

WA-HAN-072
161 W. Main Street
Hancock, Washington Co., Maryland
Capsule Summary

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161 W. Main Street is significant under National Register Criterion A as a contributing building in a potential Hancock Historic District. Built during the highpoint of the importance of the C & O Canal as an economic force in Hancock, the house is typical of the period and region. Continued population expansion in the town of Hancock through the first half of the 20th century ensured the importance of housing, particularly tenant housing. Unfortunately the location of the southwest end of Hancock, in the floodplains of both the Potomac River and the Little Tonoloway Creek, placed the dwellings along W. Main Street at repeated risk of flooding. Repairs following floods have impacted the historic integrity of many of these buildings, including 161 W. Main St. Repeated flood damage has also resulted in loss of structural integrity.

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Magi No.

DOE yes No

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 161 W. Main Street

2. Location

street & number 161 W. Main St. not for publication

city, town Hancock vicinity of Sixth congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

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 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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cheryl L. Mellott

street & number 161 W. Main St. telephone no.:

city, town Hancock state and zip code Maryland 21750

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse Liber 1581

street & number Washington St. Folio 228

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Project, Hancock, Washington County, Maryland

date 1990 federal state county Local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The building is a two-story frame, side-gabled dwelling on stone foundation. It is four bays wide with a window, door, window, window fenestration pattern. The door has a three-light transom above; the first story windows are one over one double-hung sash. A full-length porch on the north (front) elevation has replacement iron supports and railings and sits on a concrete block foundation. Second story windows are smaller two over two pane double-hung sash. A brick interior chimney is located in the west gable-end. A two-story ell addition extends from the western half of the south (rear) elevation. It is on a stone foundation and has a central brick interior chimney. A two-story porch runs the length of the east elevation of the addition. The first story, enclosed porch has narrow two over two sash windows and a three-part entrance with transom and sidelights. The second story porch shelters three bays with a window, door, window fenestration arrangement. The entire house is sheathed with vinyl siding, which is peeling, revealing asbestos shingles underneath. In several spots the original German weatherboard siding is exposed. The roof is sheathed with channel-drain sheet metal overall.

The 33' x 237' half-lot fronts on the south side of West Main Street, near the west end of the town of Hancock. The eastern boundary line of the lot runs along the west side of Methodist Church Alley. The southern boundary line borders the Western Maryland Railroad right-of-way. The western boundary of the lot is shared with the eastern property line of 163 W. Main Street. The north elevation of the building fronts directly onto the public sidewalk of W. Main Street. The east elevation of the building fronts directly on the alley right-of-way. The rear yard is grass with little or no landscaping. Mature deciduous trees screen the railroad. South of the railroad is the C & O Canal National Park and the Potomac River beyond. The Little Tonoloway Creek runs from the northwest, to the south side of the railroad and drains into the Potomac River in this area as well. Many of the historic buildings in the immediate vicinity, particularly to the west, have been removed as a result of repeated flooding.

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the stone domestic architecture found in the surrounding countryside. Other structures include lock keepers' houses, warehouses, barns and retaining walls.

The canal clung to the north side of the Potomac River while the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad meandered from Maryland to Virginia (West Virginia) and back again. In the path of these two transportation systems grew a series of towns. To accommodate the travelers and the freight traffic on the canal, Washington County's river towns flourished with hotels, taverns, warehouses and related commerce. Hancock and Williamsport show architectural evidence of prosperity during the second half of the 19th century when operation of the canal was at its peak.

There were settlers inhabiting the site of Hancock where the Tonoloway Creek enters the Potomac River in the 1730s. "Hunters and trappers about 1730-1735 established the Northbend Crossing settlement of some ten or more huts and cabins for north-south trading."² According to Emily Leatherman in her book, *Hancock, Her First Hundred Years*, Joseph Hancock, who had a land grant, settled there in 1749 and laid out the town. J. Thomas Scharf stated that Hancock is one of the oldest towns in the state.³ Its location at a natural crossing place of the river would explain the early existence of a settlement at Hancock despite its distance from more fully settled areas in the mid-18th century.

According to both Leatherman and Scharf, John Donovan was among the early settlers of Hancock. Land records indicate that he purchased about 29 1/2 acres from Edward Hancock, recorded on November 27, 1792. Donovan kept a "public-house" or tavern and lived in a house at the corner of Wason Street (now Church St. extended) and the National Pike. This house, which unfortunately no longer stands, is said to have been the first building in Hancock and the adjacent well is said to have been the first water supply.

By the first quarter of the 19th century, the town had a number of businesses and services. Among them was Jacob Houck, druggist; John Johnson, a farmer and merchant; Rev. Joseph Powell, who died on August 28, 1804 at the age of 70; Leonard Shafer, merchant; James Saunders, tavern keeper at the "Sign of the Cross Keys" in 1805. Another tavern keeper, John Protzman, had the "Sign of the Green Tree" after 1808; and John Mathews an innkeeper operated the "Sign of Seven Stars" which was formerly occupied by John Protzman. Capt. Jacob Stephens was listed as an innkeeper as was Col. David Stephens. Andrew Gould kept the Union Inn in 1820. Charles Warland was a saddler, Dr. Samuel J. Gregory, David C. Cartwright and John Brody were merchants. John Davis, a merchant, was listed in 1817 as the contractor for making a turnpike from the Conococheague to Cumberland. Ralph Donovan was a tanner.⁴ These industries and businesses indicate that Hancock was a thriving commercial center during the first decades of the 19th century. According to the 1820 census Hancock had a population of 266, consisting of 219 whites, three free colored and 44 slaves. By 1880, the population had risen to 931, and by 1915 the population was 1500, according to the Sanborn Insurance Maps.⁵

Hancock's history is closely associated with the Potomac River. The town's trade during the early 19th century was largely with Georgetown with boatmen hauling goods up and down the river on a seasonal basis. The Potomac Company, established in 1785 ran boats and built locks and channels around rapids and shallows in the river.

The C & O Canal was completed to Hancock in 1850 and created a boost to the local economy which was sustained fairly evenly until the canal closed in 1924. Hancock along with Williamsport became major stopping point on the canal between Cumberland and Georgetown.

² Emily M. Leatherman, *Hancock, Her First Hundred Years*. No Publisher: 1985, quoting Scharf, *History of Western Maryland* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882).

³ Scharf, p. 1252.

⁴ Leatherman, pp. 2-3.

⁵ Scharf, p. 1253.

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Like all river towns Hancock was subject to flooding. There were major floods in 1819, 1842, 1877, 1889, 1936, 1985 and 1996. The 1889 flood closed the C & O Canal for more than a year. When boating on the canal resumed, the volume of trade did not return. Finally, in 1924 the canal ceased to operate. During those final years it was run by the Canal Towage Company. However, during the mid-19th century, the canal was at its peak operation. The season for boating on the canal was from about March 1 until the water froze solid in the winter, usually around Christmas time. During the heyday of the canal, as many as 700 boats were using this transportation system.

In Hancock, the town's appearance was oriented to the river and to the canal. Canal Street, now a quiet thoroughfare which resembles an alleyway was once a bustling main street. It was considered the principal commercial and trade section of town. Many businesses had their own docks or wharves on the canal. One block up or north of Canal Street was the National Pike also a busy highway. Hotels were located along the Pike, Hancock's Main Street, situated to attract both land and water travelers.

Another important influence on Hancock's development was the B & O Railroad. Construction was begun in Baltimore on July 4, 1828 and the railroad was open to Hancock by June 1, 1842, and to Cumberland by November 5 the same year.⁶ The railroad did not actually pass through Hancock. It was constructed on the south side of the Potomac River and had a depot opposite Hancock, called Alpine Station. Passengers and freight were taken across the river to Hancock by ferryboat until the Potomac River bridge was built in 1892. In 1905 the Western Maryland Railroad was constructed through Hancock, following a route along the canal and causing a building boom in Hancock.

The Business Guide published by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in 1860 lists businesses in Hancock and provides evidence of the town as a thriving river, rail and highway center. Among the listings for 1860 were three blacksmiths; a coach maker; three coopers; six merchants; two flour mills; a cement mill; a sawmill and a woolen mill; five tanners; five taverns and two wheelwrights.⁷ Among these businesses and industries was listed a cement mill. It was, during the 19th century one of the major industries of the Hancock area. Deposits of natural cement were found at Round Top Hill southwest of Hancock during the 1830s. Shafer cement was produced in a cement mill there until 1863 when the mill was purchased by Robert Bridges and Charles W. Henderson. Bridges and Henderson operated the Round Top cement works until the early 1900s when the mill went out of business because of competition and demand for Portland cement. The mill in its years of peak operation during the third quarter of the 19th century furnished cement for public buildings in Washington, D. C.

The Civil War had an effect on Hancock, mostly through troop movements along the Canal, Railroad and National Pike. However, with Hancock's strategic location at an important river crossing between Union Maryland and Confederate Virginia, it was frequently occupied by either side. In January 1862, Confederate General Stonewall Jackson, having captured Romney and Bath (Berkeley Springs) in Virginia (now West Virginia), moved north toward Hancock. He gave Union troops there an ultimatum to surrender or the Confederates would bombard the town. The Union forces refused to surrender and were eventually reinforced. The Confederates shelled Hancock, but retreated to Romney when the Federal reinforcements arrived. Although some property was damaged in the shelling, there is no record of major devastation.

The early years of the 20th century brought major changes to Hancock's appearance. Most responsible for this was the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad which brought a development boom in town. According to a newspaper account of April 7, 1905: "The Barton House Inn in Hancock ceased to be a hotel April 1, after having been a hostelry for nearly 100 years. It will be converted into a store. The house is of logs, weatherboarded and two stories high . . . Hancock is teeming with activity. The steam shovels for making the roadbed for the Western Maryland connecting link are working in the town. The streets are crowded with teams . . .

⁶ Leatherman, p. 26, quoting the B & O Railroad Co. Business Guide.

⁷ Ibid, p. 15, quoting the B & O Railroad Business Guide.

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The Light House, another old hotel at Hancock is being torn down to make room for the Wabash depot. It was constructed of logs cased with brick . . . changes are being made in every quarter of the town."⁸

There were also in the opening decades of the 20th century, several disastrous fires, one in 1907 which destroyed the Carl block and in January 1908, the Masonic Temple burned as well as the adjacent J.K.P. Grove building. In 1911, the Hancock Shale and Brick Company lost five buildings to fire and in June 1915, three more buildings in the downtown were damaged or destroyed by yet another fire. These destructive fires contributed to the large amount of new construction in Hancock during the early 20th century. In addition to the fires, floods resulted in the removal of historic resources with the 1889, 1936, 1985 and 1996 floods being the most damaging.

Another significant development in Hancock's history around the turn of the century was the beginning of the fruit packing and canning industry. Among the most successful growers were Edmund Pendleton Cohill who established an orchard in 1886 and R. Samuel Dillon, who also pioneered commercial orcharding in the Hancock area, beginning in 1900. The Dillon orchards became the largest in Maryland.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the Woodmont Rod and Gun Club near Hancock for a few days of relaxation and fishing. Other dignitaries who were with him included Jim Farley, Postmaster General, Vice President John N. Garner, Rep. Joseph W. Byrns, Speaker of the House; and Sen. Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas. Others presidents who visited Woodmont include Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, James A. Garfield and Herbert Hoover.⁹

Resource History

The dwelling now known as 161 W. Main Street is located on Lot No. 16 of Brent's Brown and Rixey Addition on the 1937 map of Hancock. This addition to the town of Hancock was apparently annexed by George Brent, son of Thomas C. Brent, sometime around 1850. Described as Lot Number 26 of Brents Addition in an 1863 deed from the estate of Jacob Shlagel to Elmira Swain, this confusing misnomer was clarified in the description of the sale of the property in 1859, "sold a house and lot . . . on the south side of Main Street bounded . . . East by an alley to the Main Street . . ."¹⁰ The lot measured 66 feet on Main Street and ran 320 feet south, presumably to the Tonoloway Creek, although the creek was never mentioned.

Miss Elmira Swain constructed a second house on Lot 16, which appears on the 1877 map of Hancock, and is known as 163 W. Main Street today. By 1904 the lot and two houses were in the possession of Mary Elizabeth Swain, possibly a sister. Mary Swain, described as unmarried, sold right-of-way to the Western Maryland Railroad through the southern end of her lot in 1904.¹¹ In 1923, as a result of an Equity case in which Mary E. Swain was described as a lunatic, John T. Mason and Thomas Gilleece were assigned to sell her real estate. Mason and Gilleece sold the east half of the lot, now 33 feet wide and running back to the WMRR right-of-way, to Edward L. Munson for \$2,875 in June of 1923.¹² The frame house, c. 1890s, which now stands at this location, known as 161 W. Main Street was constructed prior to this sale, possibly following the Potomac River flood of 1889.

The Munson family retained 161 W. Main Street until 1962 when it was sold at public sale following a mortgage foreclosure. The house and lot went through several additional owners and two additional foreclosures until it was purchased by the current owner in June 2000.

⁸ Hancock News, April 7, 1905, as quoted in Leatherman, p. 34.

⁹ Hancock News, May 1935, as quoted in Leatherman, p. 82.

¹⁰ List of Sales Book V, page 315, Washington Co. Office of Wills, Washington Co. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD.

¹¹ Washington Co. Land Record 120/7, Washington Co. Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD.

¹² Washington Co. Land Record 165/705.

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Chain of Title

1581/228 15 June 2000

From: Eugene S. Albert, Jr. and Ronnie E. Kline

To: Cheryl L. Mellott

S side of Main St. 33', W side of Methodists Church Alley to N side of WMRR right-of-way.

1214/367 26 May 1995 \$49,000

From: Jeffery A. and Cindy A. Phillips

To: Eugene Albert and Ronnie Kline

"in lieu of foreclosure"

1076/968 19 Jan. 1993 \$49,000

From: Eugene Albert and Ronnie Kline

To: Jeffery and Cindy Phillips

1051/826 24 July 1992 \$31,500

From: G. Clair Baker, Jr., substitute trustee (foreclosure against Robert Sensel)

To: Eugene S. Albert, Jr.

Parcel 1: 161 W. Main "improved by a frame dwelling"

Parcel 2: 163 W. Main [see 163 Main Street chain of title]

[possibly a deed missing here between Roy Plessinger and Robert Sensel]

382/704 30 July 1962 \$5,000

From: T. Aubrey Kemp, assignee for Emmons and Nita Dolores Munson

To: Roy A. and Cloyd R. Plessinger (holders of 1956 mortgage)

sold at public sale - foreclosure

313/277 28 July 1956 \$1.00

From: T. Aubrey Kemp, trustee for Aldah Bishop and Emmons Munson
(from Deed of Trust for reconveyance, 313/276)

To: Emmons and Nita Dolores Munson

254/86 27 Oct. 1949 \$10.00 and love & affection

From: Clara M. Munson, widow

To: Aldah Bishop, of Allegany Co., and Emmons Munson

received through Edward L. Munson will Book 20, page 128.

165/705 29 June 1923 \$2,875

From: John T. Mason and Thomas Gilleece, Committee of Mary Elizabeth Swain

To: Edward L. Munson

Equity Case #9351 - Thomas Gilleece and John T. Mason, Esq. were named the committee for Mary Elizabeth Swain, lunatic. 33' front, part of the property of Mary E. Swain.

120/7 19 Feb. 1904 \$550

From: Mary E. Swain, unmarried

To: Western Maryland Railroad (WMRR)

201/1000 of an acre

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I.N. 17/203 21 Feb. 1863 \$835

From: Jacob Snively, executor of Jacob Shlagel, dec.

To: Elmira H. Swain

“all that house and lot with appurtenances lying and being in Brents Addition to Hancock and known as lot Number 26 being 66 feet front on Main St. and extending back 320 feet . . .”

List of Sales Book V, page 314-315 (Office of Wills)

“ . . . on the day aforesaid [29 Jan. 1859] he sold a house & lot in the town of Hancock, on the south side of Main Street bounded west by John Conrad, south by John G. Wilson, East by an alley to the Main Street, to Elmira H. Swain, for the Sum of Eight Hundred and thirty five dollars . . . a deed to be made to the purchase when the whole sum of money and interest thereon is paid.”

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nomination property 0.18 acres

Quadrangle name Hancock

Quadrangle scale 1"= 2000'

UTM References DO NOT COMPLETE UTM REFERENCES

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached Continuation Sheet

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paula S. Reed, PhD, Architectural Historian; Edie Wallace, Research Associate		
organization	Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.	date	11 October 2000
street & number	105 N. Potomac Street	telephone	301-739-2070
city or town	Hagerstown	state	MD

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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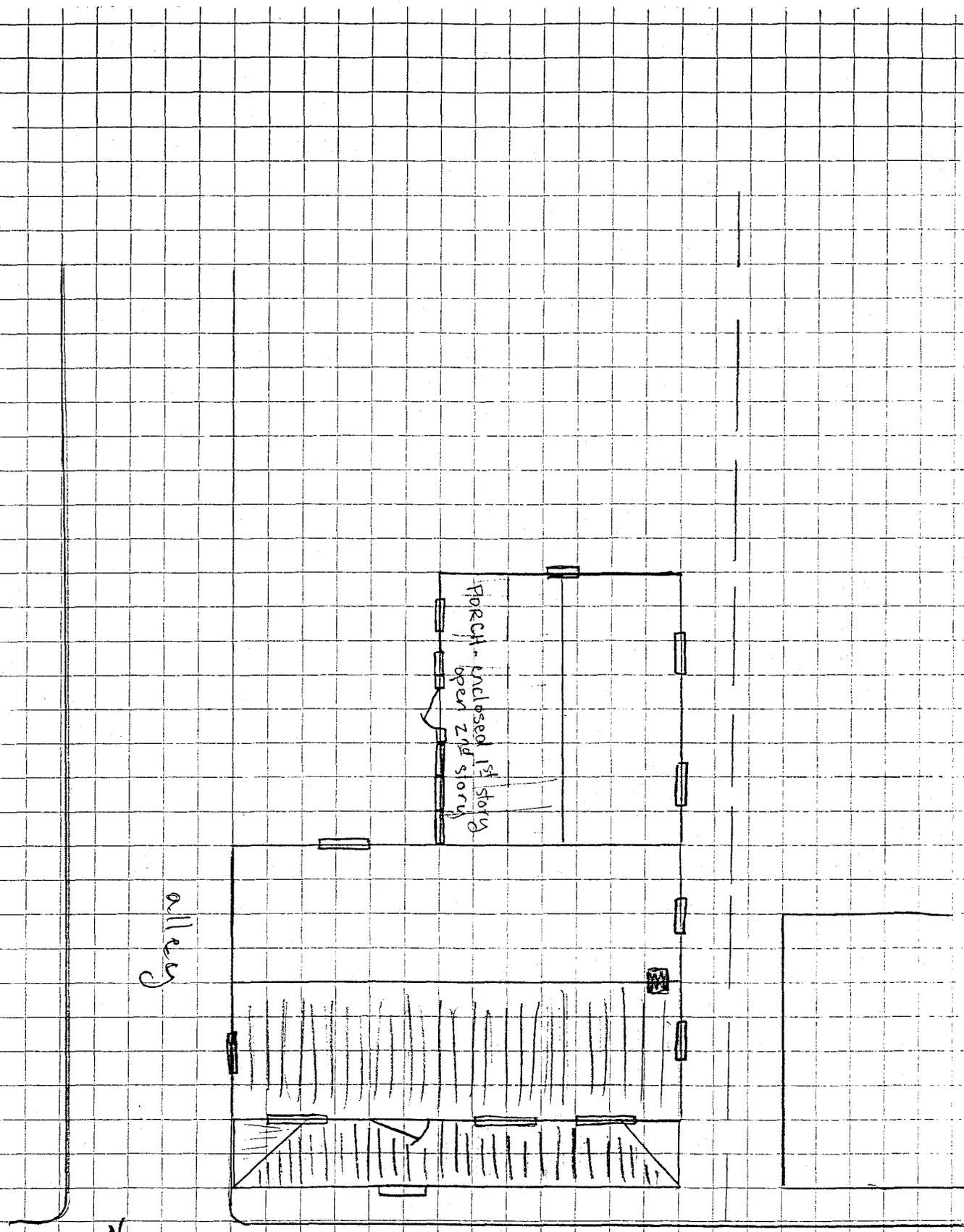
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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary is shown by the outlines of Parcel 633 on Tax Map 501 of the Washington Co. tax map (attached).

Verbal Boundary Justification:

The current boundary is that which was established in the property sale of June 1923, Washington Co. Land Record Liber 165, Folio 705.



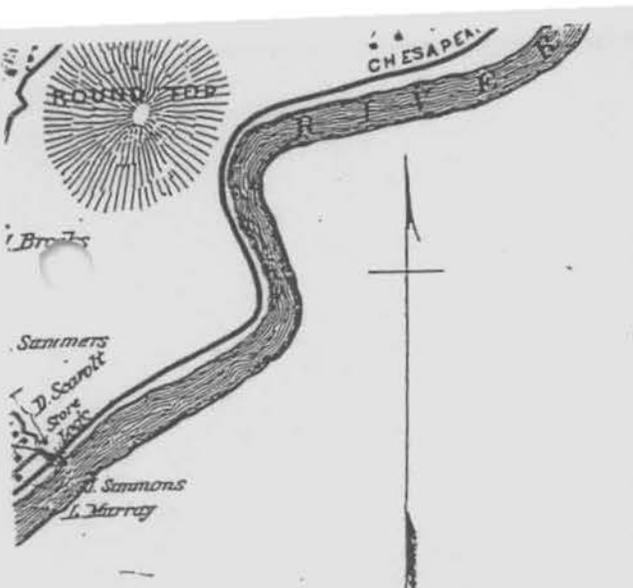
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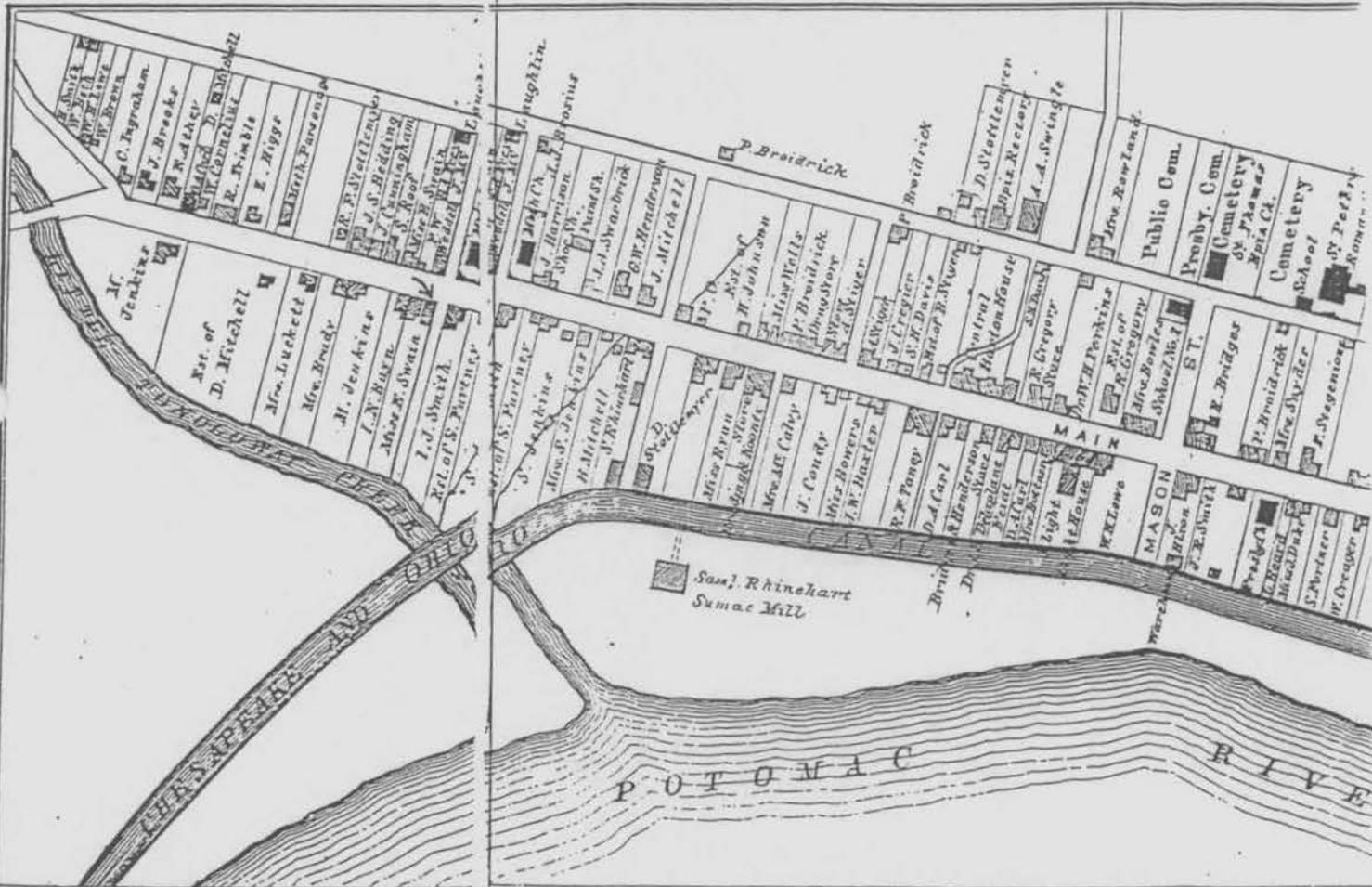
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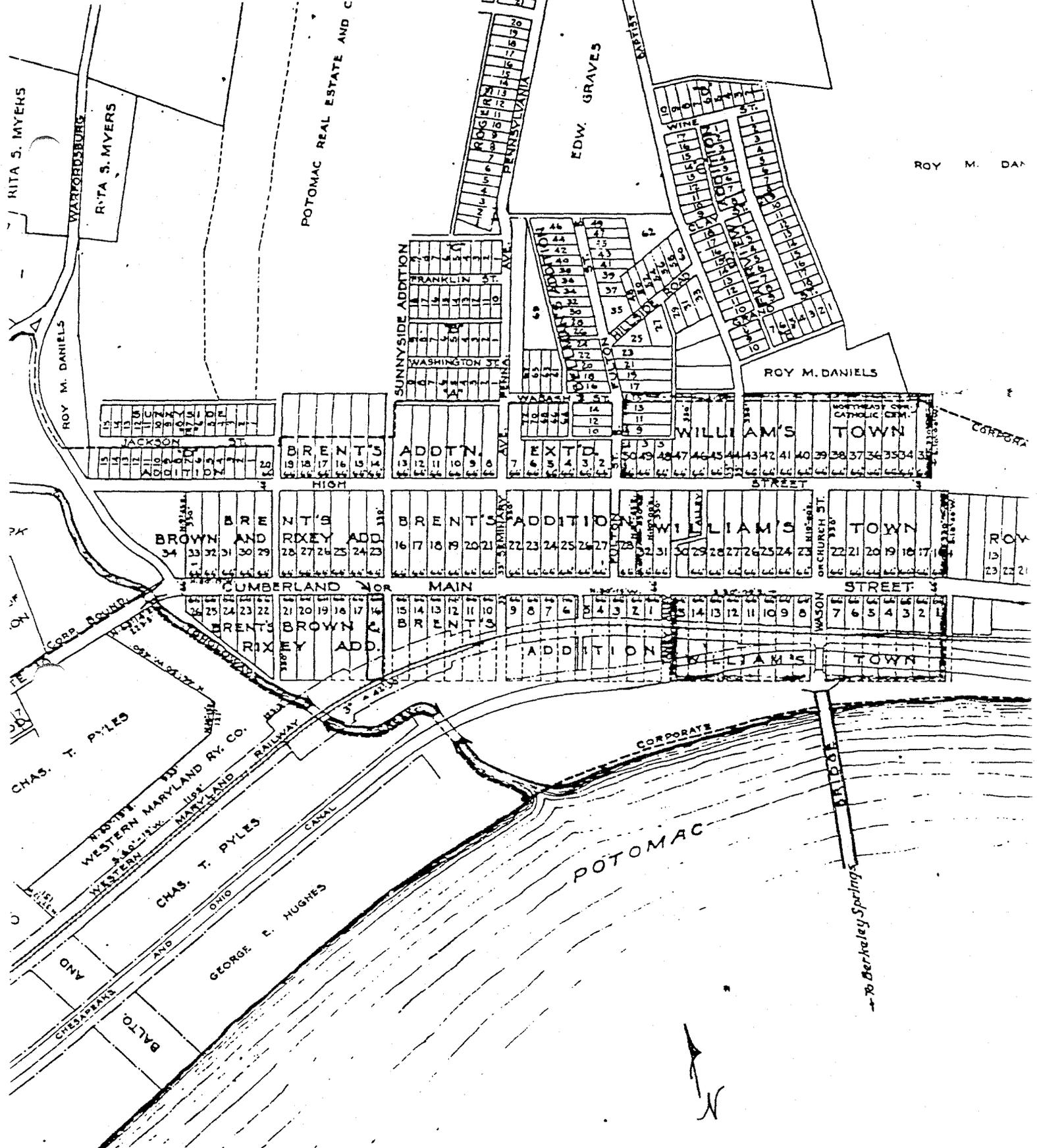


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1877 Atlas of Washington County, Maryland



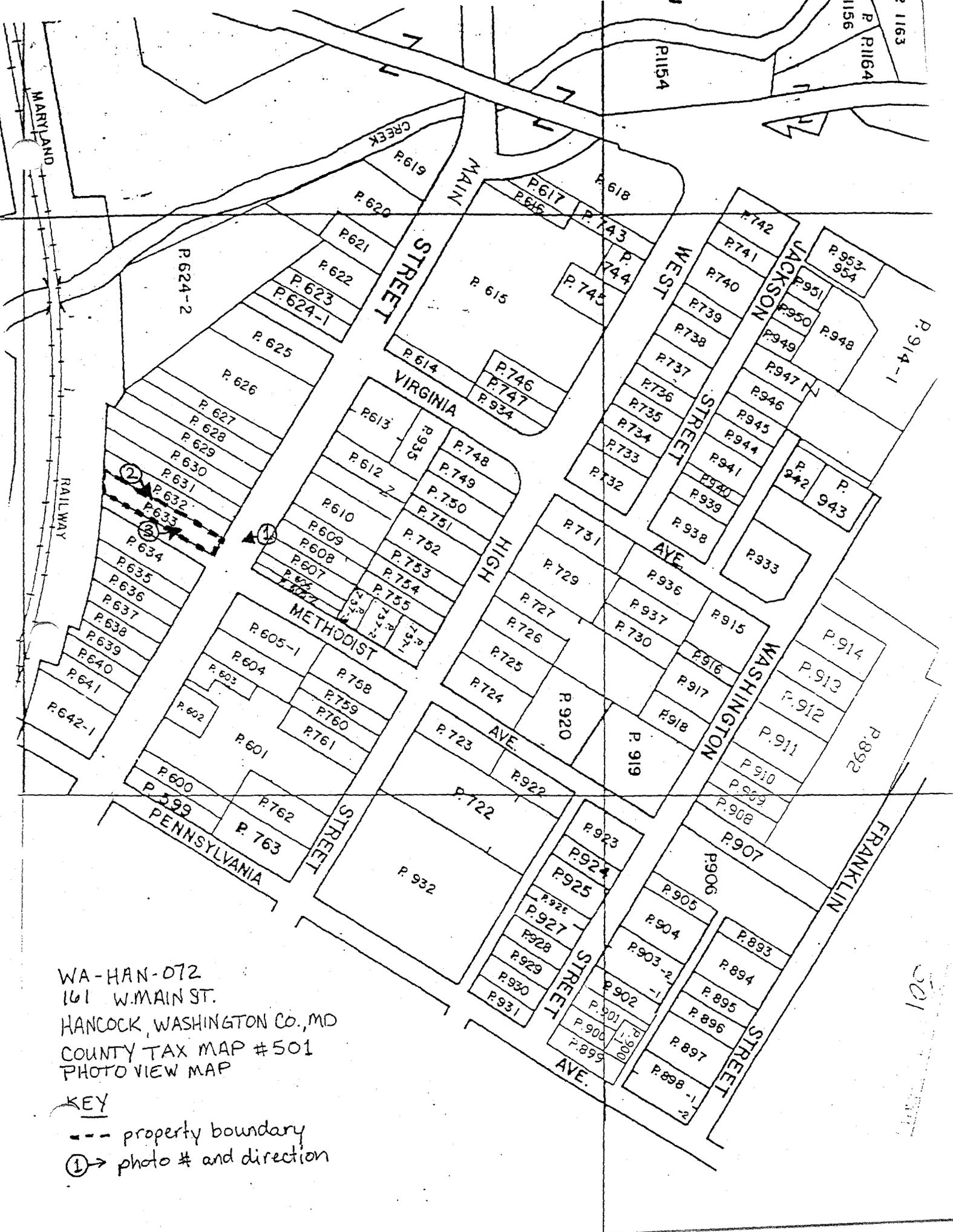
NOTE: Arrow indicates location of current lot with an earlier building. That building is no longer standing and was replaced by the subject building c. 1890s.

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161 W. MAIN STREET
HANCOCK
WASHINGTON COUNTY



NOTE: Arrow shows the site of Lot No. 16 in Brends Brown + Rixey Addition

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 WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND
 AUG. 26, 1937
 PLAT # 287
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 161 W. MAIN STREET

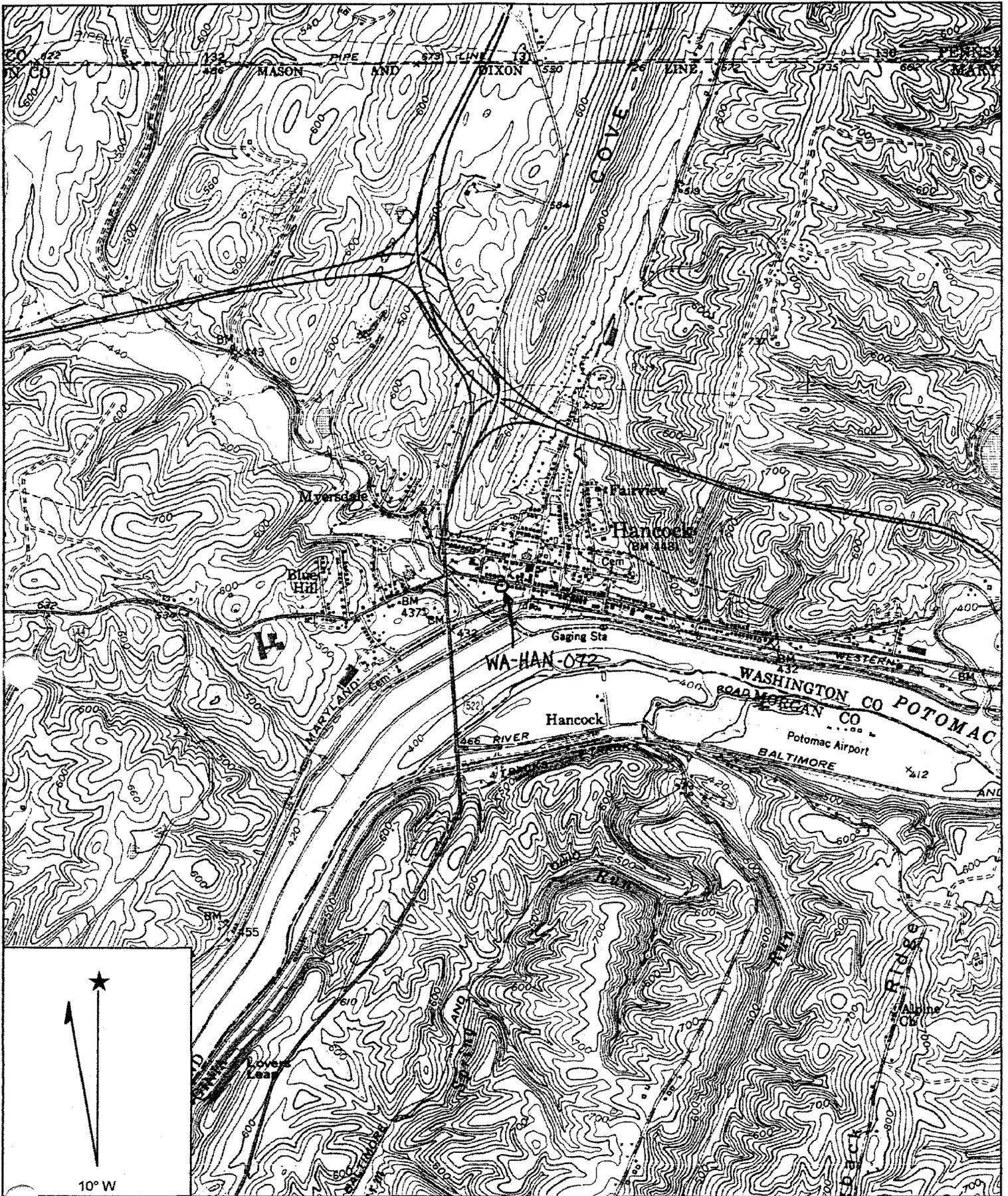


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 161 W.MAIN ST.
 HANCOCK, WASHINGTON CO., MD
 COUNTY TAX MAP #501
 PHOTO VIEW MAP

KEY

- property boundary
- ① → photo # and direction

501



Name: HANCOCK
 Date: 10/10/2000
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 41' 55.1" N 078° 11' 01.7" W
 Caption: 161 W. Main Street, WA - HAN-072



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N and W elevations, view SE from
N side of W. Main St

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S and W elevations, view NE from
rear yard

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S and E elevations, view NW

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HANCOCK, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Survey # WA-HAN-072, B95 Approximate date Ca. 1850
Street Address 161 West Main Street
Town, State Hancock, Maryland
private X, public

Description

This is a two story, four bay frame or log house. It has a gable roof covered with corrugated steel. It has one over one and two over one windows. Across the front is a porch that has been altered with metal railings and posts. The exterior has been covered with aluminum siding and the house sits on a rubble stone foundation. The house does appear on the 1908 Sanborn map. As a 19th century structure, this house represents the appearance of Hancock prior to the major changes which occurred in the early 20th century. It is one of a row of similar houses.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type
 Category: Building
 Historic Environment: Urban
 Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
 DOMESTIC/single dwelling
 Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # 47

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D Gibney

Date 12/1/09

View SE

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