

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-126

ADDRESS: 23 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Thomas W. Winowiecki, 720/34, private

BUILDING DATE: 1904

23 West Water Street is a north-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half story, five-bay, freestanding, frame residential structure resting on a stone foundation. It has a large, two-story hexagonal bay on its west facade. The building is sited at the top of a steep slope, overlooking the street, with a high retaining wall at the sidewalk delineating the property line. It is one of three almost matching frame structures in a row. A similar brick structure is located next to this row.

The side gable roof, which is covered with grey slate, holds a minor cross gable in the center bay. The side gables have fish-scale, diamond-shaped, and staggered wood shingles that match those found in the gable ends of 20 West Water Street. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows with shutters. The front facade windows on the first floor extend to the floor. The gable window matches those found on 18 West Water Street. The entrance is approached from a set of stairs at the center of the facade, leading up to a slightly raised open, eastlake porch covered by a hipped roof and supported by turned posts. The entrance surround matches that found on 20 West Water with its side lights and transom, and contains what appears to be a reproduction(?) of an eastlake style door.

The building has a large barn and one outbuilding in the rear.

The building is set on original lot 27, a vacant lot that was owned by Radarick [sic] Shepley, according to the 1814 plat of the town. No building appears on the site, then owned by B.C. Bishop,

on the 1875 map either. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, the house was built in 1904. It appears on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as 33 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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