

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 5-77)

21 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

1900-1901

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Washington County Library Building

AND/OR COMMON

21 Summit Avenue; Groh Foundation Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21 Summit Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Sixth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: VACANT

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

c/o Garland E. Groh Foundation, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

151 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

WA-NAG-94

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 21 Summit Avenue in Hagerstown, Washington County, the Groh Foundation building stands on the west side of the street near the center of the block formed by Washington (U.S. Route 40 East) and Antietam Streets, about a block southwest of Public Square.

The building is a 1900-1901 Neo-Georgian stone masonry structure of monumental proportions. Actually two stories high, the building appears to be one huge story from the facade or east elevation. Structurally sound, it is in fairly original condition except for the roof which was replaced in recent years following a fire. An ornate metal gate with ornate lanterned arch resting on two square masonry posts stands to the north with the south post attached to the building.

The facade or east elevation has three bays, a single Renaissance-influenced window on each side of a large recessed entranceway with two Roman Ionic columns below a large semicircular pediment. The front rests on a high foundation with a concave water table. The entranceway projects forward in two parts with a series of steps and a landing leading to the doorway. The first floor is terminated by a broad entablature surmounted by a high closed balustrade, actually the second story.

The single facade windows have heavy, pedimented entablatures supported by large scroll brackets and double-hung, wooden sash with nine-over-nine lights. The doorway has double, wooden doors with large lights, a rectangular transom and wide architrave trim. Inscribed in the entablature above the entranceway is the date "A.D. 1900" and the name of the current owner, Garland E. Groh Foundation, Inc. The closed balustrade is as high as the semicircular pediment and has a single panel of criss-cross pattern above the single windows.

The north and south elevations have double-hung, wooden sash windows on the first and second floors. Those of the first floor have nine-over-nine lights and flat arches with raised keystones. The second story windows have six-over-six lights and are grouped in two sets of two on each side. Large decorative panels along the second floor do not correspond to the window arrangement indicating that if the panels are original, the windows of this level are later additions. Typical of many urban buildings, the side exterior walls are more plain than the facade.

A low, two-story wing, probably later, projects from the west side.

The interior has Renaissance decoration of a grand scale on the first floor. Photographs of the other rooms indicate that they are plain with simple architrave trim.

SIGNIFICANCE

WA-HAG-94

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Neo-Georgian masonry structure was designed by the noted late nineteenth century American architect Bruce Price (1845-1903). Erected between 1900 and 1901 for the Washington County Free Library, the building is two stories high, of monumental proportions. A good example of its style, the structure remains largely unaltered with quality detailing. It was used by the Library until 1965 when it moved to its present location on South Potomac Street.

The facade or east elevation is one of the most sophisticated structures in the central area of Hagerstown. Original in condition, the front is particularly significant for the symmetrical arrangement of and the interplay of shapes and lines formed by the Renaissance windows, with pedimented entablatures and Roman Ionic columns in antis supporting a large semi-circular pediment above the entranceway. The facade presents an interesting contrast to the 1872-1874 Second Empire style courthouse diagonally across the street.

Born in Cumberland, Allegany County (Maryland), Bruce Price was of Washington County ancestry. His father was William Price (17 -1868), a successful Hagerstown lawyer who moved to Cumberland about 1842. William Price is believed to have erected the house at 135 West Washington Street which is now known as the Miller House and is the headquarters of the Washington County Historical Society (National Register as the Price-Miller house).

The old library building is one of three Price-designed structures in western Maryland. The present First National Bank and Emmanuel Church Parish Hall in Cumberland were also designed by him. The library building resembles an unexecuted 1902 design of the National Commercial Bank for Albany, New York, and may have been part of the source of the later design. In his dissertation on Bruce Price, Samuel Graybill noted that by the turn of the century, Price was in a period of decline unmarked by the spectacular successes at Tuxedo Park (Graybill, pp. 205-218).

Although not listed in Graybill's study, the Price authorship of this building is recorded in the minutes of the library trustees. Three entries in the ledgers (pp. 49 and 65) indicate that the Trustees paid Price nearly \$900 over a three-year period, facts which contradict a version given in a 1906 county history which says that Price donated the plans (Williams, I, 453). Samuel L. Lamkin of Hagerstown is listed in the minutes as the contractor.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY city lot 67.75 feet by 82 feet

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION: City of Hagerstown DATE: May 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER: City Hall TELEPHONE: (301) 731-3200

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown, STATE: Maryland 21740

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC old Washington County Library Building, Groh Foundation Building

AND/OR COMMON 21 Summit Avenue

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 21 Summit Avenue

CITY, TOWN Hagerstown VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Garland E. Groh Foundation, Inc. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 151 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Hagerstown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 440
Folio #: 649

STREET & NUMBER 95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, No. WA-6039

DATE 1970 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

NOTE: One (1) Continuation Sheet attached.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900-1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Bruce Price, architect

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Hagerstown, Md.
Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Md.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 67.75' x 82'.

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

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

May 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

TELEPHONE

(301) 731-3200

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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CONTINUATION SHEET

R. Andrews, 5-77

21 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE (Washington County Land Records)

Book 440, p. 649
23 June 1965
grantor: Washington County Free Library
grantee: Garland E. Groh
consideration: \$52,000

Book 113, p. 340
6 June 1900
grantor: Edward W. Mealey and wife Adelaide S.
grantee: Washington County Free Library

Hagerstown

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FIELD SHEET
BOX 1704 ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	22049746
COUNTY:	11
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Garland E. Groh Foundation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 Summit Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Washington CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input 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"/>	Comments _____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
[Vincent Groh, Attorney, 153 West Washington Str. Hagerstown]

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot

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: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Garland E. Groh Foundation [Inc.] Building is an academic, somewhat dry, but nicely detailed Neo-Classical Revival building. The one storey (monumental) structure has a simple three bay facade -- a single Renaissance Revival, pedimented 9/9 window on each side of the large entrance area. There are two Roman Ionic columns in antis flanking the opening to an interior vestibule. Above the entrance is a large semi-circular pediment.

[Probably was a private library, charitable organization, etc., now appears to be empty.]

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | lasaphy <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>architecture</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Groh Foundation Building is an excellent example of the Neo-Classical-Roman-Renaissance Revival style that was in vogue at the turn of the century (McKim, Mead and White, Carrere and Hastings, Cass Gilbert - some of the architects who practiced in the style). Despite its one storey size, this stone building is monumental in effect and is notable for its overall feeling of dignity.

[Worthy of preservation, another example of 'government-alese architecture, represented in two other phases by the Washington County Courthouse and its 1960s wing, opposite the Groh Building.]

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNOARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Art History** DATE: **June 9, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of Delaware

CITY OR TOWN: **Newark** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

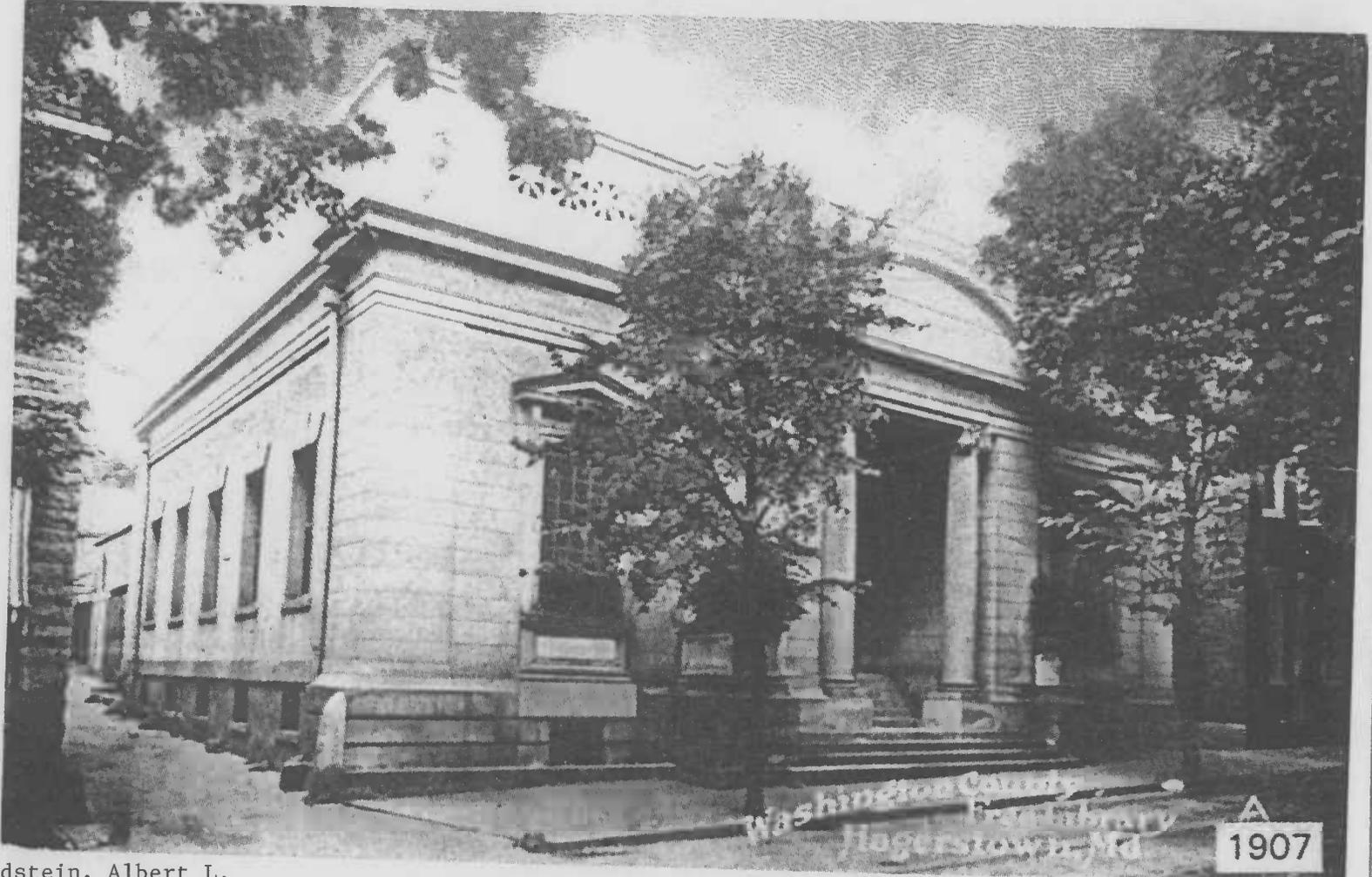
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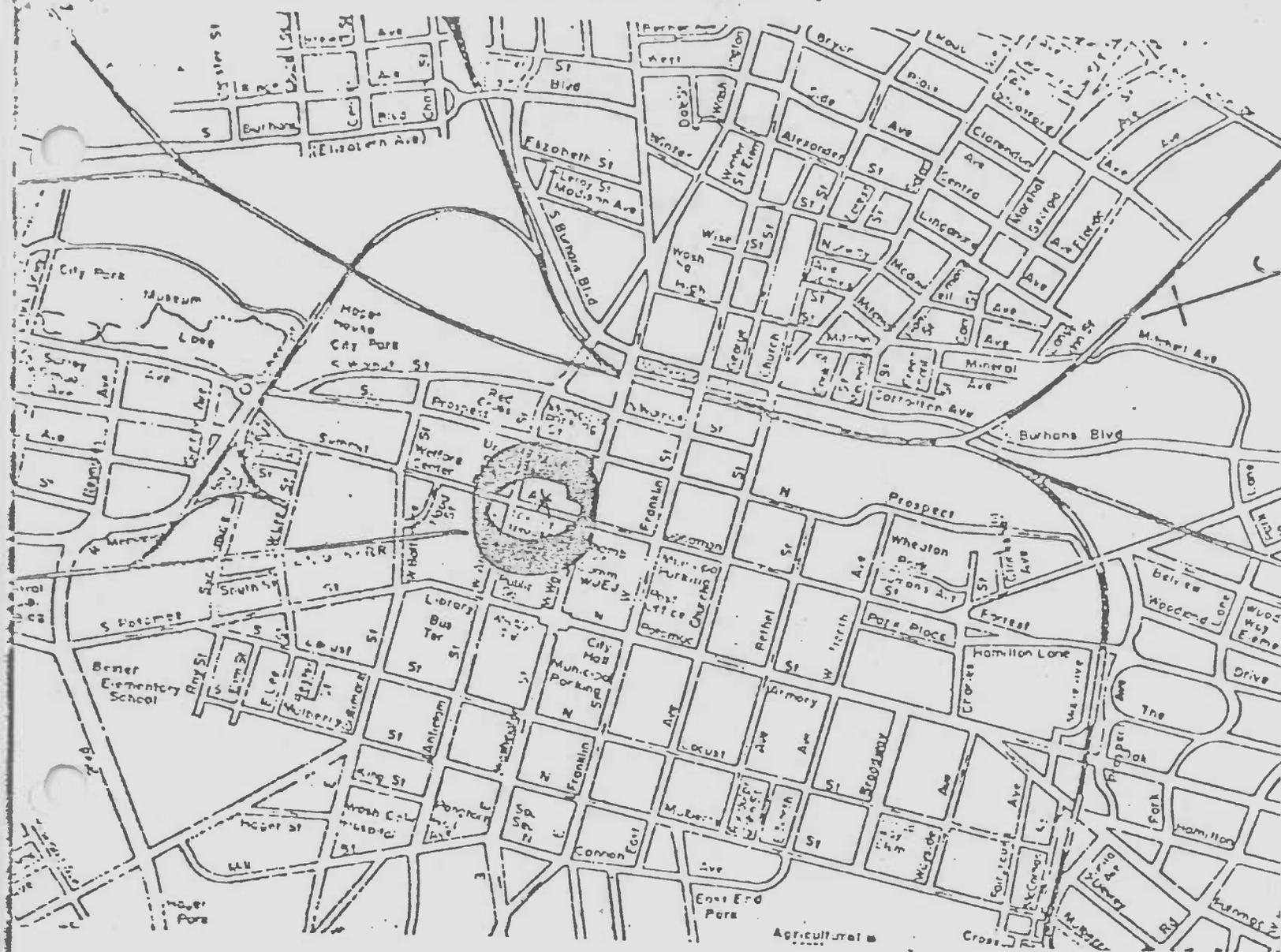
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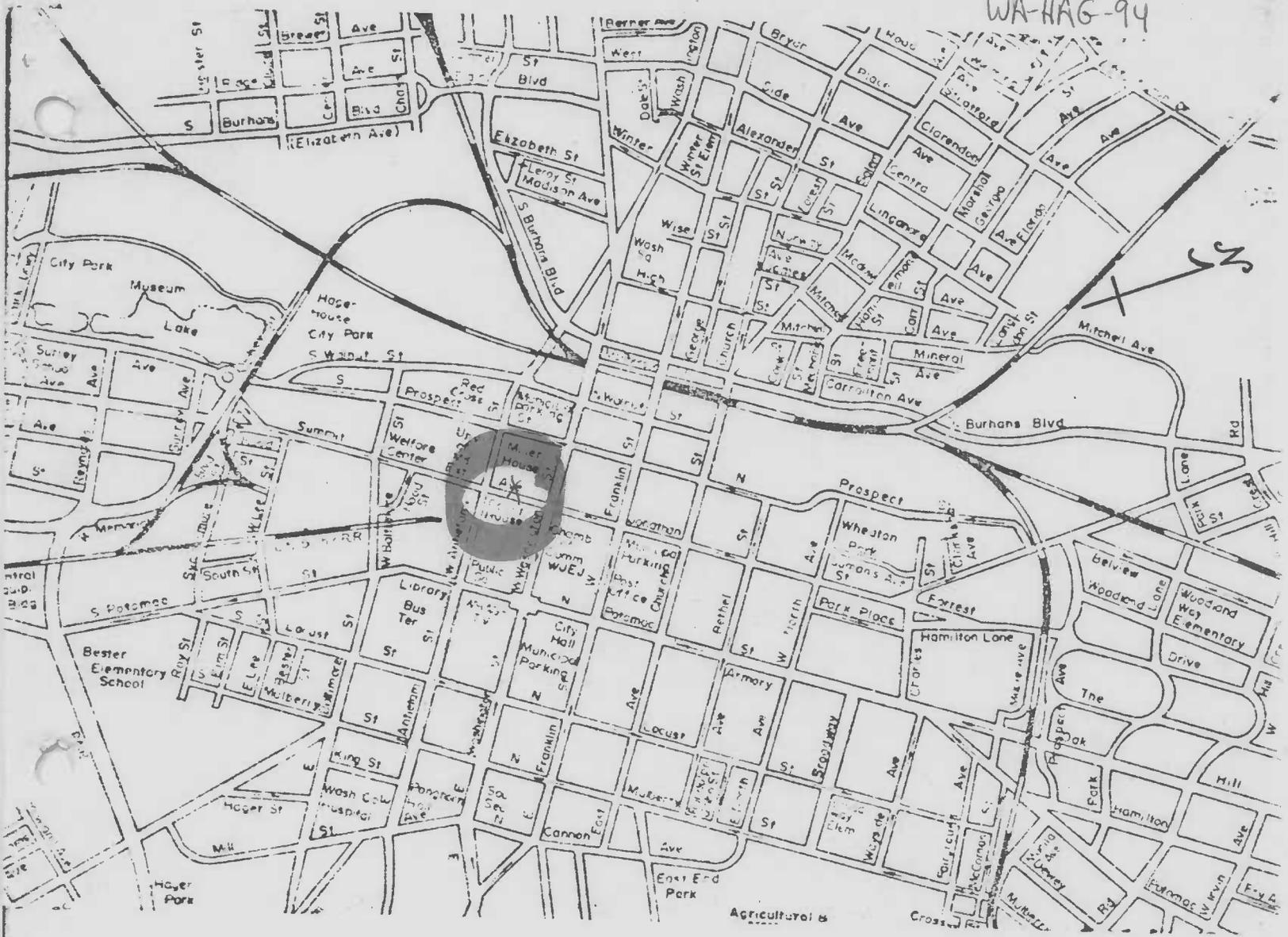


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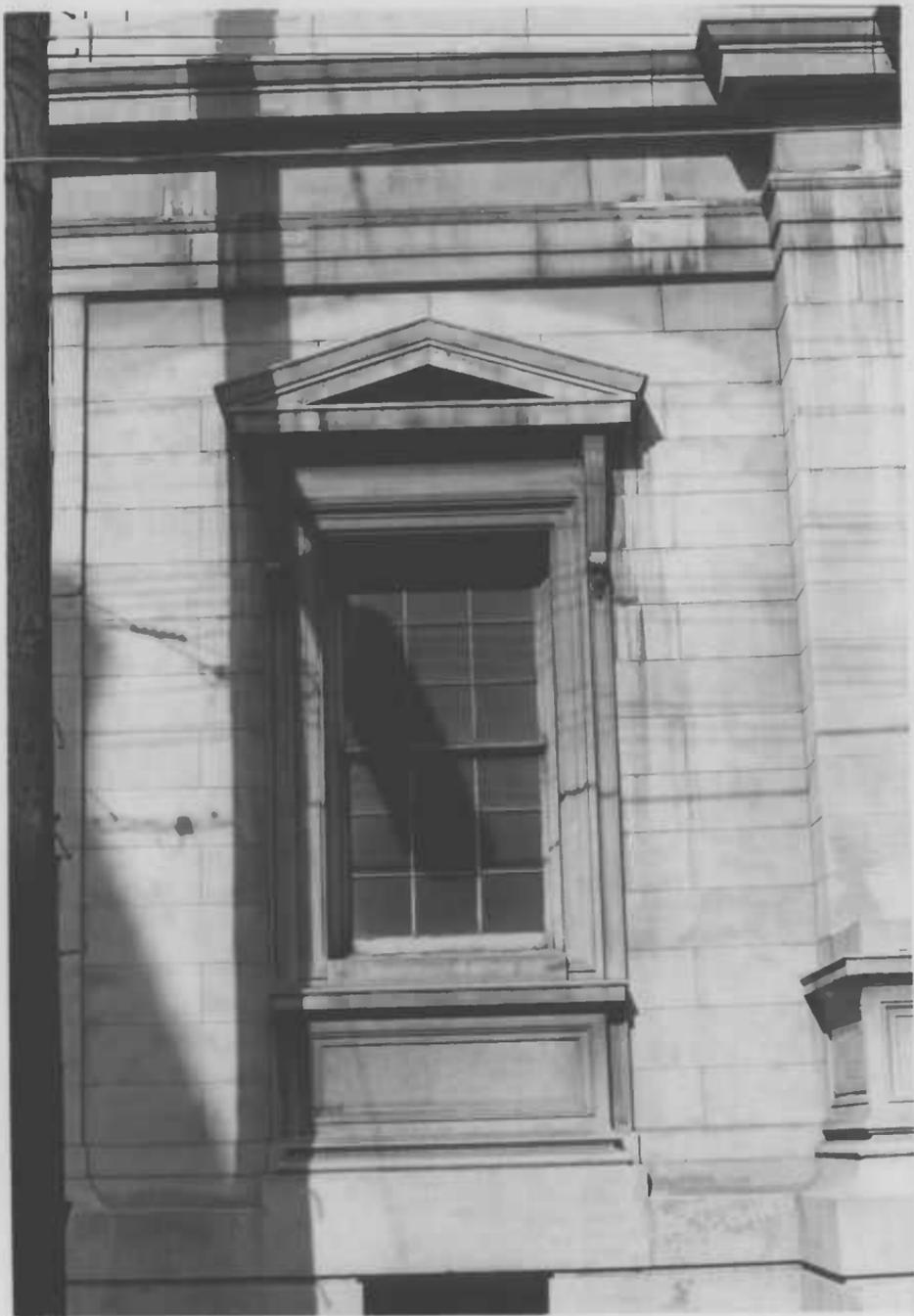
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