

## ABSTRACT

5-9 North Potomac Street

circa 1908

Hagerstown

Washington County

The Romanesque-Classical design of the upper levels of the facade of this building makes it an important visual element in the streetscape around Public Square. Four stories high, the brick building was erected about 1908, the date recorded on the cornice, for the McCardell brothers, clothing merchants. The upper levels of the facade are fairly original and are divided into two segmental arch arcades with classical decorative detailing. The interesting, modern store front on the street level was added in 1974.

HISTORIC SITE  
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NOMINATION FORM  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 5-9 North Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5-9 North Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" 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			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: William H. Clowser, Jr.					
STREET AND NUMBER: 27 South Locust 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. #): 586-715					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building stands at 5-9 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the west side of the street in the southern fourth of the block formed by Public Square and Franklin Street.

The building is a 1908, four stories high, painted brick commercial structure which sits tight to the sidewalk and the neighboring building on the north. It appears to be structurally sound and has a large storeroom on the first floor and three large but vacant apartments on the upper levels. The principal facade (east side) has a modern (1974) glass and brick storefront on the first floor and is fairly original on the upper stories.

The top levels of the facade (east side) are divided into two segmental arch arcades with tripartite bay windows. The arcades are decorated with stone quoins and have strings of foliated sculpture radiating from scrolled keystones in the arches and extending about a fifth of the way down the sides of the arcades. The columns of bay windows in the arcades are capped with small pediment roofs. The windows in the bays have double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights.

The facade is terminated with a large bracketed cornice. The cornice is heavy in execution and bears the date 1908 centered along the top.

The first floor facade is well designed, although not particularly sympathetic to the design of the upper floors, and consists of one large arched opening with recessed display windows.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1908

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This four stories high, early twentieth century commercial building is primarily significant for the architectural merit of the upper levels of its facade (east side). Although located at the bottom of a slight valley, the height and bold design of the facade make it one of the more impressive structures in the Public Square area. The visual impact of the facade, however, has been encumbered in recent years by the present one-way traffic pattern which leads the traffic south and east, leaving this building in the background.

The upper three stories of the facade are representative of the eclectic type of architecture popular at the turn of the century. The area combines two arcades suggestive of the Romanesque period with classical influenced decorative detailing. The design details are executed in the bold, articulate manner commonly associated with the Beaux-Arts styles.

The building was erected for Wilfred H. McCardell and Odello McCardell, two brothers who operated a clothing store in the building for a number of years. The McCardells purchased the property in 1896 but the present structure was not erected until about 1908, the date recorded on the cornice. The present owner purchased the building in 1974 from the McCardell heirs.

The interesting, modern store front on the street level was added in 1974.

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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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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 36' x 240'.

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: 1976

STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

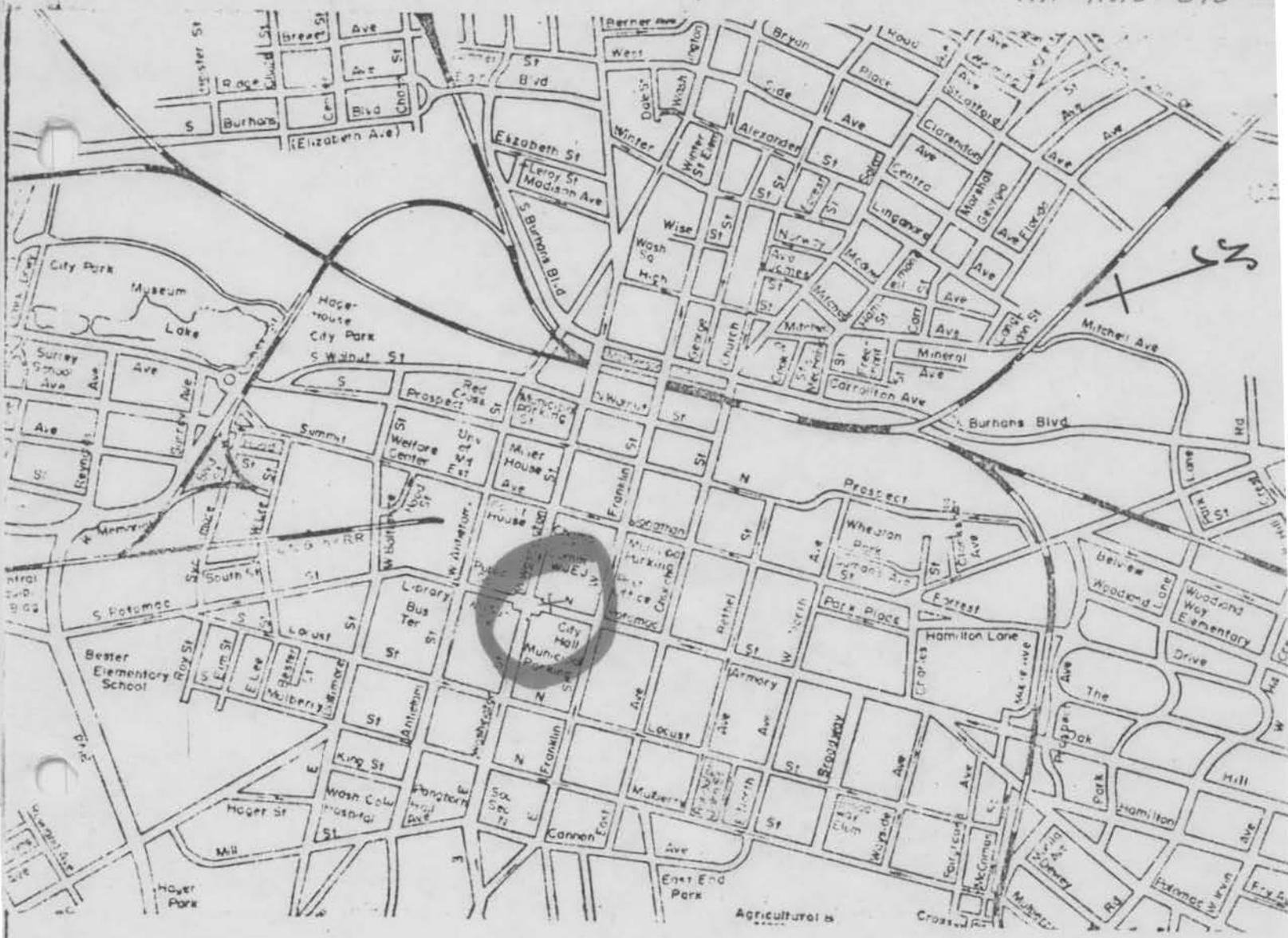
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



SITE: 5-9 North Potomac Street  
 Hagerstown  
 Washington County, Maryland

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



5-9 North Potomac St.  
Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Md.

NE view

July, 1975

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