

Maryland Historical Trust/
National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

WA-HAG-136
MHT Inventory No.

Easement

MHT Computer No.

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. For instructions, see the Trust publication National Register Application Guidelines. Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Presbyterian Church of Hagerstown

other names

2. Location

street & number 20 S. Prospect Street

not for publication

city, town Hagerstown

vicinity

state Maryland

code

county Washington

code

zip

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

4. Ownership

See Continuation Sheet.

5. Reserved (leave this space blank)

Submit completed applications to:

National Register Administration
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Religious Structure

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7. Description

Architectural Classifications (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival

foundations limestone
 walls limestone

 roof slate
 other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Dating from 1873-1875, this rock-faced limestone church building is a modest example of late Gothic Revival styling. The building has a high, steeply pitched slate roof, studded with pointed dormer vent openings. It fronts onto W. Washington Street, with a gable-end main entrance. A polygonal tower at the northwest corner of the building extends 60 feet in height. Although it was to have extended 125 feet high with a spire, it was never completed. The building is trimmed with red Seneca sand stone and is embellished with buttresses, pointed arches, and gables. The architect was E.G. Lind of Baltimore. The interior woodwork is naturally finished black walnut. The educational wing, with a stone facade on Prospect Street, was built in 1930. A brick addition was attached in 1957, incorporating the Italianate style manse into the main complex.

This church is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the South Prospect Street Historic District.

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Other Affiliations:

(None known.)

Ties to Religious History of The Region:

(None known.)

Historic Figures Associated with Church:

John and Hugh Kennedy supplied the most generous amounts of money to build a church and the surrounding buildings. John Kennedy was also the first clerk appointed in 1817. The Rev. John Lind, the first pastor also appointed in 1817, also had a hand in establishing the Church. Elder Joseph Loose gave much of himself to the Church also.

History of Construction:

The first church, known as the Kennedy Church with the Chimney, was built in 1817, with the help of contributions of John and Hugh Kennedy. The building was a plain, square, red-brick church with a chimney rising prominently through the roof. Victor Thompson left money for an iron fence in the front of the church, the rest going to remodeling.

The new church was erected in 1875 on a lot given by Elder Joseph Loose on the corner of W. Washington and Prospect Streets. The church's architecture was Gothic Revival with high ceilings, pointed arches, flying buttresses, and stained glass windows. In 1883 the parsonage adjacent to the church was completed. The Educational Building was completed in 1931.

A Moller Organ was purchased in the late 1930s. The Sanctuary was redecorated in 1949. In 1957 the Church School was remodeled, and the sheltered entrance way completed in 1963. The most recent changes took place in 1982, with the remodeling of the Education Building and the manse.

Other Properties:

(None known.)

Historical Anecdotes:

Andrew Jackson, who had just been elected president, was travelling from Tennessee to Washington to be inaugurated. He was grieving his wife's death when he stopped in Hagerstown on February 8, 1828, and worshiped at the Presbyterian Church.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Religion/Church

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Religious structure

Known Design Source: Gothic Revival

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
N. R. FIELD SHEET

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	2205354508
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street [south-east corner at Prospect Street]

CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland CODE: Washington COUNTY: Washington CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) [locked]

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
The Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Presbyterian Church is a large stone structure and giving the appearance of even greater size by its high base and position above the street. Built of randomly laid [local ?] fieldstone, the window trim, buttresses, and other trim are of brownstone. A rectangular nave [probably auditorium-like on the interior], is offset only by the spire-less tower at the north-west corner. The 'west' front (facing Washington Street) has a single pointed arched entrance doorway cut into the wall (as opposed to having an entrance porch), above which are three lancets windows, unified by an unbroken brownstone drip molding above them.

[Church is very similar to the Episcopal Church not very far away on Prospect Street and built only a year earlier.]

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1873

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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- losophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>townscape</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Presbyterian Church, on its corner location, serves to define the commercial section of the city as one enters Hagerstown from the west on Route 40, its spire and mass sitting on a corner as one comes down a hill into the business district.

Remarkably similar to the Episcopal Church on Prospect Street, built only a year earlier, this suggests the same architect [or the Presbyterians cribbed the Episcopalians design] and may explain why this church is so like the Victorian Gothic usually associated with Anglican churches and done by architects such as Henry Congdon, C.C. Haight, and R.M. Upjohn.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

[Empty space for Major Bibliographical References]

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: Department of Art History DATE: June 9, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of Delaware

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE: Delaware CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

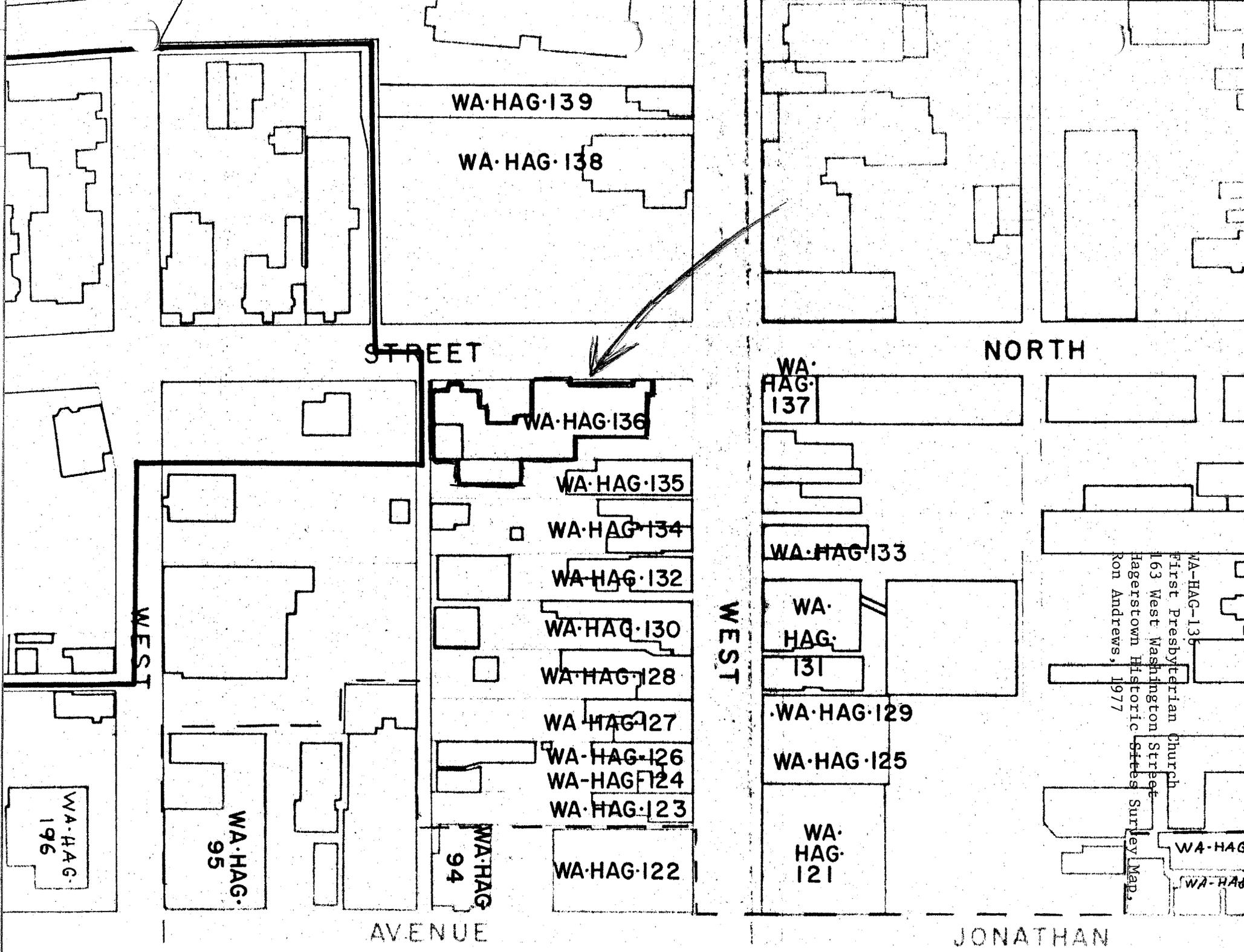
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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First Presbyterian Church
163 West Washington Street
Hagerstown Historic Sites Survey Map,
Ron Andrews, 1977

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AVENUE

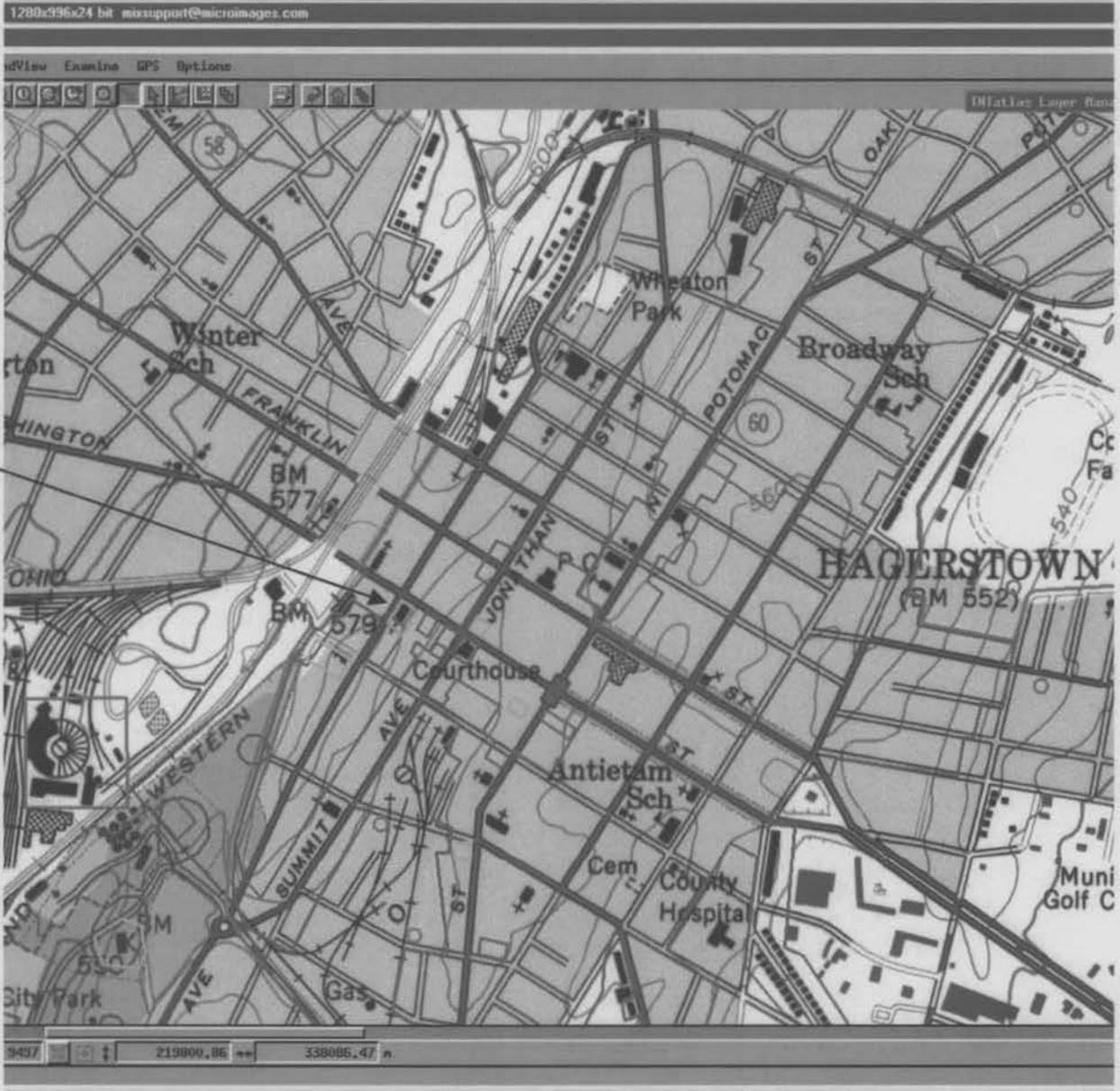
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Hagerstown
Hagerstown Quad
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