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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Western Maryland Railway Station

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Burhans Boulevard, between Washington and Franklin Streets

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

034

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Chessie System, Real Estate and Industrial Development Department

STREET & NUMBER

2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
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SPECIFIC DATES      1913      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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By 1912, the Western Maryland Railroad had become a busy trunk line linking the Great Lakes, the Midwest, and the coal fields of West Virginia with the eastern seaboard, (Williams, p. 89.) The railroad was chartered in 1852 and was acquired in 1902 by the Fuller Syndicate, an affiliate of the Gould railroad interests. In 1906, the Western Maryland reached Cumberland, Allegany County. Within the decade the road stretched to Connellsville, near Pittsburgh, where it connected with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, tying it into the big eastern and western systems.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 126' x 489'

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

SWO

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Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

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(301) 731-3200, ext. 6885

DATE

29 August 1975

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STATE

Maryland 21740

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NATIONAL

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As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

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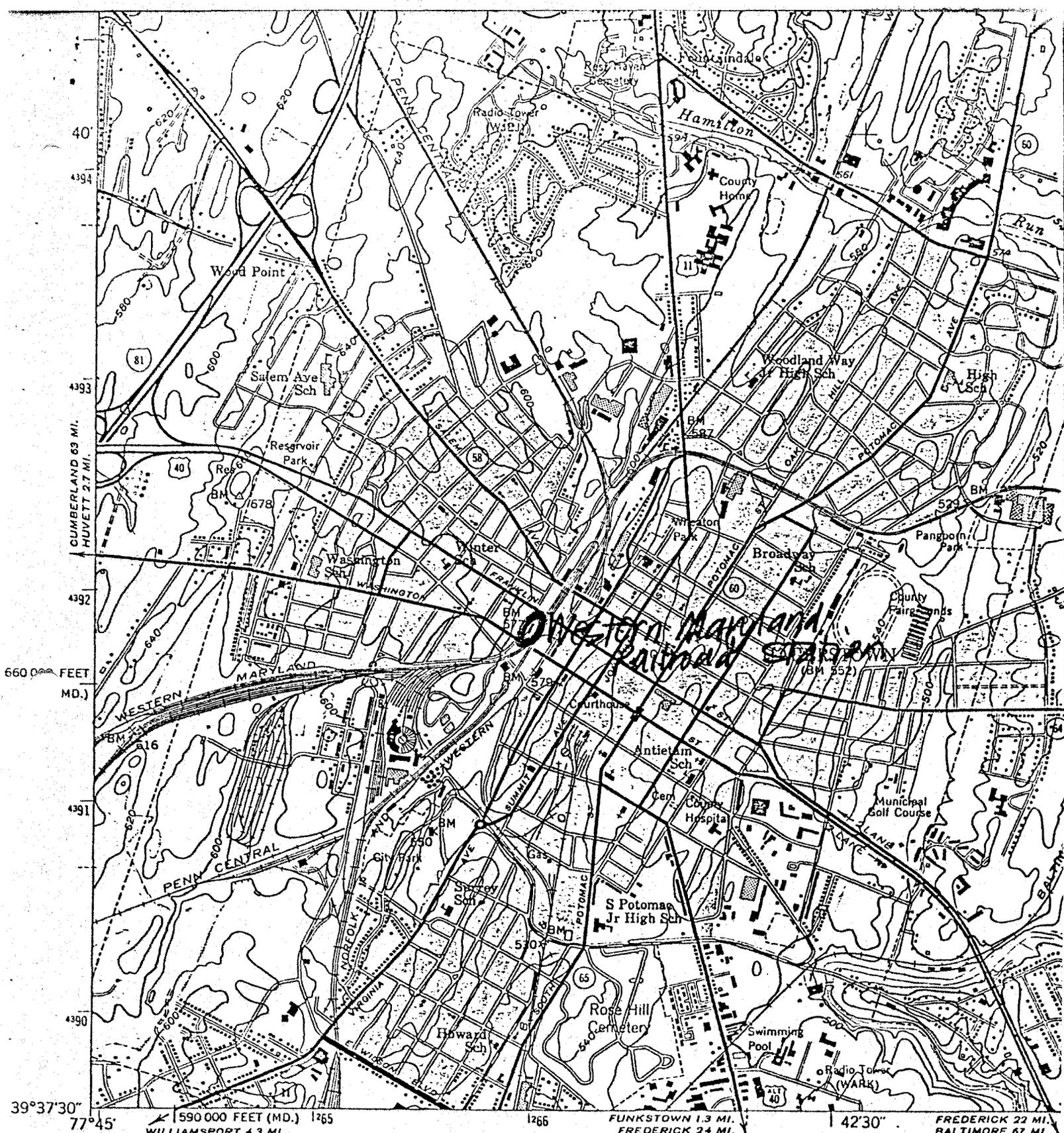
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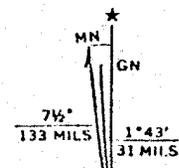
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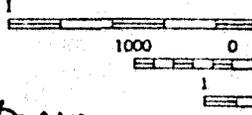


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Hagerstown Quad

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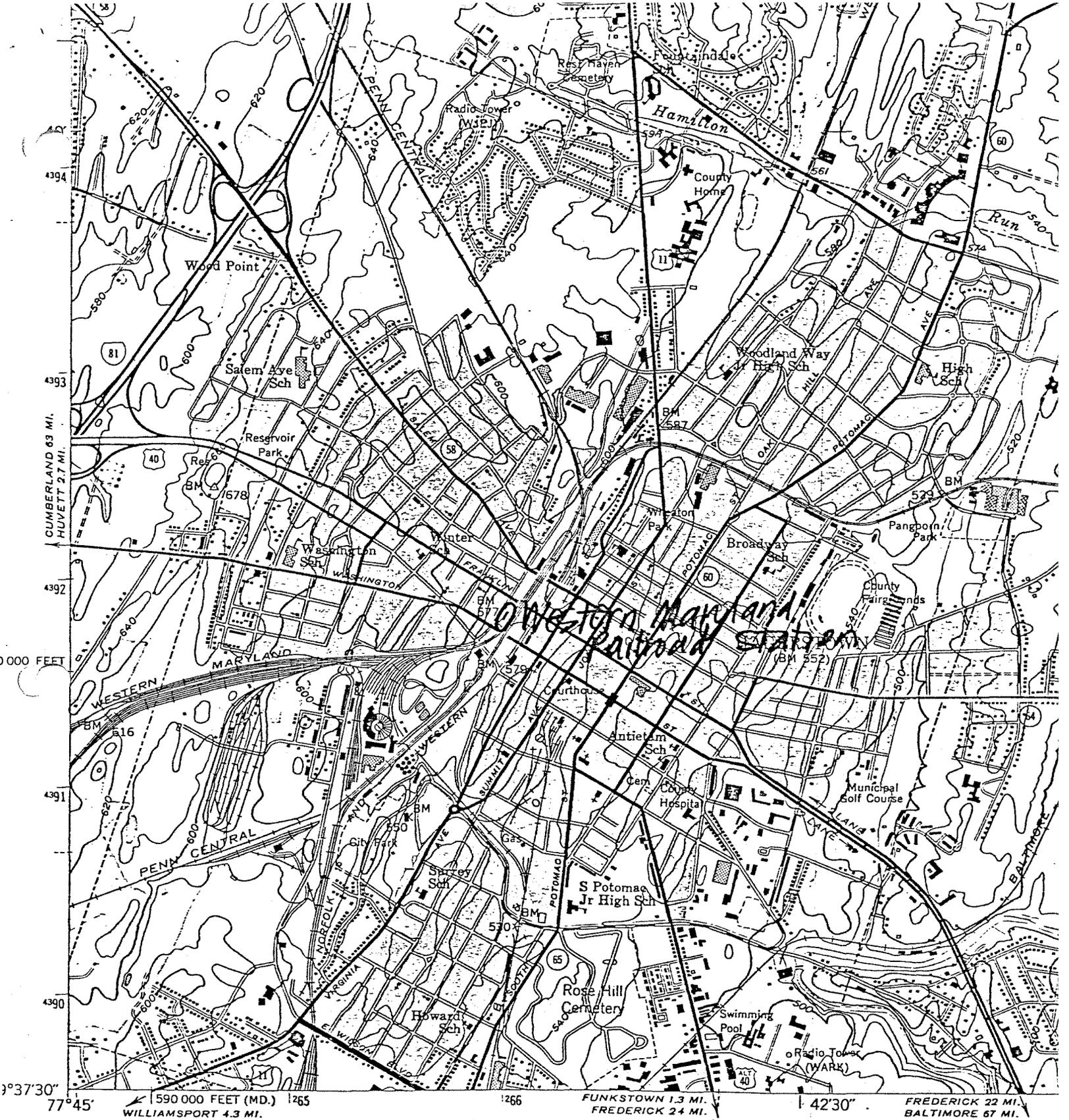
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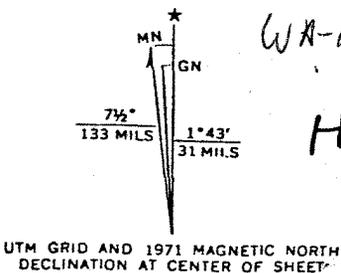
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Western Maryland Railway Station  
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Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Md.

architect was: C. Montgomery Anderson  
1 Charles Street  
Baltimore, Md.

source of info:

architectural drawings published in  
March 1977 issue of Cracker Barrel,  
Hagerstown, Md.

The year on the drawings is 1912

The drawings are entitled "Passenger Station  
at Hagerstown, Maryland, for Western  
Maryland Railway Co."

Anderson is probably the architect of the WMR  
station in Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md,  
because that station building is almost  
identical in appearance and size and was  
built about the same time.

MAR 18 1977

RONALD L. ANDREWS  
649 PHILADELPHIA AVE.  
CHAMBERSBURG, PA. 17201

## HAGERSTOWN LANDMARKS RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties # WA-HAG-2

Property Name/Address: Western Maryland Railway Station, Burhans Blvd. between Franklin and Washington streets, Hagerstown, Maryland

Description/Significance: Constructed in 1913, the station is a 2½-story hip-roofed brick building, reflecting the influence of the Commercial Style of the early 20th century and featuring overscaled Classical detailing. A one-story porch encircles the station. The building reflects the importance of the Western Maryland Railway's presence in Hagerstown. The city's central location inspired the company to move its Maryland division shops to Hagerstown in 1906. Expansion of service westward to Cumberland and the Pittsburgh area resulted in a comprehensive upgrading of facilities called the 1912 Improvement Program. The Hagerstown station was one of the products of this program. It was recently rehabilitated for its current use as Hagerstown Police Headquarters. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Transportation
- IV. Resource Type  
Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Urban  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):  
TRANSPORTATION/rail-related  
Known Design Source: Unknown

Form Prepared by: Peter E. Kurtze  
109 Brandon Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21212  
August 15, 1991





Western Maryland Railway Station  
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Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Maryland

SE view

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WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY STATION

HAGERSTOWN MD

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST