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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Allegany	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Queen City Hotel

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Queen City Station Hotel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: west of Park Street, south of East Harrison Street
east of B & O Railroad tracks

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Allegany	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) empty; not in use <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
Baltimore and Charles Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Allegany County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
(1) Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: (1) 1971 / (2) 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
94 College Avenue (Box 1704)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The Queen City Hotel is located west of Park Street, south of East Harrison Street, and east of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks in Cumberland, Maryland.</p> <p>The large, brick station hotel is built roughly in the form of a "T". The stem of the "T" which points east is four stories tall and contained, in the original hotel, kitchen apartments. The two blocks, one at the north end and one at the south end of the "T" crossbar measure forty-eight feet by eighty-four feet and are also four stories. These end wings frame the central section which faces the railroad tracks to the west. The one-hundred-forty-foot long central block is two monumental stories tall. The two story center section reaches to the level of the third story of the adjoining wings. A dining room occupied the entire length of the central.</p> <p>Centered on the roof of the hotel is a large, octagonal, wooden cupola on a square wooden base. The windows on each side of the octagonal lantern have double rounded tops, vaguely Romanesque, and are flanked by fluted columns. The columns support an entablature which forms the base of the cupola's low, metal dome.</p> <p>The entire hotel is highly ornamented. The main cornice is bracketed with dentils. This ornamental detail is also found on the square cupola base. The cornice on the north and south wings has been removed. All the windows above the first floor are supported by floriated brackets while those on the third and fourth floors, north and south wings only, have scroll brackets and are somewhat less ornate. The first and second story windows are nine over nine. The third and fourth story windows are six over six. A wide wooden porch supported by floral wrought iron work extends across the entire western facade of the hotel--one of the most notable features of the building.</p> <p>Below the porch there is a moat-like areaway, servicing a full basement which originally contained a billiard room, restaurant, laundry, storage rooms and fuel cellars.</p> <p>Several chimneys with corbeled tops and recesses are placed lengthwise to the roof edge.</p> <p>The effect of the Queen City Hotel is commanding and monumental.</p>						

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1871-1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Hotels</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Queen City Railroad Station and Hotel, Cumberland, Maryland, is one of the few stations in a hotel in the United States.

An important historical structure to the citizens of Cumberland, this hotel reflects the significant role hotels played in the development of American urban communities.

This hotel is an example of the Italianate-style architecture of the post-Civil War era.

The Queen City Hotel is part of the history of the development of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the first major American railroad, and a pioneer in the development of engineering. This company built the first Baltimore and Ohio railroad station; the innovative mile long tunnel under one of Baltimore's busiest streets. It was the first railroad to cross the Allegheny Mountains and it reached the Ohio River in December 1852. This railroad created a need for the Queen City Hotel, Cumberland, Maryland.

The concept of a railroad station and hotel in one building originated in England. Gilbert Scott's Gothic revival St. Pancrās Hotel (1867), joined to St. Pancras Station in London, is a notable example. This combination of functions, however, did not flourish in the United States. Of the many outstanding railroad hotels that do exist in this country, few combine the depot and hostelry under one roof in the manner of the Queen City Hotel.

In contrast to the unusual character of the Cumberland station hotel, the close association of the Queen City Hotel and the community is indicative of the special role hotels of this type played in American communities. Daniel Boorstin in The Americans: The National Experience explains the important role hotels played in pre-Civil War America. The hotel was a community "institution"--a social center for both private and public gatherings. Hotels filled with the latest gadgets and most luxurious equipment were the show place of

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Queen City Hotel

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (continued)

Historic American Buildings Survey (2)

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. code: 11

#8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

any American city or town to which a railroad reached. To small growing communities, the hotel symbolized an urban status. Although Boorstin's discussion relates to a period four decades before the construction of the Queen City Hotel, his observations do apply here as is evidenced by the intense interest in this hotel shown by Cumberland citizens. Cumberland wedding receptions, traditionally, took place at the Queen City Hotel. Newly married couples often lived there before establishing a permanent Cumberland residence. An annual New Year's Dance--the height of the Cumberland social season--was held there. The significance of the Queen City Hotel in the social life of Cumberland is a later example of the phenomenon Boorstin described.

In addition to its importance to the local community the Queen City Hotel served as a summer resort hotel. Located in a valley surrounded by mountains it provided an escape from the summer heat. The year the Queen City Hotel was finished the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company expanded its resort business by beginning the construction of the Deer Park Hotel in Garrett County. The latter resort hotel was destroyed by fire.

The Queen City Hotel was built in Cumberland thirty years after the railroad was first laid (1842), but only one year after the Baltimore and Ohio finished the rail connection from Cumberland to Pittsburgh. This placed Cumberland as a major junction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company routes: the route northwest to Pittsburgh and the route west to the Ohio River. Prior to 1872 the main junction was located at Grafton, West Virginia, where one route went to Wheeling, West Virginia, Columbus, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, and the other went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and St. Louis, Missouri. In the mid-1850's the Baltimore and Ohio built a hotel at Grafton, West Virginia.

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Queen City Hotel

#8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

As an example of late nineteenth-century Italianate architecture, sometimes called the "President Grant" style, the Queen City Hotel exemplifies a period of American taste, part of our architectural heritage. As a documentary example of American architectural history, although it may not be a major monument, the continued existence of the hotel could be valuable.

In the last decades of the nineteenth century the Queen City Hotel was thought to be the "best" hotel in Cumberland and according to the Maryland historian, J. Thomas Scharf, "one of the finest in the state." (History of Western Maryland . . ., 1882, 11, 1451-1452.)

John W. Garrett (1820-1884), sixth president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, took a personal interest in the building of the Queen City Hotel. The Maryland Historical Society has several letters indicating his interest in such matters as hiring the first manager for the hotel. Garrett's presidency spanned the Civil War when he worked with President Lincoln to keep the road open for the army, the construction of the Cumberland-Pittsburgh branch, and the establishment of a Baltimore steamship line to Bremen in Germany.

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Boorstin, Daniel J., The Americans The National Experience. New York: Vintage Books, 1965.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: William Morgan, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, June 1970.

Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, March 1971.

Hazel Groves Hansrote (Mrs. Charles Johnson Hansrote), for the Preservation Society of Allegany County, Inc. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39° 39' 03.0"	78° 45' 33.0"	°	'	"
NE	39° 39' 03.0"	78° 45' 23.0"	°	'	"
SE	39° 38' 55.0"	78° 45' 23.0"	°	'	"
SW	39° 38' 55.0"	78° 45' 33.0"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Mar. 10, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Box 1704), Annapolis, Maryland 21404

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Dorinda Ridout IV
 Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date: March 10, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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COUNTY:	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: CUMBERLAND RAILROAD STATION (SITE)

AND/OR HISTORIC: QUEEN CITY HOTEL

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: CUMBERLAND

STATE: MARYLAND CODE: COUNTY: ALLEGANY CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: BALTIMORE + OHIO RR.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: BALTIMORE STATE: MD CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: CITY LOT

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cumberland R.R. Station is a large brick station hotel built roughly in the form of a T-



the tail appears to be a later addition of 4 storeys, the blocks at the ends of the T corner (?) are also four storeys. These blocks

frame the front or main section which is 2 monumental stories (reaches to middle of 3rd story of block wings) - ~~is topped~~ on the roof of the main

part is a large octagonal wooden cupola ^{ON} a square wooden base. @ side of octagon has double round top (vaguely Romanesque) windows flanked by ^(peripheral) peripteral fluted columns. This is topped by a low metal dome. The bldg. is highly ornamented ~~with~~

~~in white wood~~. The main cornice is bracketed w/ dentils, etc. This is ^{also} found on the cupola base, but it has been removed from the 2 end wings. All windows above 1st floor level have ornate cast iron drip moldings - those on 2nd floor supported by ~~fluted~~

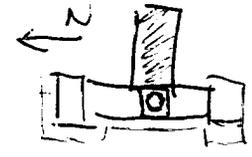
floriated brackets; those on upper 2 floors have scroll brackets and are slightly less ornate than those below. All ^{upper storey} windows are $\frac{6}{8}$ ^{with} proportionately longer ~~ones~~

at 2nd floor + 1st floor (those are $\frac{4}{8}$). The track side has (front) a ~~wide~~ wide wood porch ~~supported by~~ ^{which} ~~fluted~~ are floral wrought iron - though this is gone in places - porch seems in danger of collapse. * There are several chimneys placed longwise to roof edge - these have

corbelled tops  + recesses - etc. Bldg. is commanding + ~~impressive~~ monumental

+ important - in imminent danger.

* below porch is moat-like area + basement level.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1880s ?

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Architecture</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

19th C. SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The Cumberland Station ~~is a fine~~ ~~is one of the~~ ~~great~~ ~~RR~~ ~~station-hotels~~ in the tradition of ~~the~~ ~~great~~ ~~RR~~ ~~station-hotels~~ in England - e.g. St. Pancras. Its huge size + decaying state ~~back back back~~ are reminders of Cumberland's past + importance as railroad + resort ~~head~~-center.

Architecturally, the bldg. is an important monument - as a RR-hotel type but also as a good excellent example of High Victorian Eclectic style - ~~more properly~~ ^{or sometimes called} President Grant - note deep moldings, low entablatures, floriated ornament, etc. Symbolic of ~~the~~ 19th C. American vitality + RR age, this badly ~~decaying~~ deteriorated bldg. should be stabilized; ~~the~~ the bldg. (minus perhaps rear wing) ~~is~~ is a must for preservation - use as comm. college - state office bldg etc - or hotel (far superior to any holiday Inn, one of which is being built across from Queen City)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. MORGAN

ORGANIZATION: NHT DATE: June 7, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

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National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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1. NAME

COMMON: **Queen City Hotel-Station (B & O Railroad) (S. 7)**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Queen City Hotel of B & O Railroad**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Queen City Pavement and Park St. & Williams St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Cumberland (County Seat)**

STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **21502** COUNTY: **Allegany**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **C&O/B&O Railway Co.,**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Baltimore and Charles St.,**

CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Allegany County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Washington Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Cumberland** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **21502**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **40 acres (about 4 acres used for Hotel)**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **see attached courthouse records. Bk. 28-p.314,315,316,317,318**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1868** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Allegany County Courthouse records; Land Offices-Annapolis, Md.**

STREET AND NUMBER: **(and Hall of Records ")**

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

STATE: _____
COUNTY: _____
ENTRY NUMBER: _____
DATE: _____
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present: Slightly deteriorated; verandas and cornice bad. The walls and exceptionally well built; foundation exceptionally strong; both appear to be structurally sound (opinion of two engineers). This building was renovated (outside) about ten years ago. A good bit of trim and cornice has been removed.

Original: The Hotel-Station was begun July 1, 1871 and opened for entertainment of travelers in Nov. 1872. The dining room and offices were handsomely frescoed, and a platform 50 feet wide in front of the hotel was laid with the Schillinger cement pavement. The center building, 140 feet 8 inches front, is two stories in height, surmounted by a lofty cupola from which a magnificent view is had of the city and surrounding mountains. The wings, 48 feet by 84 feet each, are four stories in height, and the back building, containing the kitchen apartments 38 feet by 97 feet, is three stories in height, the whole building being covered by a handsome slate roof. Like everything constructed by the B&O, they built the strongest, largest and most handsome brick hotel in the State. The building is Victorian. An ornamental iron piazza, 10 1/2 feet wide extends along the ~~first~~ front and ends, of the first floor, while there is a two story portico between the wings on the rear. A lofty well-lighted basement extends under the whole building, which is fitted for a billiard room, restaurant, laundry, etc. with ample room for storage and fuel cellars. The dining room is 34 feet by 140 feet 8 inches, and will seat 400 or more persons. The building is heated throughout by steam provided by two boilers placed in a boiler house, 28 feet by 35 feet, three stories high. An ice house, 28 feet square, holding 300 tons of ice was built adjoining the hotel. The beautiful iron grille work of its spacious porches always attracts attention and recalls New Orleans, where many buildings carry the old iron decorative schemes. The original building had 147 rooms. The grounds to the south of the hotel, containing about 3 acres, were enclosed, and handsomely laid out and ornamented with a magnificent fountain, evergreen, trees and sarubbery. (data-Annual reports -B&O-1871-2-3-)

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Suggested plan: Part of the Queen City Museum could include the history of each Town and Village of our County (Cumberland is the County Seat) and each one using a seperate room could show their unique history. Mount Savage could dramatize the fact that the first iron rail made in the U.S. was made there. Frostburg, Md. --where coal was first mined in Allegany County. A Diarama of the capture of Jane Beall Frazier by the Indians in 1754. George Washington here during the Whiskey Rebellion (after the Fort, where he had taken over here following the death of Gen. Braddock, had deteriorated beyond use. etc, etc.

Most of our LANDMARKS are gone, victims of stupidity of owners and Urban Renewal. Queen City Hotel is one of the few left in Cumberland, Md.

Except for Geo. Washington's cabin, no 18th century landmarks saved. Most of 19th century ones gone.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Grille work</u>	
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>(New Orleans type)</u>	
Commerce	Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-			
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Terminus--C&O Canal</u>	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Canal and Railway passengers used (here) as overnight stop where all facilities were available--then continued on stagecoach through the Narrows, the Gateway to the west, on the National Road. On Dec. 5, 1842, Pres. Tyler sent a message from the Relay house via an express locomotive over 170 miles in 5 hrs. & 50 minutes. This was considered an extraordinary speed and the subject of great discussion in this area. The Queen City Hotel, a transportation center became the social center of the town, with wedding breakfasts and wedding receptions held there. Upon return from their honeymoon, many couples took suites there until their new homes or apartments were finished. The hotel became a very popular resort in the summer. The annual New Year's Dance (by invitation) was the biggest event of the local social season.

The greatest significance of this building is that it served as the Western Terminus for years for the C&O Canal, while serving the Railroad passengers, which in itself shows it has "value in commemorating or illustrating the history of the United States".

Beginning with Pres. Geo. Washington most all Presidents and many Statesmen have travelled through this area, Daniel Boone was a wagone with Gen. Braddock. Christopher Gist made friends with Nemaquin and other Indians.

Frederick Dent, the father of Julia Dent Grant, wife of Pres. U.S. Grant, was the first white child born in Cumberland and died in the White House.

in 1921, Gen. John J. Pershing and his aide, George Catlett Marshall (later-Gen.) came to dedicate the Geo. Washington headquarters which had been restored.

The Franklin Delano and the James Roosevelt families lived in this area and Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt visited here.

Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes came to attend the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of W. Md. held Oct. 22-25, 1878. He had been stationed here along with Pres. Wm. McKinley with the Union troops when Generals Crook and Kelley were captured Feb. 21, 1865. In Sept. 1884, Gen. Geo. Crook, Pres. of Society of the Army of W. Va. held a three day reunion here. At the same time, excursion trains were run to see the electrically-lighted city -the 4th or 5th plant of incadescent lighting in the United States.

Henry Clay, Horace Greely, Senators and Congressmen from Va., and Pa., came here to take the Stage.

Hotel Register not available.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf's History of Western Maryland(p.1340) has best picture of the original building)
 Thomas History of Allegany County
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 B & O Annual Reports of 1871-2-3
 Hungerford B & O History 1929
 Transportation Room, History House, 218 Washington St., Cumberland, Md.
 " Charles Johnson Hansrote, Sr.—Sponsor.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NONE		NONE	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Hazel Groves Hansrote(Mrs.Charles Johnson Hansrote, Sr.)-Secretary

ORGANIZATION
 Preservation Society of Allegany County--(S O S Group)

DATE
 May 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 519 Hill Top Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
 Cumberland

STATE
 Maryland

CODE
 21502

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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