

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-586

ADDRESS: Between 102 and 108 West Antietam Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Donald D. Kretzer, 267-9, private

BUILDING DATE: mid-late 19th century

This structure is a north-facing, vertically massed, symmetrical, two-story, three-bay, brick (common bond), freestanding, residential structure set on a stone foundation. The front-gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal and has open and overhanging eaves decorated with scalloped bargeboards. There are two interior, brick chimneys. A flat-roof open porch extends across the front of the building protecting the center-bay entrance and its flanking windows. The entrance has a stone sill and lintel. There is also a rectangular transom over the door. Windows are double-hung, nine-over-six (first floor) and six-over-six (second floor and side elevations) with walnut sills (according to owner) and stone lintels. The structure has a long wing added to its east elevation. There are entrances to the house from a porch extending across the front of the addition. Entrances lead into the main portion of the house, as well as into the addition (which may have been an original wing). There is a weatherboard-sided attached kitchen wing. The weatherboarding is a recent addition and was placed over original board and battens.

The distinct design and detailing of the house is not common in Sharpsburg. However, it is a common design to communities with a German heritage, of which Sharpsburg is one. (For instance, the German Village in Columbus, Ohio--the former brewery district that was settled by German immigrants in the 1860s-1880s--is constructed entirely of buildings in this tradition.) A building of the same configuration as the extant structure is noted on the 1877 map of

the town as being owned by J. Marker. The 1922 Sanborn notes this dwelling as 225 West Antietam and indicates that there was a separate one-story frame structure directly behind the house.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

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