

SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-185

ADDRESS: 2-4 South Main Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Milton D. Lawyer, 749/45, private

BUILDING DATE: mid-19th century

2-4 South Main Street is an east-facing, raised, vertically massed, symmetrical, three-story, five-bay, brick, attached, commercial/ residential structure sited at the southwest corner of the principal intersection in Smithsburg (Water and Main). The building is joined to 6-8 South Main Street by a party wall and a common cornice and roof. The focus of the building design is on the tall, slate-covered mansard roof and the three-bay, arcaded, wrought-iron porch. The slate is laid in patterns of fishscale and squared tiles. The roof rests on a box cornice supported by brackets and modillions, and is punctuated by evenly spaced pedimented dormers that have slate-covered roofs and sides. The entrances to the building appear to have been altered and now consist of two modern doors in the first and third bays. Fenestration consists of single, rectangular, wooden sash, double-hung, one-over-one (first through third floors) and two-over-two (dormers) windows. The first- through third-floor windows have stone sills and jack arches.

The building is set on original lot 1, a vacant lot that was owned by Conrad Flowry, according to the 1814 plat of the town. What is believed to be the extant building, then owned by George & Hildebrand, appears on the 1875 town map. The 1916 Sanborn notes the building under the addresses 111-112 and lists it as the Hotel Wishard and Bar. Several separate outbuildings, including a kitchen and washing sheds are also indicated on the map. The 1923 Sanborn also notes the building as a hotel and indicates that there

was a store in the basement. The building has been converted into apartments. According to the Smithsburg Historical Society, the building was erected c. 1895 and was operated as a hotel by Joseph Wishard and, later, by his daughters, Ella and Eva. There had been a livery stable at the rear of the property on the site that now has the Smithsburg Auto Parts shop on it.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; Social/Educational/Cultural; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

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