

## ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 6-76)

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132-136 West Washington Street	
Hagerstown	Facade added circa 1906
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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Wareham Apartment Building					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 132-136 West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	offices	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		and	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		apartments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Edward W. Cochran					
STREET AND NUMBER: 140 West Washington 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. #): 497-401					
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; font-size: small;">(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; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(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 building stands at 132-136 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the north side of the street in the eastern half of the block formed by Jonathan and Prospect Streets.</p> <p>The building is an early to mid nineteenth century brick house which was raised from probably two and a half stories to a full three stories about 1906 when the present Renaissance Revival style facade was constructed. The structure, which sits in row with the neighboring buildings with a narrow walkway along the east side, has a symmetrical facade (north side) and a flat roof. The facade is arranged in a tripartite composition with its parts corresponding to the base, shaft, and capital of a classic column: the first floor being the base, the second and third floors the shaft, and the cornice and roof balustrade the capital. The ground or first story of the facade has rusticated masonry blocks and the upper two levels have brown brick with masonry block quoins along the outer edges.</p> <p>There are five bays on the first floor (three doorways with two windows between them), two tripartite bay windows flanking an ornately decorated center window on the second story, and three single windows along the third level. All of the facade windows have wooden sashes with single lights. The two windows on the first floor have two sashes divided by a masonry crossbar with the upper sash corresponding in size to the large transoms in the outer bay doorways. The second and third stories windows have double-hung, wooden sashes with masonry sills and lintels.</p> <p>The center doorway on the first floor has wide masonry architrave molding with crossettes or "ears" and is surmounted by a circular window inside a sculptured leafy wreath. The wreath is flanked by two pairs of sculptured brackets which support the shelf-like balcony in front of the second floor center window. A pair of sculptured brackets is also centered under each of the two bay windows of the second floor.</p> <p>The second floor center window is a part of the sculptural unit above the first floor doorway and has a heavy masonry broken pediment with a shield-design finial. The broken pediment is terminated with rosettes and has large supporting brackets tied into the symmetrical molding of the window. The window balcony has a metal balustrade with ornate tracery instead of defined balusters.</p> <p>The second floor bay windows have Medieval type parapets along their tops and masonry quoining below the windows. The cornice, which terminates the facade, has four pairs of symmetrically arranged double brackets. The third floor window lintels and keystones are tied into the cornice.</p> <p>On the interior, the building has a spiral staircase which opens to the third floor. The moldings in this hallway are of the symmetrical Neoclassical type generally used in the Hagerstown area in the 1820s and 1830s, when the original portion of this building is believed to have been erected.</p>	
SEE CONTINUATION under #8.	

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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) Erected early nineteenth century, facade added circa 1906.

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 Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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From 1842 to 1880, the house was owned by Daniel Weisel, an attorney who is referred to in A History of Washington County (p. 422) as a judge (Deed Books 22, p. 712 and 79, p. 531). Dr. Wareham purchased the property in March, 1906 from Anna C. Beachley, the widow of Jacob Hanson Beachley (1838-1905) who acquired the land and house in 1880 from Daniel Weisel. Beachley was engaged in the wholesale produce business under the name of J. H. Beachley and Company. This form was typed by Mr. Beachley's granddaughter, (Mrs.) Miriam Beachley Erickson. The property is described in the deed as the western half of Lot No. 72 on the original plat of Hagerstown.

About 1927, Dr. Wareham had a building erected on the neighboring property to the west, 138-140 West Washington Street. The front of the later structure, although plainer than that of the apartment building, was designed to harmonize with the facade of the earlier building in both style and materials.

#7. DESCRIPTION continued  
 The building appears to be structurally sound. The circa 1906 facade shows no signs of alteration and apparently retains the original doors, windows, and decorative detailing.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.  
 Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland, 2 vols.  
 Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906.

**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	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: June 7, 1976

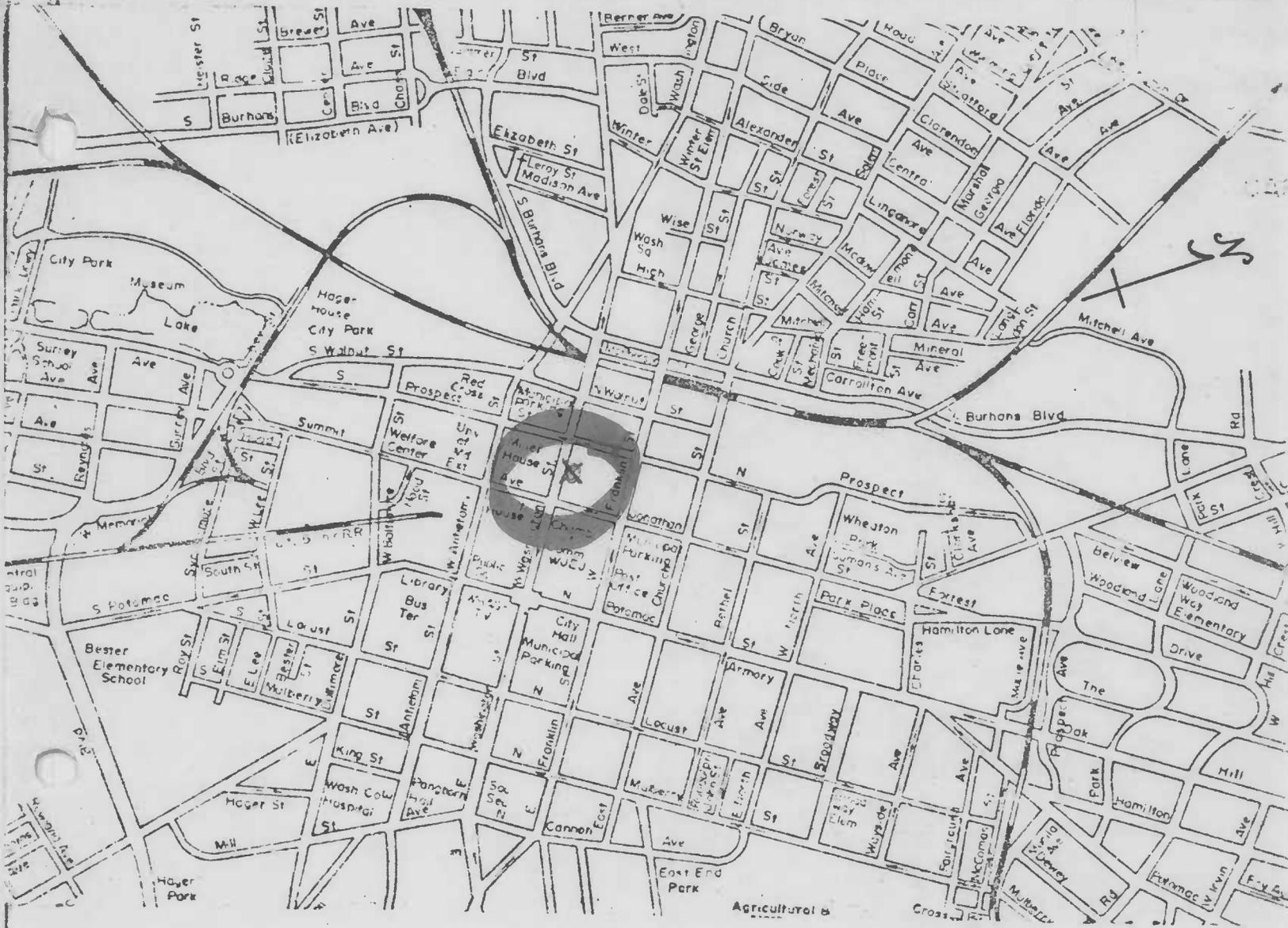
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

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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 132-136 West Washington Street  
 Hagerstown  
 Washington County, Maryland

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



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Wareham Apartment Building

132-136 West Washington Street

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Maryland

South elevation

August, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS