

Survey # WA-III-152
Street Address 4330 Main Street
Town, State Rohrerstown, Maryland 21779
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Approximate date Ca. 1800, 1860

This house is distinctive because of the architectural clues that are evident from an assessment of the exterior. It is a two story, four bay brick building, located on the west side of Main Street. The bricks are laid in all stretcher bond, suggesting that the house is brick cased log. The lintel over one of the central bays in the front elevation is higher than the other lintels, and at the same height as the door in the other central bay. This suggests that the house originally had two center front doors, a configuration common among Pennsylvania Germans in this area of Maryland. Wide wooden lintels above the openings is typical of the third quarter of the 19th century. Windows have single pane sash which are replacements. A one story kitchen wing extending to the rear is also brick cased and probably also of log construction. There is a central chimney which could suggest traditional Germanic construction, but use of the central chimney with the continental three room plan in German architecture of Washington County rarely dates from after 1800. The roof is of standing seam sheet metal. Across the front is a one story porch with naive interpretations of Ionic columns, apparently dating from the late 19th century. Immediately south of the house is a vertically sided frame shed or out kitchen. Both buildings are considered to be contributing. According to the 1877 Atlas, this property belonged to G. Thomas.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling, Shed

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