

ABSTRACT

51-53 North Potomac Street

circa 1820s-1830s

Hagerstown

Washington County

Occupying a prominent corner site across from City Hall, this Italianate influenced brick commercial structure was erected about the 1820s or 1830s as a double house. The original building was two and a half stories high with probably two back wings. Evidence in the second story indicates that each of the house units had a side hall with double parlors. About the 1870s, the height of the building was raised to a full three stories and two Victorian period storefronts were constructed on the facade (east side). Much of the original interior woodwork remains in the second floor.

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 51-53 North Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 51-53 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" 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	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Miller (Rosalie B.)					
STREET AND NUMBER: 32 McKee Avenue					
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. #): 575-472					
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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building stands at 51-53 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is situated on the southwest corner of the intersection of Potomac and Franklin Streets.</p> <p>The building is a three stories high, nineteenth century, painted brick structure which has six bays across the facade (east side) and a bracketed cornice along the exposed elevations (east and north sides). The structure sits tight to the sidewalk and the neighboring building on the south side and has a three stories high annex to the back (west side) which is similar in materials and design to the front section but is shorter in height. Presently used for commercial purposes, the building has a large store room on the first floor and storage rooms above.</p> <p>The principal facade (east side) of the structure has Flemish brick bonding and the north elevation has Common bonding. A modern commercial facade with aluminium clapboards and a wood shingle mansard roof wraps around the first floor along Potomac and Franklin Streets. The upper stories windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with narrow frames, six-over-six lights, and heavy gable lintels with architrave molding.</p> <p>The second and third stories of the north side along Franklin Street have the same type of windows as found on the facade, but are arranged somewhat differently. This side of both the front and back sections of the building are divided into four bays although the main sections have windows only in the outer bays.</p> <p>The building has the general appearance of being a late nineteenth century, Italianate influenced commercial structure. Evidence, however, indicates that the building was erected in the early nineteenth century as a double house, two and a half stories high with probably two back wings, and extensively altered and added to in the late nineteenth century resulting in the present appearance of the upper stories. The most prominent of the evidence is the type of brick on the second floor; the fenestration arrangement and type of windows of the exposed elevations (east and north sides) of the main building; the arrangement of rooms on the second floor (side halls with double parlors); and the Neoclassical architrave moldings and mantelpieces in the upper story, all of the type being used in Hagerstown about the 1820s. The third story has a distinctly different type of brick and Victorian woodwork which were simply added to the existing structure.</p> <p>At the time the alterations were made, probably the 1870s or 1880s, two Victorian store fronts were installed on the Potomac Street (east) side. These fronts and much of the commercial interior remained basically intact until the present store front was added in 1974. The late nineteenth century renovations may have also included moving some of the interior woodwork (mantels and balustrades) of the first floor to the upper stories in converting for apartments.</p>	

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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 type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1820s-1830s

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Occupying a prominent corner site across from City Hall, this three stories high, brick commercial structure with Italianate influences was erected in the early nineteenth century as a double house, two and a half stories high. About the 1870s, the building was extensively altered and added to when it was converted for commercial purposes. At this time, two Victorian storefronts were also added. These fronts remained intact until the present one was built in 1974.

The second story of the main portion of the building has stylistic and construction features used in the 1820s and 1830s in the Hagerstown area. The original house units appear to have had side halls with double parlors and probably two back wings. The halls apparently were located in the middle of the structure.

The building is identified on the 1850 Map of Hagerstown as belonging to "A. Middlekauf's heirs." The Middlekauf family sold the property in 1863 (Deed Book IN 16, p. 468). In the 1870s when Samuel Artz purchased the plot, the land was described as containing two houses (Deed Book WMcKK 2, p. 212). A brick building with two storerooms is identified as occupying the site in 1908 when Frank T. Elliott and Harry S. Myers, partners, acquired the property in 1908 (Deed Book 127, p. 374). The present owners purchased the property in 1974 from the Myers family.

The property is defined in the deed records as being a part of Lot No. 6 on the Downin's Map of Hagerstown.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 Sidney, J. C. Map of Hagerstown, Maryland. Philadelphia: T. Sinclairs, 1850.

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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 50' x 158'.

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: June 7, 1976

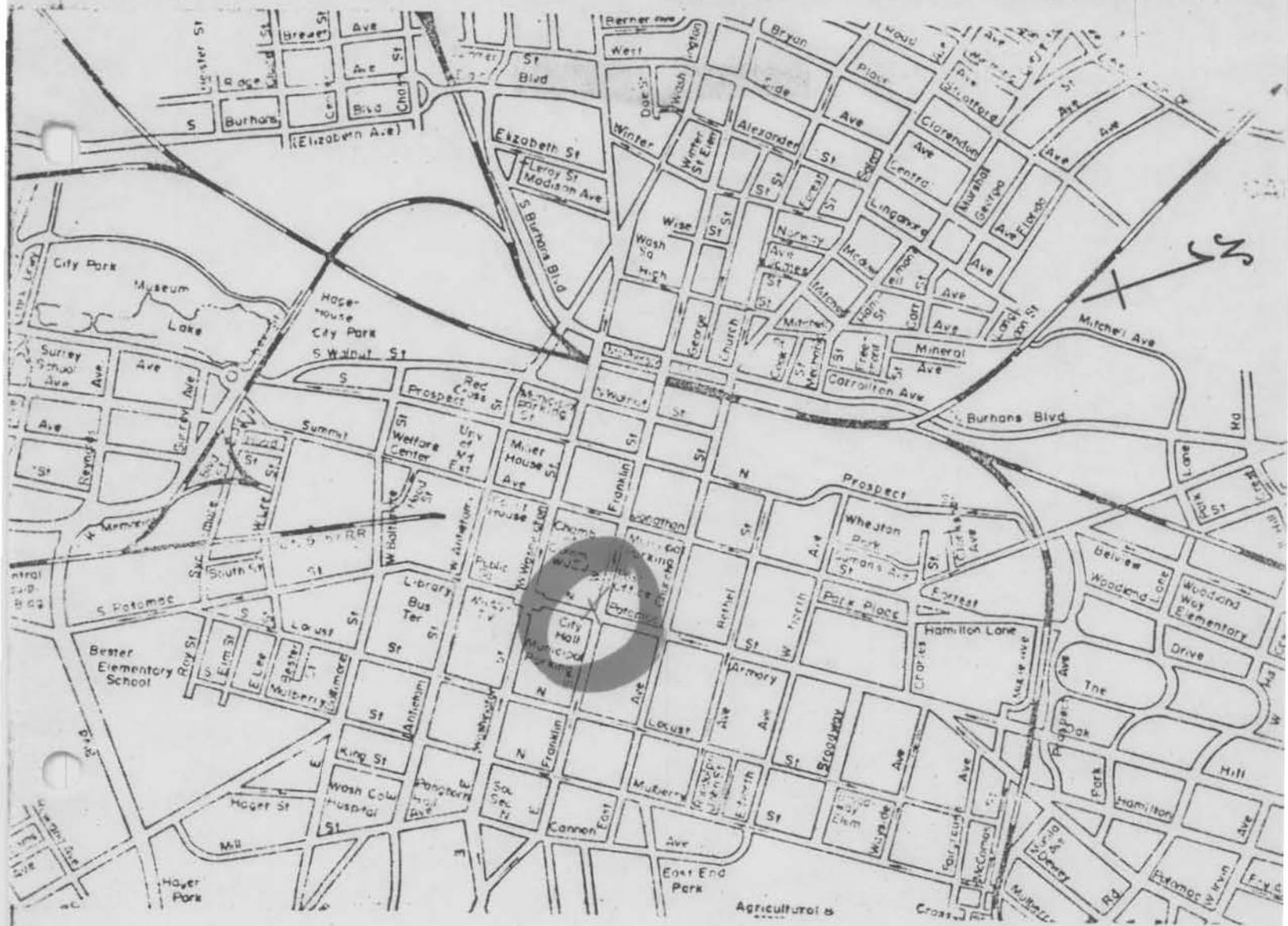
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature



SITE: 51-53 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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51-53 North Potomac St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

NE view

October, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS