

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 1-77)

273 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

circa 1901

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

273 South Potomac Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

273 South 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. Russell L. Harbaugh (Constance M.) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

273 South Potomac 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 #: 536

Folio #: 796

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

NOTE: One (1) Continuation Sheet attached.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 273 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the house stands on the west side of the street in the southern third of the block formed by Baltimore and Lee Streets, the third block south of Public Square.

The building is a circa 1901 two and a half story, brick house with a dormered hip roof and resting on a stone foundation. Typical of many urban buildings, the structure abuts the sidewalk and has a facade which is more sophisticated in design and construction than that of the rest of the structure. The building appears to be structurally sound. The exterior, particularly the facade, is in near original condition.

The facade or east elevation is constructed of smooth red brick laid in Stretcher bond with masonry lintels and string courses. It is divided into approximately three bays with the doorway in the south end bay and a centered brick Tudorish oriel window flanked with Georgian-esque oculus windows on the second floor. Crowned with a Medievalish battlements cornice, the facade has a general Romanesque feel with the smooth plane contrasted with the masonry decorative detailing.

The principal windows of the facade have double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights, rock-faced rectangular lintels, and smooth masonry sills which are tied into the belt courses. The two oculus windows have smooth, masonry surrounds with four rock-faced keystones dividing the area into quarters.

The doorway has a single door with a large single light and a rectangular transom bearing the house number in paint. The entrance is reached by a broad set of masonry steps with closed balustrades.

The bow window has a smooth masonry base tied into the lintel of the center first story window. The bow is crowned with a small cornice above a band of corbeled bricks which are a part of the main cornice.

The side elevations are constructed of a brick which appears to be of lesser quality than those of the facade. These bricks are laid in Common bond (seven rows of stretchers to each row of headers). The windows are like those of the facade only minus the masonry lintels and sills.

The hip roof has asphalt shingles and jerkin-head dormers, the east one projecting above the facade cornice. The dormer windows have double-hung sashes with two-over-two lights.

The facade foundation wall is built of rectangular rock-faced masonry blocks. The side foundation walls are built of rubble stone.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Typical of many urban houses, the facade of this building which is in original condition is almost a separate structure from the rest of the house. While the facade is an important element of the streetscape of the South Potomac Street, it is unrelated stylistically and in construction method to the main structure as evident in the accompanying photographs.

SEE CHAIN OF TITLE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hagerstown City Directories (various years).

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 29' x 120'.

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

January 21, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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273 South Potomac Street
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Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 536, p. 796

31 January 1972

grantor: Harry M. Ganoë (unmarried)

grantee: Russell Leroy Harbaugh and wife, Constance M.

Book 514, p. 104

5 November 1970

grantor: Jeanette D. Danzer and Donald E. Shockey,
Personal Representatives of estate of Edgar S. Darner

grantee: Harry M. Ganoë

sum: \$9,900

Book 160, p. 51

31 March 1921

grantor: Clyde H. Wilson and Edward Oswald, Trustees in Equity
Case No 8978 (1920)

grantee: Edgar S. Darner and wife, Corrine S.

Book 119, p. 571

20 April 1904

grantor: James W. Seaman and wife Rose Ethel

grantee: Anna M. Whelan

Book 114, p. 502

13 July 1901

grantor: Nettie Hoffman

grantee: James W. Seaman and wife, Rose E.

consideration: \$1,200

Book 110, p. 358

30 March 1899

grantor: John B. Liebold and wife, Emma C.

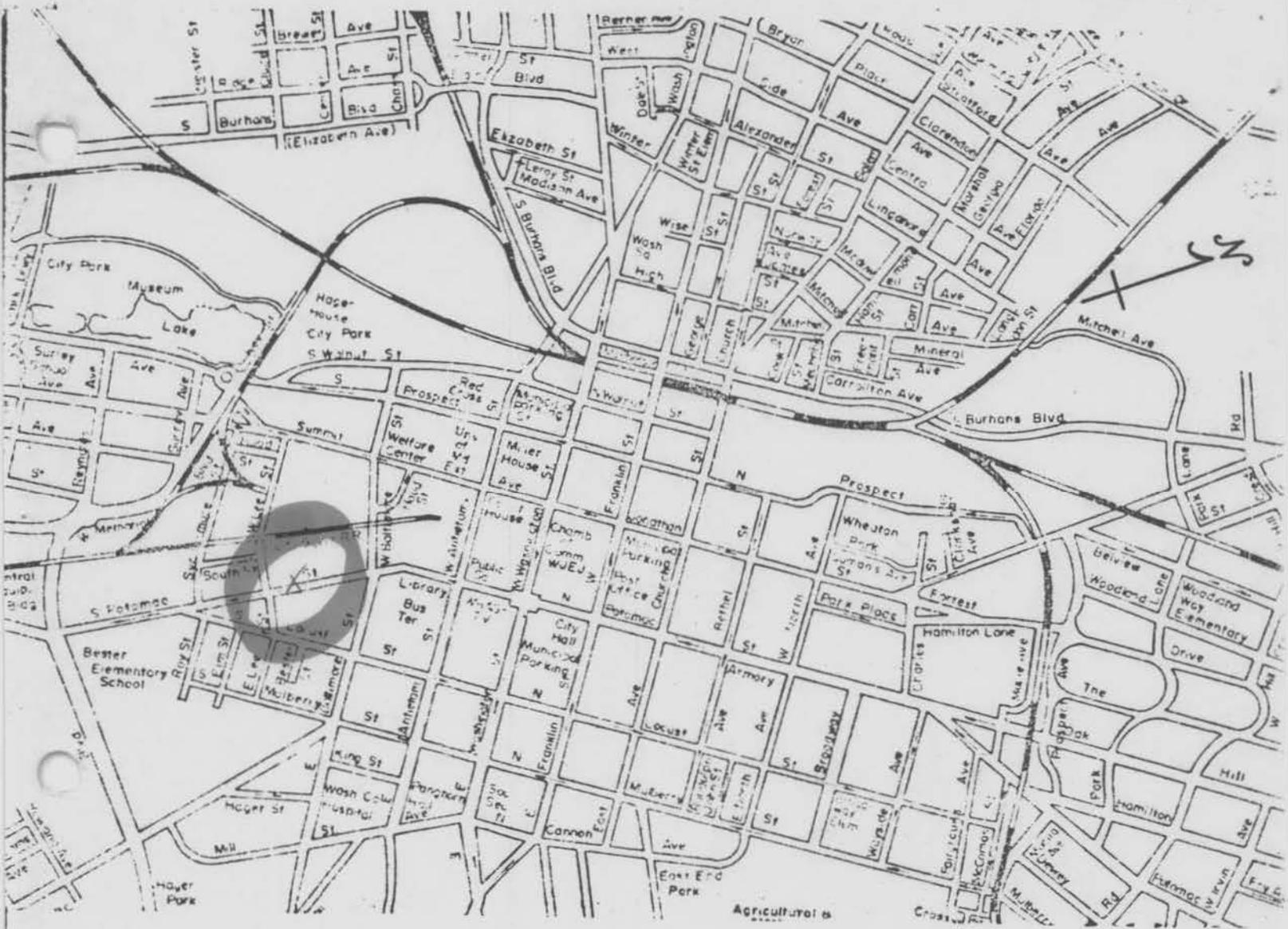
grantee: Nettie Hoffman

Book I.N. No. 15, p. 109

2 April 1860

grantor: Leonard Maisack

grantee: Andrew Liebold



SITE: 273 South 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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273 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

SE view

December, 1976

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273 South Potomac Street

Hagerstown

Washington Co, Md.

East elevation

December, 1976

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