

ABSTRACT

Wareham Office Building

circa 1927

138-140 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

1. NAME						
COMMON: Wareham Office Building						
AND/OR HISTORIC:						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: 138-140 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input 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	_____	_____		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY						
OWNER'S NAME: Edward W. Cochran						
STREET AND NUMBER: 140 West Washington Street						
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. #): 497-401						
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:			

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"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Wareham Office Building is located at 138-140 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and stands on the north side of the street near the center of the block formed by Jonathan and Prospect Streets.</p> <p>The building is a circa 1927, four stories high brick commercial structure which sits tight to the sidewalk and the neighboring building to the east but is free standing on the west side along the neighboring property. The structure, which is quite a large commercial building extending back some distance, has a Renaissance Revival style influenced facade (south side) with a smooth, rusticated first floor and brick walls with stone quoins dividing the space into three sections on the upper stories. The facade is terminated with a molded cornice and a closed roof balustrade with a curvilinear center section. The center section of the roof balustrade has a segmental arch panel with the name "Wareham" in low leaf letters. The freize under the cornice is decorated with plain masonry panels and four medallions with the letter "W" inscribed on each. Several of the masonry blocks of the quoins are flaking or chipping away along their tops.</p> <p>The upper stories windows of the facade are arranged in groups of two and three and have double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights and masonry lintels and sills. The street or first floor level of the facade has three large windows with large, frosted glass transoms. Entry to the upper stories of the interior is gained through a recessed doorway located near the middle of the facade.</p> <p>The facade (south side) is basically original. The west store window on the first floor has had aluminium framing added to it in recent years but this framing was installed within the original opening and could easily be altered, if only through painting, to match the original windows to the east. The building appears to be structurally sound although some deterioration is evident on the quoining of the upper levels of the facade.</p>	

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6. 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 1927

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	osophy	_____
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<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.
 Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland, 2 Vols.
 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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 61'6" x 240'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

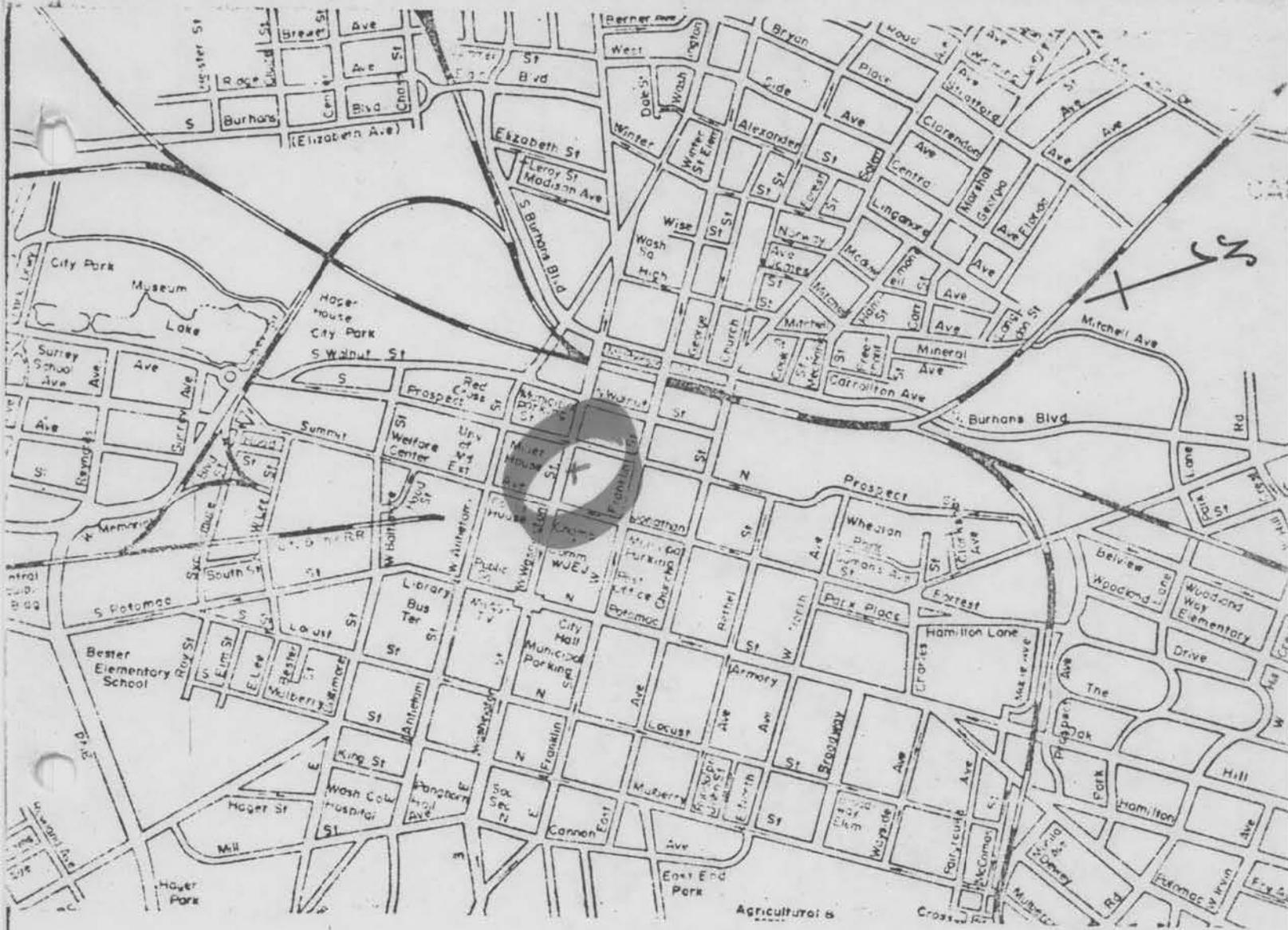
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)		DATE
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown		May 14, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



SITE: Wareham Office Building
 138-140 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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Wareham Office Building
138-140 West Washington Street
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Maryland
South elevation
August, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS