

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 9-76)

Colonial Hotel

Early Twentieth Century

57-59 South Potomac Street

Hagerstown

Washington County

The Colonial Hotel is a four stories high, Georgian Revival style structure which stands on the northwest corner of Potomac and Antietam Streets. The building probably dates from the second decade of this century and originally was crowned with a high mansard roof. The east or facade elevation is fairly original and is noted for the decorative detailing, particularly the pedimented door hoods.

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Colonial Hotel				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 57-59 South Potomac Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington County		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 		<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		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Hotel
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Charles R. Smith				
STREET AND NUMBER: 57-59 South Potomac Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
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. #): 577-208				
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	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Colonial Hotel is located at 57-59 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Potomac and Antietam Streets, one block south of Public Square.</p> <p>The building is an early twentieth century, Georgian Revival style hotel structure which is four stories high and sits tight to the sidewalks and the neighboring building on the north. Constructed of brick with stone decorative detailing, the building measures approximately 35 feet by 140 feet, fronts on South Potomac Street, and has three bays along Potomac Street and approximately eight bays along Antietam Street. At the present, the building has a flat roof and a large cornice with consoles. With a few exceptions, the east (facade) and south elevations appear to be in fairly original condition. The building originally had a high mansard roof with large dormers corresponding in location to the bays below. The mansard roof was removed sometime in the mid-twentieth century. The principal windows of the building have double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights.</p> <p>The main facade (east side) is symmetrically arranged into three bays. The street level has a centered doorway with shop windows flanked by two end bay doorways with heavy pedimented hoods. The upper three stories of this elevation have a centered column of tripartite bay windows and single windows with gold flat arches and keystones in the outer bays. The single windows have small balconies with metal bohistrades. The bay window column has pressed metal decorative panels below the windows. Stone quoining runs along the outer edges of the facade and the first story of the facade is rusticated.</p> <p>The Colonial Hotel appears to be structurally sound.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Early Twentieth Century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Colonial Hotel is one of several hotels which were erected in Hagerstown in the early decades of the twentieth century. The building is important for representing the Georgian or Colonial Revival style of architecture and for its commercial association with Hagerstown when the City was an important railroad center.

The Georgian Revival style was one of several eclectic architectural forms popular in the United States at the turn of the century. The style was based upon an eighteenth century English form fashionable in the American colonies in the pre-Revolutionary War period. The Georgian Revival style is characterized by a rectangular plan, symmetrical facade, quoining, and classical cornices and decorative detailing. In eclectic fashion, elements from other styles are often mixed with the Georgian features. In the case of the Colonial Hotel, the building originally was crowned with a high mansard roof, making the structure five stories in height. Another non-Georgian feature prominent in the design of the building are the tripartite bay windows which became quite popular in the late nineteenth century for utilitarian as well as aesthetic reasons.

The exact construction date of the Colonial Hotel is not known. The stylistic features indicate the first or second decades (probably more the second) of the twentieth century. A John R. Hamilton purchased the property in July 1917 (Deed Book 152, p. 7) and the building may date from his ownership although there is no definite information supporting this theory. The building was standing by 1919 when it was referred to in a Chamber of Commerce Brochure. The mansard roof was destroyed by fire.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Hagerstown Greetings 1919" (p. 4) and "Hagerstown, Maryland: At the Crossroute of History and Commerce." pamphlets, Washington County Historical Society, Miller House, Hagerstown, Maryland

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 35' x 140'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: Sept. 13, 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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57-59 South Potomac Street
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 577, p. 208

24 April 1974

grantor: Jammot, Inc.

grantee: Charles R. Smith and Billy Lee Anthis

35' x 140'

Book 525, p. 227

21 June 1971

grantor: B. J. Hipp, Inc.

grantee: Jamont, Inc.

Book 422, p. 745

1 May 1965

grantor: Burnell J. Hipp and wife Gladys

grantee: B. J. Hipp, Inc.

Book 422, p. 740

1 May 1965

grantor: Herbert W. Cornish and wife Ethel C.

grantee: Burnell J. Hipp and wife Gladys

Book 263, p. 168

25 April 1951

grantor: Herbert W. Cornish, Ethel C. Cornish, and Alma A. McShane,
Trustees of Cornish Corporation

grantee: Herbert W. Cornish and wife Ethel C.

Book 212, p. 410

17 May 1940

grantor: W. T. Osborne, Receiver of the First National Bank of Hagerstown

grantee: The Cornish Corporation

consideration: \$115,000

Book 200, p. 77

7 December 1935

grantor: Ellsworth R. Roulette, assignee for the purpose of foreclosure
and collection

grantee: First National Bank of Hagerstown

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 185, p. 226

21 March 1930

grantor: James Koliopulos and wife Margaret B.

grantee: The Colonial Hotel Company

Book 185, p. 145

10 March 1930

grantor: Elias B. Hartle, assignee of a mortgage

grantee: James Koliopulos

consideration: \$60,100

Book 152, p. 7

24 July 1917

grantor: Frank L. Hamilton and Jennie F. his wife,
Charlestown, West Virginia

grantee: John R. Hamilton

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"Hagerstown, Maryland: At the Crossroutes of History and Commerce" (pamphlet, no date)



Upper left—The Princess Dagmar Hotel.
Upper right—The Hotel Alexander.
Lower left—The Colonial Hotel.
Lower right—The Hamilton Hotel.

HAGERSTOWN'S HOTELS

Few cities are as well provided for in the matter of hotels. The many modern and well equipped hostelrys, the more prominent of which are pictured above, make the city a convention and tourist center, where comfort, convenience, and even luxury, are synonymous with moderate rates.

SOCIAL

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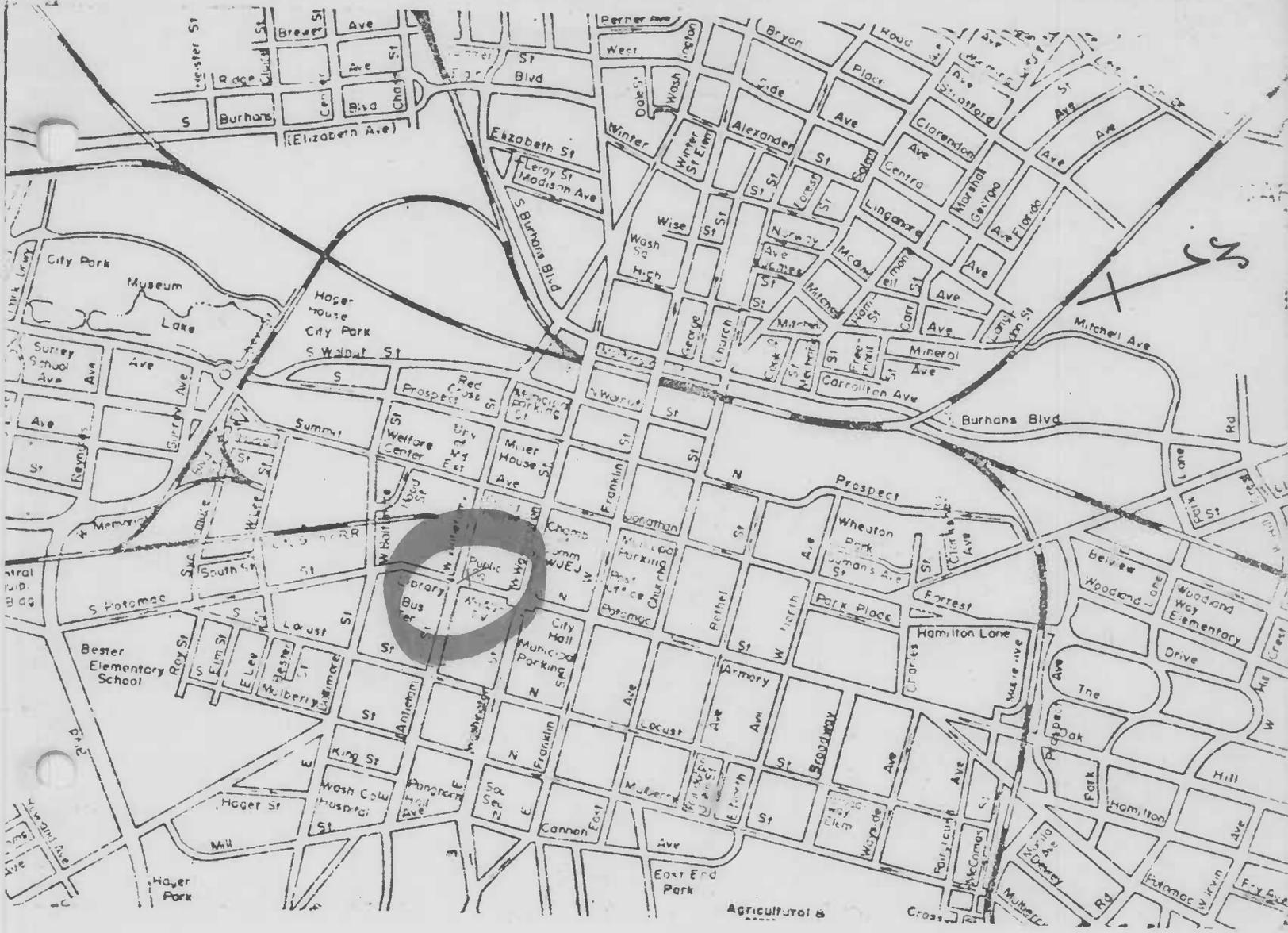
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map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
 City Engineering Dept.
 July, 1970
 scale 1"=1200'



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Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

July, 1975

SE view

RONALD L. ANDREWS