ANDREW J. MALEHORN STORE AND RESIDENCE

62-68 WEST MAIN STREET

This two-building unit consists of 2 nearly identical structures; each is two stories tall, shed roofed, L-shaped, and with 5 bays. These two structures are of interest when viewed as part of the row beginning with no. 58 West Main Street; the row presents a fine unified group in a City more given to individual statements. On April 13, 1883, the entire north side of this block was leveled by a fire. The block was quickly rebuilt, and this, coupled with the fact that this central section was rebuilt by the same family, doubtless explains its unity. The row is valuable in the view it gives us of a small, rural, Anglo-German, mid-Atlantic settlement a century ago, a value that has been increased by the alterations that have taken place at the ends of the block - the Penney's store to the east, and the Exxon Station to the west, so that the block now contains representatives of commercial architecture spanning 100 years.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Andrew J. Malehorn Store and Residence

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 62-68 West Main Street (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN: Westminster ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 7

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Carroll E. Myers

Telephone #: 848-4838

STREET & NUMBER: 60 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Westminster ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 170
Folio #: 518

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Carroll County Office Building

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:

CR 88-131

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two buildings that once houses the shop of Malehorn and of Kretzer look south to the north side of West Main Street (St. Route 32) about 100' east of that street's intersection with Carroll Street in Westminster. The two buildings are identical in form (two-story, shed-roofed, L-shaped 5 bays) but are different in decoration. Both buildings have commercial activity on their ground floors, and residences above. Number 62-64-66 has three central doors on its ground floor; each door is identical, containing one large pane of glass below a rectangular one-light transom. The extremes of the ground floor are largely windows, a 24-light display window to the east and a large plate glass window to the west. The four eastern bays rest below a bracketed modillion cornice; the western most window rests below a plain cornice. The second floor windows are all 2/2, double-hung sash windows with 4 course gauged, flat arches, white wooden sills, and black louvered shutters. The windows are all regularly spaced. Above is a motif fairly common during late-Victorian era; the use of cornice-bracket-string course. The cornice is molded and is adjoined by modillions placed between the six scroll brackets which support it. The string course is decorated with a band of pelleting. As is the case with all buildings in this block on the north side of Main Street, a teutonically-decorated band rests in the area defined by the brackets string course and cornice. The south front of the other building (these buildings are done together as they share, besides a party wall, common history, and basic form. Their differences seem superficial to their similarities.), has relatively recently been encased in vivid kelly green plastic tiles. It presently has its bays in the pattern DWDWD (this placement could well be original). Doors and windows are all of recent makeup, i.e., glass, large sheets of it, and aluminum. Above, the five 2/2 windows are shutterless between their 3 course gauged, flat arches and their white wooden sills. The tops of the windows are on line with those of the building next door, but their bases are a bit higher. The cornice-bracket-string course is continued across this building, but is slightly altered (as the arrangement is on each building in its group) as the cornice is richly dentiled.

As noted, the buildings take an L form. This is evident on the north fronts, which are two bays long east of each building's L. The eastern building has a pair of 2/2 windows per floor; the north front of the L has a 2/2 window to the east of a 6-panelled door. (The door is approached by a single flight of wooden steps rising from the north.) The other building probably originally had a two tier porch on its north front, as the present front projects to the north 10' longer than does the other building, and it is sheathed in aluminum siding, a sure sign of recent tampering, as that material is often used to enclose porches. The siding presently has two 2/2 windows regularly spaced on each floor. Th north front of the L is blind, but the east front has a northern door approached by a single flight of wooden steps rising from the north, and

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1883 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of each of these buildings, as is almost always the case with all buildings, is that they are part of a larger scheme. In this case, they are of interest in the total Westminster's townscape of course, but their interest is magnified when viewed as part of the row beginning with no. 58½ West Main Street (or, perhaps, beginning with no. 58). The row 58½-68, of which these two buildings are the western half, presents a fine unified row in a City more given to individual statements. The row is of interest in its use of the normal 5-bay front, in its incorporation of Germanic decorative details, and in the way it plays with the cornice-bracket-string course roof line motif (each building has a slightly different one). Thus, the value of the buildings in the row, in the view they give us of a small, rural, Anglo-German, mid-Atlantic settlement a century ago, has been increased by the alterations that have taken place at the ends of this block - the Penney's store to the east, and the Exxon Station to the west are fitting representatives to the 20th century, as this row is of the 19th. The entire block shows the changes in commercial architecture that have taken place over the past century.

On April 13, 1883 the entire north side of the block between Carroll and John Streets was levelled by a fire. At that time there were 14 buildings squeezed onto 8 lots (including, in the center, the F. K. Herr and Brothers Coach Shop). The fire also spread up Carroll Street destroying the newly built (1866) Luthern Chruch and parsonage. According to an article in the April 14, 1883 American Sentinel, the fire was the result of a card game played in a stable and illuminated by a candle. The man accused of setting the blaze by turning over the table was a black called Hanson Dorsey and, according to the article, "owing to the threat of lynching, the jail was guarded by 22 men who were well-armed." Thus, all buildings in this row, nos. 58-68 West Main Street were apparently conceived of and built together, which helps explain their remarkable unity. Perhaps someone ought to write an essay on devastating fires and the building booms that follow (not to aquate F. K. Herr with Wren).

The section of the row that we are concerned with here consists of the western half of lot 6 of the Catholic Church's Subdivision. The entire lot was leased for 99 years from the Redemptionists by an organi-

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the westerly half of lot 6 as shown on a plat of Catholic Chapel Addition to Westminster, recorded among the Land Records of Carroll County in Book 24, Page 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

DATE
February, 1977

ORGANIZATION
Westminster Historical Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER
c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Westminster

STATE
Maryland

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a 2/2 window to the north.

A finely proportioned, 2-story, gabled roof, unpainted, 4 course common bond building is located within the area defined by the eastern building's L, but a few feet to the north of it. Two-over-two windows are opposite each other on the eastern and western fronts, and a 6-panel door, to the south, provides an entrance. The west front of no. 68 faces a gas station and is blind, below its shed roof, except for 2, small, 2/2 windows which appear, rather forlornly, in this facade. The east wall of no. 68 is a party wall, as are both the east and the west walls of no. 62-64.

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zation called Troxell and Diffenbaugh on May 13, 1863; their rent was $24 a year (Carroll County Deed Book 30, Page 3). Troxell and Diffenbaugh sold their interest for $100 to Titus Eckart on June 26, 1865 (33/435), and Eckart sold half of lot 6 (our half) to Andrew J. Malehorn for $2500 on October 16, 1869 (37/509). This price for half of the lot, makes it very likely that some buildings were then erected. They show on the 1877 City plat. The 1887 City Directory lists Malehorn as having a post-fire store and residence at 62-64, and lists Louis Kreizer as having a store at 66, and one J. T. Erb as having something to do with 68. Malehorn sold the lot on St. Patrick's Day, 1899, 30 years later, for the same price he paid for it ($2500); he sold the lot to Sara A. Cover (88/363). Cover's executor, Charles E. Lippy, sold our property to its present owner, Carroll E. Myers, for $6540 on June 6, 1939 (170/518); Myers, by a series of deeds, has acquired titles to the whole row, certainly one of Westminster's finer architectural statements.

75% ← 62-68 W. MAIN → 56½-60 W. MAIN ST.

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Crop to show 62-68 W Main St.

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58½-68 W. MAIN ST.
WESTMINSTER S. FACADE
3/77 C Weeks

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~~CLXXVI-A~~

53%

106 FIG. 183 CAMERA ☐ LINE ☐ HALFTONE ☐ DUOTONE 537 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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CLXXVIII

detail of 121 East Green Street

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70%

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