

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-176

ADDRESS: 31-33 South Main Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Shawn T. Shingler, 616/50, private

BUILDING DATE: c. 1916

This is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, one-and-a-half-story, two-bay, freestanding, frame commercial structure. The building, which is sited at the public right-of-way, is sheathed in manufactured siding and has undergone several alterations, including the addition of a deep, shed-roof permanent awning that extends over the public-right-of-way, and a completely redesigned front facade (below the shed roof). The side gable roof is covered with artificial shingles and has a gabled dormer in each of its slopes. The front gable end has a window and an incongruously placed door that leads out onto the downward sloping awning roof. The entrance to the building is located slightly off center and consists of a modern glazed and panelled door that matches the one in the gable end directly above it. The windows and window configurations have been extensively altered. However, it appears that many of the original windows may have been paired, and double-hung in a craftsman/bungalow mode.

The building is set on original lot 15, a vacant lot was owned by Christian Good, according to the 1814 plat of the town. The property was owned by P. Oswald in 1875, according to the town map of that date. This map indicates a structure on this site at the time, however, it is unlikely that it is the currently structure. The 1916 Sanborn shows a building of the extant building's configuration with the notation, "Hardware to be undertaken." The site is numbered 50 Main. It is not clear whether the building which is shown on the 1875 map was to be turned into a hardware

store, or whether a hardware store was about to be erected on its site. In all likelihood, the later is probably the answer. In any case, the building was either occupied by a hardware store for a very short period of time, or not at all. By 1923, according to the Sanborn map of that date, the structure was used as a dwelling, as it is today. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, the building was constructed in the 1920s as a soda bottling factory and, by 1925, it was used as a community hall.

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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