

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the  
~~NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE~~

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: County Building				
AND/OR HISTORIC: W. Bladen Lowndes House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 11 Prospect Square				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Commissioners of Allegany County				
STREET AND NUMBER: Prospect Square				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 415-235				
<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

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

The county building under discussion here stands on the east side of Prospect Square, north of Washington Street. The property is known as 11 East Prospect Square. The ground slopes to the northeast.

The building is a circa 1927 brick structure with a hip roof and casement windows. The structure is rectangular in shape with a projection or pavilion on the facade (west side). The bricks are tan in color and laid in alternating rows of headers and stretchers, English Bond. There is a belt above the second story windows that is formed by bricks upright with the stretcher side out. This belt ties into a circular pattern of bricks in the gable of the pavilion. The window sills are stone. The roof is covered with tile. Underneath the overhang of the roof are a narrow cornice and brackets. An external chimney is on the north side.

The facade of the building is symmetrical with the pavilion in the center bay. The pavilion is flanked on each side by one window opening on the first floor and two on the second floor. A stone belt runs along the front under the windows and includes the sills. A set of steps leading to the basement are on the south side of the facade and are screened by a brick wall the height of the stone belt course. The entrance is recessed in the pavilion. The six panel door is flanked by side lights and has a transom above.

The interior has a short entrance hall on the first floor with the staircase on the easterly end. There is a large room on the northerly side of the hall and a smaller room and service rooms on the southerly side. The decorative detailing is 1920ish "academic".

The building is in good shape and the basic structure remains intact.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE			
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century			
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b> c. 1926-1927			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- losophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- itarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>The house at 11 East Prospect Square is significant for its architecture, its history, and its preservation through an adaptive use. The building is representative of an architectural style that was popular in the first third of the twentieth century. The design is eclectic combining features of several styles - classical, Victorian and modern.</p> <p>The house was erected about 1926-1927. The east side of Prospect Square is described in the 1925 edition of Polk's <u>Cumberland City Directory</u> as having no houses. In the 1927 edition, 11 East Prospect Square is listed as the residence of W. Bladen Lowndes, Jr., who was associated with the Second National Bank in Cumberland. Tradition says that Tasker and Elizabeth Lowndes had the house built for the use of their nephew W. Bladen Lowndes, Jr.</p> <p>The building sets on a part of lot number 97 as shown on the 1806 plot map of Cumberland. In 1856 the Lowndes family acquired the property. Upon the death of Miss Elizabeth Lowndes in the early 1960's the property was sold. The land on which 11 East Prospect Square stands was purchased by the Central Assembly of God about 1964 and sold to the Allegany County Commissioners in 1968. The building is presently used by the Cooperative Extension of the University of Maryland.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
2. Cumberland City Directory. Pittsburg, Pa., R.L. Polk and Company, various years.
3. Mosner, John H., Cumberland, MD, telephone interview, 24 May 1974.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY 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 84' x 101'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





County Building

11 East Prospect Square

Cumberland

Allegheny Co., Maryland

NW view

Feb. 1974