

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-111

ADDRESS: 38 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Bernadine G. Reams, 568/389, private

BUILDING DATE: late 19th/early 20th century

38 West Water Street is a south-facing, symmetrical, two-story, three-bay, freestanding, frame residential structure resting at grade on a stucco-faced foundation. The elevations are covered with asbestos shingling. The roof is flat and slants toward the slightly lower elevation of the rear of the house. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, two-over-two windows with shaped lintels. The center-bay entrance holds a single-panel and glazed door and is protected by a projecting pediment that appears to be a relatively recent addition to the structure (it is not indicated on the 1923 Sanborn).

There is a one-story rear shed addition on the building. The yard is terraced to meet the steep slope of the land to the rear of the structure.

The building is set on original lot 75, a vacant lot that was owned by George M. Boyer, according to the 1814 plat of the town. No building appears on this lot, then owned by J.W. Koontz, on the 1875 map either. However, the extant building does appear on the 1916 Sanborn as 22 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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