

## ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 9-76)

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Hagerstown  
Washington County

1914-1915

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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: 109 North Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 109 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 type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input 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
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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Dr. Isaac H. Shupp					
STREET AND NUMBER: 109 North Potomac 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. #): 144-155					
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	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>Known as 109 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the west side of the street in the southern third of the block formed by Franklin and Church Streets.</p> <p>The building is a circa 1914-1915 eclectic style urban commercial brick structure which sits tight to the sidewalk and neighboring buildings to the north and south. The facade (east elevation) is about twenty-five (25) feet wide and three stories high with a period storefront on the first or ground floor, a large tripartite window column on the upper two stories, and is terminated at the top with a Spanish tiled projecting roof below a dentiled cornice. Entrance to the upper levels is through a doorway to the north of the storefront and above in line is a single window on each floor. The bricks of the facade are red in color and laid in Stretcher bond. The facade appears to be in fairly original condition.</p> <p>The storefront on the ground floor has a center recessed door flanked by large, tripartite display windows. Above the storefront is a large transom area, now painted but possibly made of glass. A Classical influenced cornice of architrave molding crowns the storefront and extends beyond the width of the opening. A pair of brackets support the cornice extensions on each side of the storefront. The brackets are stylized scrolls with fluting and guttae and are probably made of wood.</p> <p>The three part window arrangement above the storefront and extending up to the Spanish tiled roof is Classical in design and projects outward over the center of the storefront forming a porch roof. This column of windows has single windows in the diagonal sides and broad tripartite windows on the flat front. The windows have multiple lights, are flanked by flat, plain pilasters with rectangular capitals, and have dados below them.</p> <p>The Spanish tiled roof is sharply pitched and supported by six enormous, heavy scroll brackets, one of which was broken in recent years. The brackets are arranged in groups of three: the group to the south spaced closely together and the group to the north arranged so as to balance the weight of the other group and to delineate the lines formed by the single windows on the north side of the facade. The roofing tiles are probably made of terra-cotta.</p> <p>The cornice which terminates the facade is similar to those found on nineteenth century buildings in Hagerstown in that it consists of a frieze with dentils and architrave molding above and huge end brackets with rosettes. The major difference found on this cornice is that the frieze is decorated with anthemions which are common to Classical architecture.</p> <p>Entrance to the upper stories is through a round arch doorway with a two part transom. The door is the circa 1915 rectangular wooden type with one large light and a small raised panel below. Above the door is a</p>		

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1914-1915

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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                                  | _____                                    |
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The present owner is a son of Frank D. Shupp.

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rectangular transom which is surmounted by a half-round fan shaped transom.

The two single windows above the doorway to the upper stories have narrow wood frames and masonry sills. All of the windows on the upper levels of the facade have double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights except for the four-over-four lights in the end windows on the front of the window column. All of the second story windows are rectangular and all of those of the third or top story have segmental arches.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Hagerstown, Maryland Directory, 1915-1916. Hagerstown, Maryland:  
 Franklin Directory Company, 1915.  
 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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

The property measures approximately 25' x 240'.

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

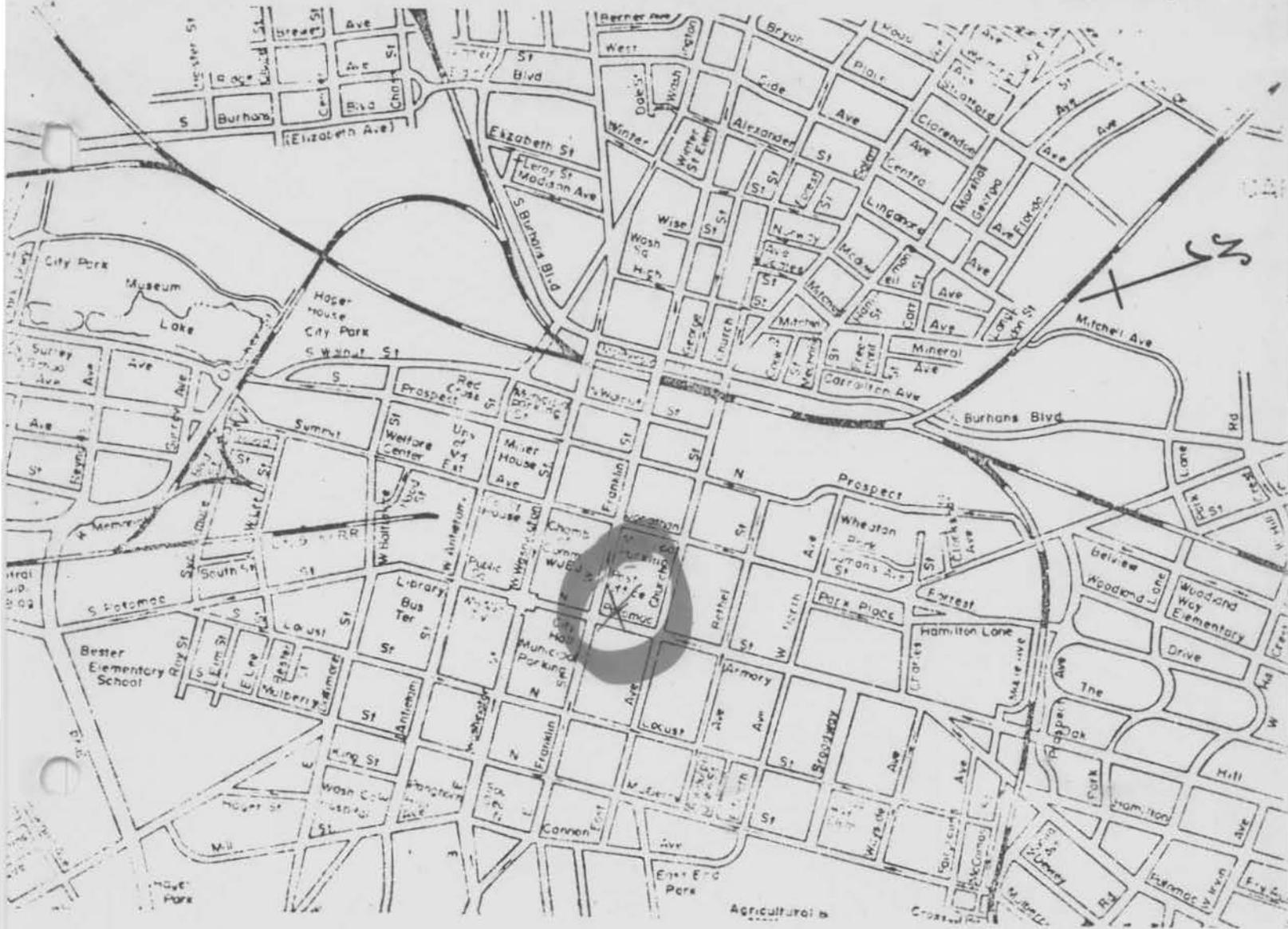
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)	
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown	DATE Sept. 24, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature



SITE: 109 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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109 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Md.

East elevation

October, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS



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109 North Potomac Street

Hagerstown

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east elevation, detail

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