

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

AI-IV-019

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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| <b>1. NAME</b>                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| COMMON:<br>126-128 Columbia Street                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>126-128 Columbia Street                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Cumberland                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STATE<br>Maryland                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                         | COUNTY:<br>Allegany |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)                                                                                                                                        |  | OWNERSHIP                                                                                                                                               |                     | STATUS                                                                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object                                                          |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both |                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                |  | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered                                                 |                     | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC<br>Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No          |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum      |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
|                                                                                                                                                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____                                                               |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____                                                                                                                             |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>James J. Williamson                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>126-128 Columbia Street                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Cumberland                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                         | STATE:<br>Maryland  |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:<br>Allegany County Courthouse                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>30 Washington Street                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Cumberland                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                         | STATE:<br>Maryland  |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 358-351                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local                 |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STREET AND NUMBER:                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CITY OR TOWN:                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                         | STATE:              |                                                                                                                                                                     |

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (Check One)                                 |                                          |                                |                                                   |                                |                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (Check One)                                 |                                          |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |                                          |                                |                                                   |                                |                                    |
| <p>126-128 Columbia Street in Cumberland, Allegany County, stands on the western side of the street in the block formed by Polk and Knox Streets.</p> <p>The house is a late nineteenth century Italianate Brick structure, two and a half stories high, that consists of two perdicularly placed blocks with a wing porjecting from the back or west side. It has a low asphalt shingle covered roof that is pierced by four brick chimneys with three earthenware chimney pots per chimney. The principal facade (east side) has four bays and a one story porch along the south block and a one story bay window and a single window on the second floor of the north block. Most of the exterior decorative detailing has been removed.</p> <p>The facade of the south block has a joint in the brick work indicating that the house was built in two sections. The three bay section to the south of this line may be earlier than the other.</p> |                                             |                                          |                                |                                                   |                                |                                    |

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

mid-late

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abariginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                  | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Lonscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humon- | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

126-128 Columbia Street is primarily important for the twelve chimney pots, most of which are intact, that crown the roof line. The pots are said to have been made by a Gardner who once owned the house and had a pottery in the Ellerslie region of Allegany County. A James Gardner purchased the house in November, 1885 but transferred the title to a Charlotte A. Gardner in January of the following year.<sup>1</sup> (Deed Books 62, p. 431 and 62, p. 493.) Probably added as decoration, the chimney pots on this house are one of the rare examples of this nineteenth century architectural element remaining in Cumberland. (The present owner says that several houses in the Columbia Street area had chimney pots but most have since been removed.)

Architecturally, the house has the massing and the low roof characteristic of the Italinatate period. Tradition says that a part of the house was built in the circa 1840s - probably the southern three bays. The deeds say the property is a part of Hook's Addition to Cumberland. The present owner purchased the property from the Gardner family in 1962.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegheny County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD.

Interview with James Williamson. Cumberland, MD, February, 1975.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER                                                                          | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE                                                                                                | LONGITUDE               |  |
|                                                                                 | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds                                                                                 | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW                                                                              | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "                                                                                                   | ° ' "                   |  |
| NE                                                                              | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "                                                                                                   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SE                                                                              | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "                                                                                                   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SW                                                                              | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "                                                                                                   | ° ' "                   |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 69' x 133'.

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

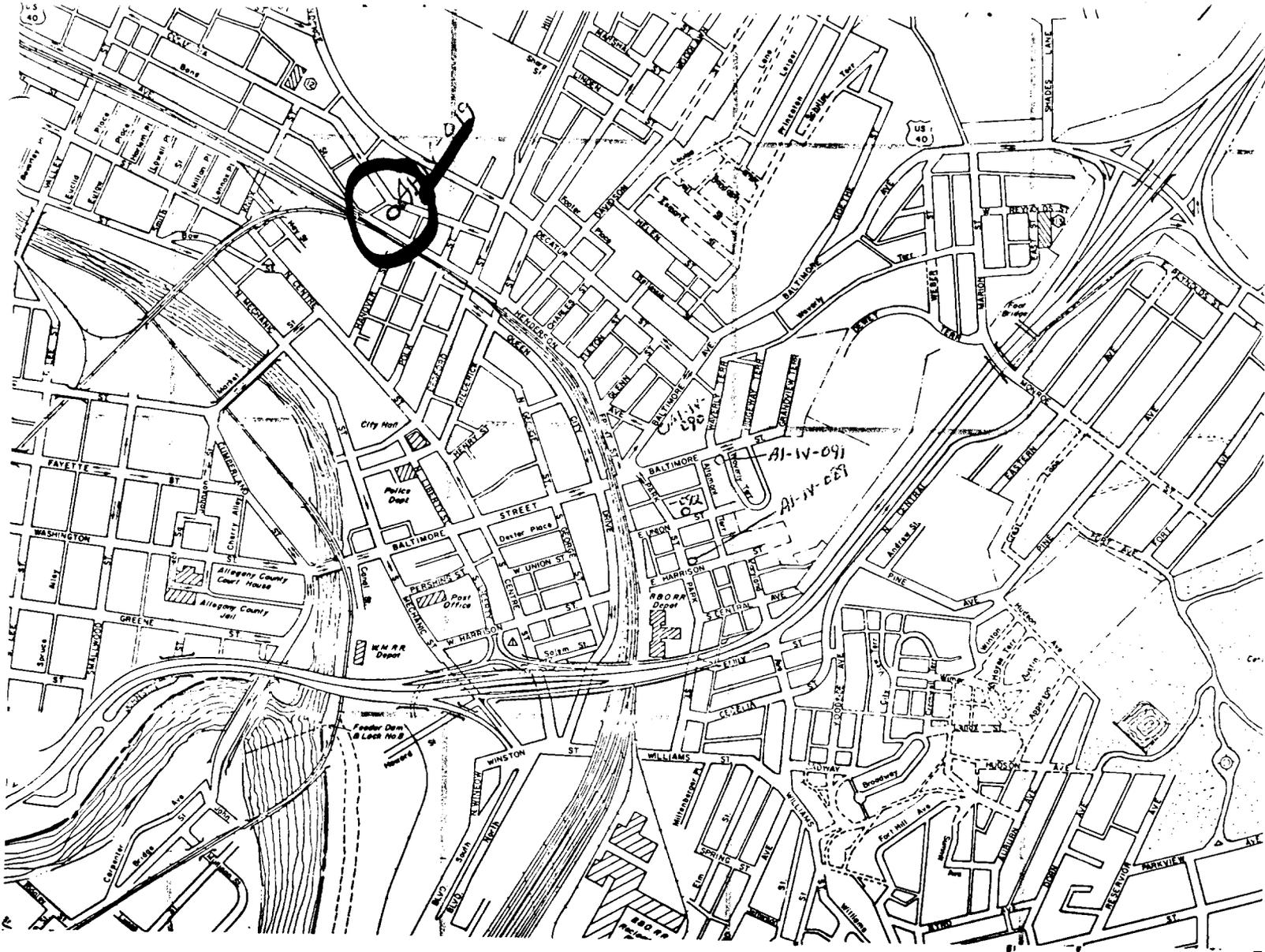
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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| NAME AND TITLE:<br>Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey    |                   | DATE<br>5/22/75 |
| ORGANIZATION<br>Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. |                   |                 |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510          |                   |                 |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Cumberland                                   | STATE<br>Maryland |                 |

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature



Site No.: A1-IV-019  
126-128 Columbia Street

Map of City of Cumberland,  
Allegany Co., Maryland  
Charles R. Nuzum, City Engineer  
revised 1971  
scale:





126-128 Columbia St.  
Cumberland  
Allegheny Co., Md.  
SE View  
February, 1975

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126-128 Columbia Street  
Cumberland  
Allegheny Co., Md  
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