

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-183

ADDRESS: 55 South Main Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Claude King, 384/508, private

BUILDING DATE: late 19th/early 20th century

51 South Main Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, three-bay, freestanding, brick residential structure resting on a stucco-finished, stone foundation. The focus of the building is its open porch, which runs the length of the building, and its steeply pitched front intersecting gable. The building is similar in design to 51 South Main Street which is located directly north of St. Paul's Church. The intersecting gable roof is covered with artificial shingles, has open eaves, gable returns, and two interior, endwall, corbelled brick chimneys. Fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one windows with stone sills and lintels. There is a deep-set, lunette window with a stone keystone and sill in the front gable. The south-bay entrance has a glazed (colored glass in an ornate design) and panel door topped by a glazed transom. The hipped roof porch is defined by a wide frieze and thin Tuscan columns set on what appears to be a new brick wall with a stone base.

The building is set on original lot 21, a vacant lot that was owned by James Hammett, according to the 1814 plat of the town. A building owned by W. Donaldson is noted on the 1875 map of the town. However, judging from the style of the extant building, it was probably an earlier structure. The extant structure, without its porch, is noted on the 1916 and 1923 Sanborns as 39 Main Street.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic

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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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