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HOUSE  
New Windsor  
Private

1863

Ten-eleven foot ceilings, wide architrave trim, and paneled wainscot are only a few of the fine features of 312 High Street. Built in 1863, as was 311 High Street, it is void of any efforts to hold back on cost, or modest production. Its spacious rooms accomodate built in closets, including one with a Palladian window accent. Huge trees surround the property which has stood the test of time so far. A barn with delicate gingerbread trim stands inthe backyard, and adds more stability to this gracious house.

Carroll County, in the midst of the War, chose to ignore the insanity of conflict, and continued to produce structures of true grace and beauty. Three Hundred Twelve High Street attests to this desire of continuity stability of gracious living.

## JACOB UTZ HOUSE

166 EAST MAIN STREET

Westminster seems fortunate in that its important intersections are well "protected" by important historical buildings. Built for, and occupied by, one family for 100 years, no. 166 East Main Street provides a definite cultural continuum at its intersection, that formed by East Main and Center Streets. One Jacob Oates, saddler, bought this lot in 1794, and presumably soon thereafter, built this classic five-bay, brick, gable-roofed house. His family kept the house until 1894. Interestingly, we learned that Jacob Oates was also called Jacob Utz; whether we should interpret this as indicating that Oates was yielding to pressures from the City's large German population to de-Anglicize his name or not, is cause for interesting sociological speculation. If Oates/Utz desired to ingratiate himself with his neighbors by changing his name, he must have had similar thoughts when building his house, as it breaks no new ground, but it has many extremely handsome details, such as the fine-gouged dovetail cornice, and very handsome doorway.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jacob Utz House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

166 East Main Street (MD 32)

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CITY, TOWN

Westminster

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE S |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                             |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walter T. Haines

Telephone #: 635-2278

STREET & NUMBER

3402 Ridge Road

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 #: 514

Folio #: 593

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

On the southwest corner of East Main and Center Streets, no. 166 East Main is a fine example of the classic Westminster house - 2 stories tall, 5 bays wide, L-shaped, and porched. Minor variations, such as the high coursed fieldstone foundation, are present.

The north (entrance) facade sits on this high foundation and behind the one-story porch that shelters its central three bays. The porch, approached by a single set of steps from the east, rests on brick piers (with lattice between the piers); the porch's shed roof, painted, of course, a pale blue on its underside, is supported by four turned columns. The entrance door is the center bay and is a typical Mid-Victorian 4-panel door (with the top two panels having rounded arched tops) flanked by smooth pilasters and topped, including the pilasters, by a single light transom. The door's hardware, including the plain porcelain knob, appears to be original. There are two evenly-spaced, elongated, double-hung sash windows (with one pane per sash) on either side of the door. Five course gauged flat arches crown the windows, which are further enlivened by white wooden sills and white wooden louvered shutters. There are five regularly spaced 2/2 windows on the second floor of this Flemish Bond facade. These windows are smaller, have four course arches, but are otherwise similarly treated. A very nice gouged dove-tail cornice tops the facade, below the silvery-painted slate roof. As mentioned, the basement is high; there is a single-light, 3 course gauged, flat arched basement window to the west of the porch, and, interestingly, the remains of a brick round arch half covered by the eastern edge of the porch. Perhaps a door (coal chute?) was once here. Flanking, corbelled, inside-end chimneys heighten the symmetry of the facade.

Windows of the gabled section (the gable has simple architrave trim) of the West facade (the other section is the ell; both are laid in four course common bond) are treated identically with their Main Street counterparts; there are two per floor, regularly spaced. There is one 6/6 three course gauged, flat arched basement window under the southern ground floor window. To the south, the shed roofed ell has a projecting box cornice, and two 1/1 glass and aluminum storm windows regularly spaced on each floor. The windows are aligned with each other, but are all slightly lower than those of the gabled section.

From the south, the ell has one elongated 4/4 window in its second floor, towards the west, and a small four-light window to the east, a 1/1 window is towards the east on the ground floor. There was probably a two-tiered porch along the eastern wall of the ell originally; whatever was once there has long since been covered over by a fake-brick asbestos shingled infill. This infill has a small stained-glass window on its eastern ground floor.

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**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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input checked="" 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**

c. 1800

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

Jacob Oates/Utz

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Westminster seems fortunate in that its important intersections are well "protected" by important historical buildings. Built for, and occupied by, one family for 100 years, no. 166 East Main Street provides a definite cultural continuum at its intersection, that formed by East Main and Center Streets.

This continuity has various repercussions. George Eckhart sold lots 7 and 8 of New London to "Jacob Oates, saddler" (our property is lot 7). The price was 105 pounds (Frederick County Deed Book WR 12, Page 380, April 4, 1794). In 1894, his daughter's executrix sold the lot to Louisa Weaver (Carroll County Deed Book 78/447, April 2). Beyond this, we learn, in 78/447, that Jacob Oates was also called Jacob "Utz" (it is by that name that Katharine Shellman knows him). Whether we should interpret this as indicating that Oates was yielding to pressure from the City's large German population to (curiously) de-Anglecize his name or not, can never be answered. In any event, it is an interesting sociological speculation.

Architecturally, the house is intriguing as another indication of Oates' assimilation in that it almost "out Westminsters" Westminster - 5 bays, L-shape, central hall...yet in details, such as the fine gouged dove-tail cornice and the handsome doorway, it transcends the Teutonic provincialisms of Oates'/Utz's neighbors.

The home remained in the Weaver family until June 27, 1972, when a series of straw deeds enabled Virginia C. Bowman (daughter of Louisa Weaver) to sell to the present owner, Walter T. Haines.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being all of lot 7 of the Town of New London.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

November, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Elsewhere the eastern facade of the ell is sheltered by a more recent two-tiered shed roof porch, with ground floor columns similar to those on the Main Street porch, and with hammer-braced columns on the second floor. There is a ground floor half-wood, 4-light door to the south, with a 2/2 window to its north; in the center of the second floor is a five panel door flanked by 2/2 windows.

Two 2/2 windows are on the ground floor of the Main Street section, with a four-panel door and a 2/2 window vertically aligned with the west and east windows respectively. The east facade of the Main Street section is laid in four course common bond and, except for a small four-light attic window, is blind.

There is nothing shocking about the plan - it originally had a center hall flanked by double parlors (now adapted and altered to suit the needs of an insurance company) with two rooms in a line in the ell. The stair railing is, however, surprisingly simple, if not actually crude, more in keeping with a house such as 224 East Main Street than with a house of this scale and where great care was spent on the window arches and main cornice.

Two Hundred Years Ago

his family from the country to Westminster. He had a large family of sons and daughters, of whom at the present time only two are living: Hon. John Paul Jones of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the writer of this diary, Mrs. Katharine Jones Shellman, widow of Col. James Meriwether Shellman of Westminster.

The house in the corner of Main and Centre Sts., was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Utz, two very old people who kept a small store in the west room. It was quite a resort for the children, as it was the only place where licorice was sold, but some times they would have to wait half an hour, as the old gentleman would go away, after locking the door and forget to leave the key with his wife.

Just beyond the iron store of Jesse Willis stood the "whipping post." That with other relics of barbarism has passed away. There are many pleasant legends and amusing stories of the inhabitants of my early days, which I will leave for another time.

I was born in Baltimore County Nov. 16, 1815 and have lived in Westminster since 1816. These are some of the memories of my childhood.

Essay: "The Early Pioneers"  
by Mary B. Shellman.

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IV

## Westminster During The Civil War

BY  
FREDERIC SHRIVER KLEIN\*

*The years of the Civil War brought special problems to border states like Maryland, where loyalties were strongly divided between North and South. In Westminster, young men volunteered for service under both flags during the conflict. Before the war ended, the town was occupied three times in three successive years by soldiers of both the Union and Confederate armies, and during the Gettysburg campaign in 1863, it was the main supply base for the great Army of the Potomac as it moved north into Pennsylvania.*

*The first contact with Civil War soldiers came on September 11, 1862, when the Confederate army was moving north before the battle of Antietam, and when a scouting party of Virginia cavalry, led by Col. Thomas L. Rosser, suddenly arrived in Westminster in the early evening. They were a welcome sight for Southern sym-*

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C. Weech 3/77



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