

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

MASONIC TEMPLE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W. Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

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
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

COMMENTS: Masonic Temple uses upper floors

GOVERNMENT first floor

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building was erected on the site of a large 2-1/2 story typical Federal style home with a Greek Revival doorway and large enclosed chimneys with curtains and apparently in good condition as late as 1893.

The present structure is a very tall detached rectangular brick building, eight narrow bays wide and four bays in depth. It has a seven bay wide, four bay long wing. The front section metal flat roof slopes to the rear and the wing has a very low sloping "A" frame roof, possibly of metal. All brickwork is unpainted common bond. There are enclosed chimneys on the sidewalls and in the end of the wing. The exterior of the first floor facade is faced with granite in alternate rows of rock faced and smooth. It contains wide entrances in the third and fourth, and seventh and eighth bays from the east. The west bay entrance is round arched with granite and a keystone with double glass paneled doors and a half round overlight. The other entrance is rectangular and of the same design. The two bay wide windows on either side have mullioned sidelights and overlights.

At the top of the first floor level is a protruding moulded wood cornice with a frieze consisting of concave curved panels, garlands, brackets, and a row of small spheres at the base. There is another protruding cornice topping the third floor level but of a simple design. Fronting the roofline is a third wooden protruding cornice with closely spaced moulded brackets and a recessed arcaded arch design. Extending up from the top center of the roofline is a very elaborately moulded segmental arch panel with the name Masonic Temple and topped by a decorative finial. Second floor front windows are narrow and rectangular with 1/1 sash and leaded glass overlights. A granite band runs across the top and bottom of this section. There are four, two bay wide round arched windows on the third floor with fluted mullions separating the two single panes and half round overlights. These are topped by brick jack arches with granite keystones. Four large decorative panels of rough cast brick occupy the sections under the third floor windows. The fourth floor contains eight narrow 1/1 sash round arched windows also with brick jack arches but no keystones. These are tied together by a band of granite. All side and rear windows have 4/4 sash with three course header arches and wood sills. The second and third story side and rear windows are grouped in vertical recessed bays with three string indentations at the top and bottom.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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		

Cornerstone 1901

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	<i>DOUGLAS M. GREENE</i>	
ORGANIZATION	<i>ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN</i>	DATE
	<i>HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION</i>	<i>MAY 1973</i>
STREET & NUMBER	<i>CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701</i>	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

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