 30-year-old carpenter. According to census records, he was born in April 1880 in the Lower Depot neighborhood. His parents, Jacob M. and Catherine Hahn, were enumerated in the neighborhood in 1880 with a household including three of their own children and three of Jacob Hahn Sr.'s sisters. At least one of them, Sophia, had already married into the Ford family and had been widowed. Possibly one of the others, Mary

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9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. FHD-1296

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nomiated property 3,250 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM Refernces **do NOT complete UTM references**

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frederick Tax Map 418 parcels 920 and 921

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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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The later upper story of this rear addition consists of one room and a porch. An exterior, brick flue on the north wall of this addition is visible above the one-story rear addition on the adjacent 122 Water Street. The east rear elevation of this second story has a two-light door, opening onto the porch, and a window on its south elevation. A straight-run, open-string stair with railings extends down to the ground from the east rear elevation. This separate entry probably indicates that the upper story served as a separate apartment.

A non-contributing three-sided, shed-roofed storage building, clad with wide vertical boards, stands at the rear of 124 Water Street. There is also a gable-roofed dog house in the yard.

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Ann or Ann Eliza, had also married a Ford, because other records indicate John Benjamin Ford's wife's maiden name was Hahn. Nevertheless, the extended Hahn and Ford families, which formed a number of households in the neighborhood, were related by marriage, and members of the family had been in the neighborhood for several decades. When Jacob Hahn Jr. was enumerated in 1910, his household also included his 32-year-old wife Ella and his aunt, Mollie Hahn, who was 43 and single. Daisy Smith, his 23-year-old sister (mistakenly listed 1910 as Hahn's daughter) had been widowed but had a two-year-old daughter. At the same time, Jacob Hahn's parents, Catherine and Jacob Hahn Sr., resided across the street in 115 Water Street.

Next door, Jerome Ford, a 59-year-old fence maker, and his 53-year-old wife Mary occupied 124 Water Street. Two children, 11-year-old Frank and 10-year-old Florence, lived with them. Florence, who was listed as their daughter, is likely the same as Florence M. Berry, who was identified as their two-month-old god-daughter in the 1900 census.

In 1920, no residents were listed for 124 Water Street, but the Hahn family still occupied 122 Water Street. Hahn was identified as a house carpenter, and his sister Daisy Smith was employed as a dress maker in the house. Although she had been widowed for at least ten years, Daisy Smith had a 13-year-old daughter, Mary E., and two sons, aged three and six. The household also included Mollie Hahn, Jacob Hahn's 52-year-old aunt.

Throughout the 1930s and into the 1940s, 122 Water Street was occupied by the Bagent household, and 124 Water Street was occupied by the Hart household. John A. Bagent was married to Emma, and their household included ten people. Of them, William Bagent was listed in the directory as a helper [apprentice]. Next door, the household of laborer John Hart and his wife Mary was also large, with as many as seven members.

In the mid-1940s, 122 Water Street was occupied by Willie C. Poole, and 124 was occupied by Willis Winpigler and his household of four. By 1950 Norman H. Stine, driver of a Diamond Cab, lived in 122 Water Street with his wife Helen, and Melvin A. Carbough, a presser at the Muse Tailoring Company, lived in 124 Water Street with his wife Dorothy. Both households were listed in the units in 1955, and Melvin was identified as an owner-occupant.

In 1960, 124 Water Street was vacant, and 122 Water Street was occupied by the Morgan household. The head of household, John C. Morgan, was a driver for the city sanitation department. His household also included his wife Kathleen, and Wilbur Morgan, perhaps their son, who was a laborer at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Presently, the dwellings are both rental properties, and 124 Water Street appears to be vacant.

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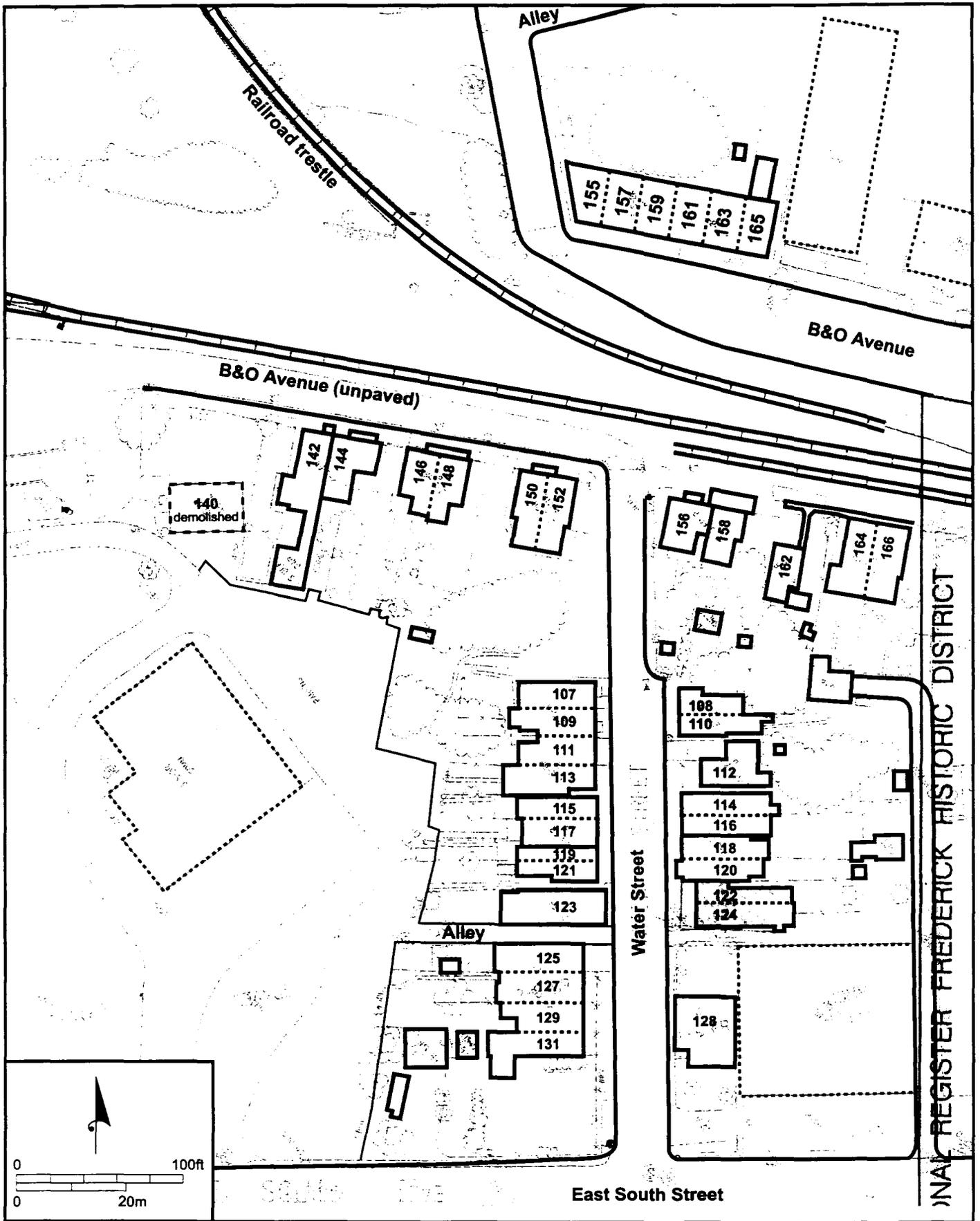
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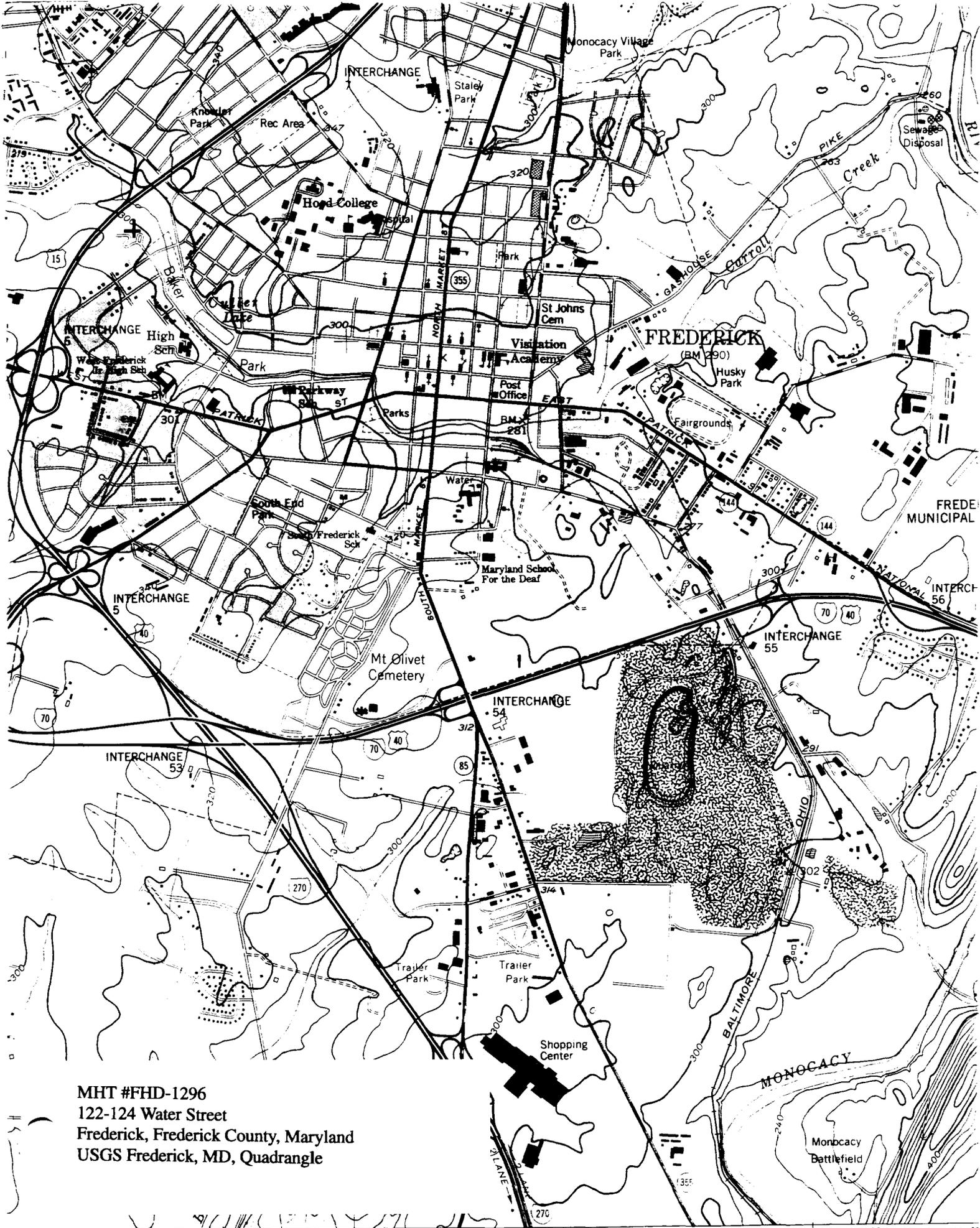
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Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
1960	City Directory: John C. Morgan (Kathleen) driver for city sanitation dept.; Wilbur Morgan, laborer Mt. Olivet Cemetery	occupants of 122 Water Street; 124 Water Street vacant	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Norman H. Stine; Melvin A. Carbough	renter occupant of 122 Water Street; owner occupant of 124 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Norman H. Stine (Helen) taxi driver, Diamond Cab; Melvin A. Carbough (Dorothy) presser Muse Tailoring Company	renter occupant of 122 Water Street; owner occupant of 124 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Willie C. Poole, household of 2; Willis Winpigler, household of 4	occupants of 122; 124 Water Street	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: John A. Bagent (Emma); William Bagent, helper, household of 10: John B. Hart (Mary V.), laborer; William L. Hart; Mary C. Hart, household of 7	occupants of 122; 124 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
1935	City Directory: John A. Bagent; John B. Hart	occupants of 122; 124 Water Street	Polk 1935
1929	Bertha Crum Kennedy born	124 Water Street	B. Kennedy
1928-29	City Directory: J.B. Hart; E.N. Rowe	occupants of 122; 124 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
1920	Census: Jacob Hahn, 38, house carpenter; Ella, wife, 43; Daisy Smith, sister, 30, widowed, dress making at home; Mary E., 13, niece; Chris, nephew, 6; Jonnie, nephew, 3; Mollie Hahn, aunt, 52	Owner occupants of 122 Water Street	1920 census
April 20, 1910	Census: Jerome Ford, 59, laborer fence maker; Mary, wife, 53, housekeeper (2 surviving children); Frank, 11; Florence, 10	Renters of 124 Water Street	1910 census
April 20, 1910	Census: Jacob Hahn, 30, laborer carpenter; Ella, wife, 32, housekeeper; Mollie Hahn, aunt, 43, single, housekeeper; Daisy Smith, 23, daughter, widowed, housekeeper; Elizabeth, 2, granddaughter	Owner occupants of 122 Water Street	1910 census

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Nov. 1, 1908	Tax Assessment: Laura V. Berry (wife of Joseph of Norfolk, VA) for \$560	½ lot 15 to John L. Ford, trust. Mary and Jerome Ford at \$280	Tax Book 1896-1910
Nov. 1, 1908	Tax Assessment: Laura V. Berry (wife of Joseph of Norfolk, VA) for \$560	½ lot 15 to Jacob M. Hahn at \$280	Tax Book 1896-1910
1906	City Directory: Jerome Ford, fence maker	occupant of 124 Water Street	Coggins and Heath
1904	Map	36 and 38 Water Street, 2-story frame double house, 2-story back buildings, 1-story rear wings	1904 Sanborn
1900	[Census: Jerome Ford, 48, day laborer; Mary, 46, wife; George M. Berry, 6, adopted son; Jerome J. Huffman, 8, step-grandson; Florence M. Berry, 2 months, god-daughter]	occupants of unidentified dwelling on Water Street	1900 census
Dec. 27 [1897]	Tax Assessment: Laura V. Berry for \$560	for double frame house in Lot 15	Tax Book 1896-1910
1897	Map:	Lot shown as vacant	Sanborn 1897
May 25, 1891	Deed: Joseph and Adaline Welty (of Tuscarora, Ohio) to their daughter-in-law Mary Welty for \$1 and natural love and affection	2 acres, 1 rood and 11½ perches	Deed Book WIP 13/372
May 23, 1891	Plat of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick City, Maryland	Lot 15 shown as a 25' x 130' lot facing west onto Water Street	Deed Book WIP 13/376



Resource Sketch Map
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 USGS Frederick, MD, Quadrangle



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West (Front) elevation of 122 & 124, South elevation of 124
Looking NE

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122 & 124 S. Wnter St., Frederick, Md.
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South and East (rear) elevations of 124
Looking NW

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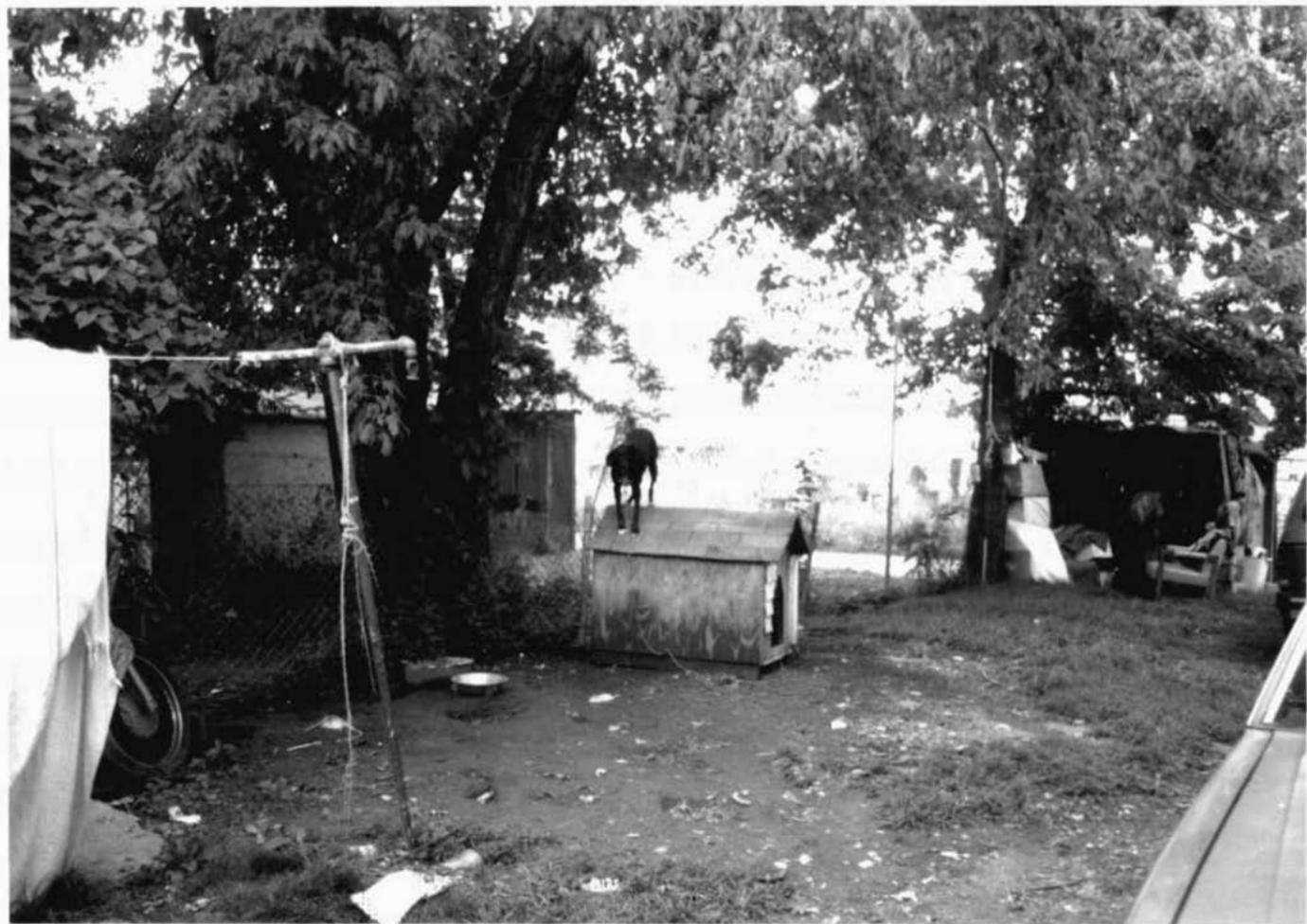
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NORTH & EAST (REAR) ELEVATIONS of 122

Looking SW

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Back yard of 124. Looking NE

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