

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 5-77)

149-155 West Washington Street

1830s or 1840s

Hagerstown

Washington County, Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

149-155 West Washington Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

149-155 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ___DISTRICT
- X__BUILDING(S)
- ___STRUCTURE
- ___SITE
- ___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ___PUBLIC
- X__PRIVATE
- ___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ___IN PROCESS
- ___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- X__OCCUPIED
- ___UNOCCUPIED
- ___WORK IN PROGRESS
- ___YES: RESTRICTED
- ___YES: UNRESTRICTED
- X__NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- ___AGRICULTURE
- X__COMMERCIAL
- ___EDUCATIONAL
- ___ENTERTAINMENT
- ___GOVERNMENT
- ___INDUSTRIAL
- ___MILITARY
- ___MUSEUM
- ___PARK
- ___PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___RELIGIOUS
- ___SCIENTIFIC
- ___TRANSPORTATION
- X__OTHER: offices

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Garland E. Groh

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

153 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 #: 227

Folio #: 436

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

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

Known as 149-155 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the south side of the street in the western half of the block formed by Summit Avenue and Prospect Street, the second block west of Public Square.

The building is a nineteenth century brick structure which is three and a half stories high with gable roof. Probably erected as a house, the building sits on a slope of a hill abutting the sidewalk but free standing along the sides. A rubble stone foundation is visible along the eastern section of the facade or north elevation. Parapets run along the gable end walls. The facade bricks are laid in Flemish bond and those of the side walls in Common bond (five rows of stretchers).

The facade or north elevations have a symmetrical arrangement of three bays with a center door on the first level and three window dormers in the roof. The first floor has two recent commercial windows with a Greek Revival type door surround with sidelights and transom. The upper stories have a pair of double windows in the middle with single rectangular windows in the outer bays. This is the same arrangement of the dormer windows. The facade bricks are painted. Vestiges of a cornice are visible under the roof overhang.

The second and third story windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with one-over-one lights. The center pair have a decorative panel between them. The dormer windows have double-hung wooden, sashes with six-over-six lights and are flanked with attached columns supporting a pediment. The dormer windows are probably original.

The building appears to be structurally sound.

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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		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<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 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Not one of the most striking buildings along West Washington Street, this structure is significant because it retains its basic configuration and fenestration. A sympathetic refurbishing of the facade (replacement of the commercial windows and repainting) would enhance this building's role in the streetscape.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 45.5' x 240'.

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

May 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

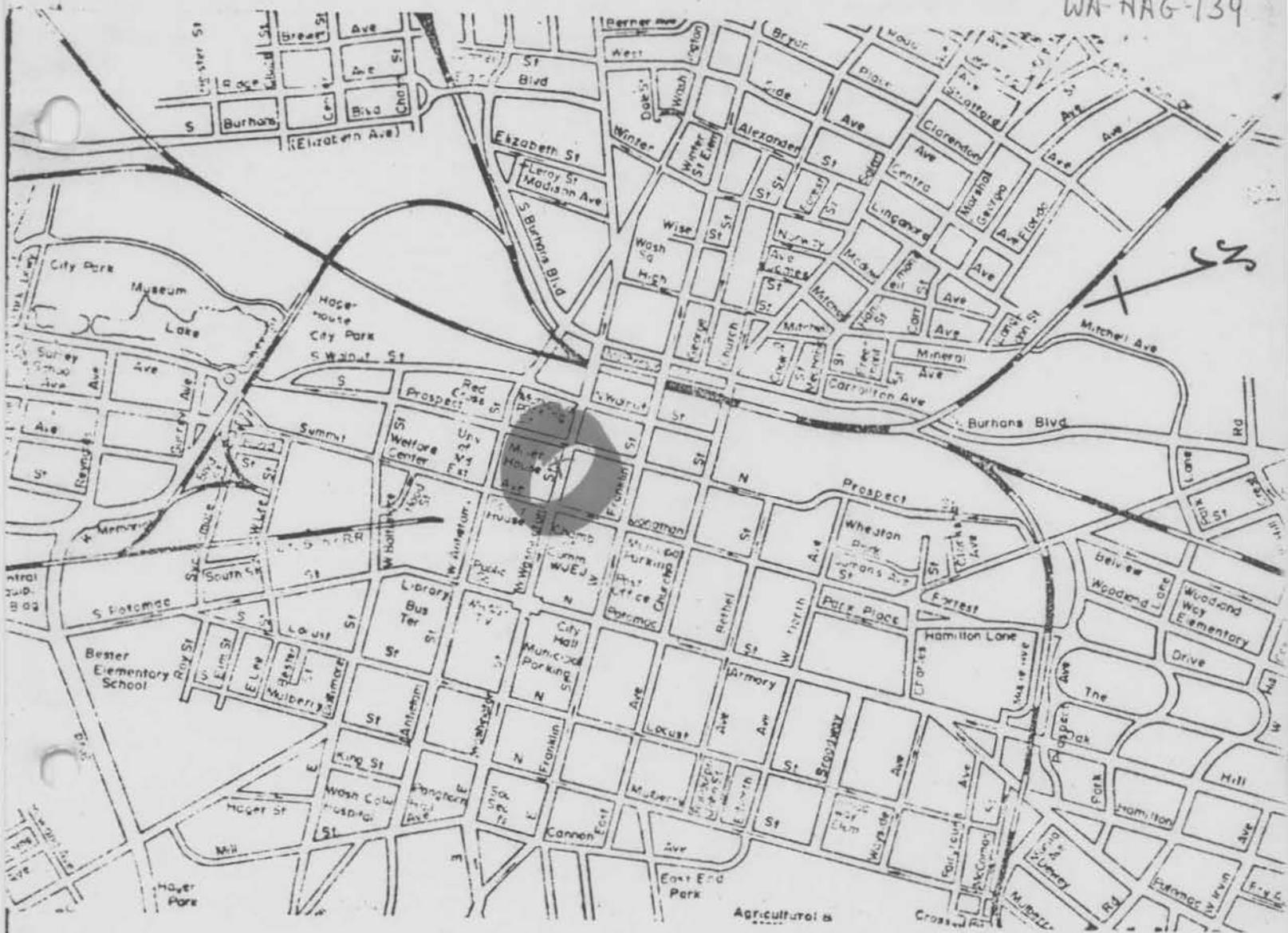
STATE

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.

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SITE: 149-155 West Washington Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

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



149-155 West Washington St
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

NE view

December, 1975