

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

COURT SQUARE BUILDING

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 W. Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL offices
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

COMMENTS: Colonial-Georgian Remodeled to Victorian style

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

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

75-110

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large 2-1/2 story brick detached corner office building, five bays wide and four bays long in depth (possibly square). To the rear is a two story brick "T" shaped wing, one bay wide and eight bays long. On the left (east) corner junction of the wing is a one story brick, one bay square extension. Brickwork on the left street side is laid in Flemish bond and all other is in common bond. The main entrance-way occupies the center bay of the Church Street (north) facade. This contains double doors of glass over panels with a rectangular transom topped by a limestone lintel with a moulded top and supported by side arches carved in acanthus leaves. Above is another transom with a round arch and decorated by a metal grill of a lozenge shaped design. Below the ends of the lintel are date stones with "1908." The spacious vestibule has a pair of double doors with round arched panes. On either side are detached, fluted Ionic columns set on marble pedestals and sidelights in a design of circles and interlaced ovals. Above the doorway is a projecting moulded cornice with finely carved floral and ribbon garlands on the frieze. Above this is a high, round arched transom with muntins in a sunburst design and with interlaced ovals, also appearing in the transom sidelights. These are separated by Doric pilasters and the whole is crowned by a scrolled keystone design. The vestibule ceiling is paneled in natural wood and edged on all sides by a dentiled cornice. Wainscoating is of marble. There is also a wide, angled northeast corner entrance with double doors of glass over panels separated by a narrow fluted attached Corinthian column and sidelights framed by Doric pilasters. This is approached by a four step granite porch. On the first floor north and east street sides are wide, shallow, elliptical arched bay windows with mullions and side pilasters consisting of paired attached pillars and those windows have dentiled cornices. Cantilevered above the northeast corner entrance is a six sided bay window with top sash in Victorian design (added 1885) of small panes and decorated by Doric pilasters. This is crowned by a polygonal, ogee shaped metal sheathed peaked roof with a gilded pyramidal finial and sphere. Other front section windows are of large 6/1 sash with a triple window in the rear wall, all with wood lintels and sills. In the first bay of both sides of the wing is a 1/1 sash window with sidelights and headed by a flat pediment. Wing windows are of 6/6 sash with flat brick arches of shaped voussoirs and brick keystones. The front section attic is lighted by two 6/6 Gothic shaped round arched, stepped dormer windows on the front and one on each side of the hipped roof which is covered by slate. The cornice line is rather ornate with small, flared modillions extending around the building, including the corner bay window. Two tall, wide, enclosed chimneys rise from the left and right sidewalls. The wing has a low slope "A" frame roof with a moulded cornice and long wood dentils on a wooden frieze. This building rests on a low foundation faced with granite and sets back from the property line with beds of evergreens, dwarf trees, and ground covers on the left (east) side.

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)
1908-Date stones above entrance		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		
(remodeling)		Original 1782 Georgian Mansion		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant office building anchoring one corner of "Court Square," a block of Federal mansions surrounding the Court House and park, was once the rally area for political speeches, outdoor band concerts, and the site of the first electric street light in Frederick at this street intersection. The area and buildings have been well maintained. The building was once the "Annapolis Bank" and contains the old vault.

# 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*

ORGANIZATION

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

DATE

*MAY 1973*

STREET & 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.

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