

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-99
ADDRESS: 12 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Nota J. Ptacek, 786/493, private
BUILDING DATE: Late 19th/early 20th century

12 West Water Street is a south-facing, vertically massed, two-and-a-half-story, three-bay, freestanding, frame residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The building has a hexagonal projecting bay in the its western bay and is faced with asbestos shingling. The front gable roof is covered with artificial roll sheathing. The original fenestration consists of paired, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, two-over-two windows on the first and attic floors. The second floor holds single windows of the identical design. Windows directly east of the projecting bay have been filled in. The entrance is located in the center bay.

Building ornamentation consists of an open eastlake porch that runs along the front of the structure to the bay, fish-scale and diamond-shaped shingles on the second-story portion of the projecting bay.

The building is set on original lot 38. The 1814 plat of the town indicates that there was a two-story, two-bay house on this lot facing Green Castle (Main) Street, and that the property was owned by Logan (no first name provided). A larger building, owned by a Mrs. Bishop, appears on this lot on the 1875 map of the town, however, it does not appear exactly on the site of this build. The extant building is shown on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as 210 Water Street.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

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