

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: 14 - 16 South Main Street Inventory Number: WA-II-856

Address: 14 - 16 South Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: Lewis Kefauver

Tax Parcel Number: 739 Tax Map Number: 601

Project: Boonsboro Streetscape - WA960A21 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff: no  yes

Name: Kerri Culhane and Rachel Mancini Date: June 1999

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: Town of Boonsboro

Is district listed?  no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Boonsboro Streetscape, Alternate US 40: MD 68 to East of Mousetown Road, Washington County, Maryland, SHA Report 215 (JMA 1999) and Final Report: Architectural and Cultural Survey of Boonsboro and Clear Spring, MD (Mueller 1992).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

No. 14 South Main is an example of the typical log construction of late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth-century Boonsboro. The two story, three-bay-wide building is constructed of v-notched oak logs. The hewn logs are chinked with plaster. There are 6/6 wood sash windows, and two bay windows have been inserted into the first floor dating the twentieth century. The second-floor joists are visible as they are mortised-and-tenoned through the walls of the building. A modern single-leaf door leads into the office space inside. According to town historian Doug Bast, this building was built ca. 1802 and housed an early store in Boonsboro. The building continues to serve a commercial function. Number 16 is a small, one-story, modern addition to the south of the log building. There is a lean-to or shed addition to the rear. As a remnant of the early commercial streetscape in Boonsboro, this well-preserved log building is a contributing resource in the Town of Boonsboro Historic District.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, John Milner Associates, Inc., VA

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Reviewer, NR program	Date

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period ( prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Village  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store/professional/department store  
Known Design Source: none

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-856

ADDRESS: 14-16 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: A Cut Above (hair salon) and Dentist Office

BUILDING DATE: 1802

14-16 South Main Street is an east-facing, horizontally massed, two-story, log, three-bay, freestanding, commercial structure. The structure rests on a brick and stone foundation. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way, was remodeled in 1991. At that time, the weatherboards were removed to expose the log structure below. The one-story addition on the south end of the building, which houses the hair salon, was added at an earlier time. The logs are a combination of hand-hewn and sawed logs. Although the chinking in the facade has been replaced, that on the sides of the building next to 12 Main appears to be original. That side of the building (which is no longer accessible due to its proximity to its neighbor) still has evidence of lathe and stuccoing. The side-gable roof is covered with corrugated metal and has one chimney. The windows on the second floor are double-hung, six-over-six sash. The interior of the building is entirely new.

According to deed research by Doug Bast, this building rests on original lot 14 that was first purchased by Christian Miller (Liber H, Folio 246). The 1877 map of the town indicates that the property was then owned by J.L. Nicodemus. By 1897, according to the Sanborn map, the building had been partitioned into two parts. The northern half was occupied by a drugstore and was numbered 305 Main Street. The southern half had a doctor's office in it and was numbered 304. This arrangement continued through at least 1910.

The 1924 Sanborn notes two stores in the building. The 1940 Sanborn indicates that the interior partition had been removed to create a single space for a store. The one-story addition to the side was in place by then. According to a walking tour brochure of the town, this building is one of the oldest log structures in Boonsboro and served as a grocery as early as 1802. In 1910 it was owned by Dr. S.S. Davis. Historic photographs of that period show that the building was sided in weatherboarding and had only one, one-story bay window in the north section.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, Development Period of Rural Agrarian Intensification, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, July 1992

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Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-856 (Parcel 739), 14-16 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

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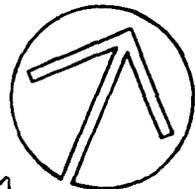
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Boonsboro, Washington Co., MD

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looking SW, main building



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14-16 S. Main St.

Boonsboro, Washington Co., MD

Henry Luthome

6/1999

neg: MD SHPO

looking NW, main building



WA 11-856

1410 S. Main St.

Boonsboro, Washington Co., MD

Kerri Culhane

6/1999

neg: MD SHPO

looking E, main building



WA-II-920

14 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BOONSFORD, WASHINGTON CO.

12/91

JULIE MUELLER

LOCKING 11 ST