

SITE NUMBER: Wa-II-594

ADDRESS: 111 South Mechanic Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Bobby Clipp, 520/426, private

BUILDING DATE: mid-19th century

111 South Mechanic Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, frame, freestanding, residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The facade can be divided into two sections: the residential one (the southern three bays) and the commercial one (the northern two). This distinction appears to be an alteration that occurred with a change in use in the building at some time. The side-gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has two interior, endwall, corbelled brick chimneys; open eaves; and gable returns. There are two entrances to the building. The center-bay entrance appears to be the original one and the one in the north-bay is of a design more common to commercial establishments. The residential entrance is glazed and paneled with a four-light transom above. This door and the window immediately to its left are protected by a hipped roof, open porch. The commercial entrance has a double door with glazing and a transom above. A large show window has been installed immediately to its left. All other windows are double-hung, two-over-two lights in wood frames. There is a very long rear addition.

A commemorative plaque indicating that the building was standing in 1862 is placed on the front facade. A frame structure is indicated on the 1877 map of the town at this location. The structure is later noted on the 1922 Sanborn as a vacant store. It has several outbuildings along the alley in addition to the long addition.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.
Prepared by Julie Mueller, June 1991

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial
Transition?

Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and
Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: small, rural town

Historic Function and Use: residential, governmental

Known Design Source: unknown

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIESMaryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 111 South Mechanic Street not for publicationcity, town Sharpsburg vicinity of congressional districtstate Maryland county Washington**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" 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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bobby Clipp

street & number 111 South Mechanic Street telephone no.: 301-432-8373

city, town Sharpsburg state and zip code MD 21782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 520

street & number Summit Avenue and West Washington Street folio 426

city, town Hagerstown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WA-II-594

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 of move _____
<input 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.

The Setting

This house is located in Washington County at 111 South Mechanic Street (lot 520/426) in Sharpsburg. It is sited at the northwest corner of South Mechanic Street and the first alley south of Main Street, approximately one-half block south of the town square--the commercial and social center of Sharpsburg. The site, which is located on a 44' x 97.5' lots, includes the mid-19th century frame house, a large commercial addition to the side and rear, a one-story stucco addition (that may be the original portion of the building), and a board-and-batten out-building at the southeast corner of the lot.

Exterior

111 South Mechanic Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half story, five-bay, frame, freestanding, residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The facade can be divided into two sections that were built at separate times: the residential one (the southern three bays) and the massive commercial one (the northern two). The side-gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and has two interior, endwall, corbelled brick chimneys; open eaves; and gable returns. There are two entrances to the building.

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The back of the building indicates that the structure was built in several stages. There is a small, one-story stucco addition on the back of the main section of the house. This may be built of log and may pre-date the house. The two commercial bays of the house are actually a very long rear addition that extends the length of the property all the way to the alley. There is a small shed addition connecting the stucco addition and the commercial wing.

Interior

The interior of the building was not accessible for this study.

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8. Significance

Survey No. WA-II-594

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The construction date of 111 South Mechanic Street is not known. However, based on the style of the building, as well as clues provided in deeds associated with this property, the house was probably constructed between 1817 and 1857.

The 1815 tax records indicate that Jacob Grove owned an unimproved property in Sharpsburg. Although he owned this lot in 1817, it is not known if he owned it in 1815. The 1836 tax records indicate that Josiah Good was assessed at \$630 and that John Grice was assessed at \$1.10. However, it is not known whether the assessment took place before or after the execution of the 1836 deed.

It is known that the structure was standing by 1862 when the Battle of Antietam took place. The structure bears the commemorative plaque. According to a 1962 walking tour brochure of the town, the Sharpsburg Post Office was located in this building at the time of the Battle and that Jeremiah Kuhn was the postmaster. Deeds confirm that the property was owned by the Kuhn family from 1857 to 1892. A small structure is indicated on the 1877 map of the town at this location. The commercial wing was constructed between 1877 and 1922 (in all likelihood in the 20th century). It is noted on the 1922 Sanborn as a vacant store with several outbuildings along the alley.

The chain of title, with some omissions was traced to 1817 and revealed the following information.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .10 acres

Quadrangle name Keedysville, MD

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 520/426 in Sharpsburg, bounded on the west by South Mechanic Street, on the south by the first alley south of Main, and on the east by the ~~first alley east of Mechanic Street.~~

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Julianne Mueller

organization _____ date July 1991

street & number 2730 Ordway Street, N.W. telephone 202-364-6594

city or town Washington, D.C. state _____

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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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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February 11, 1764 (Liber J/132), Deed from Joseph Chapline to Christopher Cruss, original lot #1 (103' x 186"). The lot encompassed all the buildings lining the town square, south to the alley.

Date? Christopher Cruss to ?

March 31, 1817 (BB/860), Deed from Jacob Grove to Josiah Good "...all that part of lot number one...where the barn stands..."

July 28, 1857 (IN No. 12/470-471), Deed from John and Mary Grice to Susan Kuhn for the sum of \$500 "all that part of a lot of ground in Sharpsburg known as No. 1...being the same part of lot No. 1 which was conveyed by Jacob Grove to Josiah Good by indenture bearing the date of the 20 of March 1817 also another [illeg.] of said lot No. 1 adjoining there described premises 48 feet in length and 23 feet in breadth being part of the purchase said Josiah Good made of John Hedrick by indenture bearing date 26 day of March 1814 as by reference being had to the said two indentures may more fully and at large appear together with all and singular buildings and improvements..."

April 21, 1892 (98/594), Deed from William H. Nicodemus, executor for Susan Kuhn of Frederick County to Mayberry C. Beeler for the sum of \$506 (deed does not mention house)

April 12, 1898 (108/332), Deed from Mayberry C. Beeler to Mary Cornelia Beeler for the sum of \$500 (deed mentions house and lot)

June 21, 1917 (151/583), Deed from Thomas F. and Anna Kerfoot to J.W. Ward for the sum of \$5

March 18, 1924 (167/621), Deed from John W. and Maude G. Ward to Cora M. Rogers for the sum of \$10

March 18, 1924 (167/622), Deed from Cora M. Rogers to John H. and Maude C. Ward for the sum of \$10

February 2, 1926 (173/425), Deed from John H. and Maude C. Ward to Elmer G. and Daisy Boyer for the sum of \$2100.

June 13, 1966 (441/786), Deed from Daisy Gloss Boyer, widow, to Owen W. and Frances Boyer for the sum of \$1 "Parcel 1. Being all that house and lot situated on the east side of Mechanic Street and being the souther part of the west half of lot 1 on the plat of Sharpsburg."

April 2, 1971 (520/426), Deed from Owen B. and Frances Boyer to S. Bobby and Frances R. Clipp for the sum of \$10.

Significance

A preliminary architectural evaluation of 111 South Mechanic Street was made in April 1991 by Julianne Mueller during a survey of Sharpsburg. At that time a survey site number WA-II-594 was assigned and it was determined that the dwelling is a contributing element to Sharpsburg's historic architectural character. A summary sheet on the building with photographs was submitted to the

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Maryland Historical Trust in June 1991. The summary provides a basic description of the building and places it with the Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan: State Historic Context (Western Maryland Geographic Organization; the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition; the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning).

Upon the suggestion of members of the Sharpsburg community, the general history of the building was researched. It was concluded that the building is a good representative example of mid 19th-century architecture in Sharpsburg, and meets eligibility Criterion C for listing on the Maryland Register.

Criterion A -- The property is not associated with significant historical events.

Criterion B -- The property is not associated with a significant person.

Criterion C -- The building exhibits exceptional architectural design, method of construction, or craftsmanship, or is the product of a trained architect. 111 South Mechanic Street is a good representative example of mid-19th century architecture in Sharpsburg and, as such, is a contributing element to the architectural significance of Sharpsburg.

Criterion D -- The property may provide important information about history or prehistory. The property has not been assessed for its archeological potential. However, it is possible that 19th- and 20th-century archeological remains might be found near the building.

9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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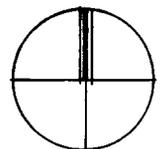
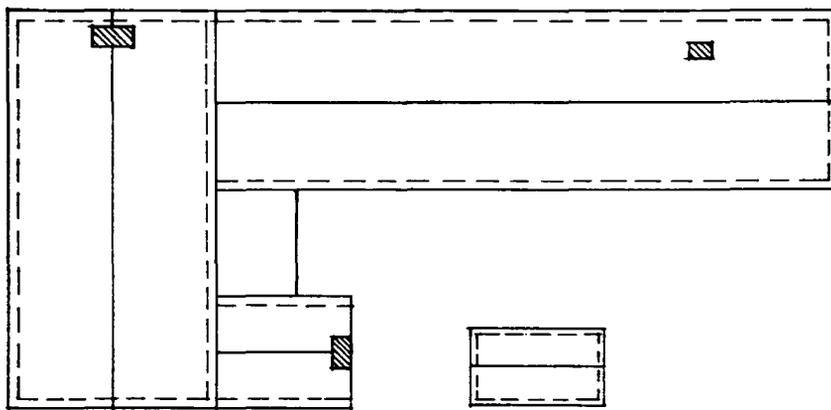
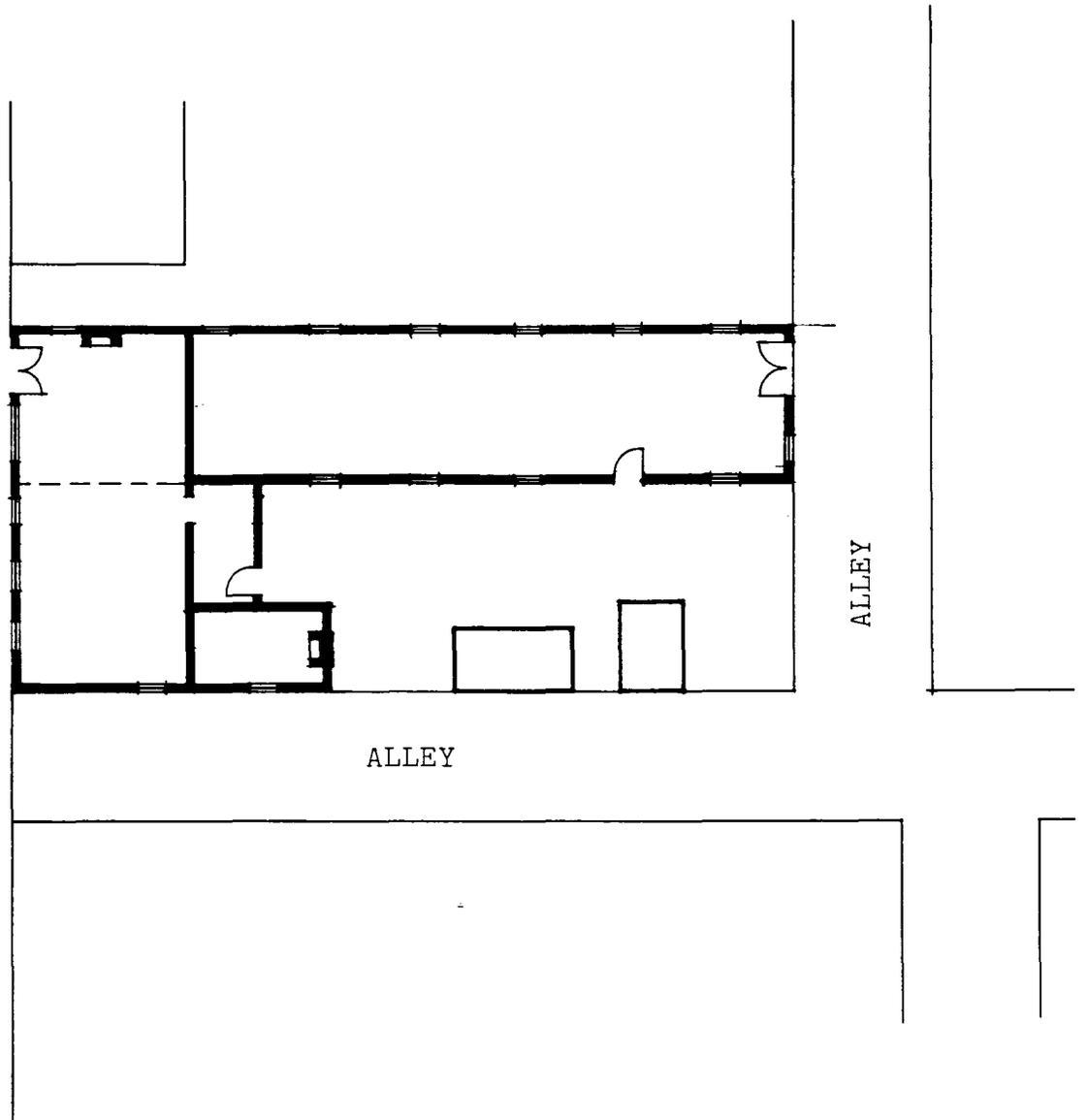
Washington County Tax Records

MAPS:

1877 uncited map

1922 Sanborn Map

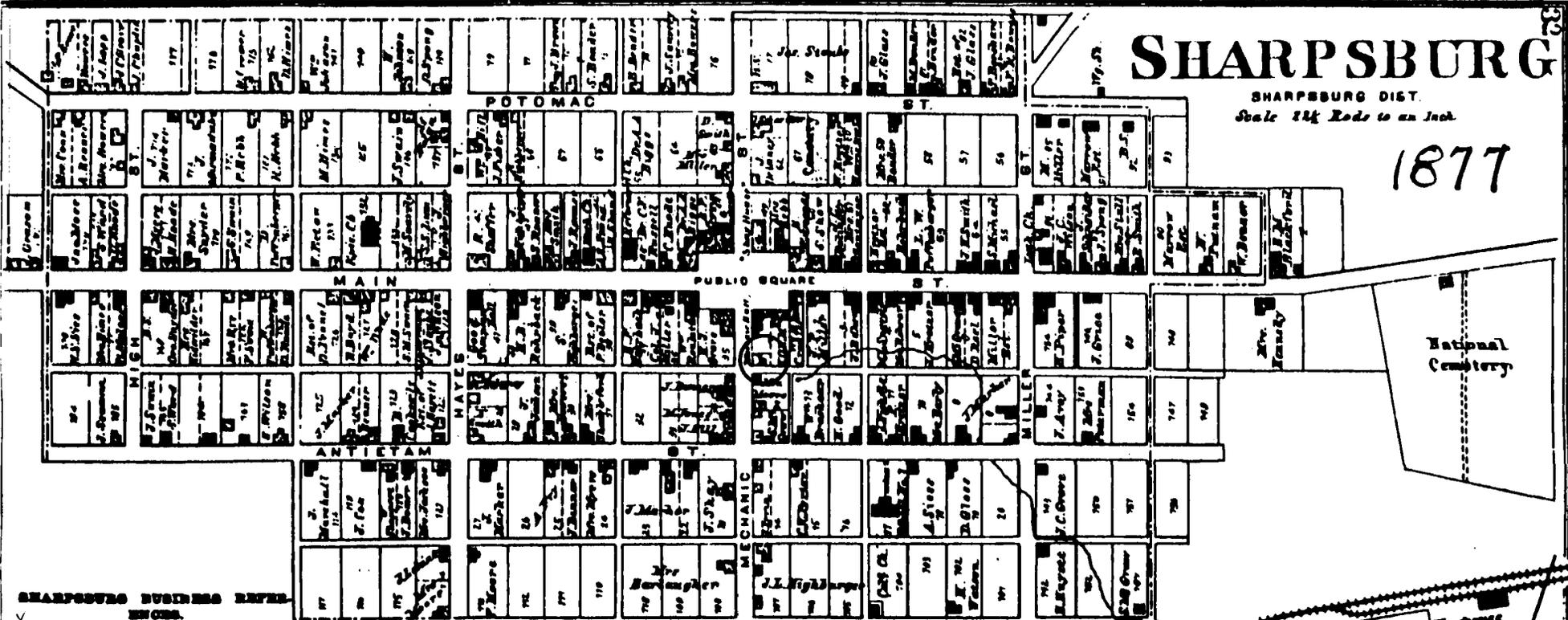
SOUTH MECHANIC STREET



SHARPSBURG

SHARPSBURG DIST.
Scale 1/4" = 1 Rod to an Inch

1877



SHARPSBURG BUSINESS REFER- ENCES.

- C. W. Adams & Co., (C. W. Adams and W. F. Macford) Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Groceries, Queens, Hats, Caps and Carriage. Southeast corner of Public Square.
- C. W. Foster, Proprietor of People's Saloon. Dealer in all kinds of Liquors, Wines, Brandies, &c. Public Square.
- C. F. M. Russell, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. Office on Main street, 4 doors west of Public Square.
- John Gray, Proprietor of "Gray Messrs." Good accommodations at reasonable rates. Public Square.
- J. C. Wilson, Dealer in Dry Goods and all kinds of Ladies and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Main street.
- L. W. Pollock, Dealer in Corn, Hay, Cattle, Lumber, Coal, and all kinds of country Produce. C and O Canal, opposite Sharpsburg, W. Va.
- J. B. Douglas, Collector of Tolls on C and O Canal. P. O., Sharpsburg, W. Va.
- A. A. Sharp, M. D. Office on Public Square.
- Morgan Miller, Justice of the Peace and Conveyancer. Dealer, Marriages, &c., carefully prepared.
- J. J. Collins, Professional School Teacher. Penmanship a specialty. P. O., Sharpsburg.
- Joseph A. Myers, Proprietor of Union Mills. Dealer in Cattle, Pigs, Feet, &c. Lumber Sawed to order on short notice. 1 mile east of Sharpsburg.

Exhibit 2c

F. C. McCombs & Co

F. C. McCombs

N MECHANIC ST

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APR. 1922
SHARPSBURG
MD.

N CHURCH ST

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W. MAIN ST

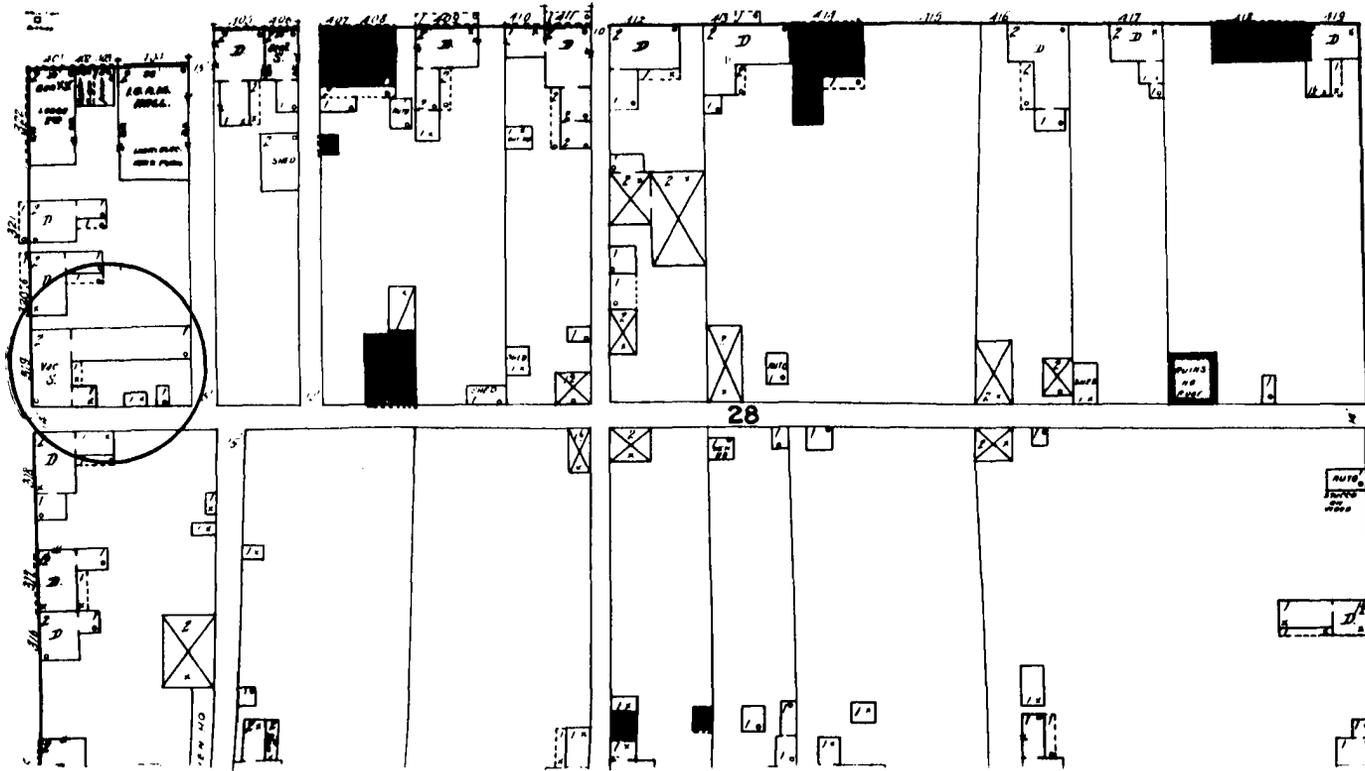
E. MAIN

66'

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103' WILLIAM H. CANFIELD 591/815	MICHAEL K. CRIST 888/753	JUDITH J. THOMAS 726/946	HOWARD E. BOYER 441/785	E.C. PALMER 241-648	HUBERT L. YOUNKER SR 704/580	JAMES E. ARDINGER 724/322	PEARL A. MARSHALL 608/546	RICHARD T. MARSHALL 610/807	RICHARD T. MARSHALL 448/408	51.5'
103' ARTHUR A. MCCOY 722/451										104'
110'	82'	110'		51.5'	51.5'	104'	56'			

ST.

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104

E. CHAPLINE

103' DAVID A. GROSS 260-407	103'	103'	30.5' 3.5' 21' P.1	154.5'		
HAROLD T. DELAUNEY 593/844	206' CEMETERY	RICHARD L. MYERS 751/64	DANIEL A. MARSHALL 445/696	DORIS G. MARSHALL 475/515	FRANCIS B. BURCH 414-649	JEFFREY C. HULL 856/997
105'	206'	203'	171'			206'
ELIZABETH A. MULLENDORE 783/875						
ELIZABETH A. MULLENDORE 784/875						

CHURCH

AD

111

103

LUTHER CHURCH

CHARLES T

W. MULLENBACH

101' JEFFREY T. STOFFER 687/303	105' ADRAIN GRIM 514/125	104.5'	107'	109'	113'	117'	121'	123'	125'	127'	129'	133'	137'
184.5'	104.5'	104.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	52'	52'	103'	103'
JEFFREY T. STOFFER 687/303	ADRAIN GRIM 514/125	OTHA S. RALEIGH BENDER BENDER 732/1003 207-649	JOSIAH HAMMOND 117-675	RICHARD J. BEAN 716/746	CH. OF THE BRETHREN	DONALD L. SHIELDS 827/314	WILLIAM C. LIND 859 / 1094	RICHARD T. LEATHERMAN SR. 669/390	LESTER R. PATTERSON 762/403	JEFFREY C. HULL 847/318	WILLIS C. BAKER 710/890		

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JOHN A.

74'



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H. elev.



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W. elev.



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J. Mueller

SW corner of house



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J. Moeller

N. elev. of commercial wing



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J. Mueller

S + e elev. of 1-story
add.



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J. Mueller

E. (rear) elev. of house



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J. Muelle

detail of w. elev.



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APRIL 1991

P. SACKETT CHRISTIAN

looking NE