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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic The Dagmar Hotel

and/or common Dagmar Hall

2. Location

street & number 50 Summit Avenue, at intersection of _____ not for publication

Antietam Street (NE corner)

city, town Hagerstown _____ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Washington code 043

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Hagerstown Development Corporation, c/o Hilton C. Smith, Jr.

street & number 50 Summit Avenue

city, town Hagerstown _____ vicinity of state Maryland 21740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Court House

street & number West Washington Street

city, town Hagerstown _____ state Maryland 21740

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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	<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

The early 20th century Hotel Dagmar is located at the corner of Summit Avenue and West Antietam Street in Hagerstown, Maryland. It is an eight story reinforced concrete structure with seven bays on each of its two principal facades, the south and east facing onto Summit Avenue and Antietam Street respectively.

The Dagmar is a commercial style building dating from 1910. The upper two stories are an addition built before 1929. Windows above the first story level are arranged in regular rows. They are rectangular and lack ornamentation except at the sixth story which was the original top level of the building. At this story windows are segmental-headed with corbeled trim. Running vertically between the windows from the first story up are projected areas forming pilasters which terminate at the sixth floor with two double courses of corbeling suggesting capitals. Each window opening has a double set of single pane sashes.

At the first story level large plate glass windows are divided by concrete piers which separate the seven bays. Principal entrances are centered in the south and east facades. They are treated identically each with a small semihexagonal parapeted projection above the door. In the east facade there are two secondary commercial entrances in the second and sixth bays.

Between the sixth and seventh stories is a pronounced cornice which is supported by massive, but unornamented brackets. This was the original upper terminus of the building. The two added stories follow the same pattern of fenestration established in the older part of the building. Above the center three bays at the uppermost story is a projecting segmental arch and a pedimented parapet edge.

INTERIOR

The interior of the Dagmar remains essentially unaltered. In the lobby area of the first story the floors are of mosaic with a band of Greek fretwork trim around the edges. In the center of the lobby where two passages enter from the two principal entrances is a four color floral medallion.

Other features of the lobby include marble pilasters with carved wooden capitals of the Roman ionic order, elaborate wooden carved transoms and a registration desk with raised fielded panels across its front.

Above the first story there are 15 rooms on each floor, eleven of which have private baths. The rooms are rectangular with the entrance from the corridor opening into a small foyer. An arched opening leads to the main part of the room while another door on the side opens into the bath. Most of the baths retain early 20th century claw footed tubs, old sinks and commodes.

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Dagmar Hotel
Washington County
Maryland

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

Adjacent to the north side of the Dagmar is a four story, five bay brick building constructed in two parts. The first two stories have a datetablet indicating that they were built by D.B. Stouffer in 1882. The upper two stories were built by D. H. Morin in 1910. This structure is now known as the "annex" to the Dagmar. A modern addition of 1968, "College Hall" is built against the west end of the Dagmar on the Summit Avenue facade. It is a three bay, six story structure of light colored brick.

A description of the Hotel Dagmar as it appeared when new in 1911 suggests that it was a grand and prestigious place. The following paragraph is quoted from The Story of Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated, summer, 1911:

"The Dagmar. Hagerstown's newest and finest hotel. This hotel is the pride of the City. It was recently opened for the reception of guests, and is now being most successfully conducted. The hotel is absolutely fire proof, it being of concrete construction, cool in summer, and warm in winter. It is 6 stories high, contains 80 rooms, 56 of which have private bath and hot and cold running water in all rooms as well as private local and long distance 'phones in rooms. The roof garden commands a very magnificent view of the City. The Hotel is conducted on the European Plan and a fine Dining Room is operated in connection. The cuisine is absolutely perfect and a special feature is made of Club Breakfast, Table d'Hote, Luncheons and Dinners. This hotel is centrally located, opposite the Post Office and the B & O R. R. Station, and one square from the C.V. and N. & W. R.R. Stations, and within one block of the business district of the City. Mr. H. L. Mitten is the Manager, and he strives hard to please and satisfy guests, and there is much joy, peace and comfort to be had at the Dagmar. This hotel was erected and is owned by Mr. M. P. Moller, one of our public spirited citizens and prominent men of affairs. He is the proprietor of Moller Organ works where the celebrated Moller pipe organs are manufactured. . . Mr. Moller is also president of the Crawford Automobile works manufacturing the famous "Crawford"¹ automobile and is identified with numerous other worthy enterprises."¹

¹Clarence E. Weaver, Pub. Story of Hagerstown, Md. Illustrated. Hagerstown, Md.: Mail Publishing Co. (Summer 1911) p.16.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1910

Builder/Architect M. P. Moller

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SIGNIFICANCE

Erected in 1910 with the top two floors added before 1929, the Dagmar Hotel is a symbol of Hagerstown's position as an important commercial center in western Maryland in the early 20th century. Still known as the "Hub City", Hagerstown was a crossroads of major rail lines (Baltimore and Ohio; Cumberland Valley which later merged with the Pennsylvania; Norfolk and Western; and Western Maryland had lines through Hagerstown) and highways (U.S. Routes 11 and 40) as well as being the seat of Washington County. Several large hotels were erected in downtown Hagerstown in the late 19th and early 20th centuries but the Dagmar Hotel is the only one to remain substantially unaltered from its appearance (exteriors and interior) during its heyday. Monumental in scale almost devoid of exterior decorative detailing, the building exhibits the functionalist concepts which influenced American architecture at the turn of the 20th century.

HISTORY

The Dagmar Hotel was built in 1910 by Mathias P. (M.P.) Moller who purchased the property in 1909. (Deed book 137, page 84.) It was retained by the Moller family until 1938 when it was sold to the Dagmar Hotel Co. (207/549). It was purchased by the present owner in September of 1978. The hotel was named for Moller's daughter, Dagmar.

Prior to M.P. Moller's purchase of the property, it was owned by Daniel B. Stouffer who had a marble works at the corner of Antietam and Jonathan (later Summit Ave.) Streets. D.B. Stouffer did not reside on the property but he did build the first two stories of the brick building which is now part of the annex to the Dagmar in 1882. This structure is the oldest part of the Dagmar complex. It was held under separate ownership from 1907 until 1961.

According to the 1911 account of the Dagmar quoted in the description section of this nomination, the Dagmar was a luxurious modern hotel. In a 1929 Hagerstown City Directory, the Dagmar was advertised as having "8 Floors of Comfort" indicating that the two upper stories had been added by that time.

By 1935, the Dagmar, while still owned by the Moller family was under the direction of Grenoble Hotels, Inc. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Rates were advertised from \$1.50 per night.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2.

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(SIGNIFICANCE, continued)

In recent years the Dagmar has served as a girls' dormitory providing student housing.

The building is now being renovated with an effort toward restoration. It is to be adapted for residential and commercial use.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hagerstown City Directories, Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, Md.
Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
Weaver, Clarence E., pub. Story of Hagerstown, Md. Illustrated.
Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co. Summer, 1911.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Hagerstown Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is rectangular in shape and measures approximately 100' along Summit Avenue and 12.5' along Antietam Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

organization Preservation Associates, Inc. date August 1979

street & number P. O. Box 202 telephone (301) 432-5466

city or town Sharpsburg state Maryland 21782

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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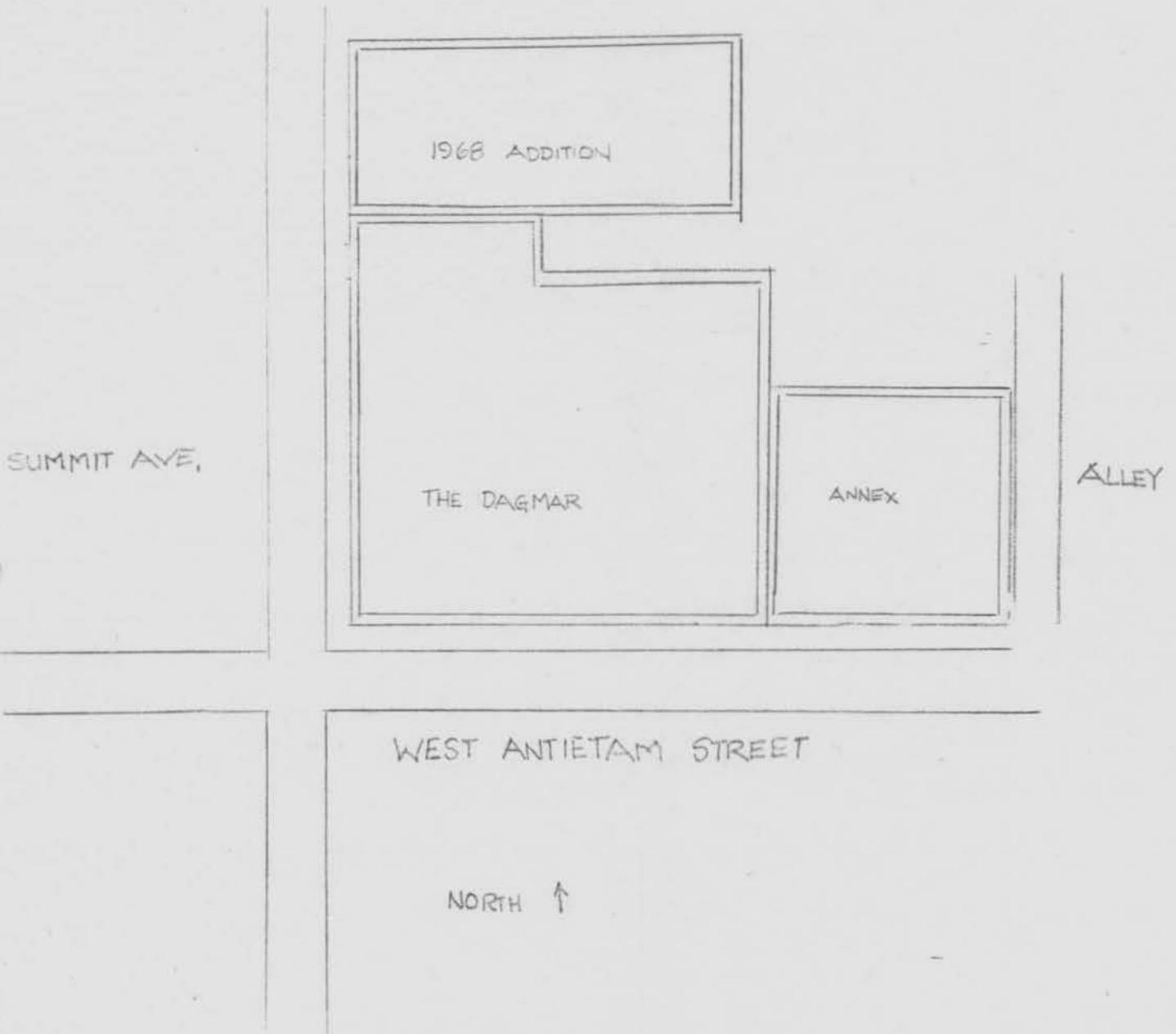
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date

Keeper of the National Register

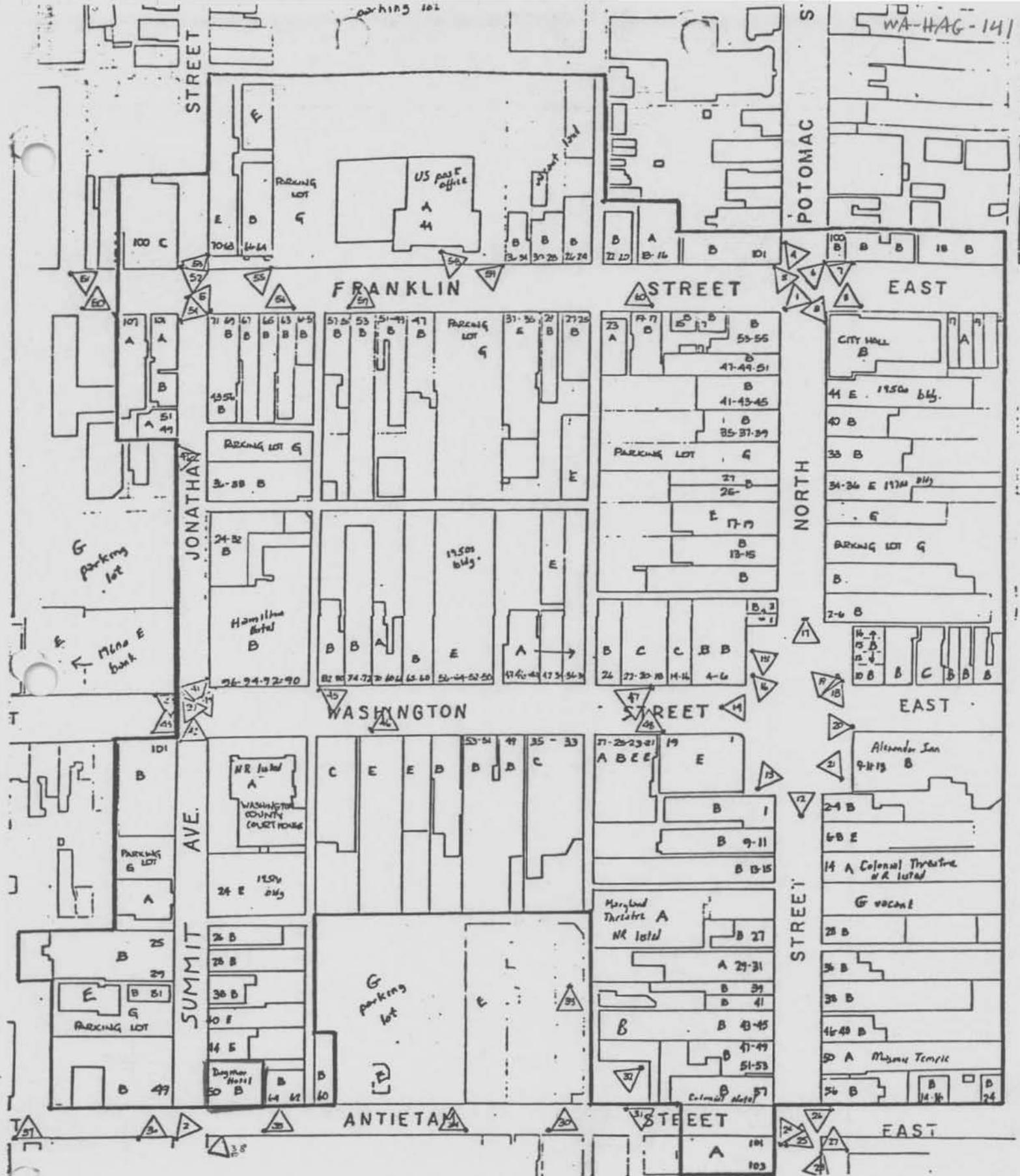
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Chief of Registration



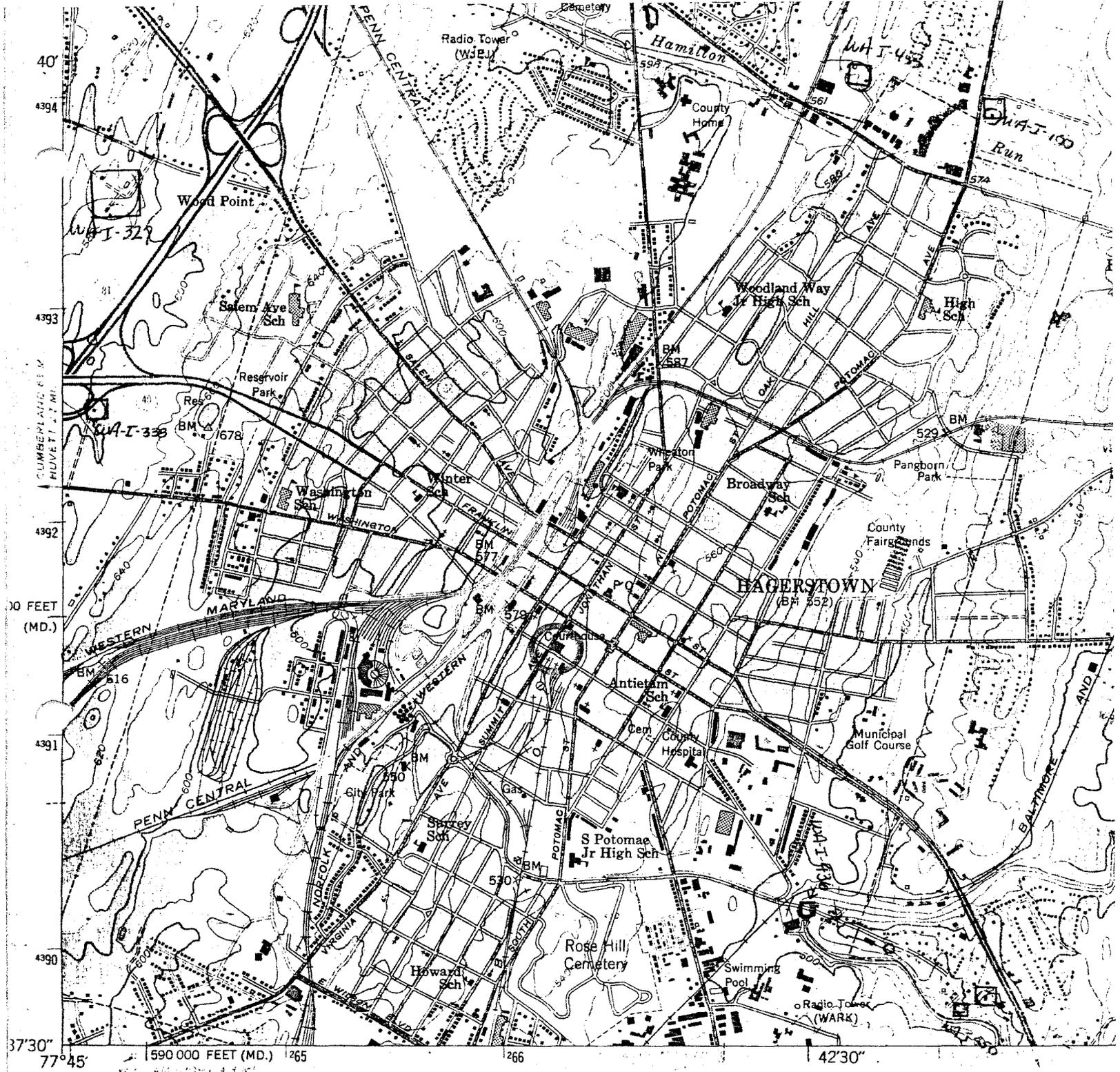
THE HOTEL DAGMAR
HAGERSTOWN, MD., WASHINGTON. CO.

ROUGH SKETCH OF SITE PLAN NOT IN SCALE!



Each building is identified as to contributive value to significance of the district - see reverse of map for code identification

Hagerstown Commercial Core Historic District
 Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland
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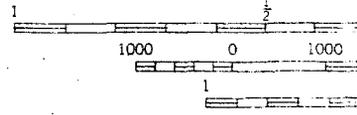
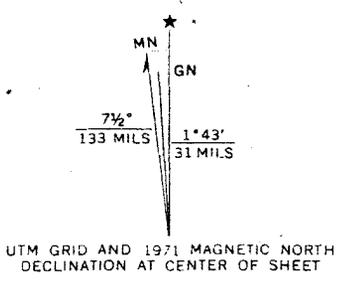
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone

Red tint indicates area in which only
 landmark buildings are shown

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18 shown in blue



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Hagerstown Quad.

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Hagerstown Hotel



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- 6) Entrance corridor
- 7) 3/8

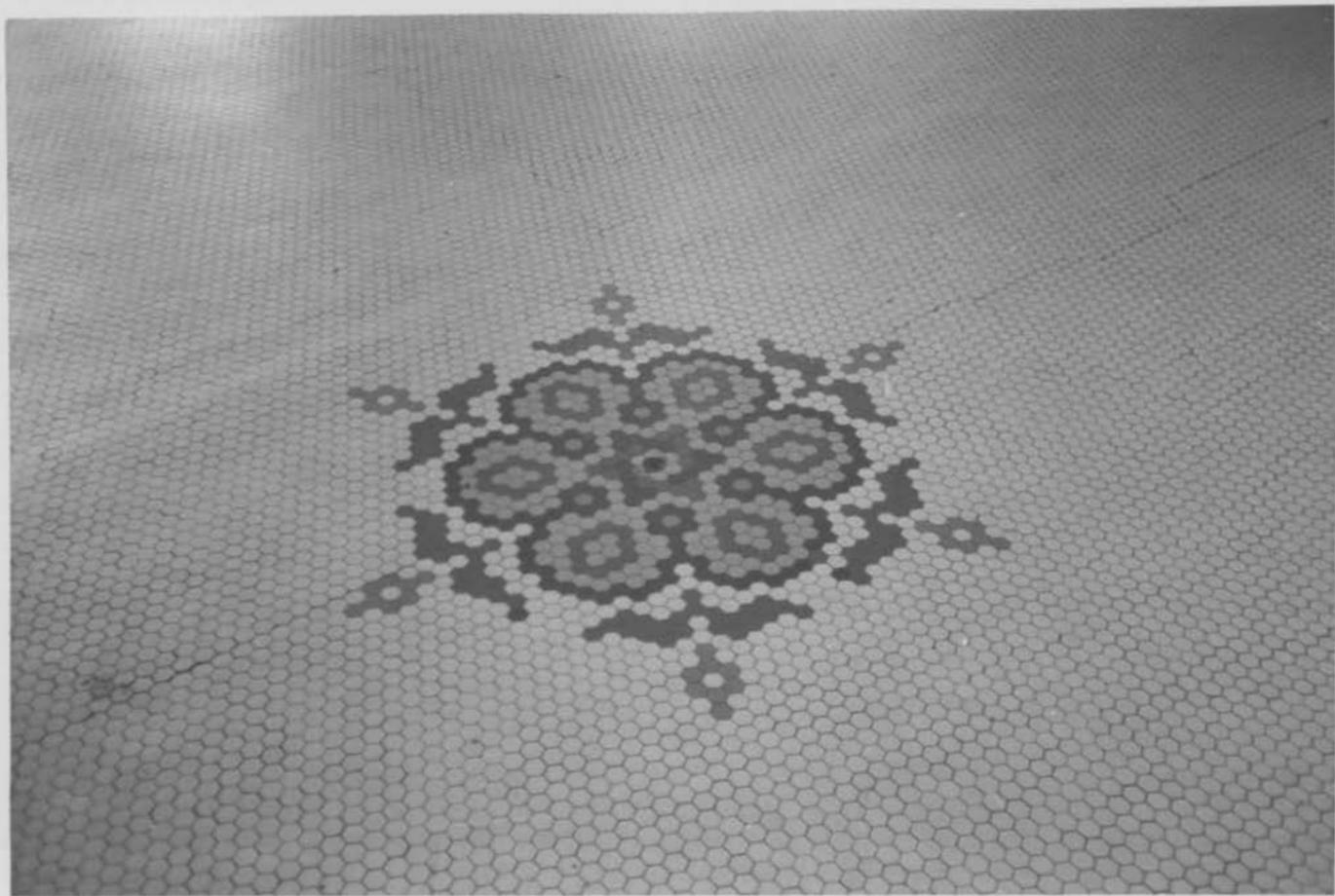
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- 6) Central lobby
- 7) 4/6



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- 6) Central medallion in lobby
- 7) 5/8

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- 6) typical room in 1910 section.
- 7) 7/9



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- 7) 8/8

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