

## ABSTRACT

35-39 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County

circa 1890s

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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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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: 35-39 North Potomac Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 35-39 North Potomac Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: John B. Young, c/o Diane Y. Paddock				
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1825				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
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. #): 412-776				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

35-39 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, stands on the west side of the street in the northern half of the block formed by Public Square and Franklin Street.

The building is a circa 1890s, Romanesque influenced, three stories high, urban commercial, brick structure with two arcades on the upper levels of the facade (east side) and two mid-twentieth century shop fronts on the ground floor. The shop fronts are faced with black polished panels and topped by a cornice (probably original) with egg-and-dart molding. The upper levels appear to be original in condition.

Two-sided bay windows project from the second and third floors of the arcades. The round arches of the arcades have scroll keystones with circular windows below in the arch panels. Sharply pitched gables rise above the arcades. Between the arcades on each floor are two round top windows with double-hung wooden sashes and masonry sills. The area in which the windows are located is counter-sunk and has stepped brick decoration at the top. The bricks of the area between the round arches of the arcades and above the windows are laid in a diaper pattern.

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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. 1890s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Representative of the Romanesque influenced commercial architecture of the late nineteenth century, 35-39 North Potomac Street is important both because it retains most of the original features of the upper levels of the facade (east side) and as an important element in the streetscape of North Potomac Street. The round arches of the arcades and windows present an interesting contrast to the straight lines of the mainly classical buildings fronting on the street.

The building was probably erected for Abraham Rose, who purchased the property in 1890 (Deed Book 96, p. 258). The Rose family retained ownership until 1964 when the present owners acquired title.

A date stone with 1901 inscribed in it was uncovered when N. Potomac St. was being rebuilt in Sept. 1976. The block or stone is located at sidewalk level on the south end of the street of east facade

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41.5' 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:

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 City Hall

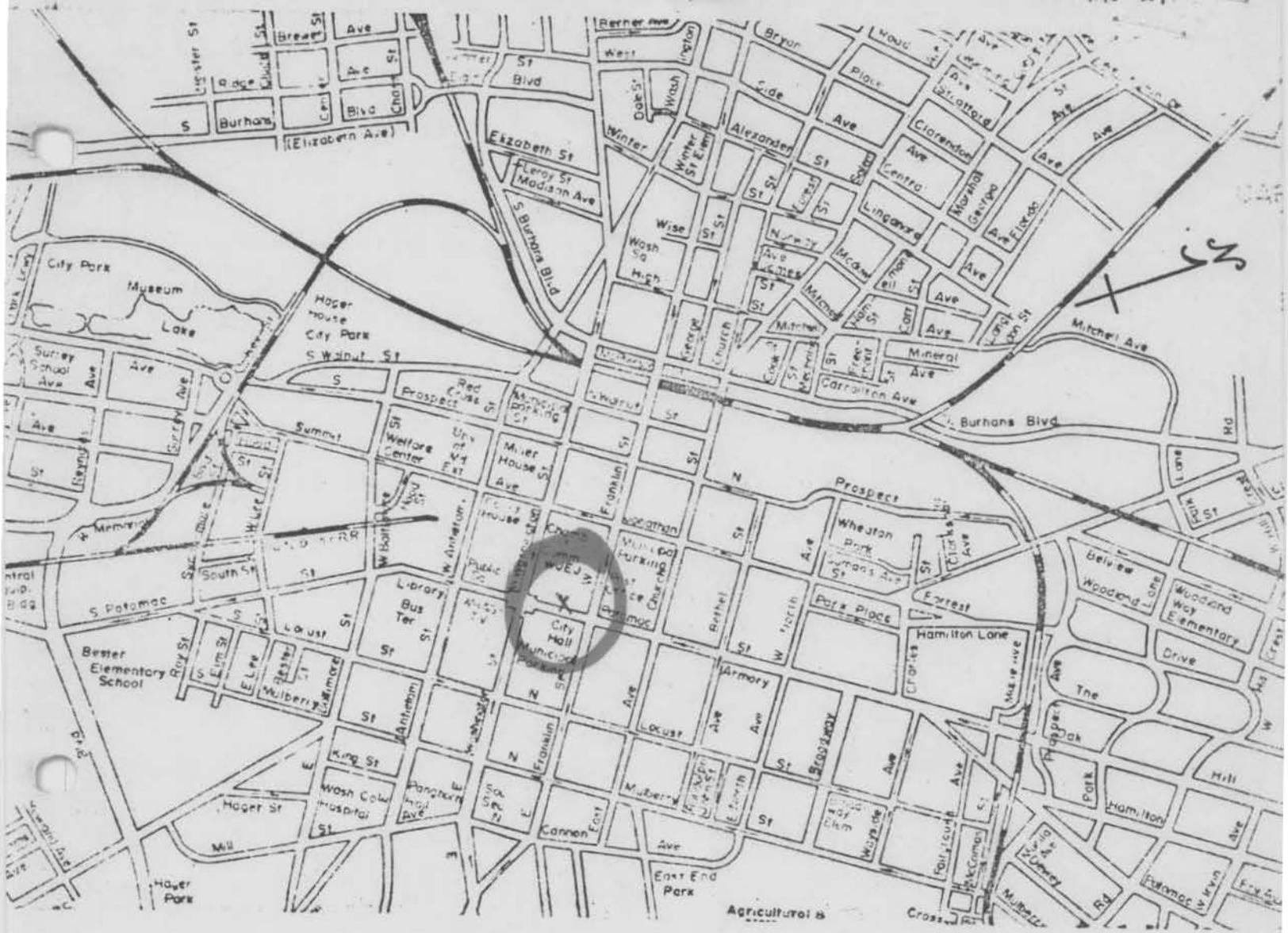
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

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 Signature



**SITE:** 35-39 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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3539 North Potomac St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

SW view

July, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS