

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-590

ADDRESS: 127 South Mechanic Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Bruce A. Wilson, 796/738, private

BUILDING DATE: First half 19th century

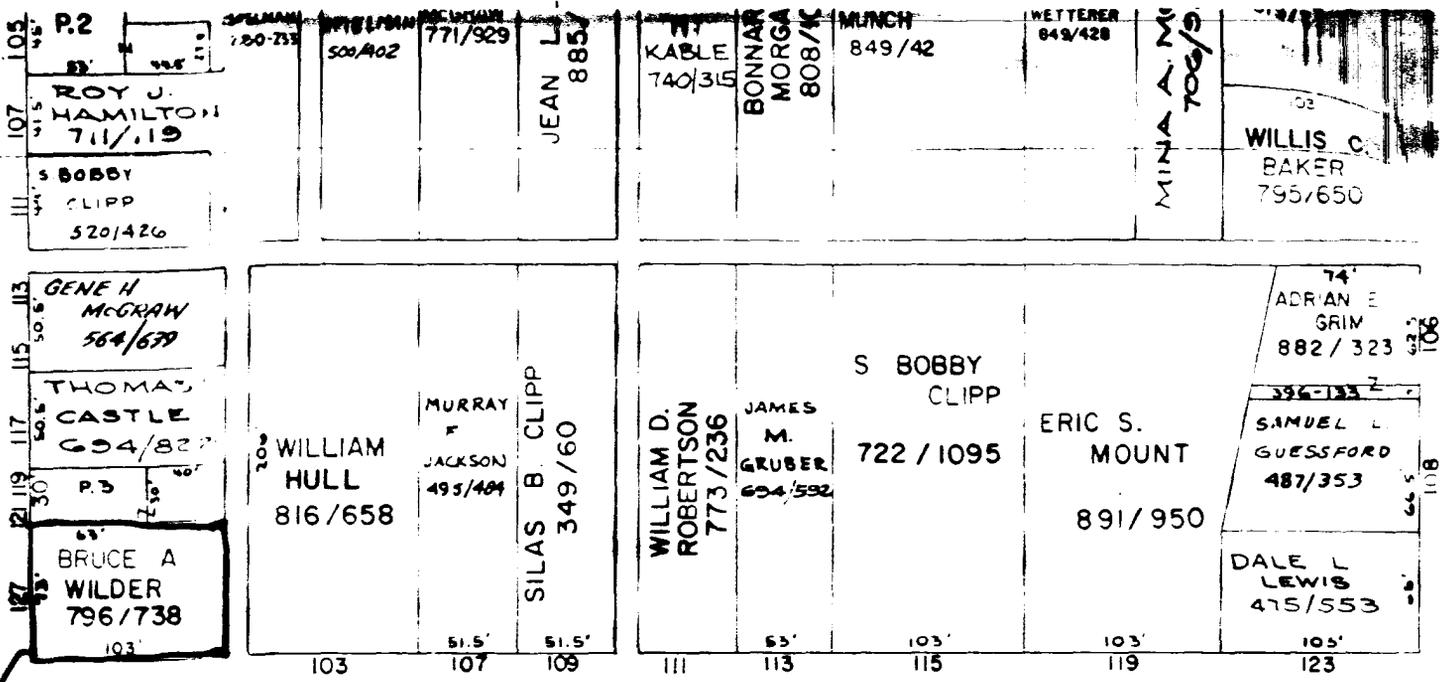
127 South Mechanic Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, brick (Flemish bond), freestanding, residential structure resting on a stone foundation. Set directly at the public-right-of-way on a corner lot, it has a large brick addition on Antietam Street, that has been covered with manufactured siding. The gable roofs are sheathed with standing-seam metal and have interior, endwall brick chimneys at the gable ends; open eaves; and gable returns. The principal entrance is located in the center bay with a secondary entrance located in the northern most bay. (The narrow jackarch on the secondary entrance indicates that this was originally a window that was enlarged to create a doorway.) A shed-roof, open porch supported by two squared posts shields the center three bays. Windows are double-hung, four-over-four sash with jackarches.

A commemorative plaque on the building indicates that it was standing in 1862. The building is noted on the 1877 map of the town as being owned by S. McGraw. The 1922 Sanborn notes the extant dwelling as 315 South Mechanic and indicates that the dwelling has a two-story addition (the lower story being brick and the upper story being frame) on Antietam Street. Behind the building, along the alley is a long henhouse and two-story barn.

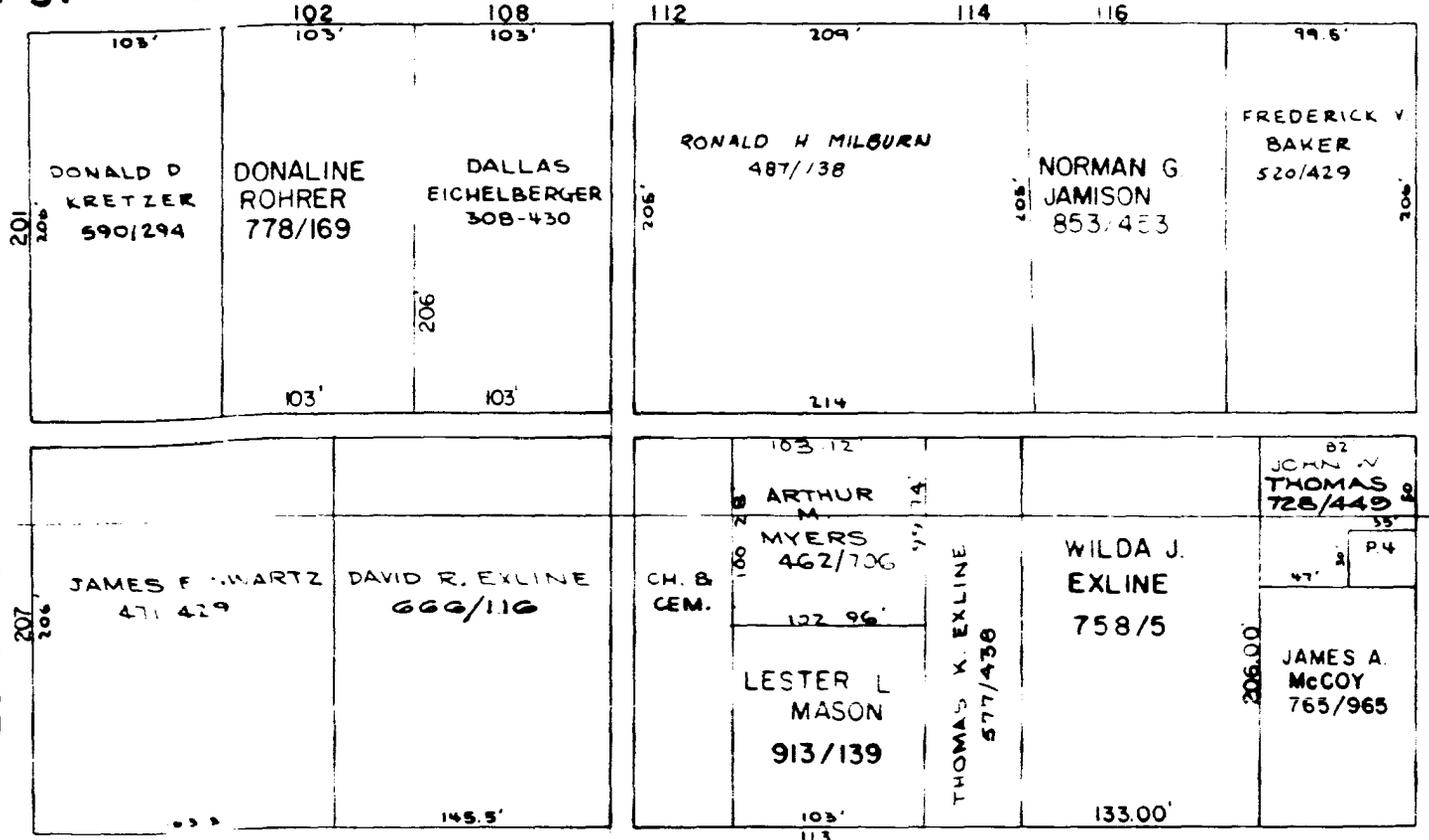
The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

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