

JAMES A. C. BOND LAW OFFICE

202½ EAST MAIN STREET

The law office probably antedates the residence by a quarter of a century; it certainly is eons away in spirit, although certain linking features do exist. Probably built around 1875, in a style that might be called timid carpenters' gothic (it is covered with white clapboard above a low foundation and has simply-enframed windows and doors below simply-sawed barge-boards). It is in this trim, in fact, that the office is connected decoratively with the house; the trim under the office's gables is identical, but of smaller scale, with that under the house's north gable, creating a pleasant interplay. This office perpendicular sections, the 3-bay entrance facade, etc. Thus, while the building has certain contemporary features - its elongated, double-paned windows, its heavy bracketed cornice - it was essentially built from an already, century-old design.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James A. C. Bond Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

202½ East Main Street (MD 32)

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CITY, TOWN

Westminster

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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

Charles H. Bowers, Jr.

Telephone #: 848-5709

STREET & NUMBER

202 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 546

Folio #: 747

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 checked="" 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
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<input checked="" 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	c. 1875	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James A. C. Bond
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dates for James Bond's law office are less puzzling than those for his house (no. 202), if only because there is less information. Its land was always a part of that piece that became no. 202 - "Old Kiz" never lived here. Clearly Bond built the building c. 1875 as his law office - it is shown on the 1877 plat of the City, and is listed in the 1887 City Directory. Thus its significance is not that it was born back in the hoary mists of time.

Its significance is, rather, in its use and resulting form. There is, of course, a long tradition of small professionally-used office buildings that neighbor their owners' houses. This is merely a mid-Victorian example. However, it is probably the only such example in Westminster (the norm was to have the office built as an extension of the house, as as, for example, bis, 230-232, East Main Street). Its style sets it apart - a pleasant clean gothicky cottage with as its only decoration, its simply sawed bargeboards. In height, breadth, and form, it makes a pleasant break in the 2½ story, brick, "Georgian" buildings that are flush with Main Street for a block or two to the cottage's east and west. Also, not the least of its virtues, is the echo it sets up with the Main Street facing gable of 202 itself. The house's (202) gable is 2½ stories high but similar, and, from certain angles, they work together brilliantly, creating pleasant, and probably intentional, links in style and ownership - Bond built house and office in a stylish proud way, and it is fitting that they, in their reflection of each other reflect him.

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202 $\frac{1}{2}$ - small bldg

202 - ls. bldg

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202-202 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Main St.
Westminster

N. Jewells
C. Weeks 12/76



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202 1/2 E. Main Westchester

W. Jacobe

c. Week 12/76



Note - image is
reversed, but
point of similar
gables is same

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202-202½ E. Main St.

Westminster

N. facade (gables)

C. Wechs 12/24