

JOSEPH B. BOYLE STORE

37 East Main Street

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joseph B. Boyle Store

AND/OR COMMON

The Evening Sun Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

37 East Main Street (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

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
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" 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

The Hub of Westminster, Inc.

Telephone #: 848-4360

STREET & NUMBER

7 Locust 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 #: 194

Folio #: 573

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

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 (Slightly)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Joseph Boyle's store sits on a low foundation, facing the north side of East Main Street (St. Route 32) about 30 feet west of that road's intersection with Locust Street, in Westminster.

The building is a modest, Victorian, commercial structure, two stories tall, and 3 bays wide. The ground floor retains, on its entrance facade, the basic form it probably had originally, i.e., a central transomed door, diagonally recessed between large, plate glass, display windows. Although the form is basically the same, the ground floor entrance area has recently been done over in a pebbly concrete, which has even more recently been done over in aluminum and plate glass. Above, on the second floor of the Flemish Bond brick facade, are 3 regularly-placed, double-hung sash windows. Windows have 3-course gauged flat arches, two over two panes, white wooden sills, and are shutterless (despite the presence of shutter hooks.)

Thus far, the building is, to say the least, fairly dull. However, the space between the end of the smooth wall and the top of the roof saves the building from the commonplace. This redemption is achieved by circular forms, by 6 large, curved brackets supporting a 2-part entablature; the deep brackets have, running between them, half ellipses enclosing large wooden balls. This is bordered at each end by massive, curved brackets, each of which is decorated by three "linen-fold" ridges.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input 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. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

In discussing other late and mid-Victorian commercial buildings, it is important to stress how free their designers seem to have felt to bend (or ignore altogether) the rules that had governed the City's building patterns for a century or more. Yet, it would be misleading to create the impression that Westminster's business district is comprised of nothing but a series of Gaudi-esque structures; Joseph Boyle's store serves well to put all this in perspective.

Boyle, member of a numerous mercantile family, was fairly conservative in his tastes, assuming that this store as an indicator of his aesthetic beliefs. The ground floor follows the lead of many earlier shops in its door-window treatment and the second floor fenestration could come from any of several score earlier buildings; to build a three-bay building in Westminster is not a particularly daring venture. Still, the top of the building does display a good deal of freedom and imagination. Although the ancestor of this wildly-bracketed entablature is probably the more restrained trim found at such buildings as 197-199-201 East Main Street. Boyle apparently felt free to attempt to make the whole read as one full entablature, by broadening the architrave to four feet; he also must have realized that this would be less than pleasing in appearance, and sought help, and received it, from his carpenters in their finely sawed ellipses and other decoration. The property in Westminster's business area possesses, somewhat oddly, extremely confusing title information (one would think that the merchants, of all people, would be careful in their land transactions). This is true in general, and is more true for the land owned by the Rosenberg family (the family owns land under various aliases - for example the deed listed in the tax office covering this piece of property actually refers to a lot several hundred feet away.

Joseph B. Boyle bought his half of lot 7 in Winter's Addition from Edwin J. Koontz et al, on February 15, 1883; Koontz was acting as a trustee, and we could well believe that Boyle was then considering building his building, as he purchased party wall rights (a strip of land 6" x 198') from William H. Rippard on August 2, 1880 (Deed 54/123). Various members of the Boyle family (James E. Boyle, Jay Carberry Boyle, Norman Bruce Boyle) kept title to the land until Norman Bruce Boyle sold the lot (consisting of 8682.3 square feet) to S. Morris Rosenberg et al, on July 12, 1945 (187/73).

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the western third of lot no. 7 as shown on a plat of John Winter's Addition to Westminster, recorded among the land records of Frederick County in Book JS 2, Page 195, 196.

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

February, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Public Works Department - City Hall

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
(301) 267-1438

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Rosenberg then sold the land to The Hub of Westminster, Inc., which his family owns, on May 1, 1947 in deed 194/573.

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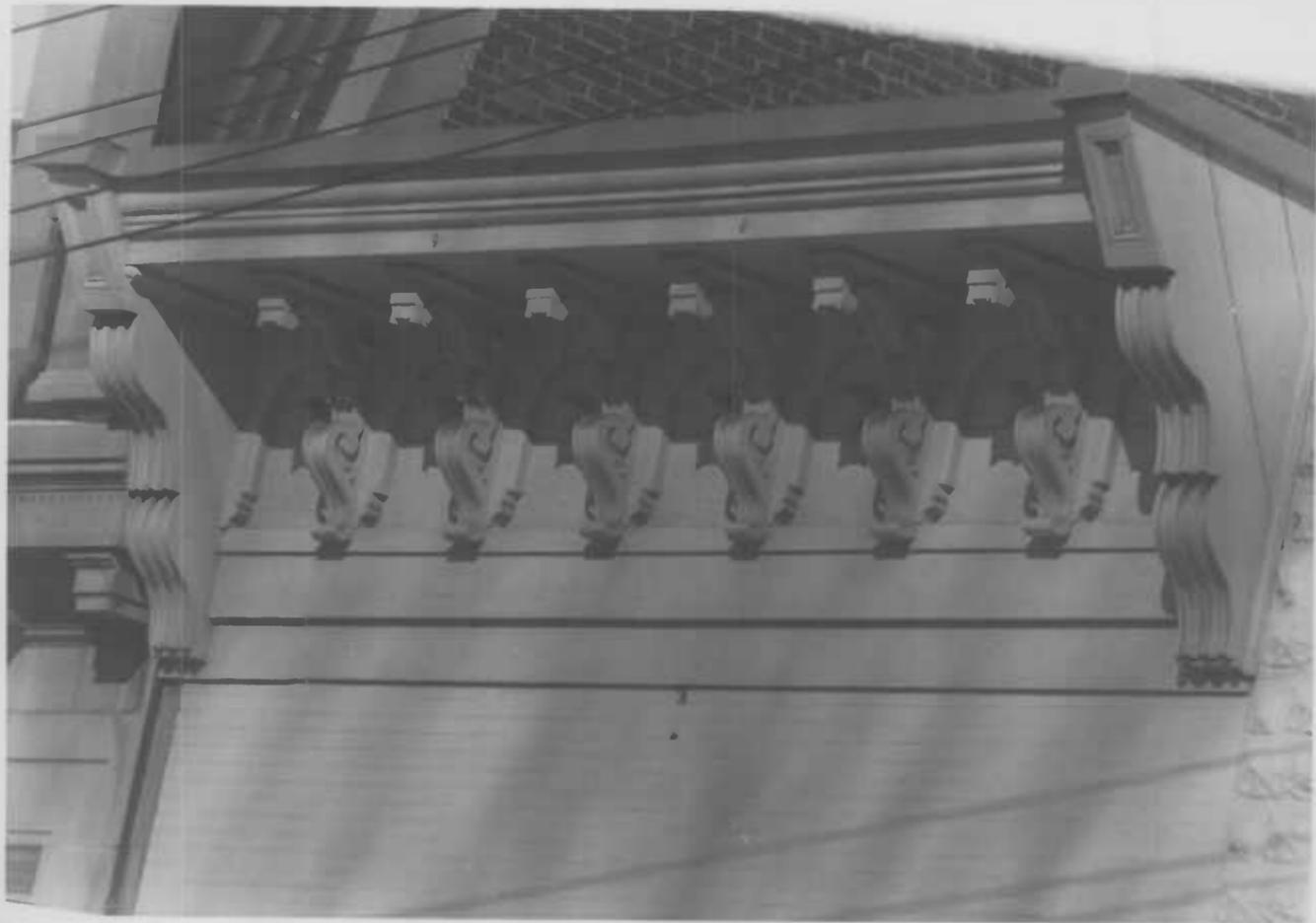
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Joseph B. Boyle Store

37 E Main Street

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