

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-147

ADDRESS: 32 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Rachel F. Masters, 44744/102, private

BUILDING DATE: late 19th century

This is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, two-bay, L-shaped freestanding, frame residential structure resting on a stone foundation. The building, which is sited at the public right-of-way, is sheathed in manufactured siding and has received numerous additions and alterations. The side gable roof is covered with artificial roll and has two interior, endwall chimneys at its northern and southern ends. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows. What must have been a front porch has now been completely enclosed to create a room.

The building is set on original lot 56, a vacant lot not listed on the key to the 1814 plat of the town. The vacant property was later owned by Miss H. Shank in 1875, according to the town map of that date. The 1916 and 1923 Sanborn indicate the house and show a separate one-story log structure immediately behind the house. It is possible that the log structure has been incorporated into the main body of the house. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, the house was built by the Breitwesers in the late 19th century. Mr. Breitwesser was a cooper who made barrels.

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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