

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-139

ADDRESS: 4 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: J.R. Meadows, 811/365, access during
business hours

BUILDING DATE: early/mid-20th century

This is a long, two-story, symmetrical, three-bay, freestanding, brick and stone (rear) commercial structure resting on a stucco-finished stone foundation. The facade brick is varied in color, ranging from black to orange to red. The roof is flat. Fenestration consists of projecting plate glass showcases flanking the center entrance on the first floor, and double-hung, one-over-one windows on the second floor.

The building is set on an unnumbered original lot that has a house facing Cave (Water) Street, according to the 1814 plat of the town. A building does appear on the 1875 map on the lot which was then owned by I. Gehr, however that building was located more toward the rear of the lot, while the extant building was constructed directly next to the public right-of-way. The 1916 Sanborn map shows two connected buildings on this site: 152 Main Street, which is noted as a library; and 153 Main, an office with a rounded, projecting bay. The library had a small, unconnected stone building to its rear. The 1923 Sanborn shows these buildings as enlarged and combined into a single structure, still having two addresses, and noted as a dwelling. It is possible that the extant building is another remodeling of that earlier building. Today, the Dixie Eatery occupies the structure.

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, as well as the
Economic Theme Period.

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