

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 12-76)

114-116 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

circa 1870s

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

114-116 North Potomac Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

114-116 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

Garland E. Groh

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

151 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 217

Folio #: 368

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 114-116 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the east side of the street in the southern half of the block formed by Franklin Street and East Avenue, the second block north of Public Square.

Two and a half stories high with the gable end facing the street, the building is a nineteenth century brick commercial structure which abuts the sidewalk and the neighboring building to the south. The building is free-standing along the north side although a roof covering the neighboring driveway is tied into the north wall of this building. The exterior walls of the structure are painted. The building probably dates from about the 1870s.

The street or principal facade (west elevation) has two shopfronts on the ground floor and five rectangular windows on the second story. Terminated at the top with a Gothic influenced bargeboard, the facade has an oval window centered in the gable below the bargeboards. This oval window is framed by a heavy molding, rounded molding of the type commonly used in Italianate influenced houses of the 1860s-1870s period. The facade bricks are laid in Stretcher bond.

The first story shopfronts are of recent vintage although the south front, which occupies only about a quarter of the facade, appears to be in the same location of an earlier storefront. The northern store facade consists of a Neocolonial pedimented doorway with pilasters and a large, two sectional, plate-glass window. The doorway has a round arch transom with wood mullions and a multilight, paneled wood door. As shown in a photograph published in 1896 (Baltimore American Illustrated, p. 154), the north front originally had a door in the location of the present doorway and three single windows now replaced by the large plate glass windows. The flat arches of these three windows are still visible.

The five second story windows appear to be original and probably are identical to those originally located on the first floor. The windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with two-over-two lights, narrow frames, wooden sashes, and brick flat arches. The windows are fairly symmetrically arranged with three closely grouped in the center and flanked by the single windows.

The building appears to be structurally sound. The facade is fairly original above the first story. In the 1896 photograph, a shed roof porch extending over the sidewalk is shown on the facade.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1870s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Visually, the building contributes to the streetscape by adding variety to the lines formed by the neighboring structures and the slope of the street.

The present owner acquired the property in 1941.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore American Illustrated Edition 1896: The State of Maryland.
 Baltimore: Baltimore American, 1896, p. 154.

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

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

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ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

December 10, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

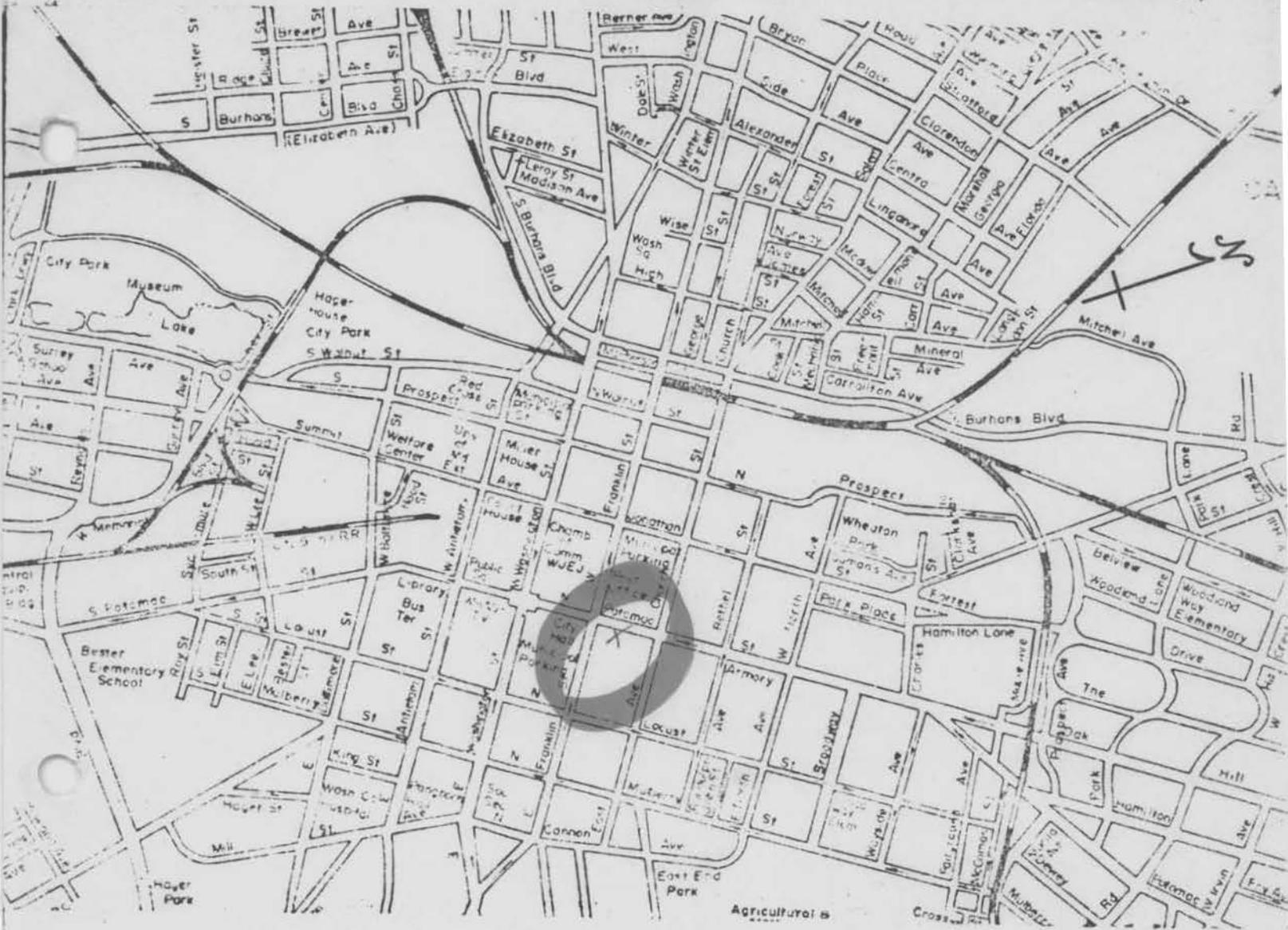
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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 Washington County, Maryland

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



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