

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 9-76)

10 Public Square (NE quadrant at
East Washington Street)
Hagerstown
Washington County

19th century

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Now in fair condition, this building could become a more significant part of the environment if it is revitalized and refurbished in a manner sympathetic to the present basic Italianate stylistic features of the street elevations. Restoration to the original appearance is not recommended unless precise evidence of the original appearance is known.

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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: 10 Public Square

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 10 Public Square (NE quadrant, at E. Washington Street)

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Martha Jane Bristow

STREET AND NUMBER: 1013 Oak Hill Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland 21740

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 258-577

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Known as 10 Public Square in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands in the northeast quadrant of the square and along East Washington Street.

The building is a three story high nineteenth century brick structure with a flat roof and a boldly projecting cornice. Abutting the sidewalks and neighboring structures to the north and east, the building fronts on Public Square (west elevation) and has an exposed side wall (south elevation) along East Washington Street. A rough stone foundation wall is visible along the eastern section of the south wall.

The principal or west elevation has a recently installed storefront on the first and second levels and three segmental arch windows on the top story. The south street elevation has three segmental arch windows on the top floor, two on the second floor, and two rectangular windows on the first floor. The segmental arch windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with two-over-two lights, narrow frames, and wooden sills. The first floor windows along East Washington Street are also of the double-hung, wooden sash type but with one-over-one lights.

The storefront on Public Square has aluminium framed doorways and display windows on the first floor and polished facing panels on both levels. The polished facing panels also cover the western bays on the first two stories of the south elevation.

The bricks of the street elevations (south and west) are heavily coated with paint which obscures a clear view of the bonding. The south wall bricks appear to be laid in Common bond. The bricks of the lower portion of the south wall also appear to be the large type found in pre-1850s construction in Hagerstown. None of the bricks of the first two stories of the principal facade (west elevations) are visible. These walls contain several large cracks and disruptions in the brickwork.

Stylistically, the building has the general features associated with Italianate influenced commercial structures of the 1870s-1880s period. These features are the tall, narrow windows with segmental arches and a boldly projecting cornice with attenuated scroll brackets. The broad proportions of the structure in relation to the number and placement of the windows and cornice plus the above information on the large size brick use in construction lead to a strong possibility that the building was erected prior to the Civil War and extensively altered later. More in depth analysis would prove or disprove this theory.

The cornice is constructed of wood and has attenuated scroll brackets with medallions between the brackets.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 32.3' x 42.7'.

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

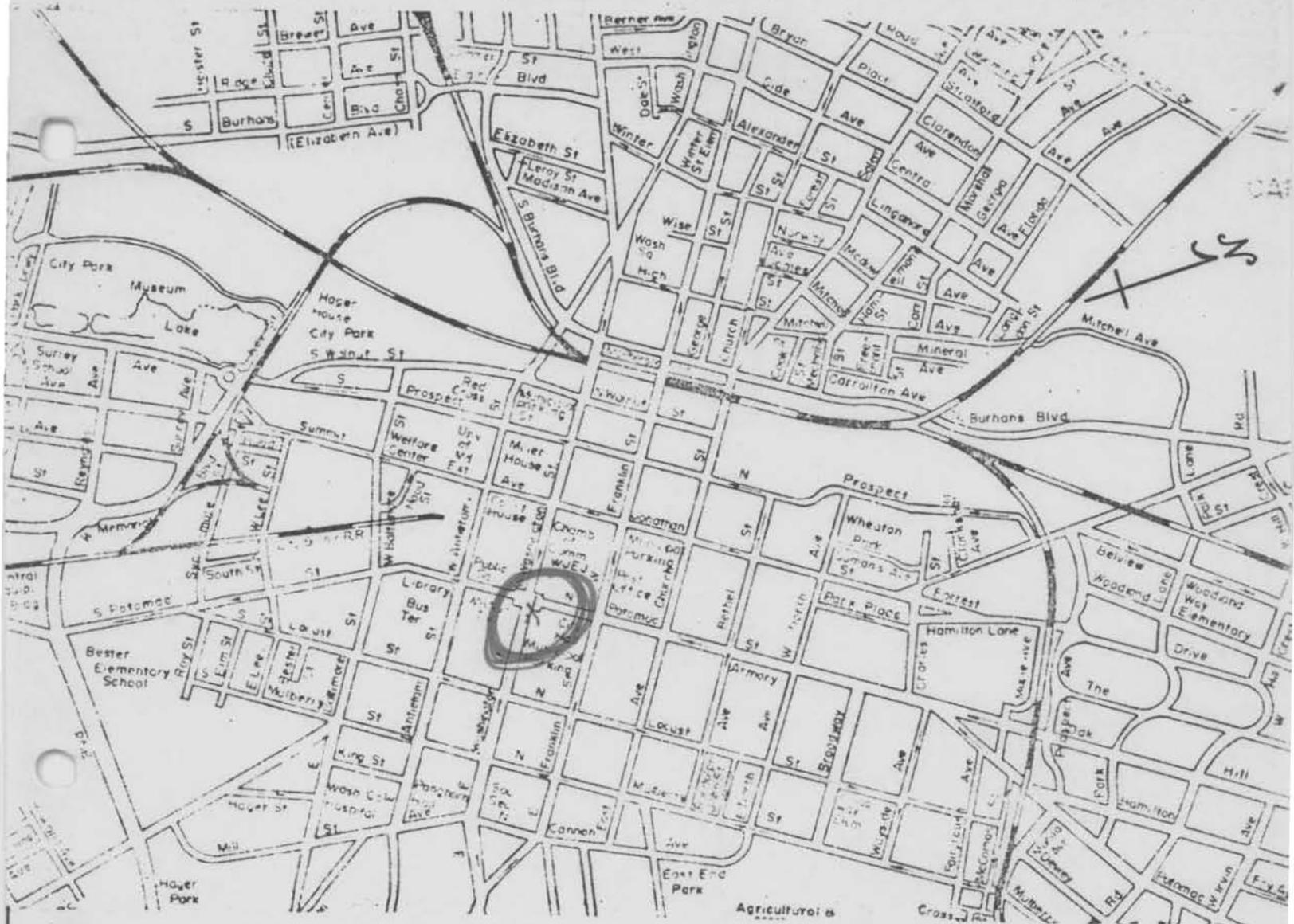
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)		DATE: Sept. 24, 1976
ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown		
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE: Maryland	

12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



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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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10 Public Square

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

SW view

July 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS