

WILLIAMSPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Survey # WA-WIL-020                      Approximate date late 19th century  
Street Address 12 North Conococheague Street  
Town, State Williamsport, Maryland  
private X, public    

Description

Late 19th century two story, three bay brick commercial/residential building containing an original storefront with four pane windows and a bracketed cornice. It is one of several Williamsport buildings with notable intact storefronts from the Ca. 1900 period. During the 1910s and 1920s, it was known as Upton Norris' Five and Ten Cent Store. The Masonic Temple was on the second floor.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
  - Industrial Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
  - Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
  - Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
  - Social/Educational/Cultural
- IV. Resource Type
  - Category: Building
  - Historic Environment: Urban
  - Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
    - DOMESTIC/single dwelling
    - COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store
    - SOCIAL/meeting hall
  - Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # none

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mediary Masonic Temple

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

12 North Conococheague Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>Masonic temple</b>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mediary Masonic Temple Association, Inc. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

12 North Conococheague Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 279

Folio #: 502

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

201-211-80

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building dating from the late 19th century is a two story, three bay brick commercial and residential structure now used as a Masonic Temple. Its brick walls are laid in common bond at the front elevation. Most of the first story at the front elevation consists of a store front which would appear to be original. It contains two larger four pane windows on either side of a central entrance. A cornice at the top of the store front is supported by a series of brackets. A separate entrance to the second floor is located against the north end wall. It has an arched opening within a continuation of the store front. At the south end of the building is an arched walkway at the first story between this structure and the adjacent 10 North Conococheague.

Windows have single pane double hung sashes beneath segmentally arched tops. The roof is of standing seam sheet metal. A bracketed cornice matching that of the adjoining building to the south completes the facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-WIL-20

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is particularly significant because its original store front remains almost totally intact.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Town lot 26' x 96'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Sharpsburg		

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
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BUILDING CODE LEGEND

TYPE: MERCHANT BUILDING STRUCTURE FROM 1870-1900

TYPE: CONTRIBUTING TO A NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

TYPE: COMMERCIAL BUILDING STRUCTURES WHICH COULD BE  
REMOVED THROUGH RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION

TYPE: HISTORICAL MARKS NOT KEEPING WITH THE HISTORICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

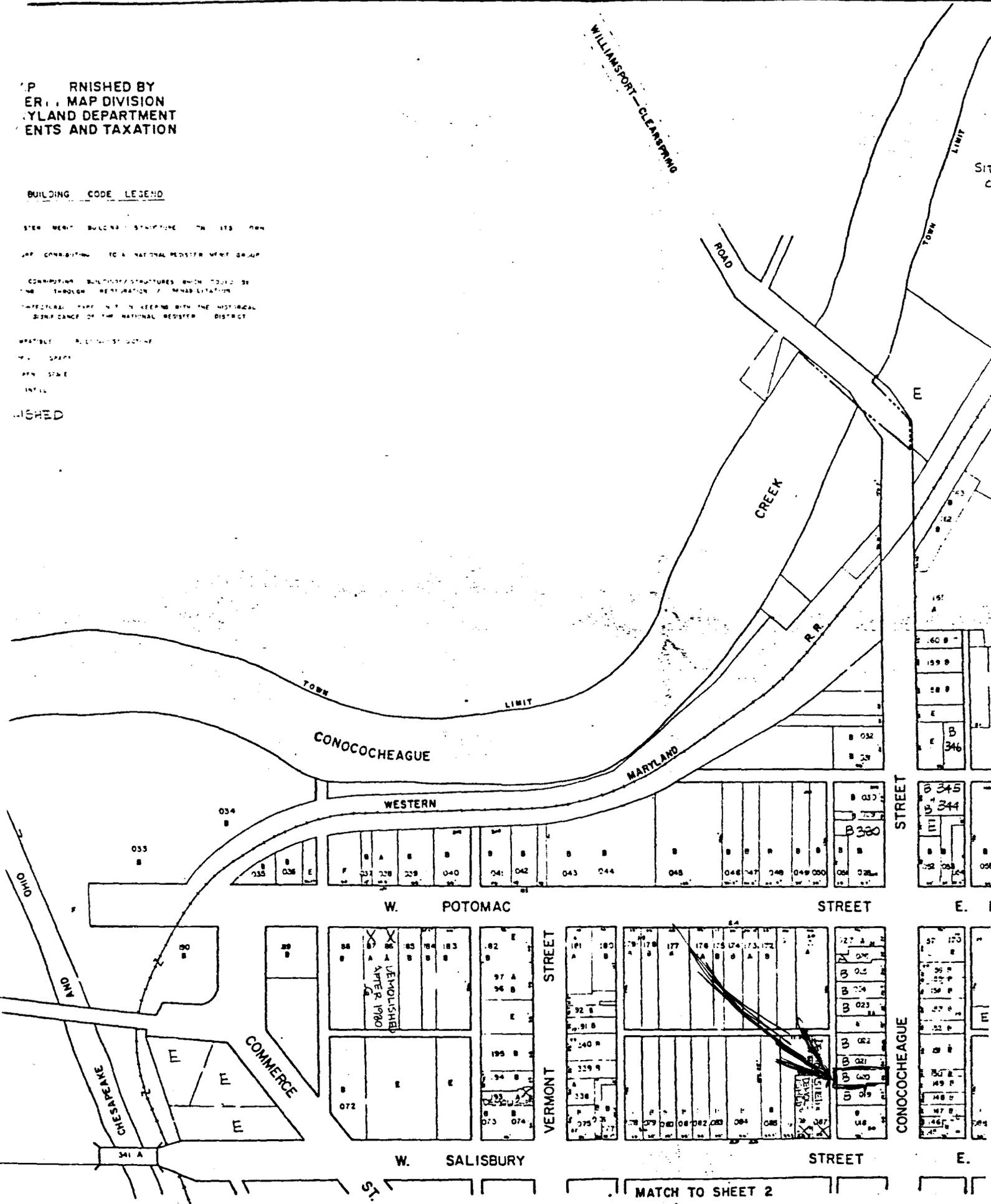
TYPE: UNDESIRABLE BUILDING STRUCTURE

TYPE: OPEN SPACE

TYPE: STATE

TYPE: UTILITIES

TYPE: UNFINISHED



MATCH TO SHEET 2



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Mediary Masonic Temple, 12 North Conococheague  
Street

Williamsport, Maryland, Washington County  
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April, 1980

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland  
East Elevation (Light over door)



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