

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-178
ADDRESS: 39 South Main Street, Smithsburg, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Zelda P. Grove Trust, 922/37, private
BUILDING DATE: mid-late 19th century

39 South Main Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, freestanding, brick residential structure. The building is sited directly at the public right-of-way. The side gable, artificial roll roof has gable returns, open eaves, and an interior endwall brick chimney on the south elevation. The fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows with stone sills and jack arches (first-floor windows only). The center-bay entrance is set in a simple frame. A hipped-roof, craftsman-style open porch is set in front of the second through fourth bays. The porch roof is supported by four battered wood posts resting on brick piers. A low, brick "lattice work" wall joins the piers, except at the entrance bay.

The building is set on original lot 16, a vacant lot that was purchased by J. Jacob Shank from Hugh Russell, according to the 1814 plat of the town. A building, possibly this one, appears on the 1875 map on the lot which was then owned L.B. Brenner. The 1916 and 1923 Sanborns indicate this building, with its porch in place, as 48 Main Street. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, a tavern was located in this building at one time.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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