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ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 8-76)

28 South Potomac Street 1916

Hagerstown

Washington County

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HISTORIC SITE SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME

COMMON: 28 South Potomac Street

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 28 South Potomac Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland | COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☒ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Schindel, Rohrer and Company, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: 28 South Potomac Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown | STATE: Maryland | 21740

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown | STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 143-275

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered		☐ Moved	☒ Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building stands at 28 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the east side of the street near the middle of the block formed by Public Square and Antietam Street.

The structure is a four story high brick commercial building which was erected in 1916 for the present owners. The building originally abutted both the sidewalk and the structure to the north with an alley along the south side but is now free standing on both the north and south elevations. The facade (west side), on which all of the decoration is concentrated, has a large shop front on the ground floor, is divided into three bays on the upper stories, and is terminated by a plain cornice and roof balustrade. The bricks of the facade are laid in Flemish bond with stretcher brick decorative bands and patterns.

The first floor commercial front has two recessed entrances and display windows with a transom of leaded-glass with narrow, vertical pieces of glass, a few of which are stained. The transom stretches the length of the shop front. The shop windows have angular decorative banding of the Art Deco influence. This decorative banding probably dates from the 1930s or 1940s. The display windows may date from the same period as the banding.

The second floor facade windows, replacements of the originals (what ever they were?) are inserted in a large segmental arched bay with a large masonry keystone. The spandrel area below the windows has a wide band of rectangular panels with cut corners. The band is executed in metal.

The third and fourth floor windows on the facade, which are also replacements, are symmetrically arranged with three openings per floor and flat pilasters delineating the bays.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [X] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1916

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [X] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [X] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)*

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Deed Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Schindel, Joseph. Telephone conversation, Hagerstown, Maryland. 21 June 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY							OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 41' x 240'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown

DATE: August 11, 1976

STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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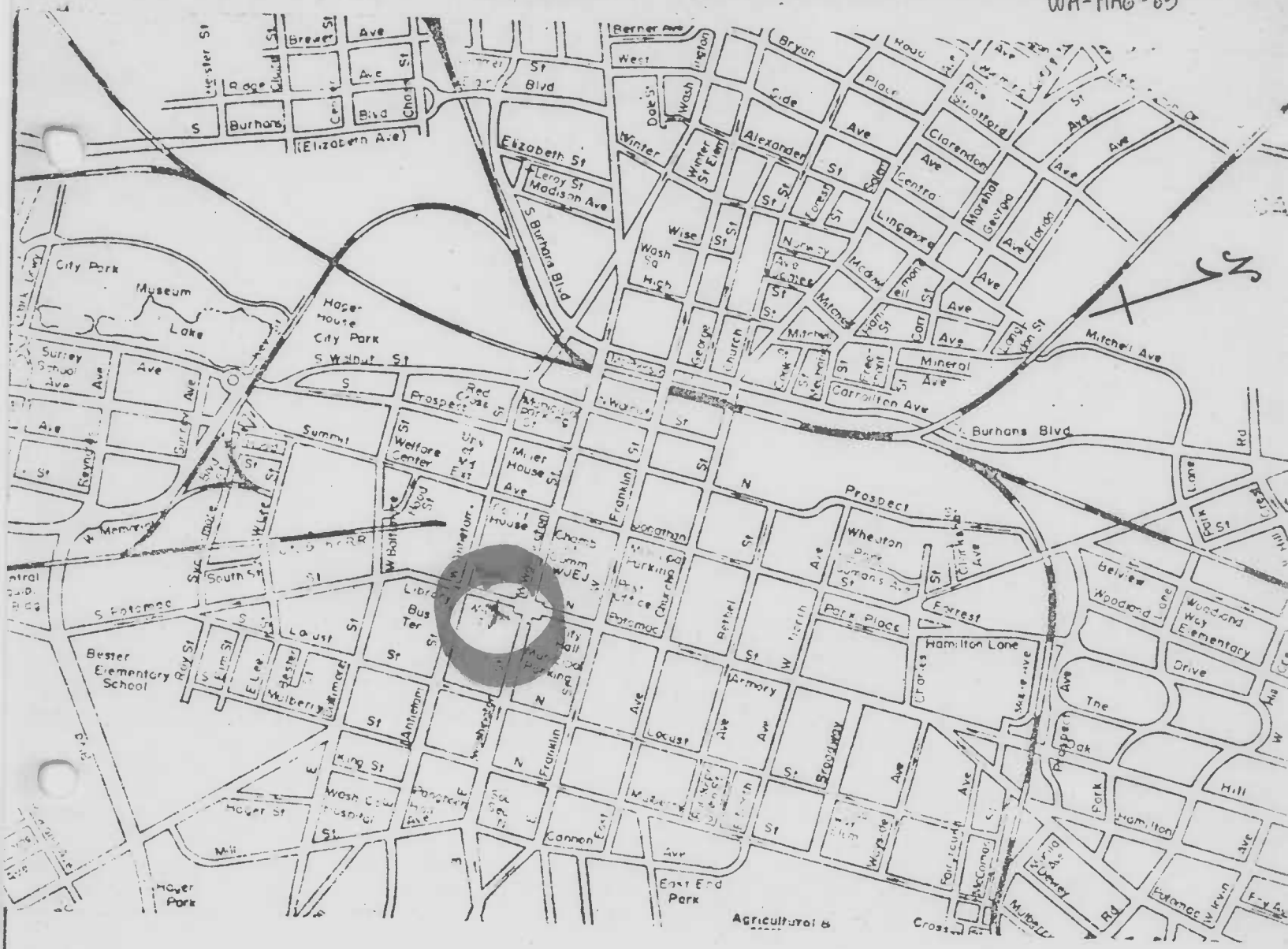

SITE: 28 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
City Engineering Dept.
July, 1970
scale 1"=1200'

SCHINDEL, ROHRER & CO., INC.
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28 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

NW view
October, 1975

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West elevation - detail

October, 1975

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