

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 6-76)

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circa 1800

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: 157-159 West Washington Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 157-159 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <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 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)	<u>apartments</u>
<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: Barval Corporation				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1013 Oak Hill Avenue				
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. #): 388-129				
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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building stands at 157-159 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the south side of the street in the westerly fifth of the block formed by Summit Avenue on the east and Prospect Street on the west.

The building is a three stories high painted brick structure with a mansard roof along the street or facade (north side). The structure probably dates from the late eighteenth or early twentieth century and was altered extensively in later years. Situated on the slope of a hill as Washington Street rises to the west, the building has a high stone foundation along the eastern portion of the facade and the east end wall. The structure is free standing although located only about three feet from the building to the east. Enlarged over the years, the building stretches considerably along the depth of the property.

The facade (north side), which is the most important portion of the exterior because it serves as a record of the development of the building, has a beveled water table which rises to the bottom of the first floor windows and is divided into three bay divisions. The entrance way is located in the western bay and has a rectangular transom and sidelights and is reached by a twentieth century brick porch with two sets of steps and metal railing. The transom has wooden criss-cross type tracery. Above the entrance way is a circa 1900 tripartite bay window with a flat roof. The bricks of this elevation are laid in Flemish bond.

The remaining window openings on the facade, two per floor, have brick flat arches with double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights. These windows probably date from the circa 1900 period. The middle window on the first floor is a double window. The mansard roof has three gable roof dormers corresponding in placement to that of the windows on the lower two stories. The middle dormer has double windows. Like the second story bay window and the other facade windows, these dormers appear to date from about 1900.

The mansard roof has slate shingles with bands of fish-scale patterns for decoration.

The west wall of the structure, which has been clearly visible from the street since at least 1872 when the Presbyterian Church was erected on the lot to the west, has a hodgepodge of windows reflecting the growth of the building. What is believed to be the original portion of the structure, the front section, has Common brick bonding.

On the interior, which has been converted for offices, shops, and apartments, there is a large entrance hall located in the northwest corner of the first floor. The woodwork in the hallway, including an elliptical archway, are Neoclassical but may date from some years after the building was erected.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input 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 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input 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 | _____ |

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J. C. Map of Hagerstown. Philadelphia: T. Sinclairs, 1850.
 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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 37'6" 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: June 21, 1976

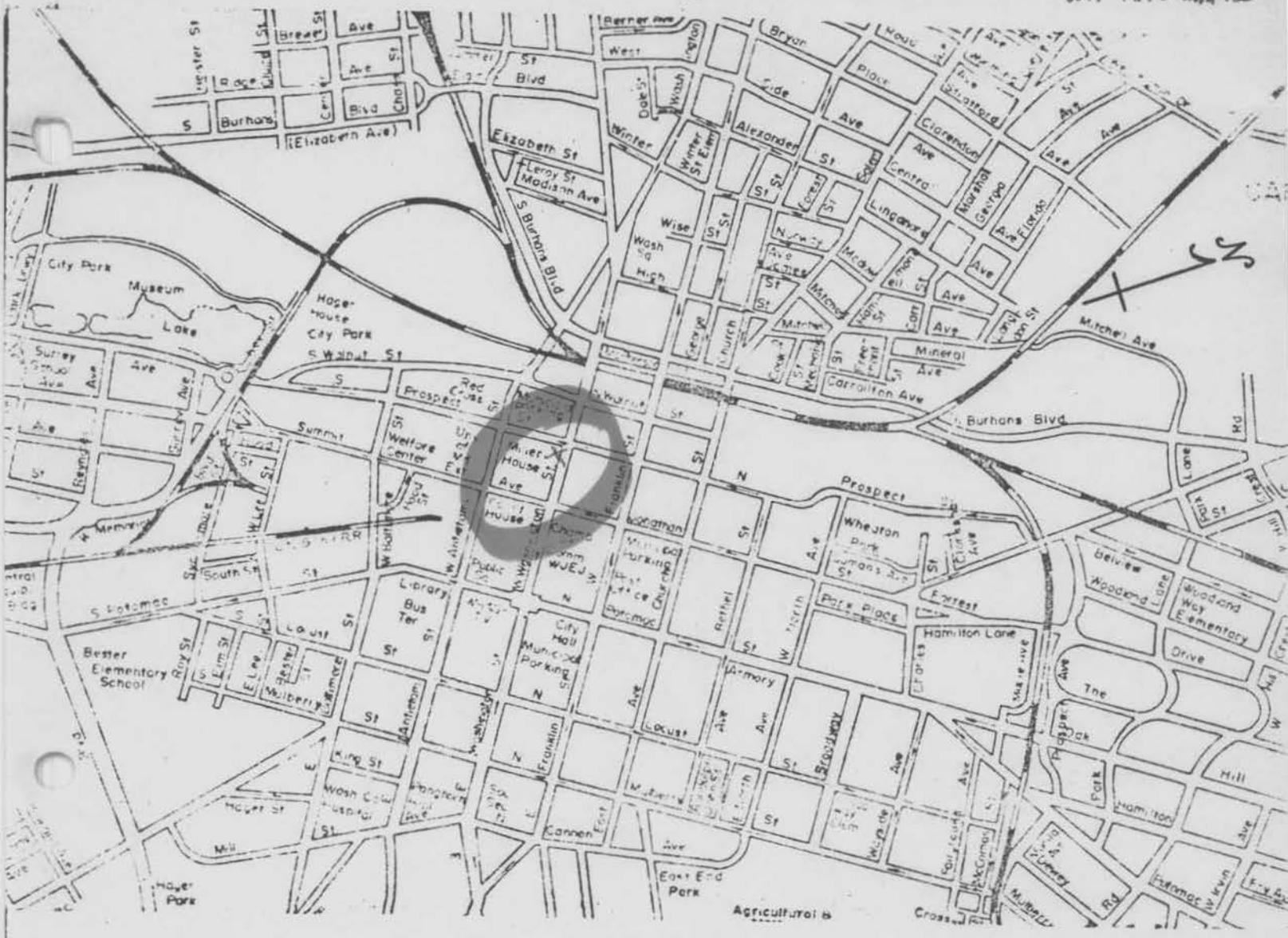
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature



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 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

35 mm wide angle lens

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