

ABSTRACT

4-6 West Washington Street

late 19th century

Hagerstown

Washington County

Located just west of Public Square, this late nineteenth century commercial structure has a pressed metal facade (south side) on the upper floors. Three stories high, the facade is divided into two, bowed divisions with the windows horizontally arranged between Ionic pilasters. The ornate decoration of the facade makes this building a major visual factor in the streetscape of the Public Square area.

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 4-6 West Washington Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 4-6 West 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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: The Fleisher Company					
STREET AND NUMBER: Public Square					
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. #): 254-146					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 4-6 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the north side of the street in the eastern third of the block formed by Public Square and Jonathan Street.

The building is a late nineteenth century, masonry commercial structure, three stories high, which sits tight to the sidewalk in row with the neighboring buildings. A simple, clear-cut rectangular form, the building has a flat roof and a boldly projecting, bracketed cornice. The upper two stories of the facade (south side), which are original and basically unaltered, have an ornate, pressed metal (probably tin) covering and are divided into two sections, each of which gently bow outward. The first floor of the facade has a circa 1930s Art Deco influenced shop front which extends over the neighboring structure to the west (14-16 West Washington Street).

The windows of the upper two stories have double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights and are horizontally arranged between piers, four per section per floor. The spandrels above and below the windows have foliated, relief decoration. The three piers extend the height of the upper levels, terminating at the cornice. On each floor, the pier is made up of a fluted, flat Ionic pilaster with voluted capitals and surmounts a paneled dado.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) late nineteenth century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located just west of the center of Hagerstown, 4-6 West Washington Street is important for its architecture and its prominent role in the streetscape of an important artery leading into Public Square.

The building is representative of the simple, clear-cut, rectangular type of urban commercial architecture popular at the close of the nineteenth century which was given character by the application of extraneous decorative detailing. In this case the decorative and structural elements are linked through the double bowed fenestration arrangement of the upper two levels of the facade (south side). The decorative detailing of the ornate, pressed metal front exhibits the influence of the Classical Revival style through the use of Ionic pilasters, wreaths, and other foliated decoration associated with the classical styles.

Situated approximately one building west of Public Square on U.S. Route 40, Washington Street, the facade stands in harmonious contrast with the neighboring fronts. Contributing to the rhythm of lines through its general shape and scale, the ornate facade has a visual impact which is particularly acute compared to the low, Art Deco building to the west (14-16 West Washington Street) and the plainer, Italianate influence structure (20 Public Square) abutting it on the east.

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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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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 50' x 118'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

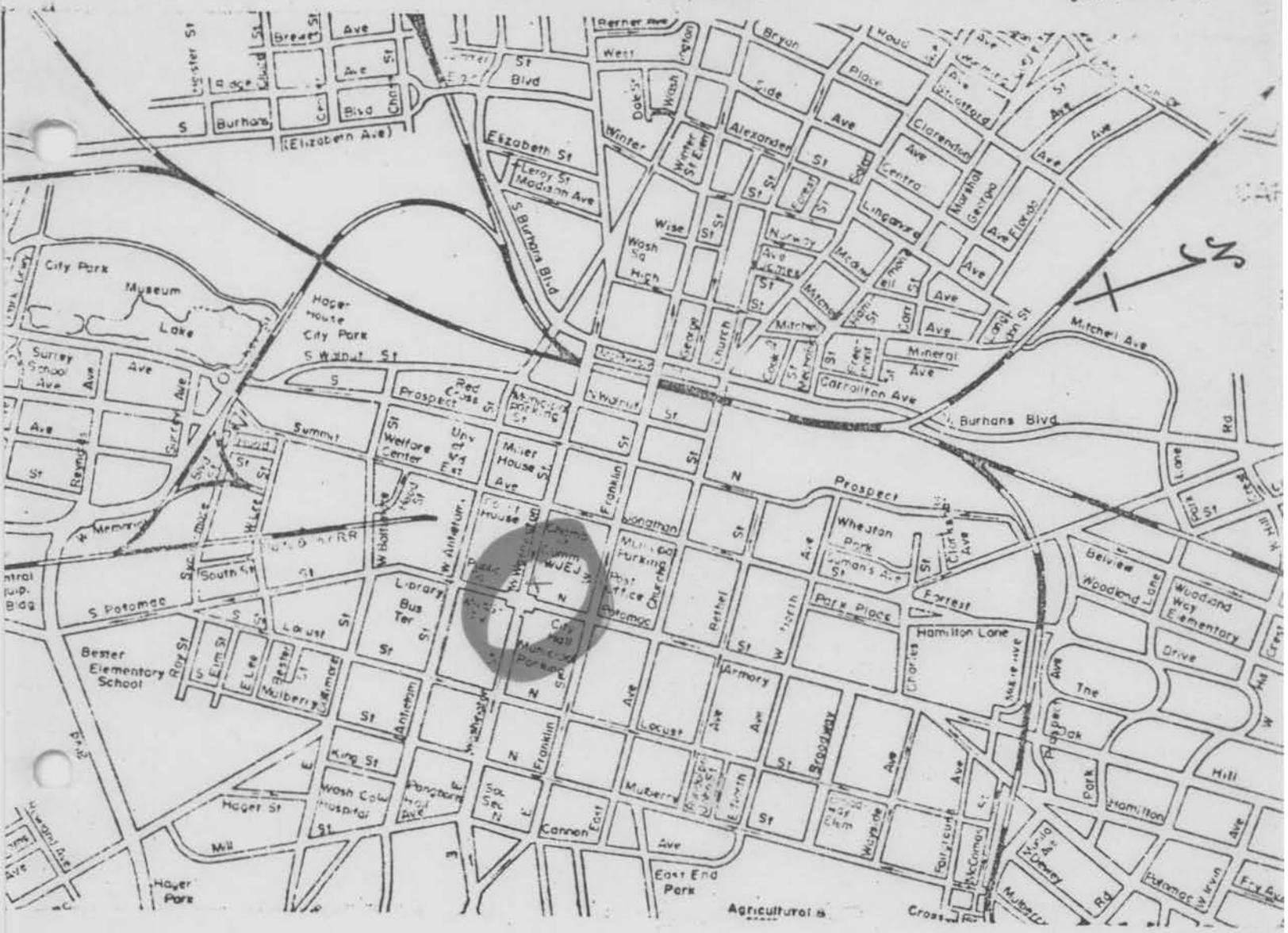
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)	
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown	DATE 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

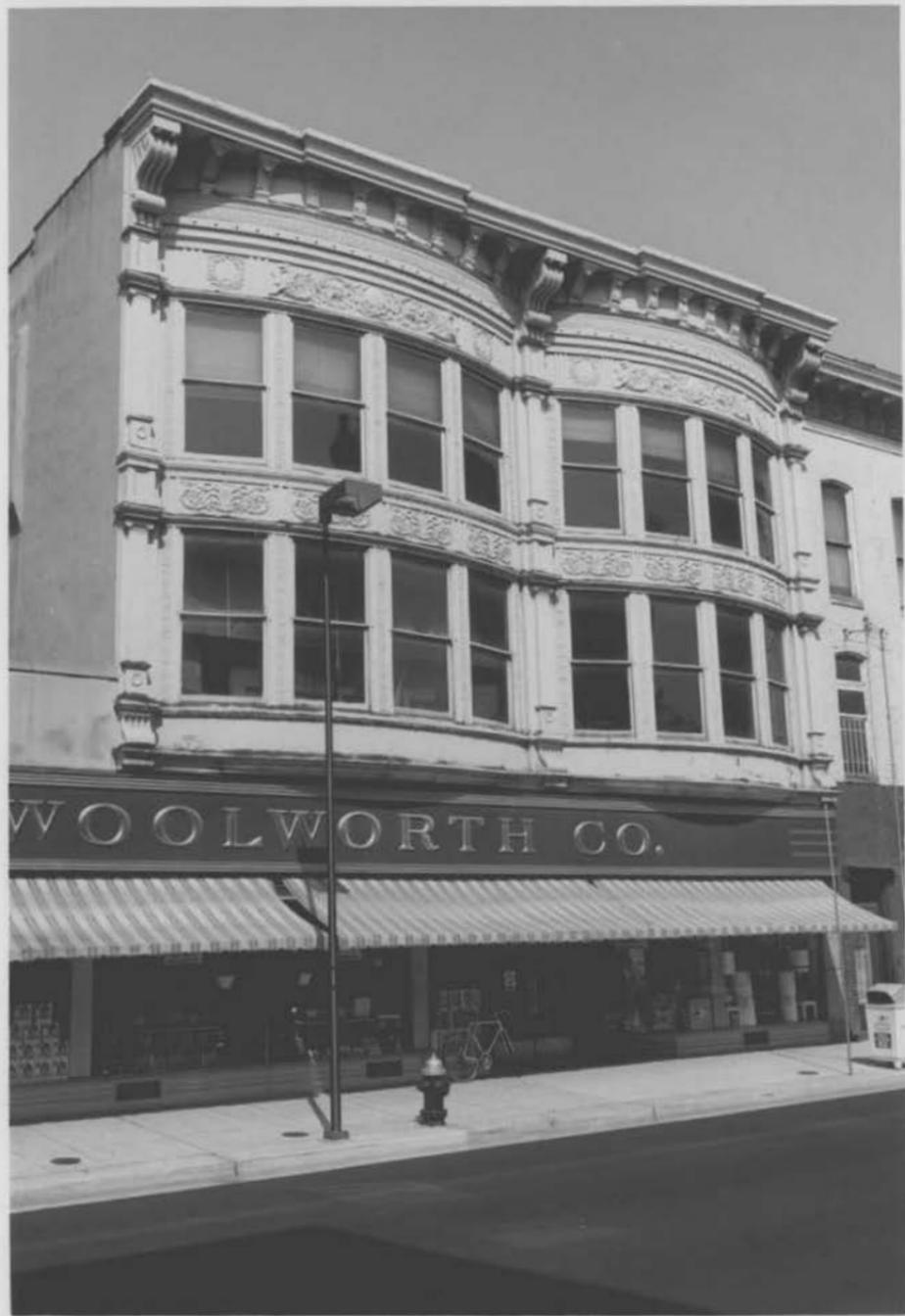
National State Local

Signature _____



SITE: 4-6 West Washington Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

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



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46 West Washington St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

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August, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS