

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
Washington, D.C. 20240

FHD-366



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a complete application form has been received. P.L. 94-455: Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and submitted to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: Pythian Castle Building  
Address of property: Street 111-113 West All Saints Street  
City Frederick County Frederick State Maryland Zip Code 21701  
Name of historic district in which property is located Frederick Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(See instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

111-113 West All Saints Street is a two story, three bay wide late 19th century brick structure laid in common bond. The building is ten bays deep and appears to have been constructed in three stages.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The center six bay wide section and first story of the front section appear to

(Use reverse side if necessary)

The Pythian Castle Building is significant to the Frederick Historic District for its associations with the Black Pythian Castle Organization which met in the building for 30 or more years, for its history in use as one of the breweries which existed in the area during the nineteenth century and for its architectural significance

Date of construction (if known) c. 1849  Original site  Moved Date of alterations (if known) 1870's(?), 1921

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Edith H. Elliot  
Street Main Street  
City New Market, Maryland State Md Zip Code 21774  
Telephone Number (including City Area Code) 301-865-5136

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge and that I am the owner of the property described above.

Signature Edith H. Elliot Date 12-8-82

Social Security or Tax I.D. Number

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This structure has been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and is hereby listed on the National Register of Historic Places.  Contributes  Does not contribute to the historic character of the district.

This structure is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Evaluation. See DPH Circular 12-1-1976. It will likely be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the Department of the Interior's plan to list eligible structures for evaluation.

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Signature [Signature] Date 12-8-82  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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...the most recent sections of the building. According to the records, these sections are relatively undisturbed except for the double hung six over six windows with plain wood lintel which occupy each bay on both levels.

The front section of the building which stands on All Saints Street is a late nineteenth century style although it may have undergone some minor changes in 1921 when the building was converted to the Pythian Castle. The front is the most distinctive part of the building with its heavy bracketed cornice with dentiled and architraved molding. Entrances are located in the first and third bays on the first level. The door located in the first bay is a replaced modern six panel door with three light transom set into a plain recessed, paneled doorway with molded cornice and wood hood molding with wooden flower decorations at either end of the hood molding.

The main entrance is located in the third bay and is a recessed paneled entrance with four light transom, twin replaced six panel doors with decorative hood molding identical to that in the first bay. A single stone doorsill is located beneath the entrance. A double hung 6/6 window with decorative hood molding is located between the entrances in the second bay. A frame porch supported by metal pipe and added c. 1930 extends between the bay and covers a cellar entrance to the building. Located on the second level in each bay is a double hung 6/6 window with plain hood molding. A cornerstone is located in the southeast corner of the building and states, "Pythian Castle Dedicated May 30, 1921." An irregular window pattern is located on both levels of the east side of the front section of the building. A difference in the color of the brick on the front section indicates that this section may well have once been a one story building.

The rear section of the building is the most recent addition and was probably constructed at the time the building became the Pythian Castle. A replaced vertical board door with three light transom is located in the first bay on the first level next to the middle section of the building. The remaining bays on both levels on the east and west side are occupied by double hung 2/2 windows. A rear four panel door is located in the first bay from the northeast corner on the north wall of the building.

The entire building is constructed on a low random stone foundation and is covered by a built up shed and flat roof. An unusual feature of the building is the row of six single brick interior chimneys located unevenly spaced along the east roof side of the building.

The interior of the building has been changed substantially over years of varying uses and neglect. The first floor of the building is a completely open space, once used as a meeting room and dance hall with no significant architectural features. The second floor is sectioned off into five rooms with no unusual or significant architectural merit.

statement of Significance cont'd.

as a contributing part of the streetscape of West All Saints Street and as an example of late nineteenth century architecture shown in its bracketed cornice, decorative hood moldings, and transomed and paneled original entrances.

The building served as the headquarters of the Alpha Lodge #36 Knights of Pythias, of Frederick City beginning in 1921 and before that according to land records, was the headquarters of the Black Nazarite Daughters of Ruth #4.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

OLD COLORED PYTHIAN CASTLE

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

111-113 W. All Saints Street

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 checked="" 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 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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This newer building is ornamented by Victorian cornices and other trim which is unusual for this period. It may include material from another older building or have been remodeled and enlarged as it is now a large, wide and long building.

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 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 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		

Cornerstone 1921

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

*DOUGLAS M. GREENE  
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN*

ORGANIZATION

*HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701*

DATE

SEPTEMBER 1975

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

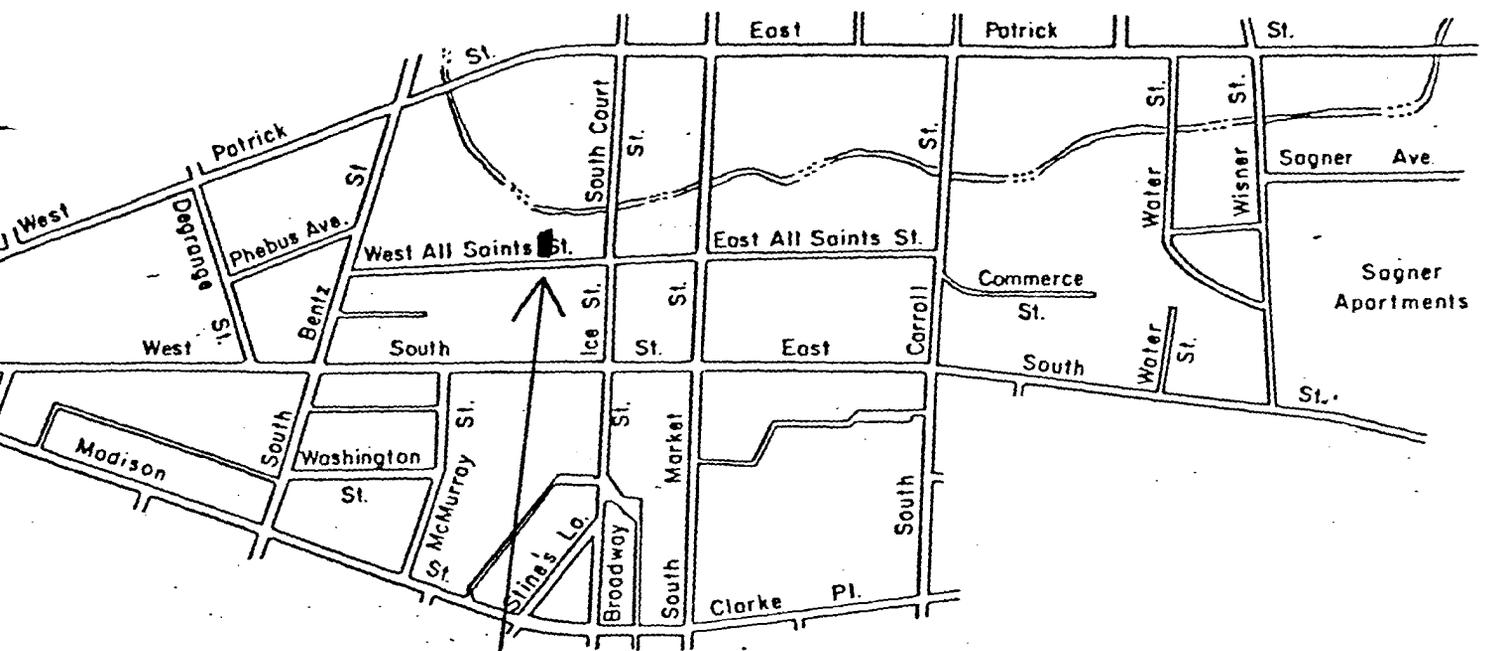
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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



Frederick, MD  
TARGET AREA

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