

## ABSTRACT

Maryland National Bank Building

circa 1900

80-82 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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Maryland National Bank Building					
AND/OR HISTORIC: First National Bank Building, Second National Bank Building					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 80-82 West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <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		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	bank and	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		offices	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Maryland National Bank, c/o George A. Wisner					
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 Light Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
			21202		
<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. #): 194-95					
<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	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">           (Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered         </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">           (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site         </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Maryland National Bank Building in Hagerstown, Washington County, stands at 80-82 West Washington Street in the western half of the block formed by Public Square and Jonathan Street.</p> <p>The building is a six stories high, brick commercial structure which sits tight to the sidewalk and the neighboring building on the east. The principal facade (south side) has a circa 1957, modern front on the first two stories with a late nineteenth century or early twentieth century, Georgian Revival facade on the upper levels. The west side of the building is along an alley and has segmental arch windows on the top five floors and bricked-in round arch windows on the first story. The principal facade is crowned with a bold cornice with four heavy brackets and a roof balustrade with turned balusters.</p> <p>Although the first and second levels of the facade were later remodeled, the original composition of the stories appears to have been a tripartite system corresponding to the base, shaft, and capital of a classic column. The heavily ornamented sixth floor is the capital; the plain fifth, fourth, third, and, possibly, second as the shaft; and the first or ground level the base of the column.</p> <p>The first and second floors of the street or principal facade has three sets of small rectangular and square windows per floor with three centered doors at the street and a clock centered between floors. This section of the principal facade is surrounded by polished facing panels (possibly stone) with fluted metal panels between the window sets.</p> <p>The upper levels of the street facade are faced with rectangular masonry blocks and are arranged with a set of double windows in the middle flanked by single windows. The windows are double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights. The third, fourth, and fifth windows have masonry architrave molding and sills. The sixth or top story is heavily ornamented with quoin-like molding and flat arches with bold keystones around the windows. Foliated drops in relief sculpture, flanking the center windows, suspended from a beltcourse at the base of the sixth floor windows tie the ornamental top level into the plainer stories below. Another beltcourse, stepped with three levels, stretches along the tops of the sixth floor windows and the bottoms of the cornice brackets.</p> <p>The Maryland National Bank Building appears to be structurally sound. Although the first two stories were unsympathetically renovated about 1957, the upper four stories of the street facade still retain most of the Georgian Revival decorative detailing.</p>	

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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 checked="" 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) circa 1900

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"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<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			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Maryland National Bank Building is significant architecturally and for its association with the commercial and financial development of Hagerstown. Erected about 1900 for the First National Bank, the building is representative of an urban, commercial form of the Georgian Revival style of architecture popular in the United States at the turn of the twentieth century. Of particular note is the boldly executed, classical decorative detailing of the upper levels of the street facade (south side).

In addition to its stylistic features, the Maryland National Bank Building is one of the earliest skyscraper form structures erected in Hagerstown. Six stories high, an exceptional height for turn-of-the-century Hagerstown and still one of the tallest buildings in the central business district, the structure was designed around the elevator which made the upper stories as rentable as the lower levels. Although the first two stories were extensively remodeled about 1957, the original arrangement of the stories appears to have been the tripartite composition corresponding to the base, shaft, and capital of a classic column. The tripartite composition is identified by Winston Weisman in "A New View of Skyscraper History" as the fourth phase in the development of the skyscraper (p. 119).

The exact date of construction of the Maryland National Bank Building is not known. The First National Bank, which had the present building erected, acquired the property in 1865 when the assets of the Hagerstown Savings Bank were transferred to the First National Bank (Deed Book I. N. No. 11, p. 771). The present structure is referred to in the 1906 A History of Washington County as having been erected a few years earlier and as having replaced an early nineteenth century house built of brick or stone (possibly one of the houses erected for Nathaniel Rochester) (p. 240).

In 1933, during the Geat Depression, the First National Bank was taken over by the Second National Bank (Deed Book 194, p. 95). In August 1963, the assets of the Second National Bank were acquired by the Maryland National Bank, a Baltimore based firm.

The Maryland National Bank Building stands on the eastern half of Lot No. 80 as designated on the original plat of Hagerstown.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Weisman, Winston. "A New View of Skyscraper History," The Rise of An American Architecture, ed. Edgar Kaufman, Jr. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1970.

Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland, Vol. I. Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906.

**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
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: 1975

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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WA-HAG-110  
Maryland National Bank  
80-82 W. Washington St

1951 brochure on Hagerstown



FARMERS & MERCHANTS  
BANK  
OF HAGERSTOWN, MD.  
BRANCH BANK AT  
SMITHSBURG



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TRUST COMPANY  
MEMBER FEDERAL  
RESERVE SYSTEM

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FUTURE  
IS IN  
HAGERSTOWN

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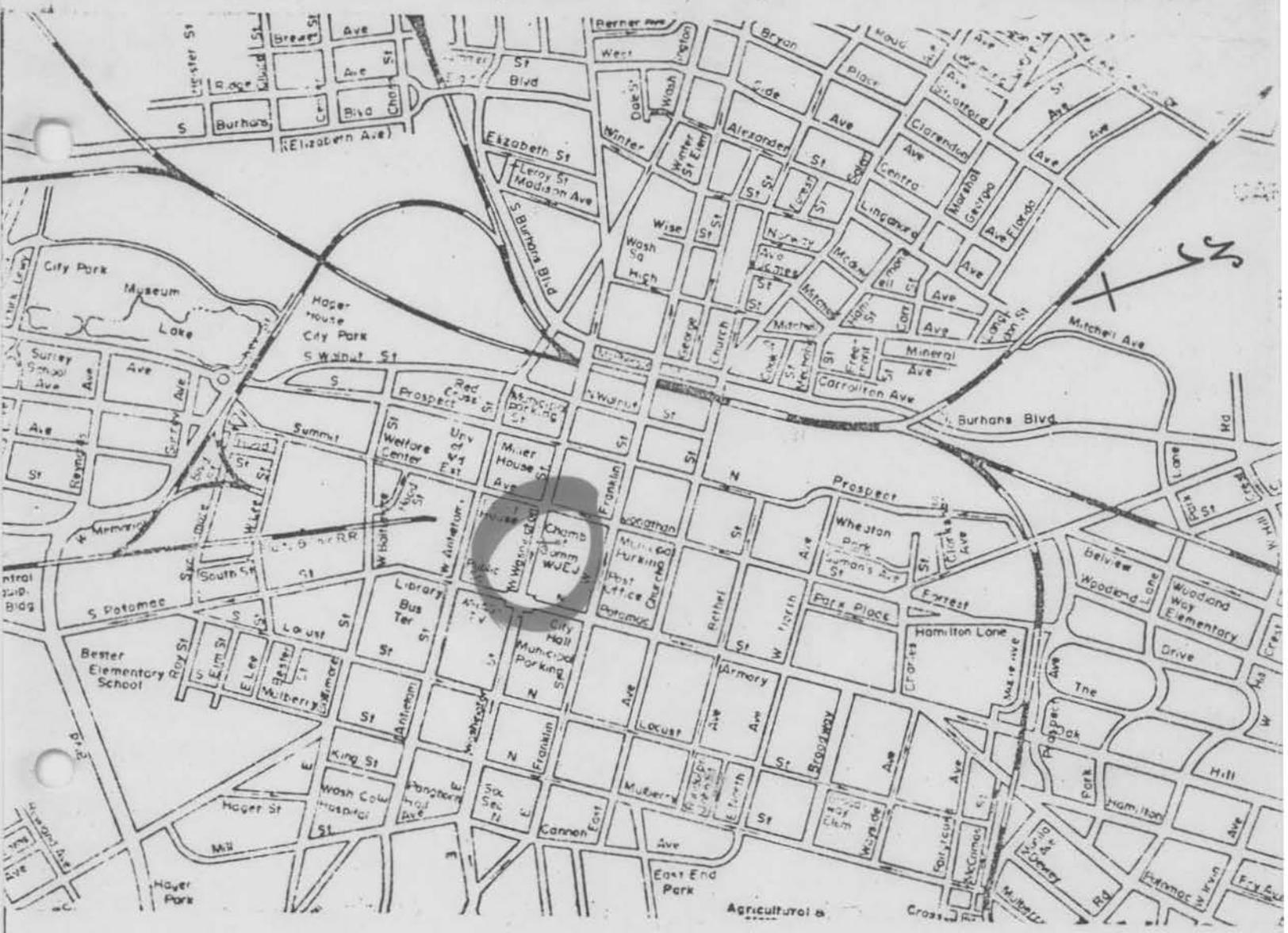
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HAGERSTOWN  
CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION



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NATIONAL BANK  
MEMBER FEDERAL  
RESERVE SYSTEM



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NATIONAL  
BANK  
MEMBER FEDERAL  
RESERVE SYSTEM



**SITE:** Maryland National Bank Building  
 80-82 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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Maryland National Bank Building

80-82 West Washington St.

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

SW view

August, 1975

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