

## ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 8-76)

Farmers and Merchants Bank Building                      circa 1915-1920  
55-59 West Washington Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County

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HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Farmers and Merchants Bank Building				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 55-59 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Bank and offices
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Farmers and Merchants Bank				
STREET AND NUMBER: 55 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
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. #): 195-651				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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:	

7. 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)
	<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	
<p>The building stands at 55-59 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the south side of the street near the center of the block formed by Public Square and Summit Avenue.</p> <p>The building is an early twentieth century, brown brick, eclectic type, commercial structure which is four stories high and sits tight to the sidewalk and neighboring buildings. The facade (north side) is divided into three sections, has a modern front on the street level, and appears to be original on the upper three stories. The present ground floor facade is a 1975 adaptation of a circa 1930s, Classical influenced front and is tied into the facade of the neighboring building to the west (61-65 West Washington Street) which is an annex to the bank.</p> <p>The upper three stories of the facade has two columns of tripartite bay windows flanking the central portion. The west column of windows has three windows on each floor and is capped by a Spanish Revival style tiled roof which extends over the central portion of the facade and is supported by three pairs of large brackets. The easterly window column terminates just above the top floor level with a flat roof which emphasizes the curvilinear gable (false) on the roof line. This east column has four windows per floor. The central portion of the facade has a single window (double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights) centered on each floor. These windows have concrete, shelf-like balconies with supports and iron balustrades.</p> <p>The bricks of the upper levels of the facade are laid in stretcher bond with decorative designs (mostly diamonds with stone centers) and banding. The windows in the bay columns are rectangular with rectangular lights divided by stone mullions in a fashion commonly associated with the late Tudor period. A chimney rises on the west end of the facade above the tile roof.</p> <p>The building appears to be structurally sound.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1915-1920

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<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	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41.5' x 240'.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

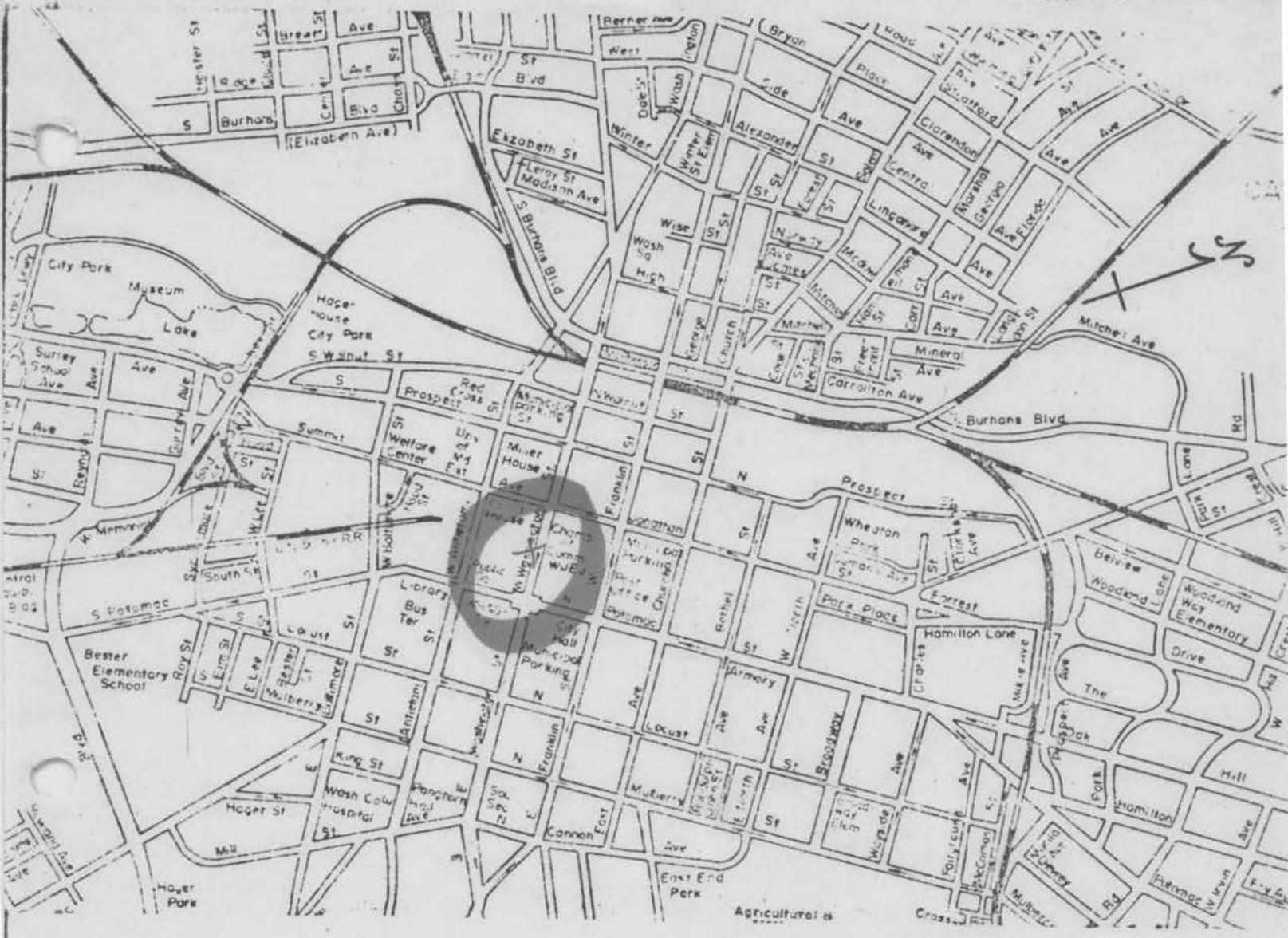
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)	
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown	DATE August 3, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**SITE:** Farmers and Merchants Bank Building  
 55-59 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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Farmers & Merchants Bank Building  
55-59 West Washington Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington Co., Md.

north elevation

October, 1975

35mm wide angle lens

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