

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-712
ADDRESS: 117 East Main Street, Sharpsburg, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Josiah Hammond, 117-675, private
BUILDING DATE: late 19th/early 20th century

117 East Main Street is a south-facing, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, frame (with a brick veneer on the front facade), three-bay, attached, residential structure resting on a stone foundation. Set directly at the public-right-of-way, the address is part of a larger structure that includes 121 East Main. However, 121 is the original section of the structure. The buildings are essentially identical in design, have a contiguous roofline, and share a center chimney. The buildings have a side-gable, slate roof with wide, open eaves and gable returns. There are two brick, interior, endwall chimneys and each residence has a front, hipped-roof dormer with a pair of double-hung windows. The first-floor front facade of 117 East Main is composed of an entrance in the center bay flanked by single windows in the east and west bays. The entrance is simple in design--composed of a two-light and paneled door surmounted by a glazed transom. All windows are double-hung, six-over-six with jack arches. Those on the second floor have shutters. The brick has been sandblasted.

121 East Main bears a commemorative plaque indicating that it was standing in 1862. The 1877 map of the town notes the eastern portion of the composition (121 East Main) as belonging to Mrs. Sentmyer (sp?). The western portion (117) is not indicated on the map, which shows a vacant lot at this site. The 1922 Sanborn notes both sections of the building with 121 indicated as a dwelling and 117 shown as the post office. They are numbered 311 and 310, respectively. Several outbuildings are indicated, including a

garage and attached shed behind 121 and two large and one small building at the rear of the property.

This portion of the building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economics; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

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