

ABSTRACT

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Alexander Inn

1927-1929

6-8 Public Square and

3-19 East Washington Street

Hagerstown

Washington County, Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Alexander Hotel
AND/OR COMMON Alexander Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 6-8 Public Square and 3-19 East Washington 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER partially

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Leslie F. Earley Telephone #: occupied
STREET & NUMBER 435 East Baltimore 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 #: 544
STREET & NUMBER 95 West Washington Street Folio #: 384
CITY, TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

NOTE: One (1) Continuation Sheet attached.

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alexander Inn stands at 6-8 Public Square in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the southeast corner, fronting on both Public Square and East Washington Street.

Originally known as the Alexander Hotel, the Alexander Inn is a ten story 1927-1929 masonry and metal hotel structure with an eclectic Renaissance Revival influenced exterior arranged in a tripartite system corresponding to the base, shaft, and capital of a classical column. The lower two stories are constructed of masonry block imitating rustication. Levels three through eight are brick and terminate with a masonry cornice. The top two stories are also brick but serve as a crown or capital of the column. A low two story wing projects to the east. The building has six bays along Public Square and twelve bays along Washington Street.

Most of the windows of the building are of the classical double-hung, wooden type with six-over-six lights. The second and top story windows have round arches with masonry arch surrounds. The third story windows and wall have masonry quoining. The north side along East Washington Street has five two story large round arch windows on the lower stories. The windows on the ninth and tenth levels are decoratively connected vertically to give the impression of tall windows.

The building is structurally sound. The exterior is fairly original.

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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 1927-1929

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Architecturally, the Alexander Inn, originally called the Alexander Hotel, is a skyscraper with its exterior parts arranged in a tripartite system corresponding to a classical column, base, shaft, and capital. This is a type of building which was not possible until the development of the elevator, an invention which was well in use by the 1920s. The first skyscraper form buildings in Hagerstown were erected about the early 1900s. Another interesting architectural feature of the Alexander Inn is the contrast between it, a masonry and metal constructed building, and the neighboring brick and frame structures.

The Alexander Inn closed as a hotel in 1971 and has been empty since then.

SEE CHAIN OF TITLE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 Washington County Historical Society, files. Miller House, Hagerstown, MD.
 Hagerstown Office of the Building Inspector, City Hall, Hagerstown, MD.
 (Permit No. A-12, issued 12 October 1927.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 81.5' x 200' and contains approximately 16,400 square feet.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION	City of Hagerstown	DATE May 20, 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
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3-19 East Washington Street
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Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 544, p. 384

11 July 1972

grantor: Hager Housing Corporation

grantee: Leslie F. Earley

Book 535, p. 382

15 October 1971

grantor: Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., Greensboro,
N.C.

grantee: Hager Housing Corporation

Book 520, p. 339

31 March 1971

grantor: Daniel W. Moylan, Assignee Equity #27, 123

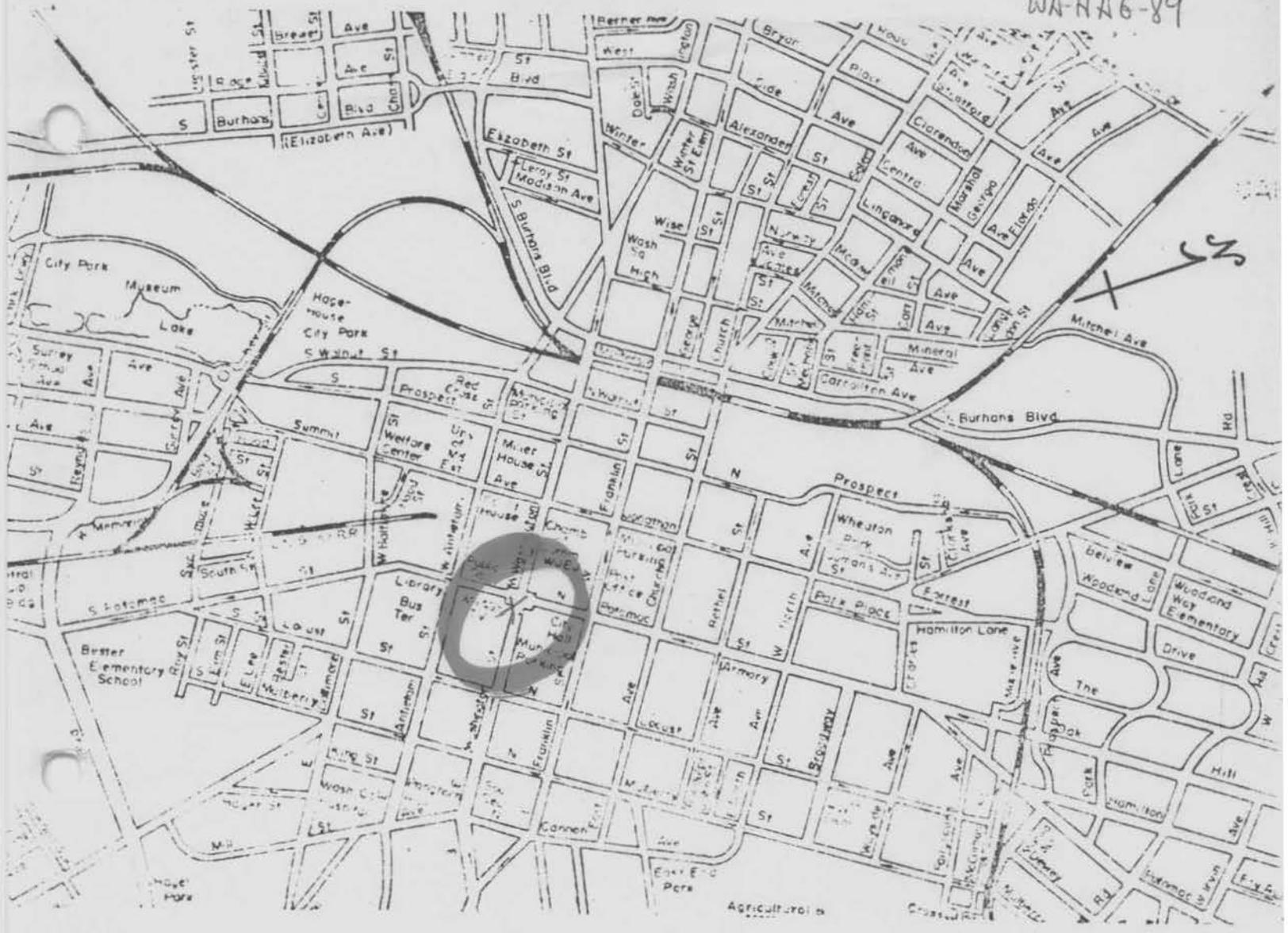
grantee: Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co.

Book 470, p. 399

8 April 1968

grantor: Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company

grantee: Bay Head Restaurant, Inc.



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



Alexander Inn
6-8 Public Square
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md
NW view
January, 1937

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