

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 2-77)

Alsatia Club Building
137-141 West Washington Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

circa 1820s

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Alsatia Club Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

137-141 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: private

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

club

NAME

Alsatia Club, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

141 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 168

Folio #: 70

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	X <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

The building now occupied by the Alsatia Club stands at 137-141 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 Summit Avenue and Prospect Street, the second block west of Public Square.

The building is a circa 1820s Neoclassical brick urban house, two and a half stories high with a three bay facade, to which a two story, bow front extension was added to the east in the late nineteenth century. Recently sandblasted on the facade and part of the west elevation, the building is a large rectangular, gable roofed structure with interior double-end chimneys and parapets along the end walls. It sits tight to the sidewalk, abutting the neighboring building (Miller House) on the east but free-standing on the west. The street slopes downward easterly resulting with a low brick foundation wall on the east end of the original facade.

As noted above, the facade or north elevation of the original section has three bays with the doorway in the west end bay. The windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights, narrow frames, wooden sills, and brick flat arches. A small molded cornice runs along under the roof and is terminated on the ends with small Victorian scroll brackets. The doorway has a low arch with sidelights and fluted columns flanking the new door. The arched fan light has curved tracery. The facade bricks are laid in Flemish bond.

The facade of the east extension has a bow front and does not imitate the design of the original facade. The bow has three segmental arch windows with a center door on the first floor. Apparently erected for an office, this extension has a flat roof and a dentiled classical cornice. Three recessed blank brick panels stretch across the bow below the window. A passage to the back of the property stretches along the east side. The windows have rectangular double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights, inscribed segmental arch panels, narrow frames, and wooden sills. The doorway has a rectangular transom and a wooden door with a large light and two raised panels.

The west wall is blank except for two small attic windows. The bricks are laid in Common bond (five rows of stretchers).

The interior is arranged with a side hall and double parlors corresponding to the fenestration arrangement of the facade. The decorative detailing is late Victorian in influence. The staircase is cantilevered with a round end and rises to the top floor. The balustrade is heavy and rests on the original case.

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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		
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<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 1820s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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From 1858 to 1882, the house was owned by Zachariah S. Claggett, a lawyer (Deeds: Book I.N. No. 13, p. 457 and Book 81, p. 669). Claggett represented Washington County in the Maryland State Senate from 1872 to 1874 (Williams, I, 422).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Williams, T. J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland (2 vols.).
Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906 (I, 422).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 46.7' x 235.4'.

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

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ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

February 8, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

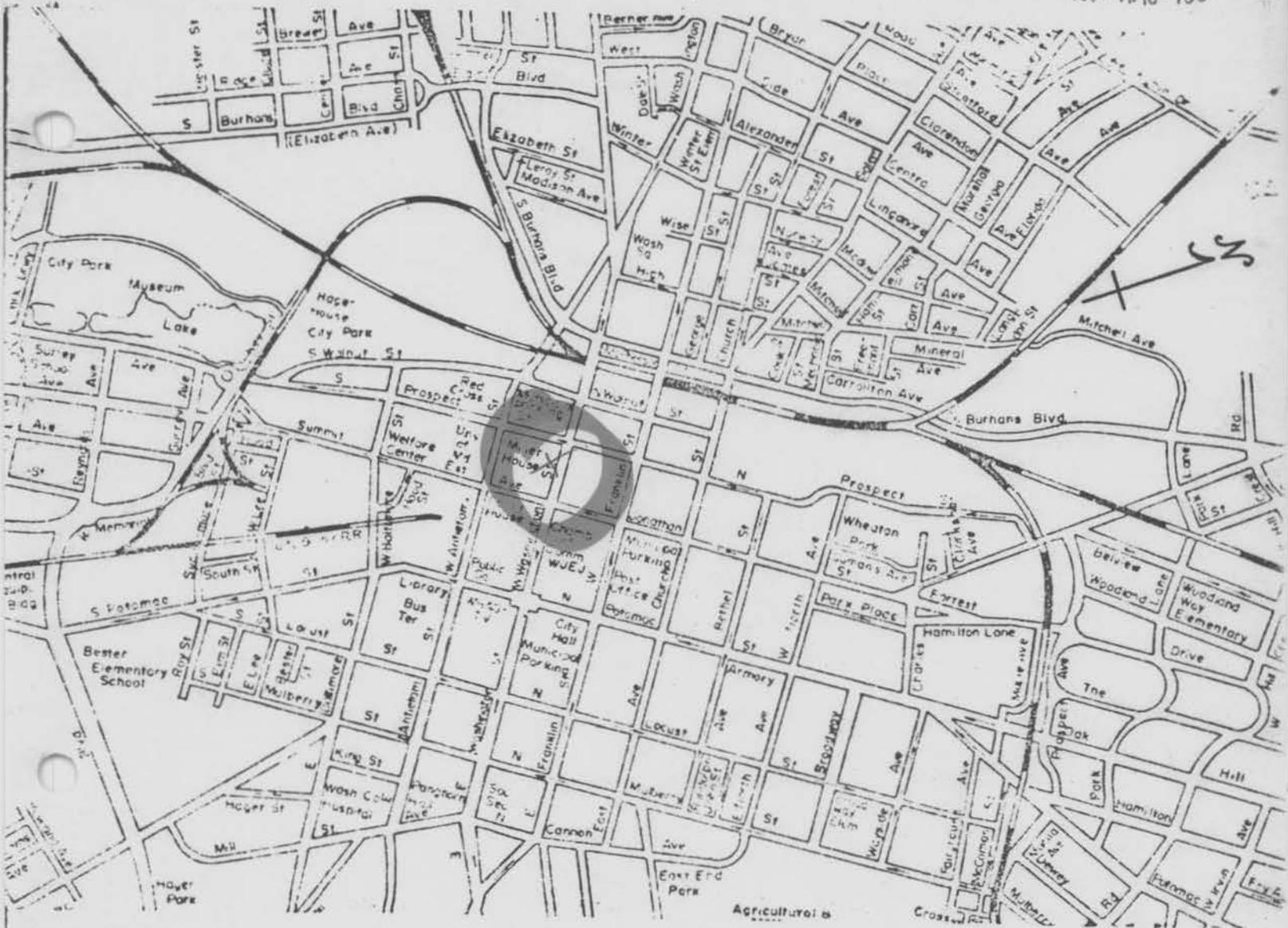
STATE

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



SITE: Alsatia Club Building
 137-141 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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Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

NW view

March, 1976

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