

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 5-77)

City Hall
1 East Franklin Street and
54 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

1939-1940

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

City Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1 East Franklin Street and 54 North Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Hagerstown

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

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 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

Located one block north of Public Square in Hagerstown, Washington County, City Hall stands at 1 East Franklin Street and 54 North Potomac Street, the southeast corner of the intersection of the two streets.

City Hall is a 1939-1940 Renaissance Revival influenced masonry structure, four and a half stories high, which was erected as a Public Works Administration project during the Great Depression. Monumental in scale, the building is constructed of brick with random rock-faced ashlar facing stones on the first story of the north and west or street elevations. Structurally sound, the building is capped with a low hip roof topped with an attenuated polygonal cupola resting on a square, balustraded base. The exterior bricks are laid in Flemish bond pattern with striped mortar joints. The exterior is in fairly original condition.

The north and west street elevations are arranged according to the parts of a Classical column. The first floor with its stone facing serves as the base, the second and third levels terminated with a wide masonry entablature, and the fourth floor below the roof and cupola the capital. The Renaissance influence is further entrenched by the division of the north elevation into a central block with flanking pavilions (end three bays) and the rows of attached plain Ionic columns (six on the north side and four along the west). The second story pavilion windows on the north of Franklin Street elevation have heavy architraves supported by scroll brackets.

The central portion on the north elevation has three round arch doorways on the first floor. The west or Potomac Street side has four bays with a centered doorway and a recessed wide bay above a covered driveway. The west doorway has a heavy entablature with large scroll brackets with the City Hall inscribed above the door.

On the interior, the concentration of decorative detailing is found in the lobby and the Council Chambers. The lobby on the first floor has stone trim in geometric patterns of the Art Deco fashion. The Council Chambers are Classical in decorations. Although somewhat altered, the interior is fairly original in condition.

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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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1939-1940

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Taylor and Fisher, architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Dedicated on 31 March 1940, the building is the second town hall to occupy this site north of Public Square. About 1818, the City erected a Neoclassical style building on the spot to serve as both a city hall and a market place. The nineteenth century structure was razed for the present building. The first city hall was a part of the courthouse and market place located in the center of the square.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Free Library files, Hagerstown, Maryland,
(dedication booklet and newspaper clippings).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

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

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ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

May 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

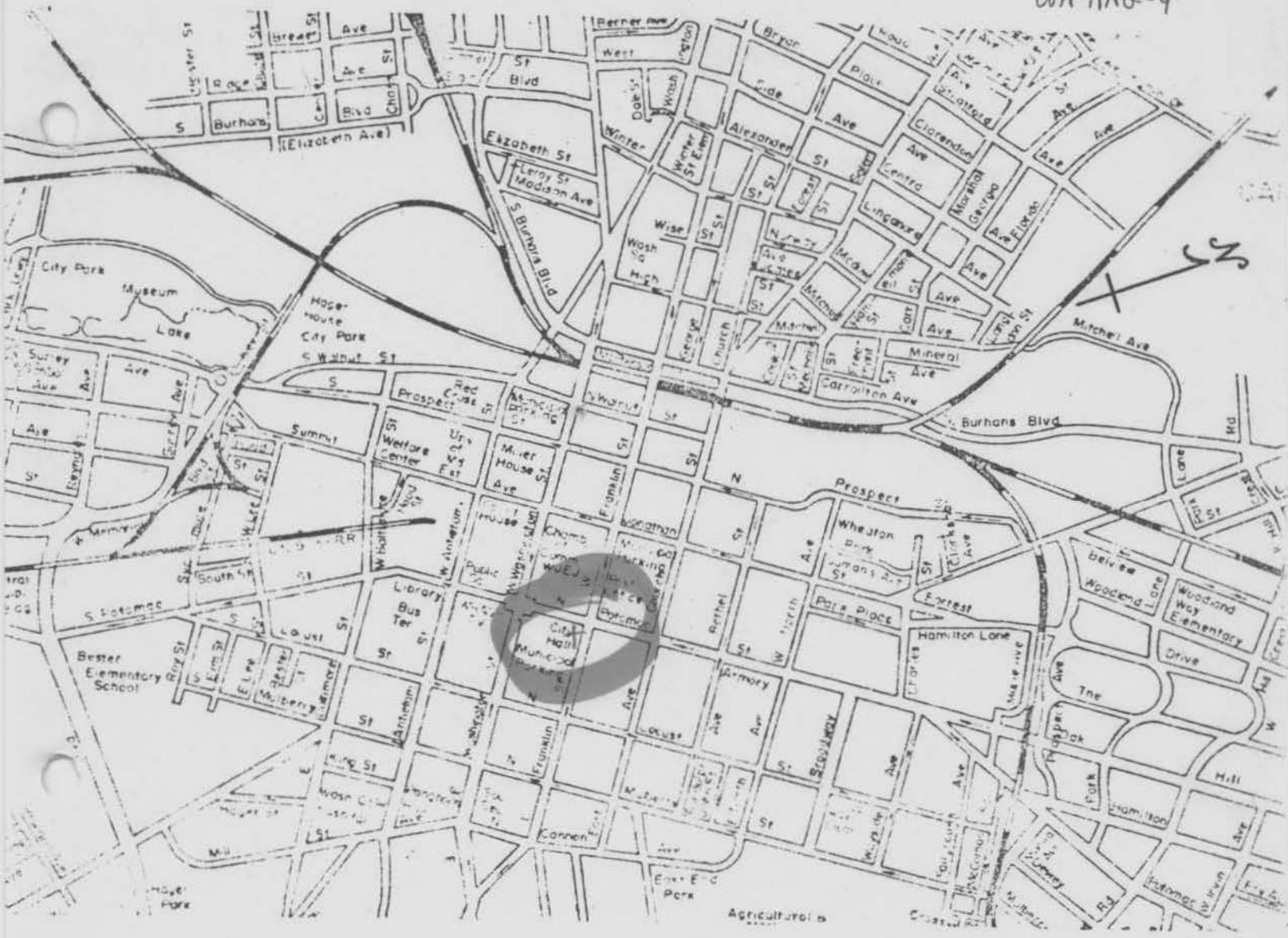
STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

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 54 North Potomac Street
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map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
 City Engineering Dept.
 July, 1970
 scale 1"=1200'



City Hall

1 East Franklin Street
and 54 N. Potomac St

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

April, 1976

NW view

RONALD L. ANDREWS



City Hall

1 East Franklin St and

54 N. Potomac St

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

NE view

April, 1976

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City Hall

1 East Franklin St. and
54 N. Potomac St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

W elevation

April, 1976

RONALD L. ANDREWS