

CARR-1023

MANCHESTER I.O.O.F. LODGE HALL (site)

1863

Manchester

private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Manchester I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall (site)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number York Street (on lot west side of Trinity United Church of Christ) not for publication

city, town Manchester vicinity of congressional district #6

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <u> </u> district | <u> </u> public | <u> </u> occupied | <u> </u> agriculture |
| <u> </u> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <u> </u> commercial |
| <u> </u> structure | <u> </u> both | <u> </u> work in progress | <u> </u> educational |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <u> </u> entertainment |
| <u> </u> object | <u> </u> in process | <u> </u> yes: restricted | <u> </u> government |
| | <u> </u> being considered | <u> </u> yes: unrestricted | <u> </u> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <u> </u> military |
| | | | <u> </u> museum |
| | | | <u> </u> park |
| | | | <u> </u> private residence |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <u> </u> scientific |
| | | | <u> </u> transportation |
| | | | <u> </u> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trinity United Church of Christ

street & number 3229 York Street telephone no.: 374-2727

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Manchester I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall was one of the best examples of lodge hall architecture in Carroll County until its demolition in September 1984. Its design with a gable-front main facade, classical style ornamentation, and interior meetings rooms with the lodge's private rooms on the second story followed regional architectural practices for lodge hall construction. The brick structure was built in 1863 in a rectangular plan and had one addition which gave the building a T-shaped plan.

Description: The Manchester I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall was built in 1863 and demolished in September 1984. The building was located on York Street on an adjoining lot west of the Trinity United Church of Christ (historic name: Trinity German Reformed Church). This location followed a practice found in many small towns of the Pennsylvania German cultural region of locating public buildings of political, religious, and social purposes off of the main street in their communities.

The Manchester Lodge Hall was one of the best examples of lodge hall architecture still extant in Carroll County. The typical design for a lodge hall was a two- or three-story structure with a gable front, architectural embellishments, and an interior design with a lodge meeting room on the upper story. The Manchester I.O.O.F. Lodge followed this practice by originally constructing a 25 by 29 foot building with a rectangular plan and a gable front.

The Lodge Hall was a brick structure constructed of common bond on a stone foundation. The masonry was laid so that the brick projected to form pilasters at the corners of the gable front. The main facade was three bays wide with a central entrance and nine-over-nine sash windows were in the outer bays of the first story and the three bays of the second story.

The exterior of the structure presented a strong vertical emphasis with its narrow and tall main facade, gable-front roofline, and five-foot tall windows. Architectural emphasis was achieved through ornamentation at three locations: (1) the doorway with its classical style frame, dentil cornice and painted letters "I.O.O.F." on the entablature; (2) the gable ornamentation with its three section window and arched plaque inscribed "Daniel and Jacob No. 23--1834;" and (3) the serpentine bracket cornice of the structure.

The east and west facades of the structure were four bays wide with nine-over-nine sash windows in each bay except for the southernmost bay of the first floor on each facade which contained a doorway. At some point in the building's history, probably in the early 20th century, a 21 by 32 foot addition was added to the south gable end of the building to provide large stage areas on both stories, giving the structure a T-shaped plan.

As one entered the Lodge Hall, there was a 23 by 10 foot foyer with a stairway on the east side leading to the lodge meeting rooms on the second story. The main room on each floor was void of partitions and, with the tall windows in the structure, provided a large, well-lit meeting space. The first story meeting room contained mid- to late 19th century stenciled designs at the chair-rail and at the cornice of the room.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 | | local history |

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall was the most significant secular building in the Town of Manchester's history. It served not only as the I.O.O.F. Lodge's meeting rooms, but also provided indoor public space for community activities of a broad nature. The building also presented an excellent example of the style of lodge hall architecture in Carroll County and central Maryland.

History and Support: During the late 19th century, the lodge hall was a building type found in communities throughout Carroll County. These communities were close-knit and had a wide range of local events to provide social activities and entertainment within the community, many of which were held at the local lodge hall. J. Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland (1882) points out that lodge organizations proliferated throughout this region and it was not unusual for a man to be a member of three or four different lodges. Their lodge hall played an important role in the community's social fabric.

The historical record shows that the Manchester Lodge Hall was significant in the activities of the community. The I.O.O.F. Lodge rented the hall to other lodges and community organizations for their meetings and events. The Lodge Hall was a center of activity during Manchester's WhitMonday celebrations and other seasonal events. Band concerts and plays sponsored as fundraisers by local organizations frequently were held in the Lodge Hall and it served as the town's movie theatre in the early 20th century.

Harvey G. Schlichter states in Two Centuries of Grace and Growth in Manchester (published in 1962; revised and updated in 1984) that the I.O.O.F. Lodge was an important organization in the history of Manchester. The Daniel and Jacob Lodge No. 23 was formed in 1834 and was prominent in the community through the 19th century. They constructed a significant public building for the town, and Schlichter notes that: "their lodge hall, standing next to Trinity Church, is hallowed with memories, being built in 1863, as was the church. While the hall is in very poor condition today, it was once considered a very fine hall in which many community events were held."

The Lodge Hall's architectural design epitomizes the characteristics of such buildings in this region. In fact, the affluence of Manchester's I.O.O.F. Lodge is shown in its financial ability to construct a structure used solely for its meeting rooms and other community purposes. In many other communities, it was frequent for a lodge member to construct a building for his business use on the first story and provide lodge hall quarters on the second story. The gable-front main facade, architectural ornamentation and interior design of the Manchester I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall presented an excellent example of the best of this building type in Carroll County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia: 1882.

Schlichter, Harvey G. Two Centuries of Grace and Growth in Manchester.
Westminster, Maryland: 1962, revised 1984.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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| city or town | Westminster, | state | Maryland |

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2. Carroll County, Md.
3. Joe Getty
4. April 1984
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. North & East Elev (camera fac sw)
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