

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 6-77)

146-148 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

Erected circa 1820s
Remodeled circa 1881

Typical of a number of buildings in the older, central area of Hagerstown, this brick structure is an early nineteenth century house which was extensively enlarged and altered in the late nineteenth century, adapting it for changes in taste and use.

Historically, the original portion of the building appears to date from about the 1820s. Physical evidence on the exterior walls and a reference given in an 1881 deed show that the structure was originally a one and a half story house. For whom it was erected is not certain. On the 1850 Map of Hagerstown, the property is identified as being owned or occupied by Frederick Humrichouse whose estate retained the property in 1881. The Humrichouse family was an old and prominent family in the Hagerstown area.

In the 1880s, the building underwent extensive renovations. The height of the structure was raised to the present two full stories plus a third level under a mansard roof. The general Neoclassical appearance, both in configuration and decoration, was remodeled in the fashionable eclectic manner of the late nineteenth century. The street elevations were crowned with a bracketed cornice and wooden bay windows projecting out over the sidewalks were added, giving more light and space on the interior and contributing to the picturesque quality associated with the period.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

146-148 North Potomac Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

146-148 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
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: apartments

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Bikle (Joan E.)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

830 The Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 553

Folio #: 686

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 146-148 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of Potomac Street and East Avenue in the second block north of Public Square.

The building is a nineteenth century painted brick structure which is presently two stories high with a third story under a mansard roof. Abutting the sidewalks and the neighboring structure to the south, the building has a six bay facade (west elevation) and extends several feet along Church Street (which drops sharply) with a two story wing. The main or front portion of the structure is crowned with a boldly projecting bracketed cornice.

The present appearance of the building is the result of extensive alterations made about the 1880s. The building originally appears to have been a one and a half story brick house with a symmetrical five bay facade. The original size of the building is referred to an 1881 deed (Deed Book 80, p. 230) and is indicated by the exterior brick walls. The bricks of the first story of the main block are larger than those used above and are laid in Flemish bond on the facade and Common bond (four rows of stretchers to each row of headers) along the north side. The bricks of the addition are laid in Common bond with seven rows of stretchers to each row of headers. The date of construction of the original house appears to be about the 1820s.

As noted above, the original facade was five bays, apparently with a center door. When the structure was altered in the 1880s, a narrow sixth bay was added to the south end. The first and second stories of the facade are arranged around an elaborate doorway which is located in the center bay of the original facade. The mansard roof on the top story is symmetrically arranged over the entire facade and has three dormers with a central projecting pavilion. Correspondingly, the two parts of the facade are not in line with each other. The second and sixth bays of the first floor facade, north to south, contain single doors.

The elaborate entranceway on the facade is flanked by broad, flat pilasters and is surmounted by a large projecting frame bay window. The doorway has double wooden doors with large rectangular lights in the upper portions and small wooden panels below. The pilasters are terminated at the top with large scroll brackets supporting the bay window and the architrave above the transom has three small scroll brackets. The pilasters are decorated with two strips of reeding each and applied molding. The sides of the large brackets have cut-out decoration. The stoop is flanked by masonry uprights (probably granite) bearing the initial "M."

The projecting bay window above the doorway has three sides, each with a rectangular panel below. Shaped like half of a hexagon, the bay window has a flat roof and is crowned by a bracketed cornice. A similar projecting bay is located along the north side in the second story of the wing.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

1 of 2 pages

CONTINUATION SHEET

R. Andrews, 6-77

146-148 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

#7. DESCRIPTION continued

The mansard roof is covered with slate shingles with a centered fish-scale decorative band four rows wide. Classical in influence, the dormers are rectangular with gable roofs and flat, plain pilasters flanking the windows. Four of the five dormers facing the street elevations have single windows. The center dormer of the facade or west elevation has double windows.

The principal windows have double-hung wooden sashes with rounded frames and wooden sills. Most of the windows of the first two stories have two-over-two lights. The dormer windows, those in projecting bays, and some of the first story windows have one-over-one lights. The windows in the first story of the original section are wider than the others and probably represent the size of the original openings.

Stylistically, the present exterior appearance of the building is eclectic. The basic configuration and fenestration is Neoclassical but capped with a late nineteenth century Second Empire mansard roof. The decorative detailing is typical of the late 1800s in that its sources are varied.

The building appears to be structurally sound. The exterior retains the integrity of the 1880s renovations.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Sidney, J. C. Map of Hagerstown. Philadelphia: T. Sinclair, 1850.
 Walsh, Richard and William L. Fox. Maryland: A History 1632-1974.
 Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1974.
 Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 43.5' x 123'.

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 22, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

TELEPHONE

(301) 731-3200

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

2 Of 2 pages

CONTINUATION SHEETR. Andrews, 6-77

146-148 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 553, p. 686

20 December 1972

grantor: E. Leroy Heard, Sr.; Ida B. Saum; Margaret Wachter;
Edward L. Heard, Jr.; Odello McCardell Leiter;
Sarah Lucretia Leiter; Franklin Scott Leiter;
Anna Leiter Hershey; Catherine Leiter Bowman; and
Richard Maxwell Leiter

grantee: Richard N. Bikle and wife Joan E.

Book 217, p. 562

16 January 1942

grantor: Frank S. Leiter and Harry Brindle, executor of will
and testament of Odello D. McCardell

grantee: Nina McC. Heard et al
\$5,000, described as a double brick dwelling

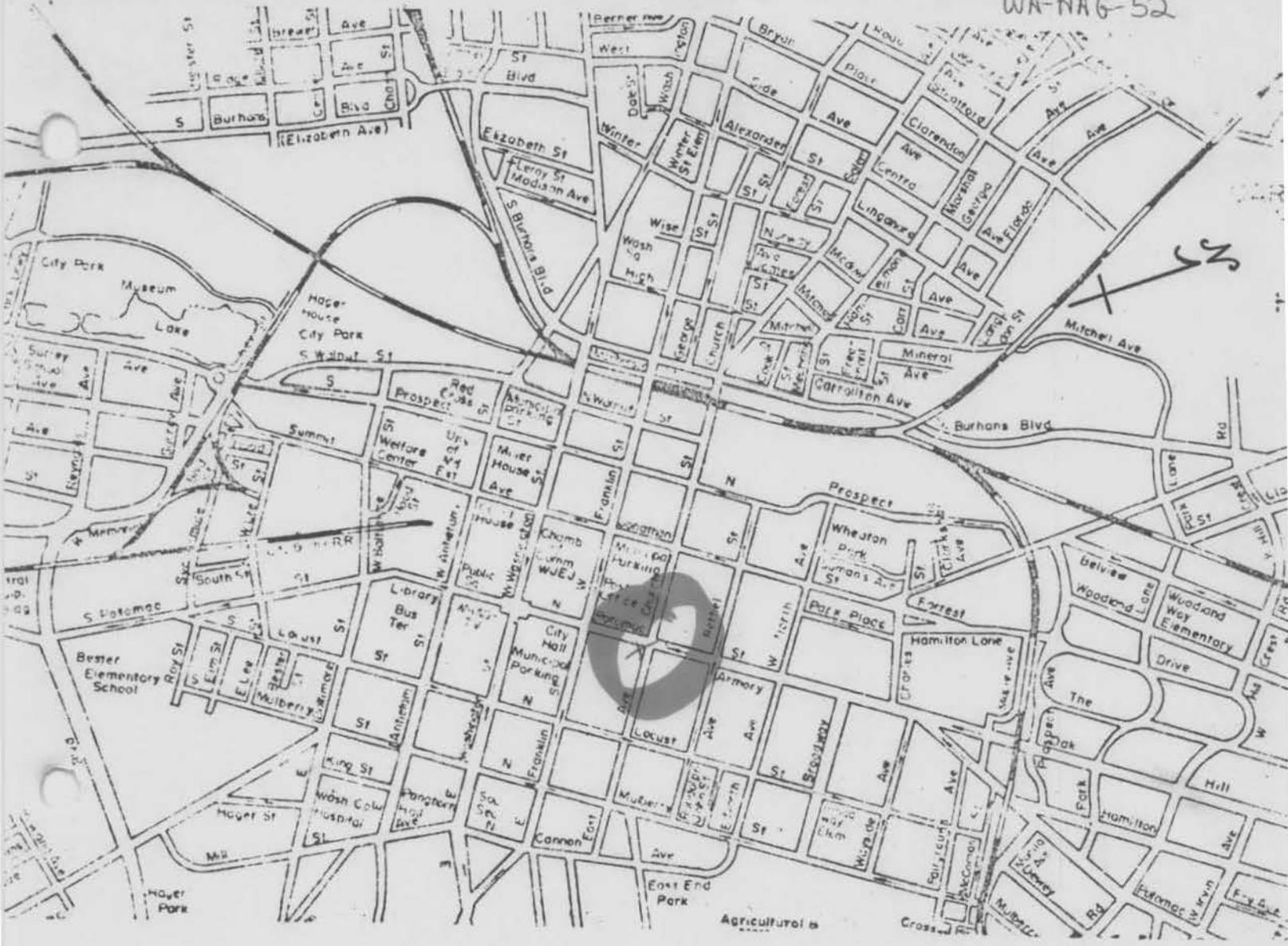
Book 80, p. 320

7 January 1881

grantor: Jacob Humrichouse and Edward P. Humrichouse,
executor of will of Frederick Humrichouse

grantee: Odello D. McCardell
sum: \$2410, improved by a 1½ story brick dwelling
No earlier reference given in this deed.

WA-NAG-52



SITE: 146-148 North Potomac Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

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



146-148 North Potomac St.
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

NW view

November, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS



146-148 North Potomac St
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

West elevation

November, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS



146-148 North Potomac St.
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

West elevation - detail

November, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS