

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-117

ADDRESS: 68 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Brian J. Semler, 834/155, private

BUILDING DATE: early 20th century?

68 West Water Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, one-and-a-half-story, three-bay, freestanding, frame residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The cross gable roof is covered with metal(?) shingles. The fenestration consists of single, fixed light with a large transom on the first floor (similar to the house directly to the east). Second-floor windows are rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one paired windows. The western-bay entrance holds a three-panel door with three vertical lights. A secondary entrance is located in the jog along the east facade. A hipped-roof, wrap-around porch resting on wooden posts runs along the front and east facade of the building.

Outbuildings consist of a barn and shed.

The building is set on original lot 85, a vacant lot that was owned by Youst Wiant, according to the 1814 plat of the town. No building appears on this lot, then owned by the Lutheran Cemetery, on the 1875 map either. The building was constructed after this date. However, because the 1916 and 1923 Sanborn maps of the town do not extend this far out of Smithsburg, it is not possible to date this building more precisely using maps. It appears to be contemporary with many of the other buildings in this section of Smithsburg, i.e. from the first quarter of the 20th century.

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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765/493

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910/214

CHARLES L. HOLTZMAN  
484/551

BRIAN J. SEMLER  
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151.35'

ANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
SMITHSBURG  
819/1036

SMITHSBURG CEMETERY

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DONALD L. PRYOR  
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308/353

337/398

724/752

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678/160

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68 West Water St., Smithsburg  
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January 1991  
looking NW



WA-10-117

Barns, 68 West Water St., Smithsburg

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