

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 11-76)

1-3 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

erected circa 1820s
renovated circa 1880s

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

1-3 North Potomac Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1-3 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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Groh Realty Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

151 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 271

Folio #: 186

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	X <input checked="" 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

Known as 1-3 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the northwest corner of Public Square.

The building is a three story Neoclassical influenced brick structure which faces on both North Potomac Street (east elevation) and Public Square (south elevation). It has a flatish roof and an Italianate influenced bracketed cornice along the south and east elevations. The first or ground story has modern store-fronts (two along Potomac Street and one along Public Square) with the entrance to the upper stories through a doorway located at the western end of the south facade. The second and third stories of the street elevations each have four windows on the east side and five on the south side.

Symmetrically arranged, the upper story windows of the street facades have double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights, narrow frames, wooden sills, and brick flat arches. The bricks of the second story arches are placed at a sharper angle than those of the third story arches.

The bricks of the street elevation are laid in Flemish bond and are heavily coated with paint. The first and second story bricks are of the larger type commonly used in the Hagerstown area during the 1820s-1830s period. The third story bricks are of the smaller type that appeared in the decades following the Civil War.

As shown in the late 1850s View of Hagerstown, Maryland by Sachse, this building originally was two and a half stories high with a low hip roof on the east end and a gable on the west end. The view also shows a jerkin-head window dormer centered on the south side. The south elevation, however, is shown as having only four instead of five windows, probably a mistake on the part of the artist. The second story street elevations do appear to have the original fenestration arrangements and possibly the original window frames and sashes.

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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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	erected circa 1820s	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
	renovated circa 1880s	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The original upper stories of the south or Public Square elevation are shown in the late 1850s View of Hagerstown, Maryland by Sachse. The remodeled building is visible in a late nineteenth century stereographic view of Public Square on file at the Washington County Historical Society.

The present owner acquired the property in 1952.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sachse, E. View of Hagerstown, Maryland. Baltimore: E. Sachse and Company, late 1850s.

Washington County Historical Society Files, Miller House, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 37' x 43.6'.

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

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

November 5, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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(301) 731-3200

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

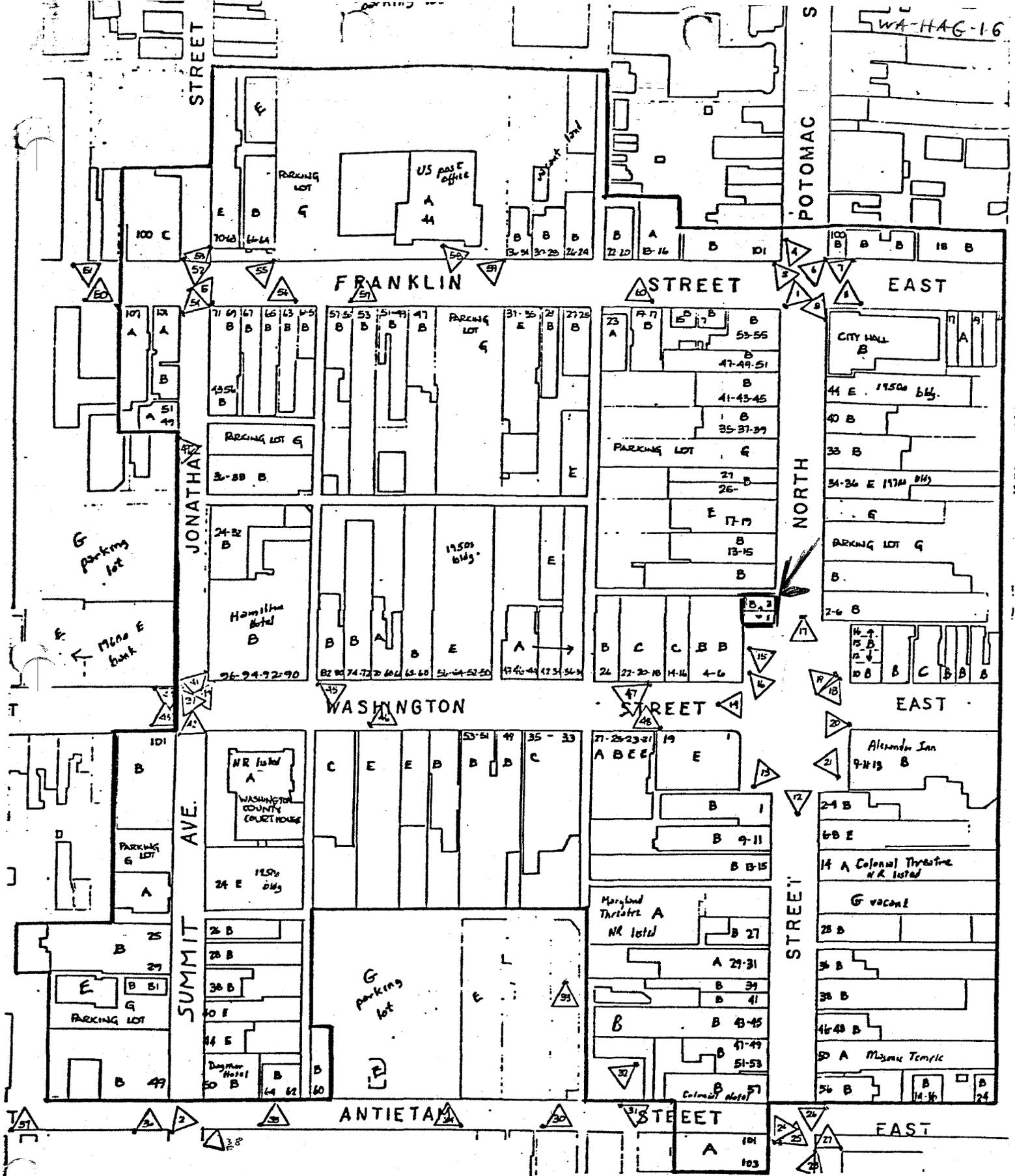
STATE

Maryland 21740

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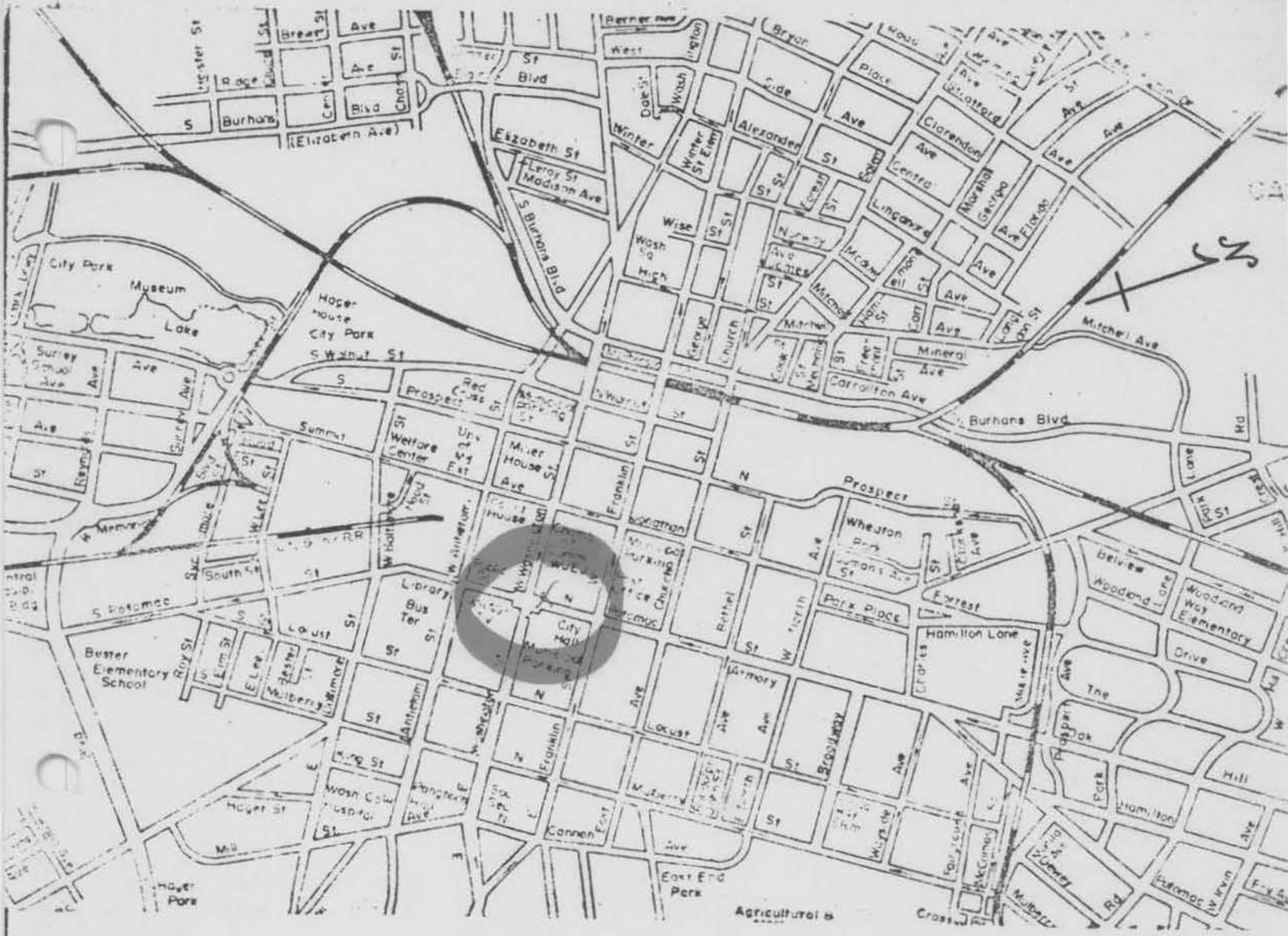
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



each building is identified as to contributive value to significance of the district - see reverse of map for code identification

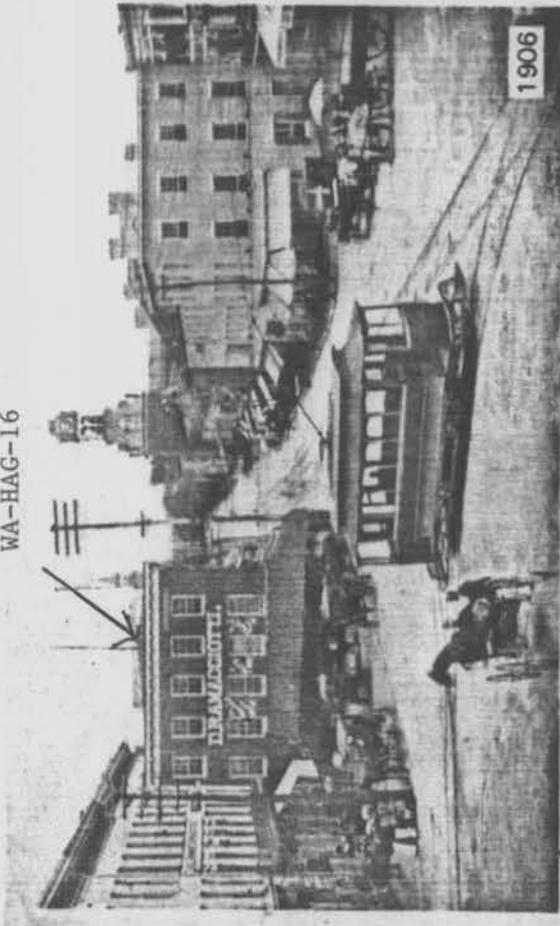
Hagerstown Commercial Core Historic District
 Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland
 entered into National Register 17 Jan. 1983



SITE: 1-3 North Potomac Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

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

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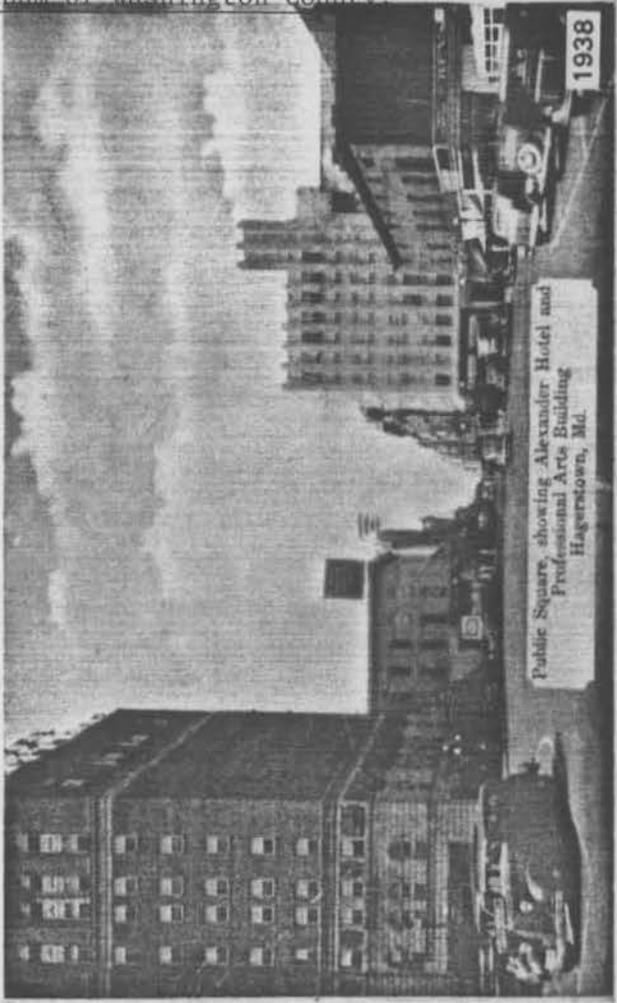
S. W. WAYS & SONS

1906



Public Square, Hagerstown, Md.

From Union and Loretto



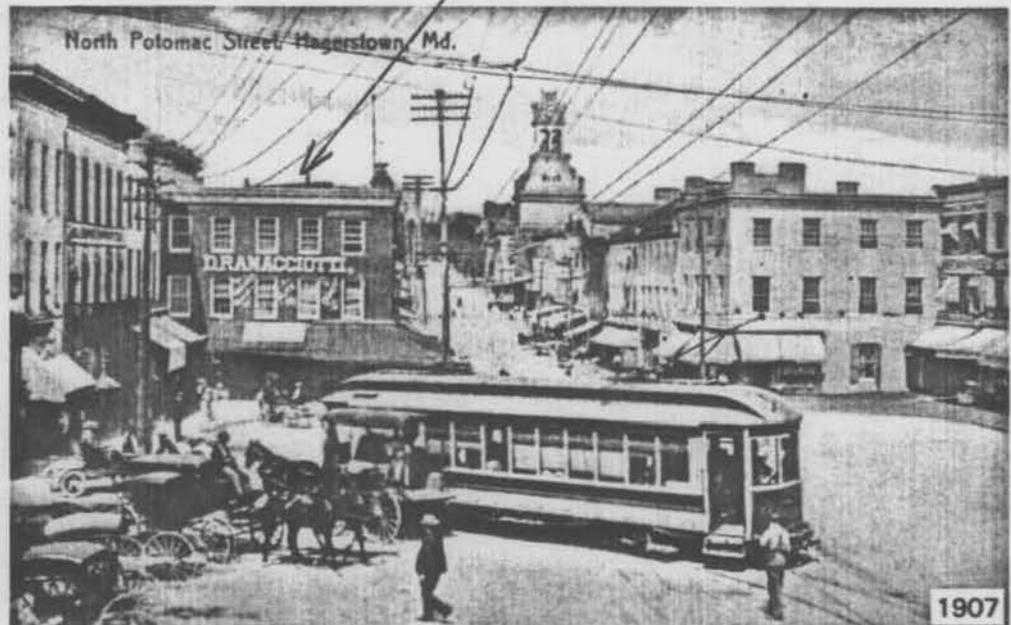
Public Square, showing Alexander Hotel and Professional Arts Building
Hagerstown, Md.

1938



W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

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2-17-06.
Does this
look fa-
miliar
especially
when you
go to
Martinsburg
E.P.R.

Feldstein, Albert L.

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Commercial Press Printing Company, Cumberland, Maryland.

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No. 6--Second National Bank, Hagerstown, Md.

H. W. HAYE & BROS.

*Dear son
Please
and have
coming
a lot
morning
on the
school
train.
Please
mother,
from
Anna*



*Public Square, looking South, Hagerstown, Md. This is a nice town
and they may catch here but am not certain yet,
With the best wishes to you from Gust.*



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1906

*W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, Md.
I am going to write a letter soon, and will then tell you
all about him. I spent the day on Thursday and
is around. Was surprised when I reached home. Emma
Feldstein, Albert L.*

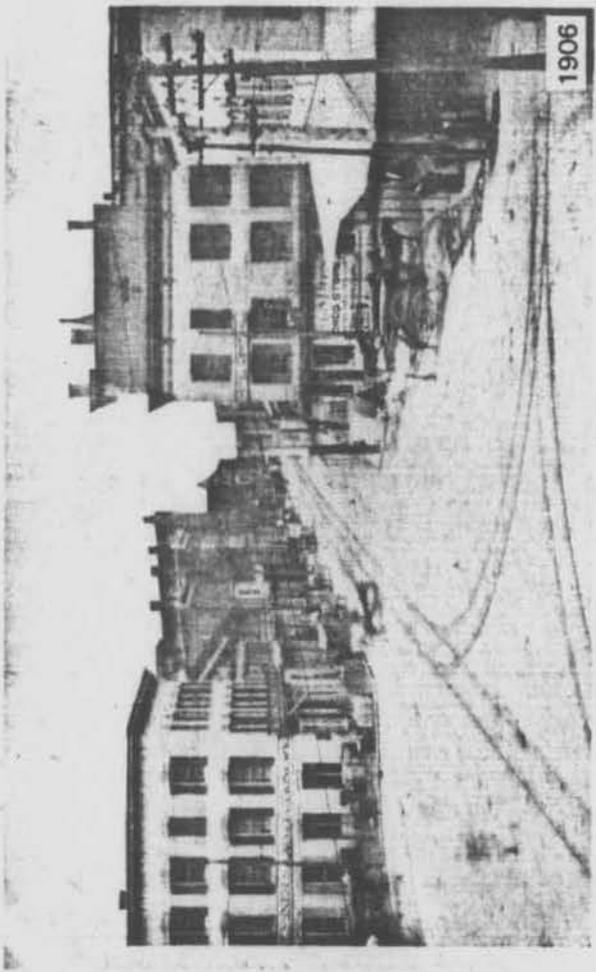


76. North Potomac St. Hagerstown, Md.

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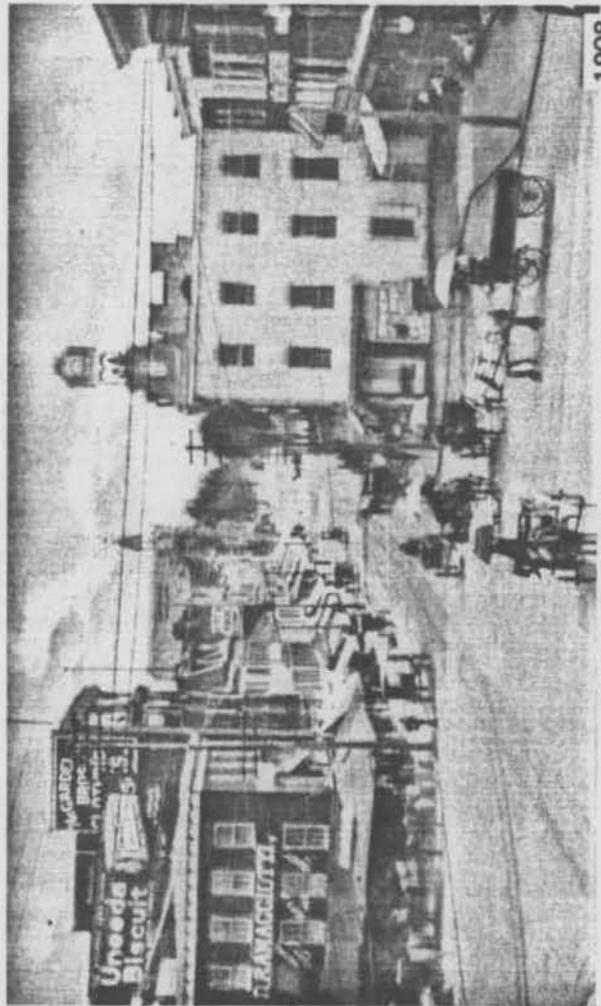
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S. PATOMAC ST., HAGERSTOWN, MD

1937



N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md.

1908

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Public Square, Hagerstown, Md.

1913

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W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

1909



12414. East Washington St. looking South, Hagerstown, Md.

1910



West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Md.

1916

Feldstein, Albert L.
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**They jolly you along in
Hagerstown, Md.**



1918

Feldstein, Albert L.

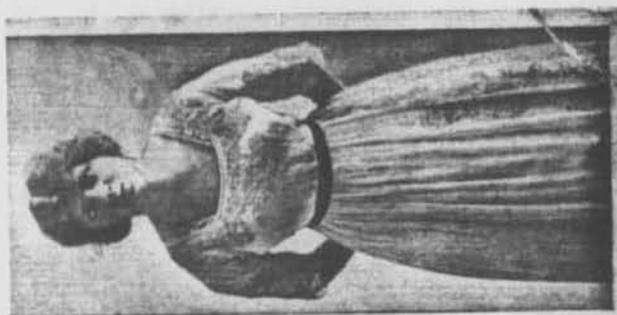
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**Public Square and Potomac Street,
Hagerstown, Md.**



1914

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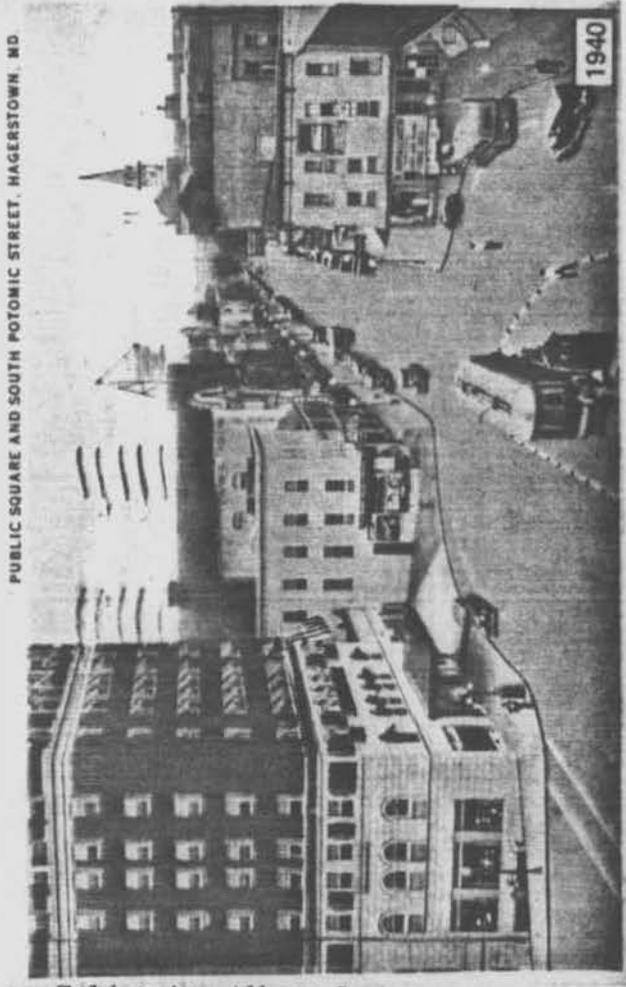


They are always ready in



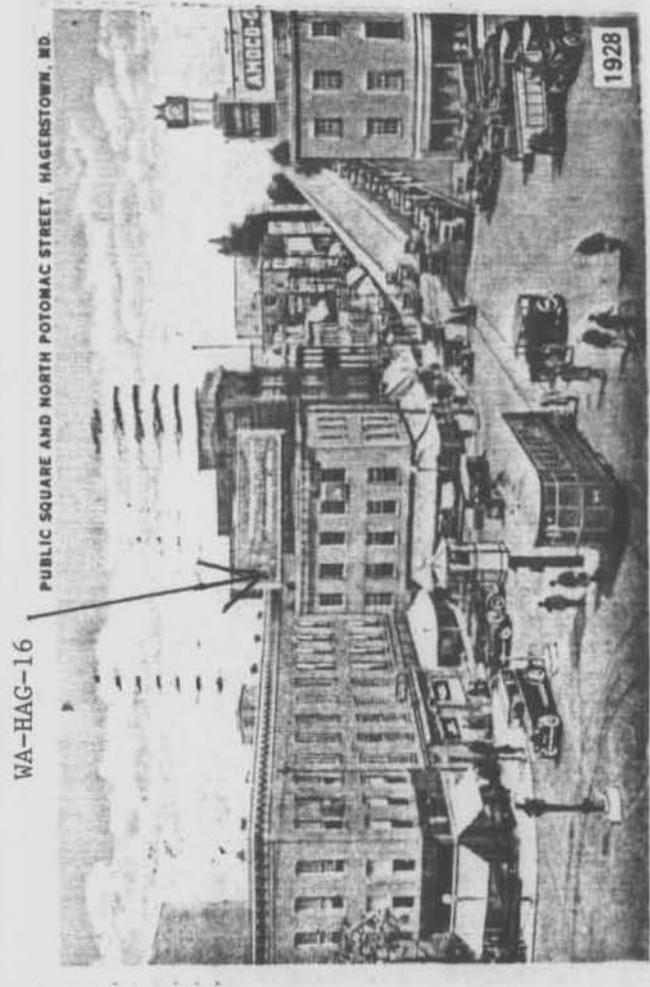
How about you?

1912



PUBLIC SQUARE AND SOUTH POTOMAC STREET, HAGERSTOWN, MD.

1940



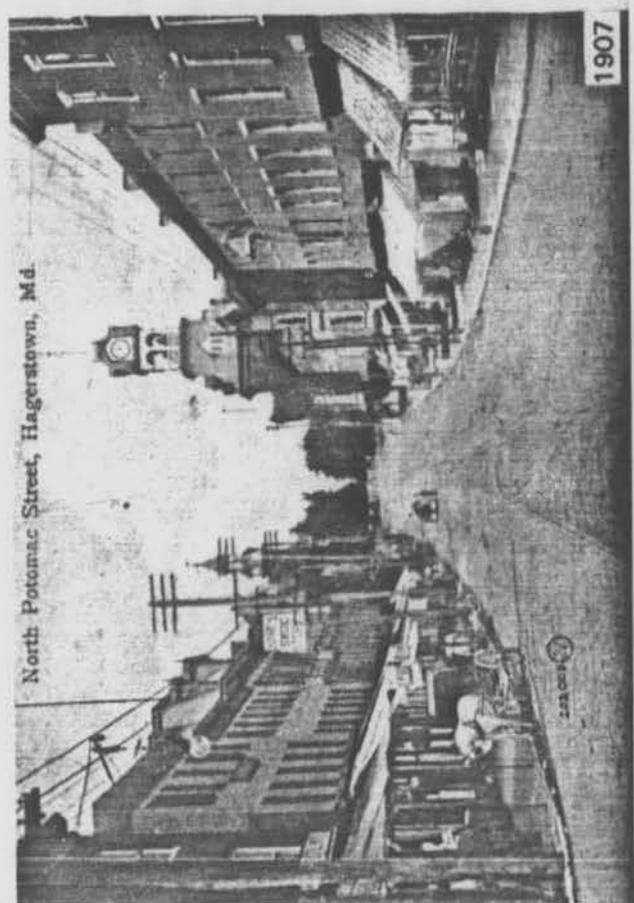
PUBLIC SQUARE AND NORTH POTOMAC STREET, HAGERSTOWN, MD.

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1928

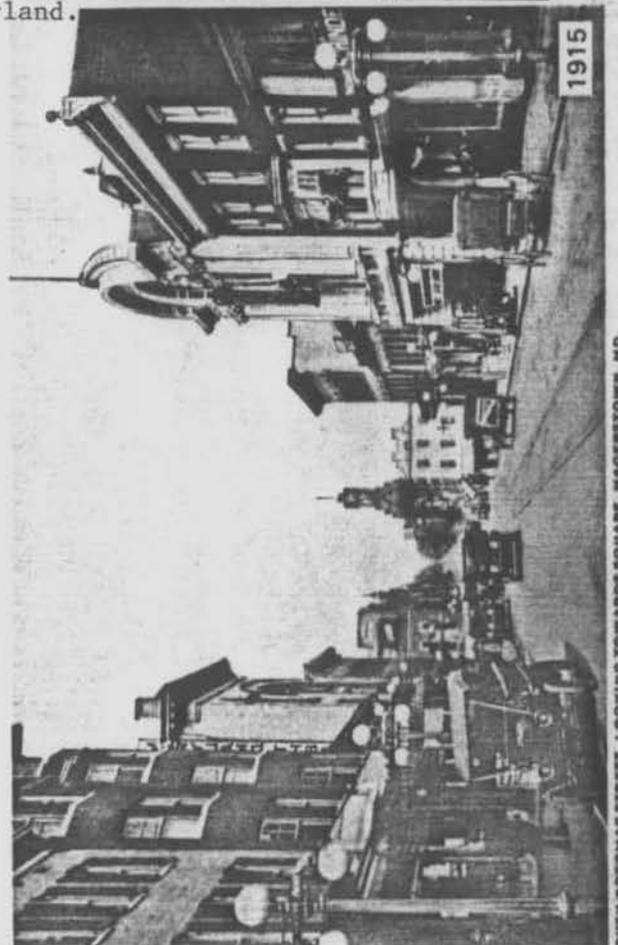
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North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md.

1907



OVER POTOMAC STREET, LOOKING TOWARDS SQUARE, HAGERSTOWN, MD.

1915



1-3 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

SE view

November, 1975

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