

ABSTRACT

47-53 South Potomac Street

Late 1880s

Hagerstown

Washington County

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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 47-53 South Potomac Street					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Heist Building					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 47-53 South Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Hagerstown Aerie No. 694, Fraternal Order of Eagles					
STREET AND NUMBER: 47 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. #): 189-100 and 184-007					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:			

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building stands at 47-53 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the west side of the street in the southern half of the block formed by Public Square and Antietam Street.</p> <p>The building is a late nineteenth century, three stories high, painted brick commercial structure which sits tight to the sidewalk and neighboring buildings. The facade (east side) of the structure has two mid-twentieth century shop fronts on the first floor but appears to be in fairly original condition on the second and third floors. Now terminated at the top with a blank wall, the facade was probably crowned originally with a boldly projecting, bracketed cornice.</p> <p>The second and third floors of the facade are divided into two sections of three bays each. The sections are countersunk with molded brick decoration along the tops of the sections and bisecting them between floors. Molded brick decoration is also placed at the ends of the bisecting strip. The bays have segmental arch windows (now covered with aluminium framed windows) with double-hung, wooden sashes with two-over-two lights.</p> <p>The building appears to be structurally sound. The upper stories of its facade are original, but the general appearance of the facade is rather loose because of the lack of a cornice at the top.</p>	

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B SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century			
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)		Late 1880s	
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Historically known as the Heist Building, this three stories high, brick structure is representative of late nineteenth century commercial architecture. The second and third levels of the facade (east side) are original; however, the original cornice was removed some years ago.</p> <p>The building was probably erected for Lewis G. Heist, a businessman who purchased the property in April, 1885 (Deed Book 89, p. 189). The present owners, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, acquired the building in two portions: 47-49, the north half, in 1929 and 51-43, the south half, in 1931.</p> <p>The facade blends well with the rythm of lines and proportions of the surrounding buildings. It is not, however, as prominent as others because the cornice, an integral part of the original design, is missing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Heist is listed in the 1877 <u>Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland</u> as a grocer (p. 22).</i></p>			

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

The property measures approximately 46' x 140'.

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: 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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47-53 South Potomac St
Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

east elevation

July, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS