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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Western Maryland Railway Station

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Burhans Boulevard, between Washington and Franklin Streets — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
3

STATE
Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Washington

CODE
034

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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		X NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER: Offices & storage

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NAME
Chessie System, Real Estate and Industrial Development Department

STREET & NUMBER
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CITY, TOWN
Baltimore — VICINITY OF

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
XGOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The station is a straightforward, commercial style structure built in 1913. It is two and a half stories in height and has a hip roof with dormers. Brick in construction with a stone base, the building is eleven bays long and three bays wide and measures approximately 156 feet by 39 feet. A massive, modillioned cornice with stone disks defining each bay encircles the structure. The building is also encircled by a one story porch that has a cantilevered roof on the south, east, and north sides and round metal columns on the west side (now Burhans Boulevard) where the trains originally unloaded.

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The station is structurally sound and basically unaltered in its exterior appearance. The building is now being used for offices and storage. The railroad tracks presently run along the east side of McPherson Street.

SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
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X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1913 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Another station which was built as a part of the 1912 Improvement Program is located in Cumberland. The Cumberland station, listed on the National Register, is architecturally similar to the Hagerstown station although the latter is larger by two bays, built of a different color brick, and has slightly different windows in the bays.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 126' x 489'

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

(301) 731-3200, ext. 6885

DATE

29 August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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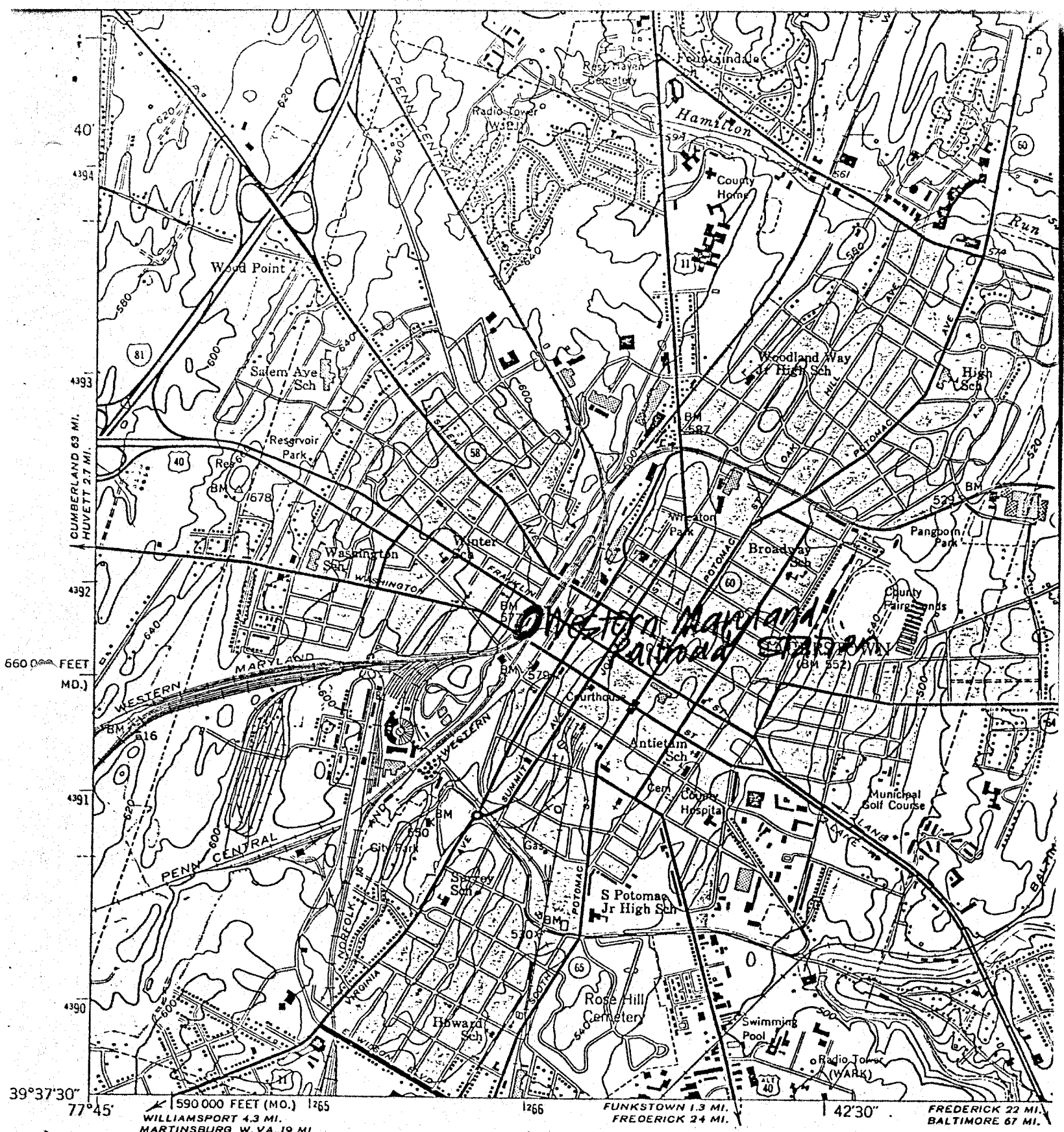

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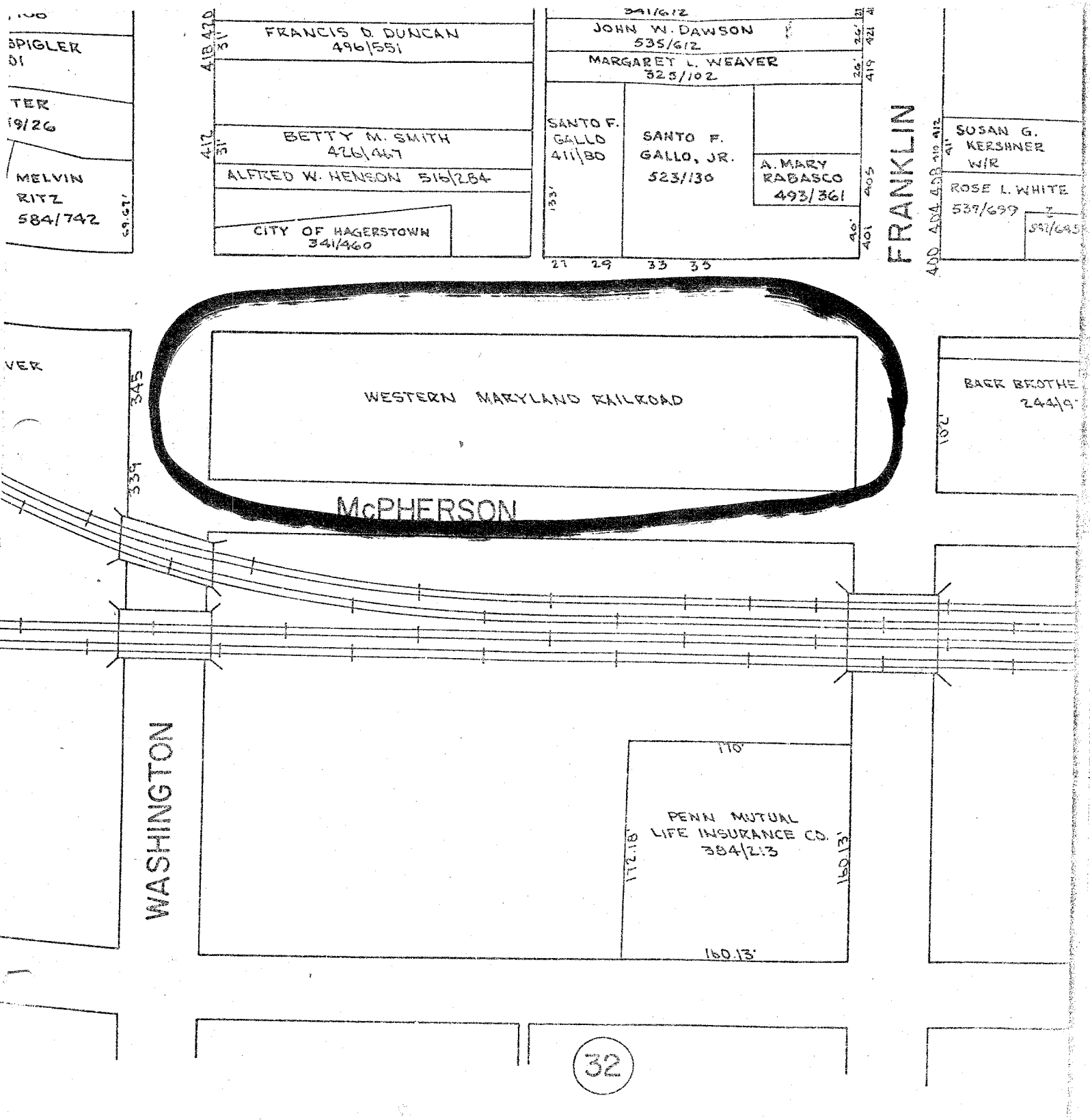

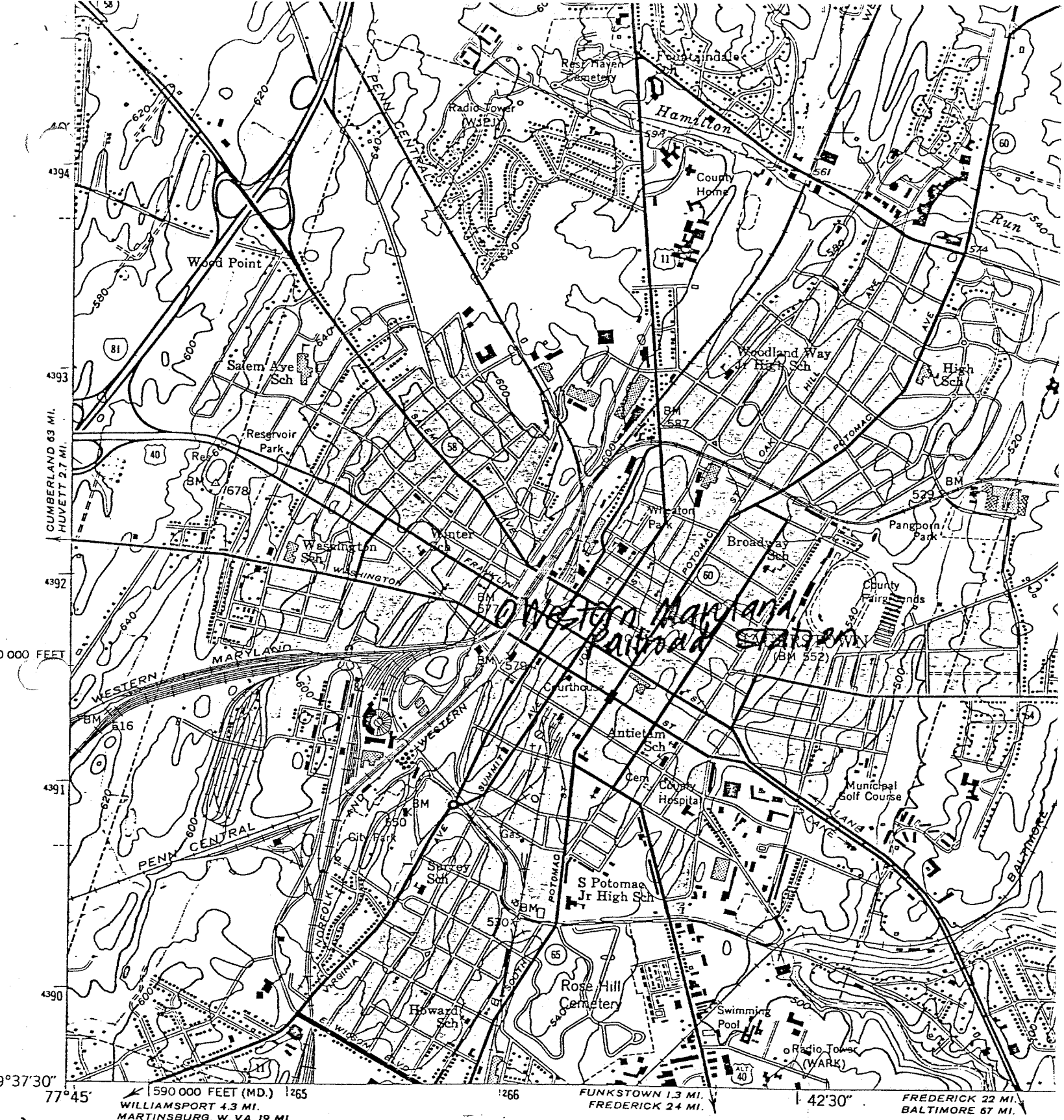

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Western Maryland Railway Station
Burhans Blvd.
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

architect was: C. Montgomery Anderson
1 Charles Street
Baltimore, Md

source of info:
architectural drawings published in
March 1977 issue of Cracker Barrel,
Hagerstown, Md.

The year on the drawings is 1912
the drawings are entitled "Passenger Station
at Hagerstown, Maryland, for Western
Maryland Railway Co."

Anderson is probably the architect of the WMR
station in Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md,
because that station building is almost
identical in appearance and size and was
built about the same time

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649 PHILADELPHIA AVE.
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HAGERSTOWN LANDMARKS RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties # WA-HAG-2

Property Name/Address: Western Maryland Railway Station, Burhans Blvd. between Franklin and Washington streets, Hagerstown, Maryland

Description/Significance: Constructed in 1913, the station is a 2½-story hip-roofed brick building, reflecting the influence of the Commercial Style of the early 20th century and featuring overscaled Classical detailing. A one-story porch encircles the station. The building reflects the importance of the Western Maryland Railway's presence in Hagerstown. The city's central location inspired the company to move its Maryland division shops to Hagerstown in 1906. Expansion of service westward to Cumberland and the Pittsburgh area resulted in a comprehensive upgrading of facilities called the 1912 Improvement Program. The Hagerstown station was one of the products of this program. It was recently rehabilitated for its current use as Hagerstown Police Headquarters. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Transportation
IV. Resource Type
Category: Building
Historic Environment: Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
TRANSPORTATION/rail-related
Known Design Source: Unknown

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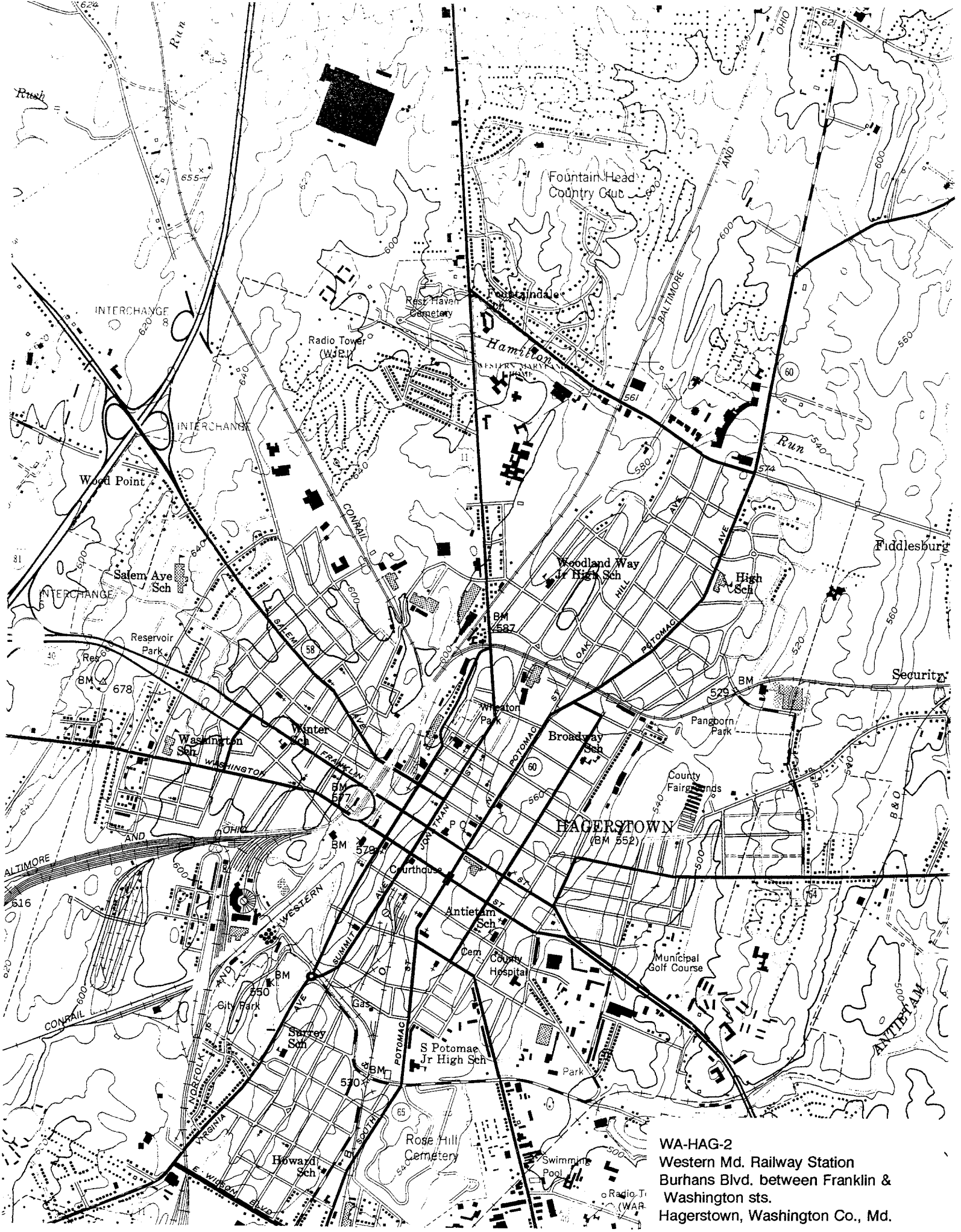

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WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY STATION

HAGERSTOWN MD

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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST