

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 7-77)

142-144 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

circa late 1870s

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The most important architectural feature of the building is the facade or west elevation which remains fairly well intact. The facade is rectangular with a flat surface. The decorative detailing consists primarily of the symmetrical arrangement of the windows with their flanking shutters and a boldly projecting bracketed hood over the single doorways located in the center two bays. The strongest stylistic influence is that of the angular Eastlavian mode evident in the door hood.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

142-144 North Potomac Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

142-144 North Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dunham (Jean W.) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1149 Beechwood Drive

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 578

Folio #: 687

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Known as 142-144 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the east side of the street in the northern quarter of the block formed by Franklin Street and East Avenue, the second block north of Public Square.

Two and a half stories high, the building is a late nineteenth century painted brick semidetached, double house which abuts the sidewalk and the neighboring structures to the north and the south. The rectangular building has a sheet metal covered gable roof with single internal end chimneys and sits on a coursed rubble stone foundation with stone lintels over the basement windows. A frame wing, not visible from Potomac Street, projects from the rear or east elevation.

The facade or west elevation is the most significant architectural feature of the building because it is in fairly original condition. It has six bays on each story with the single door entranceways located in the two middle bays of the first level. Four windows in the foundation wall are arranged in line with the above bays. The most prominent feature of the facade is the boldly projecting bracketed hood extending over the two doorways. Constructed of wood, the hood has a large central gable with a raised panel.

The facade windows are tall and narrow with double-hung, wooden sashes with two-over-two lights, narrow frames, wooden sills, and brick flat arches. Each of the upper sash lights has a segmental arch at the top, a feature commonly found in late nineteenth century construction in this part of western Maryland and nearby south central Pennsylvania. The windows are flanked with exterior shutters, louvered on the second floor and paneled on the first story.

The facade bricks are laid in Common bond with seven rows of stretchers to each row of headers. A classical influenced molding forms a cornice across the facade below the roof overhang.

The major alterations to the facade are limited to entranceways which have recently installed doors. The rectangular transoms above these doors probably are original. The brick steps and metal railings are also of fairly recent vintage.

The building appears to be structurally sound.

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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 checked="" 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 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 late 1870s BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Unfortunately, little of the building's history is known. The basic stylistic and construction features indicate about the late 1870s. It is unpretentious in design and scale but is "substantial" in structure which leads one to speculate that the building was erected for either investment or family use, say by children of the owner. Deed information indicates that the double house may have been built for the Cranwell estate which purchased the property in 1877 (Deed Book 75, p. 457).

The present owner acquired the property in 1974 from the Cranwell estate.

SEE CHAIN OF TITLE

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 36' 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	Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant	(mbe)
ORGANIZATION	City of Hagerstown	DATE June 27, 1977
STREET & NUMBER	City Hall	TELEPHONE (301) 731-3200
CITY OR TOWN	Hagerstown	STATE Maryland 21740

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 587, p. 687

29 May 1974

grantor: First National Bank of Maryland, executor of estate
of Helen B. Elliott

grantee: William F. Dunham and wife Jean W.

public sale, \$23,500 (highest bid)

S half of Lot No. 38, 42' x 240'

Book 237, p. 75

29 July 1946

grantor: Helen B. Elliott and husband James C.

grantee: Robert H. McCauley, Trustee

Book 237, p. 75

29 July 1946

grantor: Helen B. Elliott and Husband James C.

grantee: Robert H. McCauley

Book 202, p. 91

17 September 1936

grantor: George B. Oswald, single

grantee: Mary E. Braly, Frances E. Cranwell, and

Helen Braly Cavanaugh (later Elliott),
joint tenants

Book 202, p. 91

17 September 1936

grantor: Mary E. Braly, widow, and Frances Cranwell, single

grantee: George Oswald

Book 148, p. 232

3 February 1916

grantor: Thomas E. Hilliard, Administrator of estate of
Charles A. Cranwell

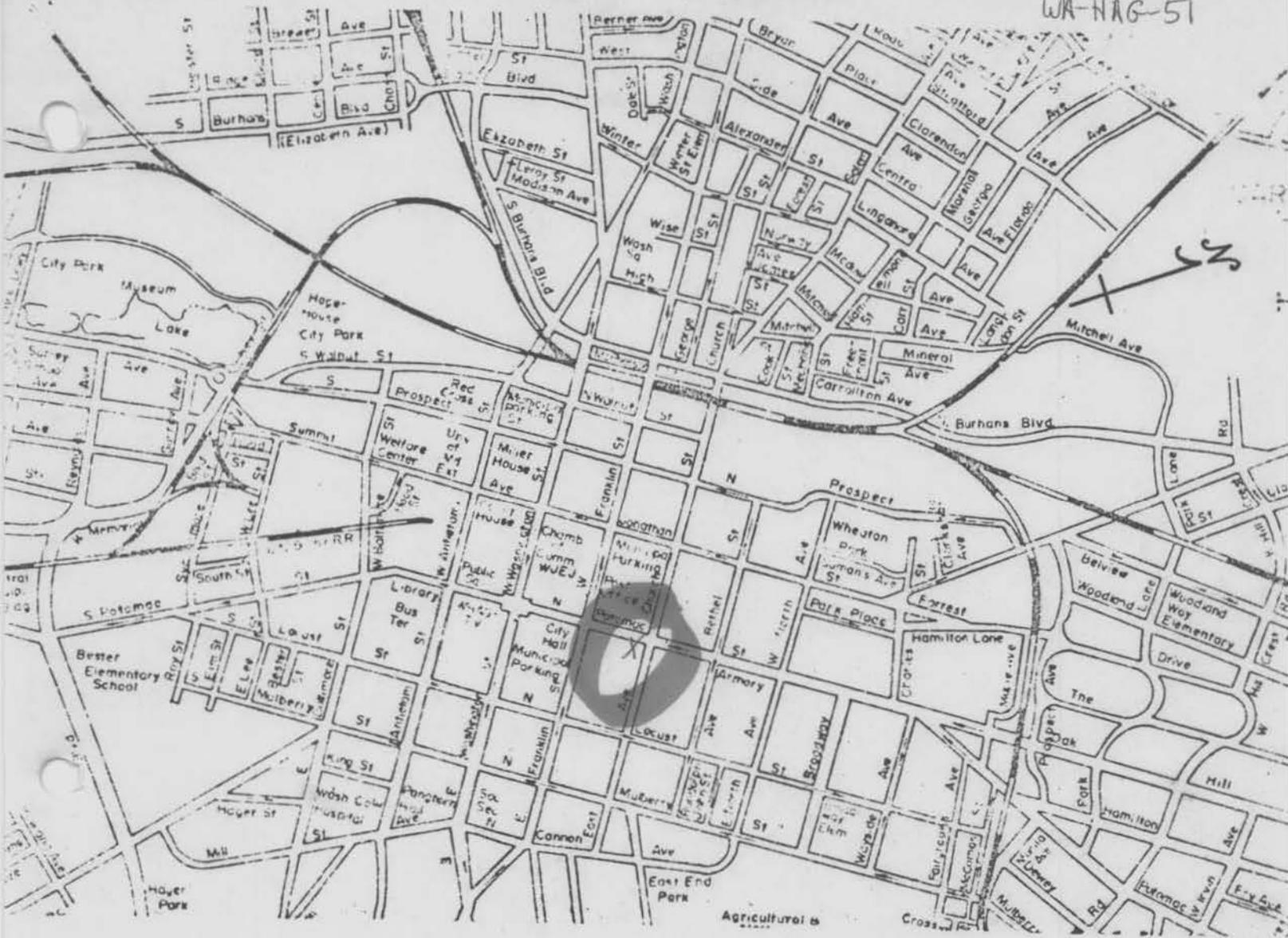
grantee: Susan M. McCardell, Mary E. Braley, Frances E.
Cranwell, and Louise A. Cranwell

Book 75, p. 457

10 April 1877

grantor: Jacob Humrichouse and Edward P. Humrichouse, Executors
of estate of Frederick Humrichouse

grantee: Thomas E. Hilliard, Administrator



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



142-144 North Potomac St.
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

West elevation

November 1975



142-144 North Potomac St.
Hagerstown
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detail, West elevation
November, 1975

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