

## ABSTRACT

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17-21 East Franklin Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County

circa 1880s

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HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON: The Roslyn

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 17-21 East Franklin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington County

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments apartments above

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Hagerstown Table Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER: 151 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland 21740

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 238-153

**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:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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 Roslyn is located at 17-21 East Franklin Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and stands on the south side of the street in the block formed by North Potomac and North Locust Streets.</p> <p>The building is a circa 1880s, three stories high, brick, urban commercial structure with a shed roof, a bracketed cornice, and five store fronts (three of which appear to be original) on the ground floor. The upper levels of the principal facade (north side) are divided into five bays of countersunk panels corresponding to the stone fronts below. The panels have two segmental arch windows per floor except the center bay which has three windows. The upper story windows have double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights and masonry keystones. A belt course of vertically placed bricks runs across the panels tying into the segmental arches.</p> <p>The three store fronts which probably are original, the one on the east end and the two on the west end, have double doors with large lights and a large store window. The entranceway to the upper stories, also probably original, has double doors. A bracketed overhang above the store rooms runs the length of the facade with the brackets placed to define each unit.</p> <p>The building appears to be structurally sound although in need of some repair. It also is basically unaltered from its original appearance.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** c. 1880s

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland

**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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 80' x 80'.

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown      DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 City Hall

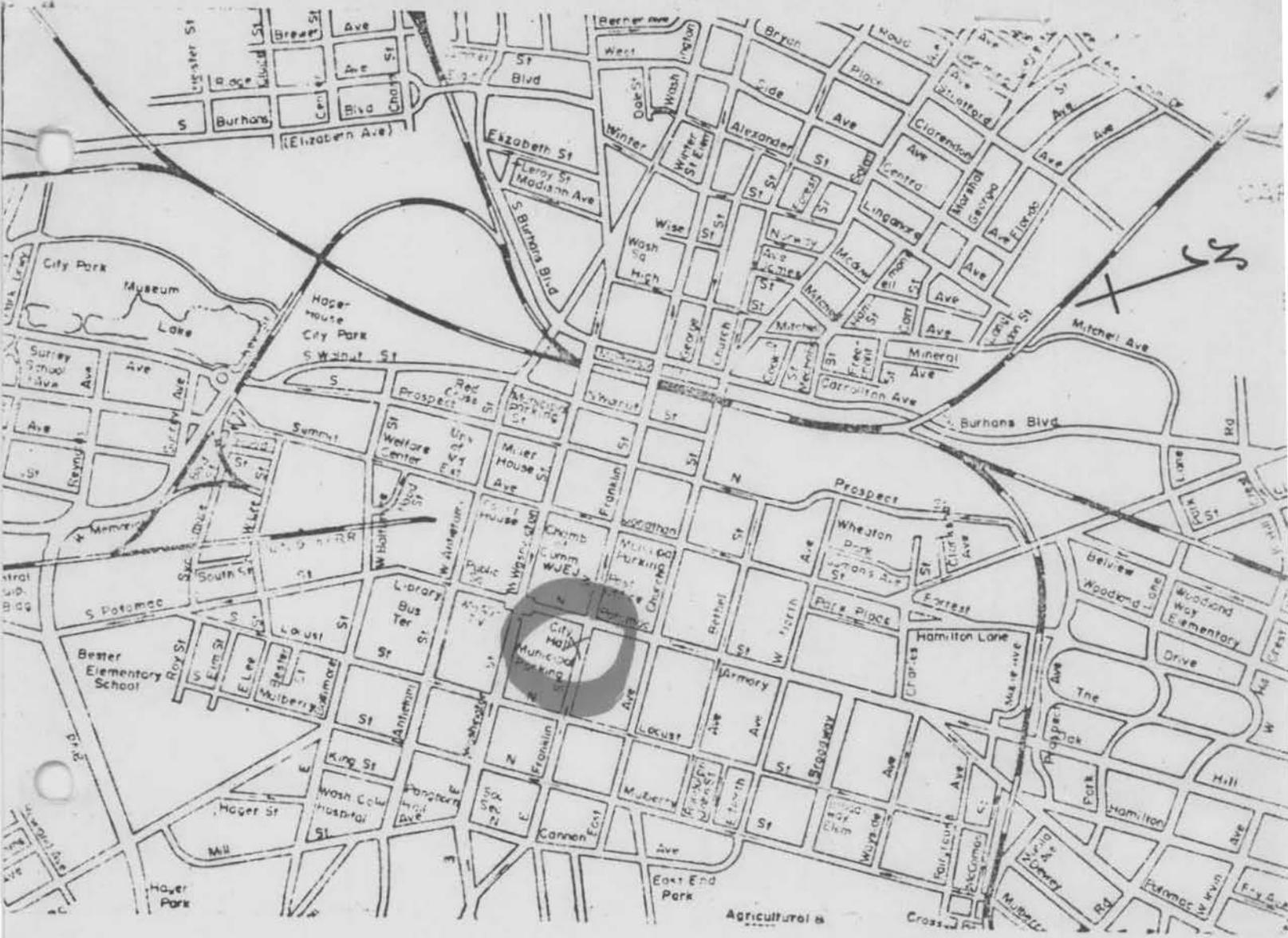
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

**12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**SITE:** The Roslyn  
 17-21 East Franklin Street  
 Hagerstown  
 Washington County, Maryland

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



17-21 E. Franklin St.  
The Roslyn  
Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Md.  
N W view  
July, 1935

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THE  
ROSLYN

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300 E. 207  
123-8837

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Tubes  
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**A-1 Electronics**

NO  
PARKING  
HERE

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17-21 E. Franklin St.

The Roslyn

Hagerstown

Washington ~~St.~~ Co., Md.

ground floor, north elevation

July, 1975

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