

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-129

ADDRESS: 31 West Water Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Suzanne S. Alexander, 569/341, private

BUILDING DATE: c. 1904

31 West Water Street is a north-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half story, three-bay, freestanding, brick 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 four almost matching structures in a row.

The brick is a deep rust color and is set in a running bond in a creamish-pink mortar. The side gable roof, which appears to be covered with slate, holds a steeply pitched minor cross gable in the center bay. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows with shutters, and stone lintels and sills. The center-bay entrance is approached from a set of stairs at the center of the facade, leading up to a raised, open porch covered by a hipped roof and supported by Tuscan posts. The entrance consists of a glazed and panelled door surrounded by sidelights and topped by a glazed transom similar in detail to that found on 23 West Water.

The house is set on parts of original lots 29 and 30, vacant lots that were owned by Samuel Hawley and James Hammett to C. Smith, respectively, 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 39 Water Street and was located on the same piece of property as what is today 27 West Water Street (its neighbor to the east).

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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M. M. L. 908  
 RA 41.25' 40.25' 24.5'  
 JC 26.4' 26.4' 26.4'  
 RICHARD G. BACHTTELL 462/600 50.00' 16

MILTON D. LAWYER 389/176  
 JOHN ROBE 27.50'  
 J. E. WIL 30.5' 30.5' 41.25'  
 R. TIM V. 41.25' 26' 57'  
 80' 117' 67'

CHARLES E. DEANER 411/611  
 ROBERT W. SHEARER 462/288  
 BRIAN D. LAWYER 664/113  
 HUBERT KLINE 727/404  
 ANTHONY E. METZGER 879/373  
 HOWARD P. NEWMAN 455/505  
 DEE R. PEPPEL 818/588  
 HOWARD P. NEWMAN 382/614  
 RICHARD F. SMITH 437/648  
 JOHN P. HARSHMAN 290/2  
 BERNADINE G. REAMS 568/389  
 HARRY W. KINDLE 297/133  
 HARRY I. ENGLISH 751/461 0.50A.  
 DAVID J. MULDOON 728/175  
 THOMAS W. BUSSARD, JR. 731/730  
 DANIELE E. BUTT 746/16  
 JUNE E. MUMMA 765/493

MILTON D. LAWYER 457/543  
 DAVID L. WILLIAMS 887/70  
 PAULA GYURISIN 656/148  
 RICHARD K. RICE 681/388

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

DONALD L. PRYOR 745/772  
 TOWN OF SMITHSBURG 595/145  
 THOMAS V. WINOWIECKI 720/34  
 J. D. CALLAMARI, JR. 771/317

HAROLD B. GARRETT 652/560  
 DEE R. PEPPEL 818/588  
 JOHN A. FERRO 690/653

SMITHSBURG  
 EMERGENCY  
 MEDICAL  
 SE  
 849/131  
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THOMAS D. ECKSTINE 726/933  
 SUZANNE S. ALEXANDER 569/341  
 HOWARD P. NEWMAN 418/563  
 P. MARK DIVELEBISS 737/490  
 LEWIS B. BARTON 463/344  
 CHARLES H. HENRY 855/671

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