

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 1-77)

Walker House

Circa 1885

49 Summit Avenue

Hagerstown

Washington County

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Walker House

AND/OR COMMON

49 Summit Avenue

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

49 Summit Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Offices

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Prospect Realty

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

49 Summit Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 623

Folio #: 282

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, No. WA-6028

DATE

1970

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Shaw House

STATE

21 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401

NOTE: One (1) Continuation Sheet attached

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 49 Summit Avenue, the building stands on the northwest corner at the intersection of Antietam Street, southwest of Public Square and one block south of Washington Street, in Hagerstown, Washington County.

The building is a circa 1885 painted brick house which sits on a high foundation and is two stories in height with a third level under a steeply pitched mansard roof. Abutting the sidewalks and neighboring structure to the north, the house is built into a hill which rises to the west, resulting with the sidewalk being the same height as the sill of the last window in the wing projecting along Antietam Street.

The facade or west elevation is symmetrically fenestrated with a centered, three story entrance turret or tower with a flat roof. The high foundation wall is constructed of rock-faced, rectangular stones and comes up to the window sills. The tower has a large cavity-like entranceway with thick, chamfered pilasters and foliated capitals supporting a stone round arch. The doorway has contemporary metal and glass doors and transom.

The facade windows flank the tower with a large three-part window on each side of the first story, and two single windows on either side of the upper two stories. The first floor windows are replacements, but the others appear to be original. The tower has three windows on upper levels with three small circular windows at the top. The principal windows, including those on the dormers, have double-hung window sashes with one-over-one lights.

The mansard roof has four window dormers on the east or facade elevation and two along the south side flanking a decorated brick chimney. The dormers have gable roofs with foliated-like cut-out decoration in the gable panels. The roof is covered with slate shingles with decorated banding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically known as the Walker House, this High Victorian style house is believed to have been erected about 1885 as the residence of William W. Walker (1832-1889), a Hagerstown businessman who purchased the property in 1884 (Deed Book 88, p. 189). The building occupies a prominent corner site at the intersection of Antietam Street and is whimsical relief with the turreted facade from the staid lines of the surrounding commercial structures. Built of brick and painted, the house stands on a high rock-faced stone foundation and is two stories in height with a third under a steeply pitched mansard roof.

A native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Walker studied pharmacy before moving to Hagerstown in 1867 to form a grocery firm with his brother George W. Walker and T. J. Nill under the name of Walker, Nill, and Company. He later went into the wholesale and retail liquor business, eventually opening a distillery near Williamsport. (Williams, II, 1183-1184)

Purchased by Walker in 1884, the property was retained by the family until 1932 when title was transferred from Walker's granddaughter to a Hagerstown bank.

See Chain of Title

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland, 2 vols.
Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906, (II, 1183-1184)
Morgan, William. Notes on file at Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 70' x 108'

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		bg
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
City of Hagerstown	January 6, 1977	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE	
City Hall	(301) 731-3200	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	
Hagerstown	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

Walker House
49 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 239, p. 25
3 December 1946
grantor: The Nicodemus National Bank of Hagerstown
grantee: Nettie L. K. Bitler, widow of Luther C. Bitler
known as Walker Property

Book 190, p. 183
9 January 1932
grantor: Inez Van Valkenburg Gerling
grantee: Nicodemus National Bank of Hagerstown
S. Jonathan Street

Book 161, p. 298
22 October 1921
grantor: Henry F. Wingert (unmarried)
grantee: Inez Isadora Gerling
"Walker Property"

Book 161, p. 256
23 September 1921
grantor: Wm. Dixon Van Valkenberg Executor of estate of
Anna M. Van Valkenberg (Will Book N, p. 150)
grantee: Inez Isadora Gerling
"Walker Property"

Book 88, p. 189
31 March 1884
grantor: John F. A. Remley and wife, Ella A.; David Long and wife May
grantee: William W. Walker
\$10,000
parts of lots #9 and #10 (what plat ??)

Hagerstown

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FIELD SHEET
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES SHEET
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	22049846211
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Wright-Speicher & Gardner Insurance Building
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
49 Summit Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown
STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Washington CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot

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: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check One) Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>49 Summit Avenue is a large, 3 storey brick building with stone base and mansard roof (3rd storey). In the center of the front facade is a somewhat unique feature - a turret-like projection that mushrooms from over the entranceway (forming a small entrance roof) and telescopes up to the level of the top of the roof. The uppermost band of this tower has three round windows set in it. The mansard roof is shingled with slate in customary banding of the period. The windows on the second storey have stone sills and caps.</p>	

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c 1880s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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"/>	<u>architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>townscape</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

49 Summit Avenue is more than just a good example of a High Victorian house, for this corner structure is most interesting and 'fun' visually -- its front turret-like projection looking like front of a steamboat or some other equally (for downtown Hagerstown) incongruous thing.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: Department of Art History DATE: June 9, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: University of Delaware

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: Delaware CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

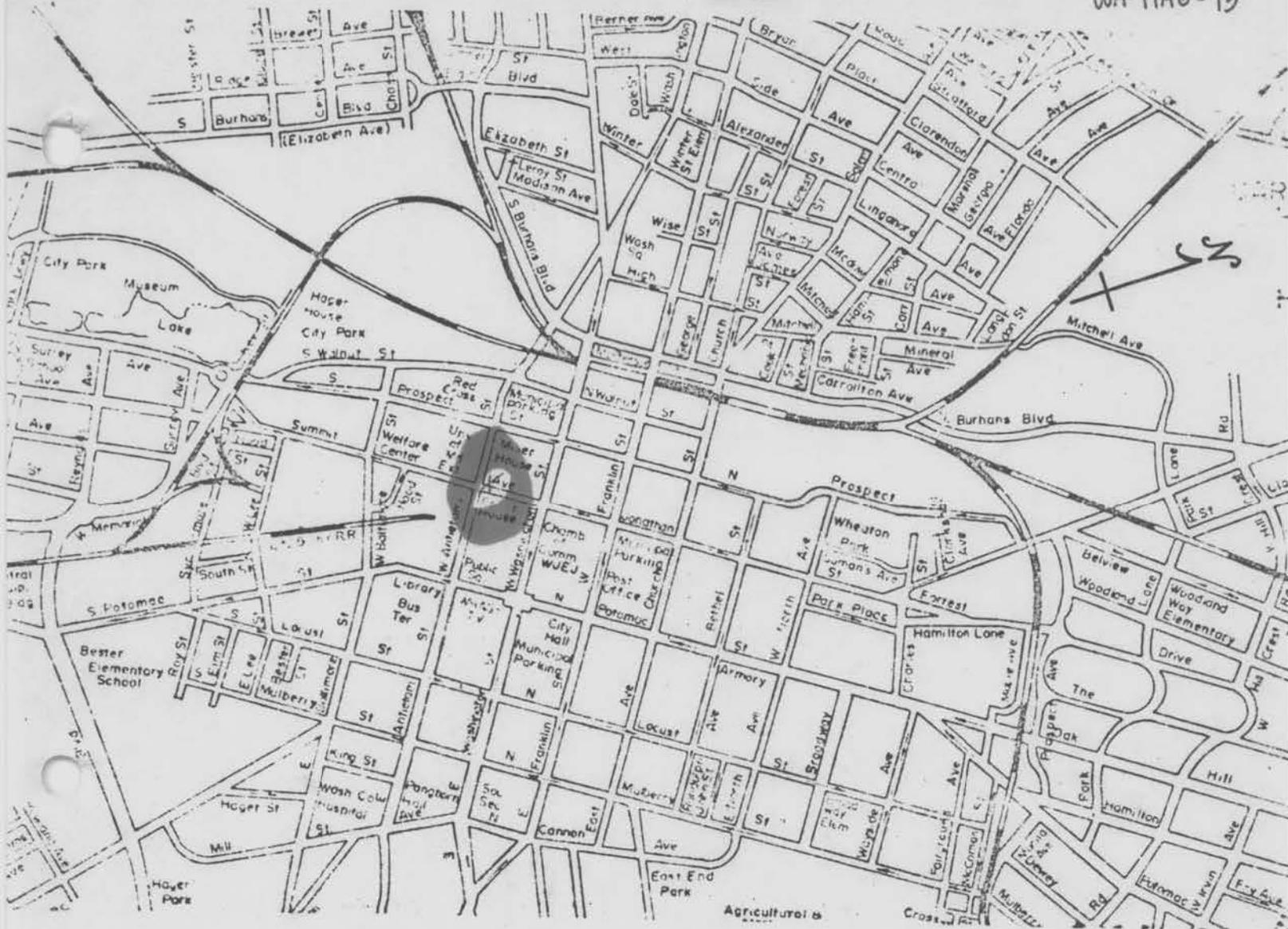
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



SITE: 49 Summit Avenue
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

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



Welcome to
The Insurance Store

WALTER HARRIS
INSURANCE

The Insurance Store

WALTER HARRIS
INSURANCE

H
HOSPITAL
→

WA-HA6-95
49 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

SE view
October, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS



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Bargner
Bank of
Insurance

WRIGHT
BARGNER
BANK OF
INSURANCE

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49 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington Co, Md.

SE view

October, 1975

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49 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

SE view, detail

October, 1975

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47 Summit Avenue

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

east elevation, detail

October, 1975

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49 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740
2/14/91, corner view of east and
south facades from West Antietam St.
photographer facing northwest, 3/11

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