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Architectural Survey File

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SITE NUMBER: WA-II-717

ADDRESS: 101 East Main Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Jeffrey T. Stouffer, 687/303, private

BUILDING DATE: mid-19th century (pre-1862)

101 East Main Street is a south-facing, vertically massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, stone and brick, freestanding, residential structure on a stone foundation. Set directly at the public-right-of-way on the town's main square, the building is the only example of Dutch Colonial Revival architecture in the town. It should be noted, however, that the Colonial Revival detailing is mostly likely a 20th-century addition to a 19th-century Greek Revival building. The 20th-century detailing includes the addition of the gambrel roof and front dormers, as well as the open porch that extends across the facade of the building. [Or is the entire building a late 18th-century example of Georgian architecture?--the brick in the gambrel makes one suspicious] Although the first two stories of the building appear to be constructed of stone, the 1922 Sanborn (which could be incorrect) indicates that it is built of brick and encased in stone. The most imposing feature of the structure is its high side-gambrel, slate roof with its deep eaves, cornice, and heavy modillions. The roofline is broken by two, front-facing, gable dormers with stylized pediments and pilasters. The gambrel ends are of brick construction and bear two attic windows. The raised entrance is located in the east bay and consists of a recessed, panel-and-light door flanked by glazed sidelights and topped by a tri-partite transom. Pilasters divide the door from the sidelights. A raised, hipped-roof open porch shields the front facade. It is composed on Tuscan columns set on

brick piers that are connected by a slat railing. Windows have been replaced by double-hung, one-over-one lights. Each has a stone sills and lintels. The elevation facing Mechanic Street has a stone watertable and a three-bay eastlake porch shielding the side entrance which appears to be a modification to the original structure. The building also has a large two-story brick, gable-roof wing with similar window detailing. The wing has a two-story porch with slender tuscan columns. There is a concrete block barn and shed on the property.

According to the commemorative plaque on the building, this structure was standing in 1862. According to a 1962 walking tour brochure compiled by Clifton L. Smith, the building served as a tavern during the war, selling whiskey to soldiers at \$5.00 a canteen. It is indicated on the 1877 map of the town as the Shay House with the following notation, "John Shay, Proprietor of 'Shay House'. Good accommodations at reasonable rates. Public Square." The Banner history of Sharpsburg notes that the City Hotel was located at the northeast corner of the Public Square during the period between 1900 and 1920. W.J. Highbarger was the proprietor. It also notes a McGraw Hotel on the town square with J.R. McGraw as the proprietor. The 1922 Sanborn notes the structure a three-story brick dwelling encased in stone. That map also indicates a stone outhouse at the northeast corner of the house, a henhouse at the middle of the lot and a large barn at the rear of the property. It was noted as 301 East Main. Today the house is called the McGraw/Shay House. The 1962 brochure indicates that it was used as an antique shop and Civil War museum at that time.

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.

Prepared by Julie Mueller, June 1991



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 441/408	51.5'
103' ARTHUR A. MCCOY 722/451	89'	110'	110'	51.5'	51.5'	104'	56'	131'	131'	

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F. CHAPLINE

103' DAVID A. GROSS 260-407	103'	103'	30.5' 35' 21'	DANIEL A. MARSHALL 445/696	DORIS G. MARSHALL 276-826	DORIS G. MARSHALL 475/515	FRANCIS B. BURCH 414-649	JEFFREY C. HULL 856/997	154.5'	206'
103'	206'	203'	171'	171'				206'		
HAROLD T. DELAUNEY 593/844	CEMETERY	RICHARD L. MYERS 751/64								
ELIZABETH A. MALENDORE 784/875										
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CHURCH

184.5' JEFFREY T. STOFFER 687/303	105'	104.8' ADRAIN GRIM 514/125	104.8' OTHA BENDER 732/1003	104.8' RALEIGH BENDER 207-649	104.8' JOSIAH HAMMOND 117-675	104.8' 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
105'	105'	104.8'	104.8'	104.8'	104.8'	104.8'	51.5'	51.5'	52'	52'	103'	103'	124'
			107	109	113	117	121	123	125	127	129	133	137

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F. MAIN

MASONIC TEMPLE EUREKA LODGE 712/1030	COMM. HALL	MARG. C. SPELMAN 280-233	PAUL P. SPIELMAN 500/462	HAROLD MCGRAW 771/929	JEAN L. HARNE 885/130	DONALD H. KABLE 740/315	BONNARD J. MORGAN 808/1016	MARY A. MUNCH 849/42	ERNEST WETTERER 849/428	MINA A. MORRIS 706/926	EWING OIL CO., INC. 619/307	WILLIS C. BAKER 795/650
105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	105'	103'	97'
107	107	110	112	114	116	120	122	124	126	128	132	130

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GENE H. MCGRAW



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