

Hocking House  
AL-V11 -A-005  
144 East Main Street, Frostburg  
1855

The Hocking House was built in 1855 on a tract of land known as "The Hotel". The land was part of the estate of Robert Clarke, Sr., one of the original settlers of the area that is now Frostburg. The house located on the northern side of the National Road, was a fashionable residence until <sup>1942</sup> ~~1855~~ when it was converted into a clubhouse. Local tradition suggests that it was one of three stations of the underground railroad in Frostburg.

The house is a good example of transitional Green Revival-Italianate architecture, a style that is somewhat rare in Allegany County. Italianate elements of the building, the shape, roof, eaves, and window design, are more pronounced than the subtler Greek Revival influence in the design of the entrance and the central gable. Although in fair condition the building is structurally sound.

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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Hocking House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 144 East Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Frostburg vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Allegheny code 001

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Clarence E. Miller

street & number 140 East Main Street

city, town Frostburg vicinity of state Maryland 21532

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegheny County Courthouse

street & number 30 Washington Street

city, town Cumberland state Maryland 21502

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

year 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Hocking House is a circa 1855 2½ story, three-bay, hip-roofed dwelling which exhibits features characteristic of the transitional Greek Revival-Italianate style, located in Frostburg, Allegheny County, Maryland. The house is constructed of brick laid in four-course American bond, separated from its coursed ashlar foundation by a plain water table. The principal (south) facade is symmetrical, with extremely tall paired 4/6 windows flanking the recessed central entrance. The entrance retains its original bracketed entablature supported on flat pilasters. Similar brackets decorate the boxed roof cornice. A shallow cross gable defines the central bay. On the interior, the building exhibits a center hall plan, and retains considerable original trim, including interior shutters, double doors, and mantelpieces. The trim employs decorative motifs characteristic of the period, including elliptical arches and engaged pilasters. A cartouche embellishes a carved slate fireplace surround. A 1½ story gabled brick addition, apparently contemporaneous with the main block, extends to the rear, with a modern shed-roofed addition abutting it.

# 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 FOR SUMMARY SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #3  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Hocking House is located at 144 East Main Street, on the north side of the street near the present center of Frostburg.

This finely proportioned transitional Greek Revival-Italianate building is square, 2½-stories tall with a low hip roof and a wide, three bay symmetrical facade (south elevation). Resting on a foundation of coursed ashlar stone, a plain water table separates this from the walls, which are of brick, laid in American common bond in a variation of four stretchers to one row of headers. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A shallow cross gable marks the central bay of the front facade. The projecting box cornice is supported by decorative brackets. Large chimneys, located within each gable end and at the peaks of the hip roof, have been removed.

Although altered with the addition of modern windows and aluminum baffle, the recessed entranceway to the main facade still retains original fabric, including flat pilasters supporting a bracketed, slightly projecting entablature, also supported with brackets like the cornice above it. Walking through a modern door, one enters the original recessed foyer, also pedimented, complete with beaded stained glass transom, sidelights, and a six-paneled door with original hardware.

Flanking the entranceway are extremely tall paired windows, separated by a thin wooden decorative strip, with 4/6 double hung sash. These have simple sills, with flat simply adorned lintels. Extremely fine wrought iron guards are attached to the base of each window. On the second floor, windows are similar, but smaller than those found below. These are also paired, utilizing 4/4 double hung sash, simple wooden sills, and slightly splayed brick lintels. In the peak of the cross gable is a small paired roundheaded arch window, each portion containing six panes. Sills and lintels are identical to those found on the second floor level. All other windows in each gable end are 6/6 double hung sash, also with splayed brick lintels.

A gabled addition, attached to the northwestern corner of the building appears to be contemporaneous to the main block. This 1½-story tall structure also on a stone foundation is also laid in common bond brick. A small interior end chimney is found within the northern gable end. A modern shed roofed addition of white glazed bricks abuts the east facade of the gabled addition and at its intersection with the south (rear) facade of the main block.

Entering the first floor from the foyer, one walks down a long hall which originally led through double doors to a music room to the east, and through single doors into a living and dining room, respectively, on the west. One of the double doors leading to the music room has been recently covered, thus allowing access only through one door. Double doors which open between the living and dining rooms have been closed. Even though these changes have been made, the elliptical arches over each set of doors remain. Windows are all pegged and retain original interior shutters.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 1.

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An open-string stairway perpendicular to the hallway is located in the southeast corner of the main block. It runs up two flights and serves the bedrooms above. An elliptical arched opening supported by engaged pilasters notes the stairway's intersection with the front hall.

Three mantels in the living and dining rooms are wooden, with simple molding. A fourth fireplace, on the eastern wall of the music room is more ornate. Constructed of slate, it has a decorative cartouche which supports a plain shelf. A fifth fireplace in the 1½-story addition has been covered with paneling.

# 8. Significance

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1855-1858 Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: C

The Hocking House is significant for its architecture. Constructed between 1855-1858, the house is an outstanding example of the transitional Greek Revival-Italianate architecture in mid-nineteenth century Frostburg, a medium-sized town in western Allegany County. In its refined proportions and detailing, the house reflects the architectural sophistication of this town during the mid-nineteenth century. During this period, the expansion of local industries including lumber, coal, iron, and locomotive concerns, and improvements in transportation and communication made possible by the development of the National Road (Main Street), supported Frostburg's growth and affected the tastes of the town's citizens. The Hocking House reflects the increasing urbanity of this period; brick construction sets it apart from the majority of Frostburg's mid-nineteenth century dwellings, which are wooden; the Italianate influence apparent in its detailing and in its tall windows distinguishes it from most other houses of its period, whose design emphasizes the more conservative Greek Revival influence.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Hocking House was built between 1855-1858 on a tract of land known as "The Hotel."<sup>1</sup> The land was part of the estate of Robert Clarke, Sr. one of the original settlers of the area. Clarke owned most of which is now the town of Frostburg and its surroundings.<sup>2</sup> His children, Mary and Robert, Jr. inherited the estate in 1794.<sup>3</sup> Mary married George McCulloh who lost, through financial difficulties, his entire estate in 1821.<sup>4</sup> After having the inheritance in trust for twenty-eight years, Mary regained the use of the land and began to sell lots.<sup>5</sup>

In 1855, the second of three quarter-acre lots which George McCulloh laid out on the northern side of the National Road "near the town of Frostburg" was sold to John Taylor and his wife, who erected this brick house sometime between 1855-1858.<sup>6</sup> It is interesting to note that the house, now almost in the center of Frostburg, was outside the town's boundaries in 1865.<sup>7</sup>

The house was occupied by the Taylor family for a short time after its construction until 1858, when it was sold to the McCarty family, who lived there during the Civil War.<sup>8</sup> Local tradition suggests that the house was a "stop" of the "underground railway", but no written records exist to substantiate this claim. The Kane family occupied the building from 1865 to 1901.<sup>9</sup>

Although research has not produced any information on the Taylor and Kane families, much is known about the Hocking family, who owned the property from 1901 to 1942. Mr. G. Dud Hocking lived in the house and worked in a series of local hardware stores and banks in Frostburg. Mr. G. Dud Hocking inherited his father's musical gatherings in town. He also published a number of church anthems, most notable "Come Holy Spirit" in 1896.<sup>10</sup>

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From 1942 to 1947, the building served as the lodge of the Royal Order of Moose. For twenty eight years until 1975, it was maintained as the clubhouse of the Young Men's Republican Club of Frostburg. The building is now used as a private boarding house for students at Frostburg State College.

<sup>1</sup>Allegany County Land Records, Liber 13, Folio 170.

<sup>2</sup>John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p. 517.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid, and Allegany County Equity #261.

<sup>5</sup>Allegany County Equity #807.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid, Liber 23, Folio 314.

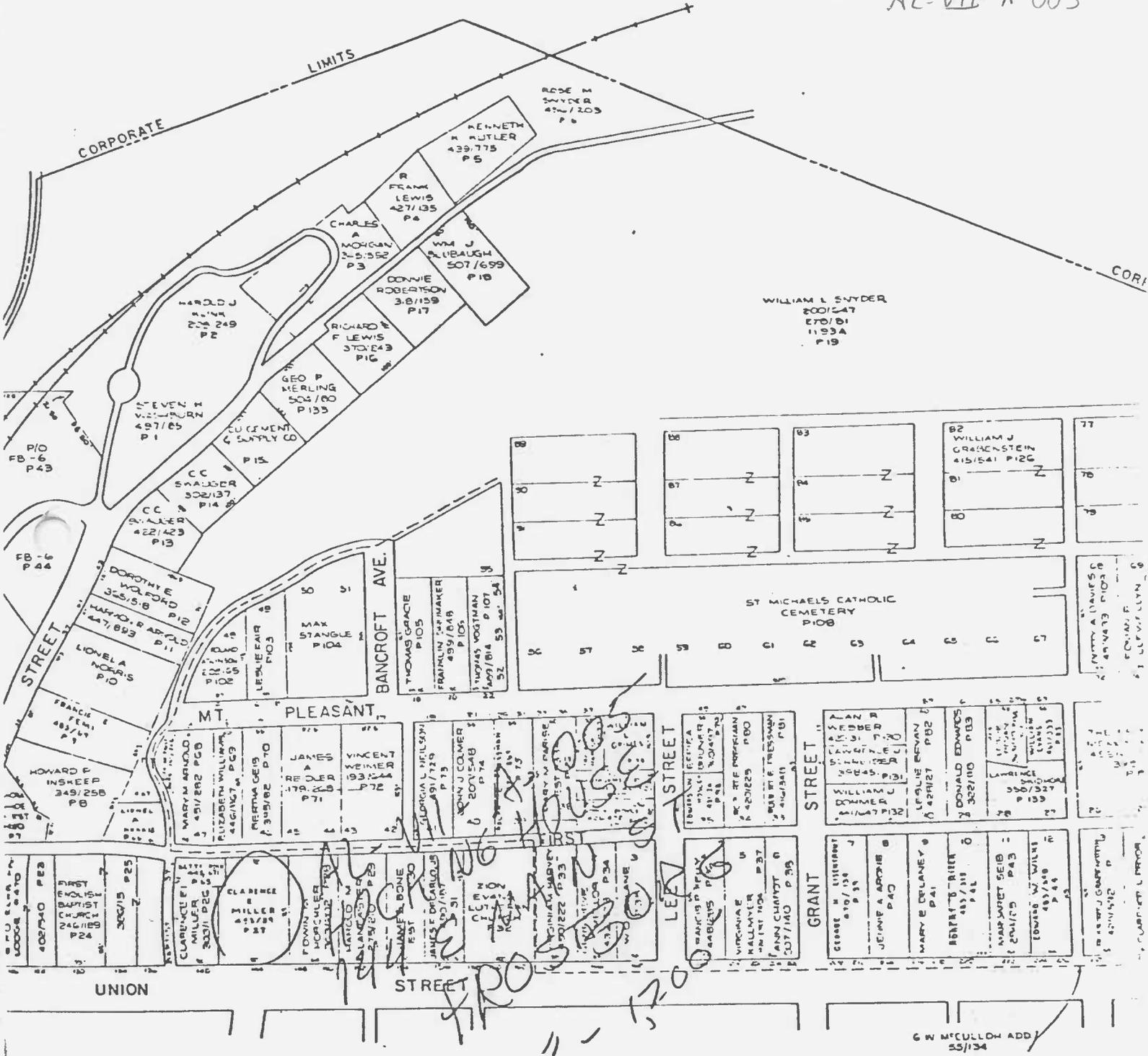
<sup>8</sup>Ibid, Liber 17, Folio 537, and Liber 23, Folio 314.

<sup>9</sup>Ibid, Liber 23, Folio 314, Liber 90, Folio 2, Liber 194, Folio 200.

<sup>10</sup>Frostburg: A Centennial History, 1912, pg. 47. Frostburg Mining Journal, August 27, 1896.

Hockley Horse  
Forest Brewery  
Allegheny Co., 1113

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6 W McCULLOH ADD 55/134

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Frostburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 

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Zone			Easting						Northing							

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Zone			Easting						Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification The property measures 92' along Main Street and is 165' deep; it is further described in the deed recorded in Deed Book 483, page 89. The nominated property consists of a single town lot.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mark R. Edwards and David A. Dorsey

organization Maryland Historical Trust date August 1980

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J.M.H.* 10-28-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hocking House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

144 East Main Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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

student housing

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clarence E. Miller

Telephone #: 689-9271

STREET & NUMBER

140 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 483

Folio #: 89

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland STATE 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

AL-311-A-075

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hocking House is located at 144 East Main Street in Frostburg. This transitional Greek-Revival-Italianate building is square, two and one-half stories tall and three bays wide. Wall construction is of brick laid in american common bond in a variation of four stretchers to one row of headers. It rests on a high foundation of coursed ashlar stone with a plain water table. The medium hipped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles with a central gable on the southwest. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and bed mould with many decorative brackets. Large inside end and interior chimneys apparent in old photographs have been removed.

The main entrance in the center of the southwestern facade includes a large pediment with scrolled brackets and flat pilasters on the exterior. The recessed entrance is also pedimented and includes a three part leaded stained glass transom, sidelights and a six paneled door with original hardware. Windows all have paneled interior shutters and are pegged. Pedimented first floor windows on the southwest are tall and narrow double four over six light sashes with mullion and false wrought iron balconies. Second floor windows on the southwest are double two over two light sashes with mullion and flat brick arches. In the central gable are double semicircular arched windows with six lights fixed, mullion, and semicircular brick arches. Other windows are wide six over six lights with radiating flat brick arches.

A gabled addition on the northwestern corner is one and one half stories. It is of brick with the same variation and rests on a stone foundation. Visible windows are three over three light eyebrows, an inside end chimney is of brick. A shed addition of white glazed brick abuts the gabled addition on the southeast.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    ca. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hocking House was built in 1855 on a tract of land known as "The Hotel" (1) The land was part of the estate of Robert Clarke, Sr. one of the original settlers of the area. Clarke owned most of what is now the town of Frostburg and its surroundings. (2) His children Mary and Robert, Jr. inherited the estate in 1794. (3) Mary married George McCulloh who through his financial problems almost lost the entire estate in 1821. (4) After having her inheritance in trust for twenty-eight years Mary regained the use of the land in 1849 and began to sell lots. (5)

In 1855 the second of three quarter acre lots which George McCulloh laid out on the northern side of the National Road" near the town of Frostburg" was sold to John Taylor and his wife who built the brick house.(6) It is interesting that the house, almost in the center of Frostburg was outside the town's boundaries in 1865.(7)

The house was occupied by the Taylors for a short time after its construction until 1858 when it was sold to the McCarty family who lived there during the Civil War. (8) Local tradition suggests that the house was a "stop" on the "underground railway" through tunnels in the basement but no written records support this idea. The Kane family occupied the building from 1865 until 1901, and between 1901 and 1942 it was the home of the Hocking family. (9) For five years it was the lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and for twenty eight years until 1975 it was maintained as the club house of the Young Men's Republican Club of Frostburg. (10)

The Hocking House is a good example of transitional Greek Revival-Italianate architecture, a style that is somewhat rare in Allegany County. Italianate elements are more pronounced than the Greek Revival characteristics of the building. The square shape, heavily bracketed eaves, tall and narrow first floor principal facade windows, the low pitched hip roof, and semicircular arched second and one half floor windows of Hocking House are features common to the Italianate style. The subtler Greek

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records  
 Scharf, John T., History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.)1882  
 Allegany County Equity

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 92'x72'x165'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	November 9, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE 777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland 21502

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

## Interior Description

The interior of the house is arranged with a central hallway with one room on each side. Wide entrance arches leading to these rooms have been closed. The larger room, on the northwest, has been converted into two rooms. Plaster walls have a high baseboard and wainscoting on the second floor. Windows have slight pediments and interior shutters. Second floor entrances have three light transoms.

An open stairway perpendicular to the hallway is of two flights and one landing with a decorated string and decorative balusters. An elliptical arched opening with flat columns leads to the stairway on the first floor.

Three fireplaces are wooden with simple moulding and located on chimney breasts parallel to walls. A fourth fireplace is marble with a decorative cartouche and spandrel. It has been converted to gas and has metal mouldings around the hearth. A fifth fireplace in the addition has been covered with paneling.

Revival influence is seen in the recessed main entrance which includes a horizontal transom and an exterior pediment supported by flat pilasters. The central gable positioned above the main entrance is reminiscent of pedimented Greek-Revival entrances. Simple interior mouldings and transomed interior doorways are also common to the style.

Although in fair condition the building is structurally sound. Fluted columns from the entrance and chimneys which were removed remain in storage. Hocking House stands as a physical reminder of the cultural awareness of the earlier residents of Allegany County.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 13, Folio 170
- (2) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.)p.517
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid, and Allegany County Equity #261
- (5) Allegany County Equity #807
- (6) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 13 , Folio 170 and Liber 23, Folio 314
- (7) Ibid, Liber 23, Folio 314
- (8) Ibid, Liber 17, Folio 537, and Liber 23, Folio 314
- (9) Ibid, Liber 23, Folio 314, Liber 90, Folio 2, Liber 194, Folio 200
- (10) Ibid, Liber 194, Folio 100 and Liber 483, Folio 89

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NOMINATION FORM

for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
transitional Greek Revival - Italinat house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
114 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Frostburg

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Allegany

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Frostburg Lodge No. 348, Order of Moose, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
210 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frostburg STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEEOS, ETC:  
Allegany County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
30 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 216-127

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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>144 East Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County, is located on the north side of the street near the intersection of Bowery Street.</p> <p>The house is a mid nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival-Italiniate structure of brick construction with a dressed stone foundation, two and a half stories high, with a cross gable on the symmetrical facade (south side), and several brackets supporting the roof. The bricks of the principal facade (south side) are laid in American Common bond (4 stretchers and one headed). The center entranceway is recessed and flanked by flat plain pilasters with a bracketed entablature. The facade windows are double-hung wooden sashes and are grouped in pairs. The first floor windows have four-over-six sashes, heavy entablatures, and iron balconies. The double windows in the cross gable have round tops and single sashes of six lights.</p> <p>The building is structurally sound although rapidly deteriorating. The interior may have been altered in recent years when converted for use by a club.</p>	

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8. 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 type="checkbox"/> 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century			
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b> mid 19th			
<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"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>  <p>144 East Main Street is a mid nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival-Italianate house. Of the two houses of this type that line East Main Street, 144 is one of a very few to retain much of its original external decoration. Obviously a fine house in its day, the building was converted for use by a club in the mid twentieth century. The present owner, who is contemplating demolition, purchased the property in July, 1974. It would be a great loss to Frostburg's architectural heritage since the facade is in such a near original state and the opportunity for restoration so good.</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

**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:

**Acreege Justification:**

The property measures approximately 92' x 165'.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 4/29/75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western MD, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/7

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

AL-VII-A-005 *005*

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 144 E Main St

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SW

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: NE gable brick shed brick on SE of Brick 3/4 light on  
1/2 lintels 1 1/2 stories

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 4x1
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others wrought iron balcony

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone course ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick wood ship sills eyma recta mould.

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) stained glass  
paneled interior shutters pegged() nailed( ) wide() narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SW recessed - ped w/ deco brackets pilasters  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( ) leaded stained glass transom  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN 3 light & sidelights boarded  
up w/ panel. 6 panel door ped.  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original() replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave  
gabled deco brackets

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled( ) add. original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: Brick Vossair derible 3/2 on 2nd SW  
central gable 2 1/2 floor SW w/ derible 6  
eight semi o arches -

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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FLOOR PLAN:

- CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
  - OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
  - DOG-LEG
  - DOG-LEG with WINDERS
  - SPIRAL
  - ROUNDED
  - SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS
- deco string*
- elliptical opening w/ pilasters columns*

WALL FINISH:

- PLASTER
- PANELED: original; replaced
- BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

*1 marble spandrel & cartouche - gas fixtures*  
*metal mould*

NUMBER 1

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal *drumny breast*

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble *mouldings*

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- PLAIN
- ARCHITRAVE
- SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- FLUTED
- FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ARCHED OPENINGS: eliptical, tudor

*2nd Floor Simple ped*  
*& 3 light transoms*  
*high baseboard chair rail*  
*interior windows ped.*  
*shutters.*

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## TITLE SEARCH

Hocking House  
 AL-~~VII~~-A-005  
VII

Allegany County Deed: Liber 483, Folio 89  
 Grantee: Clarence E. Miller and Catherine D. Miller  
 Grantor: William R. Carscaden and William R. Davis  
 Notes: Grantors are co-receivers for Frostburg Republican Club-sold at public sale as a result of Equity Case #32028  
 Date: December 4, 1975  
 Consideration: \$8,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 216, Folio 127  
 Grantee: Young Mens Republican Club of Frostburg  
 Grantor: Frostburg Lodge #348 Loyal Order of of Moose, Inc.  
 Date: July 10, 1947

Allegany County Deed: Liber 194, Folio 100  
 Grantee: The Loyal Order of Moose of Frostburg, Md. Inc.  
 Grantor: G. Dud Hocking et al  
 Date: June 16, 1942

Allegany County Wills:Liber S, Folio 456  
 Grantee: G. Dud Hocking and Willian Hocking  
 Grantor: Mary E. Hocking  
 Notes: Grantor conveyed  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest -other half from from Catherine Hocking  
 Date: January 10, 1942

Allegany County Deed: Liber 90, Folio 2  
 Grantee: Mary E. Hocking and Catherine Hocking  
 Grantor: Harriet A. Kane  
 Date: October 24, 1901  
 Consideration: \$4,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 23, Folio 314  
 Grantee: Harriet A. Kane  
 Grantor: James McCarty and Margaret McCarty  
 Notes: Described as being near the town of Frostburg on the National Road one of three lots laid out by George McColloh  
 Date: March 28, 1865  
 Consideration: \$5,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 17, Folio 537  
 Grantee: James McCarty and Margaret McCarty  
 Grantor: John W. Taylor and Ellen B. Taylor  
 Date: November 25, 1858  
 Consideration: \$3,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 17, Folio 182  
 Grantee: Ellen B. Taylor  
 Grantor: Mary McColloh  
 Date: July 23, 1858  
 Consideration: \$3,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 17, Folio 181  
Grantee: Mary McColloh  
Grantor: John W. Taylor and Ellen B. Taylor

Date: July 23, 1858  
Consideration: \$3,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 13, Folio 170  
Grantee: John W. Taylor and Ellen B. Taylor  
Grantor: Mary McColloh  
Notes: Includes map showing vacant lots laid out by George McColloh

Date: May 15, 1855  
Consideration: \$5.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 5, Folio 503  
Grantee: Mary McColloh

Date: May 3, 1849

Grantor: George McColloh and Samuel M. Semmes, trustee  
Notes: Trust transferred to Semmes as a result of Equity #807. McColloh's lands were put into trust in 1821 to pay debts- they had neglected to return lands so Mary McColloh went to court for her land after debts had been paid.

Allegany County Deed: Liber L. Folio 231

Grantee: Brice W. Howard, trustee  
Grantor: George McColloh and Mary McColloh  
Notes: Lands put into trust in Equity #261 to pay debts of George McColloh

Date: September 17, 1821

Allegany County Wills

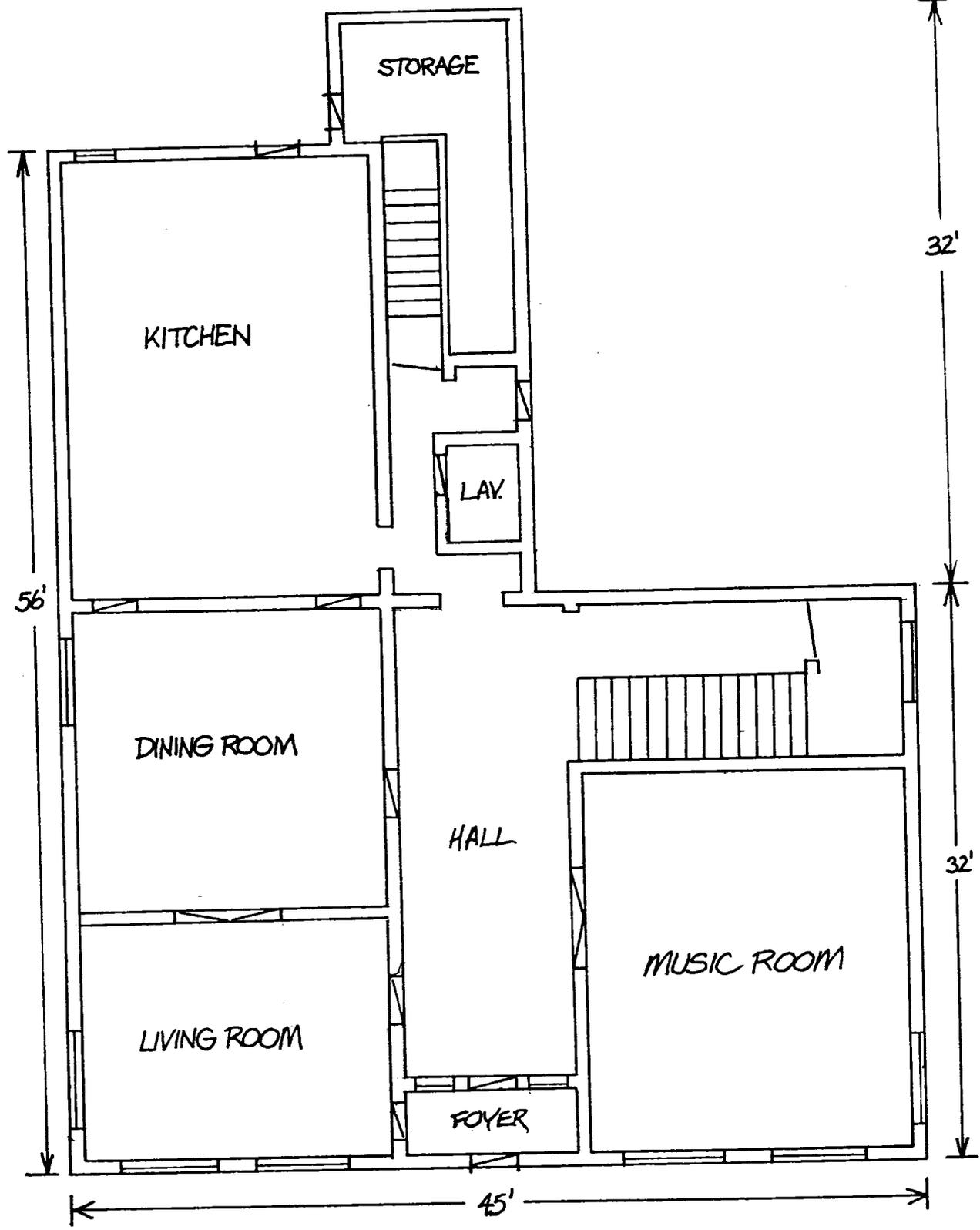
Grantee: Mary Clarke and Robert Clarke, Jr.  
Grantor: Robert Clarke, Sr.  
Notes: All his lands in Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere deeded to children. Mary Clarke married George McColloh 1806.

Date: March 3, 1794

1" = 1/8"

HOCKING HOUSE  
144 E. MAIN ST  
FROSTBURG, MD.

AL-011-4-005



DRAWN BY: RICH MILLER  
DATE: 11-10-79



Frostburg, MD - PA Quad  
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series  
1949  
scale 1:24000

Site No. Al-VII-005  
144 East Main Street



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HOCKING HOUSE  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD.

18-678100-4391360

ALLEGANY GROVE 2.4 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 7.7 MI.



AMERICAN  
CLUB

COUNTRY Jamboree  
FEATURING THE COUNTRYMEN  
REBEL STRINGS FOLKLORE ARTISTS  
MAY 4 - DANLING 9  
1910-1911 BLDG

FIGURE 40.

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144 EAST MAIN STREET, FROSTBURG  
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1850

FROSTBURG  
STATE  
COLLEGE

FIGURE 40.

Hocking House

144 E. Main St.  
Frostburg  
Allegany Co., Md.  
SE view  
January, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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144 E. Main St.  
Frostburg  
Allegany Co., Md.  
south side  
January, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS

A1-IV-005



A2-VII-A-035

HOCKING HOUSE

144 S MAIN FRASHER



AL-VII-A 003  
Hocking House  
144 E. Main Frostberg



AZ-VII-A-935  
HACKING HOUSE  
144 E. Main Northburg



Hocking House

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Hooping House  
A1-VII-A-005



Hocking House

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Hocking House

A1-VII-A-005



Hocking House

A1- VII- A-005



Hocking House

Al-VII-A 005



Hocking House  
A1-411-A-005



Hocking House  
A1-VII-A-005



Hocking House

A1-VII-A-005



Hocking House

AS-811-A-005



Hocking House

AS-VII-005