

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-128
ADDRESS: 27 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Thomas D. Eckstine, 726/933, private
BUILDING DATE: c. 1904

27 West Water Street is a north-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half story, three-bay, freestanding, frame residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The building is sited at the top of a steep slope, overlooking the street. 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 front gable has a bargeboard with a sunburst motif popular during the Arts and Crafts movement. Unlike its neighbors, the side gables carry on the weatherboard siding of the structure and are not shingled. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows with shutters. The center-bay entrance is approached from a set of stairs at the center of the facade, leading up to a raised open, eastlake porch covered by a hipped roof and supported by thin turned posts. Other porch detailing, such as the brackets and other ornamental features virtually match those found on 23 West Water Street. The entrance consists of a simple, single, raised, four-panel door topped by a glass transom.

The house is set on original lot 29, a vacant lot that was owned by Samuel Hawley, 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. However, the building appears on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as 31 Water Street. The 1916 Sanborn also shows that at the rear of the lot, facing the railroad siding was a cider mill

and press owned by R.W. Smith. According to notations, the press ran in September and October only. At other times it was used as a storage place for brooms. A building directly next to the tracks, still on this property, was the Smithsburg Broom Works, Inc. The building consisted of a broom storage area, a factory, and a small office. Immediately in front of this building (to its south) was a log yard and to its southwest was a sawmill. With the exception of the sawmill, all these buildings were noted as being vacant on the 1923 Sanborn. This industrial portion of the lot is currently owned by Howard P. Newman (lot 418/563).

The house 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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908
 RA 4125' 4025' 223'
 JC 462/600
 RICHARD G. BACHTELL
 462/600

MILTON D. LAWYER 389/176
 THOMAS ROBE 2750'
 JU 305'
 E 305'
 WIL 4125'
 R 4125'
 TIM 26'
 V 57'
 60' 117' 67'

11.25' CHARLES E. DEANER 411/611
 264'
 45.2' ROBERT W. SHEARER 462/288
 264'
 37' BRIAN D. LAWYER 604/113
 41.5' HUBERT KLINE 727/404
 264'
 41' ANTHONY E. METZGER 879/373
 264'
 41.5' HOWARD P. NEWMAN 455/505
 264'
 41.50' DEE R. PEPPE 818/588
 41.25' HOWARD P. NEWMAN 382/614
 82.5' RICHARD F. SMITH 437/648
 264'
 41.25' JOHN P. HARSHMAN 290/2
 264'
 41.25' BERNADINE G. REAMS 568/309
 264'
 82.5' HARRY W. KINDLE 297/133
 272' 368/683
 85.82' HARRY I. ENGLISH 751/461
 0.50A.
 70' DAVID J. MULDOON 128/175
 70' THOMAS W. BUSSARD, JR. 731/730
 DANIELE E. BUTT 746/16
 JUNE E. MUMMA 765/493
 38.1' ROY C. KLINE 910/214

195' MILTON D. LAWYER 457/543
 195'
 82.50' DAVID L. WILLIAMS 887/70
 195.00'
 41.25' PAULA GYURISIN 650/148
 195'
 103' RICHARD K. RICE 681/388
 195' 3

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 107/163
 C&P TELEPHONE CO. 253/293

168.84' DONALD L. PRYOR 745/772
 82.5'
 168.84' TOWN OF SMITHSBURG 595/145
 168.84'
 65.50'
 62.5' THOMAS V. WINOWIECKI 720/34
 168.84'
 60' J. D. CALLAMARI, JR. 771/317
 170' 60'

MAPLE AVE.
 82.5' A
 82.5' CAROLETT GARRETT 692/500
 171'
 171'
 275' JOHN A. FERRO 690/653
 275'
 DEE R. PEPPE 818/588
 100'
 100'
 82.5' 82.5'
 SMITHSBURG
 EMERGE
 MEDI
 SE
 849/131
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WA-IV-120
 27' THOMAS D. ECKSTINE 720/933
 163.90'
 41.25'
 41.25'
 82.5' SUZANNE S. ALEXANDER 569/341
 175.9'
 320'
 320' P. MARK DIVELBISS 737/490
 320'
 118.67' LEWIS B. BARTON 463/344
 112.09'
 320.81'
 292'
 122.25' CHARLES H. HENRY 855/671
 193'

156.8' HOWARD P. NEWMAN 418/563
 123.75'
 156'
 82'
 122.25'
 193'
 L OF SMITHSBURG 396/485

MD. 66
 ST WATER ST.



