

WILLIAMSPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Survey # \* WA-WIL-027                      Approximate date late 19th century  
Street Address 40-42 North Conococheague Street  
Town, State Williamsport, Maryland  
private X, public \_\_\_\_\_

Description

Detached northernmost section of a late 19th century painted brick Italianate commercial/residential row. Original storefront and a massive bracketed cornice. One of several Williamsport buildings with notable intact storefronts from the Ca. 1900 period. This building held the town Post Office until the 1960s. The Post Office is noted on the 1910 Sanborn Insurance map.

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
  - Government/Law
- IV. Resource Type
  - Category: Building
  - Historic Environment: Urban
  - Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
    - DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling
    - GOVERNMENT/post office
  - Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # 4

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

40-42 North Conococheague Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

40-42 North Conococheague Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ruby E. and Ashby J. Fox

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Falling Waters,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

West Virginia 25419

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 636

Folio #: 792

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large corner building is the northernmost of a series of Italianate three story brick structures on the west side of North Conococheague Street. It stands on the southwest corner of North Conococheague and West Potomac Streets. The building's main or east facade has four bays while its long north side along Potomac Street contains ten bays. The building has been painted buff. The most elaborate of the three structures in the row, this building displays windows with shouldered segmental arches. At the first story at the north end is an original three part store front, consisting of segmentally arched plate glass windows flanking a recessed entrance. The store front is similar to that in building WA-WIL-025, with paneled and molded woodwork and a bracketed cornice at its top.

Other windows in the building have single pane sashes. The easternmost bay at the second story of the north elevation has a projecting wooden window bay trimmed with moldings and brackets.

The building is crowned with a heavy cornice and two series of brackets.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is particularly significant as one of a series of Italianate commercial and residential structures in this block of Conococheague Street. It is most noteworthy as an architectural example because it has received almost no alteration to its exterior.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Town lot # 40, 37' x 96'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

June 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MAP PROVIDED BY  
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
OF REVENUE AND TAXATION

BUILDING CODE LEGEND

1. HISTORIC BUILDING STRUCTURE WITH ITS OWN

2. CONTRIBUTION TO A NATIONAL REGISTERED QUARTER

3. CONTRIBUTION BUILDING STRUCTURES WHICH COULD BE

4. HISTORICAL BUILDING STRUCTURES KEEPING WITH THE HISTORICAL

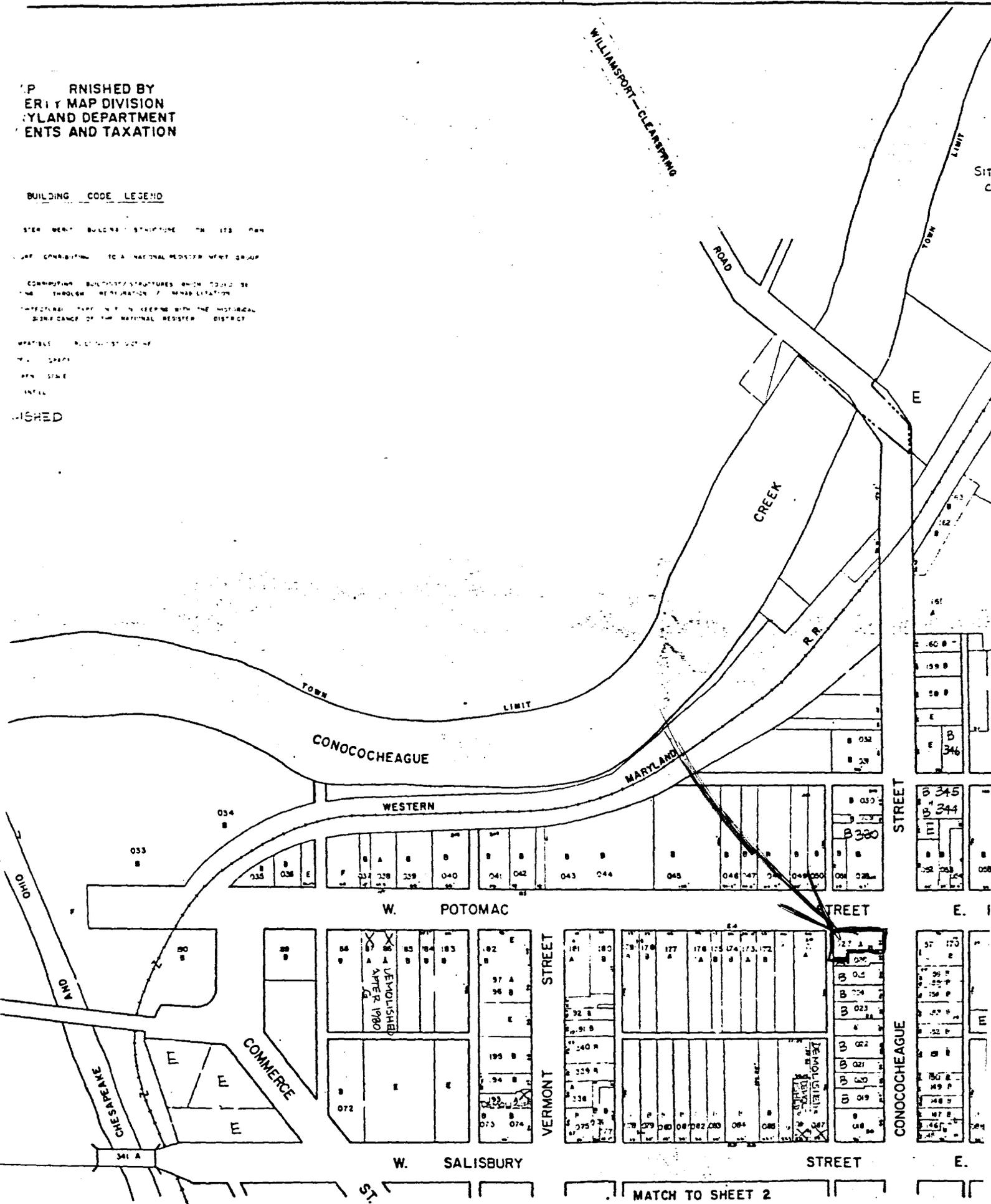
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MATCH TO SHEET 2



NO  
TURN  
ON RED

NO  
TURN  
ON RED

BEER

BEER

LIQUORS

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Commercial/Residential Building, 40-42 North  
Conococheague Street

Williamsport, Maryland, Washington County

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East and North Elevation