Site # WA-HAG-206 Date: Ca. 1910

Property Name: (Historic) Hagerstown Spoke and Bending Co.
(Present) Maryland Metals, Inc.

Location: 304 West Church Street
Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private _X_, public ___

Description:

According to the Sanborn Insurance Map for 1911, this industrial building at that time had three and a half stories with a hipped roof. Now it has two stories with a flat roof. These changes occurred sometime between 1911 and 1955. The outline of the building remains the same. Windows are topped with segmentally arched heads and are separated by corbeled vertical pilasters separating the building's bays. Many windows at the first story level have been altered. The building was located adjacent to the Cumberland Valley Railroad and immediately south of the railroad's roundhouse. The parking and scrap metal storage area east of the building was full of tracks, some of which can still be seen. One set of tracks immediately adjacent to this building crossing Church Street are still in place.

Significance:

The Maryland Metal/Hagerstown Spoke and Bending Company building is one of several early 20th century industrial facilities that were built along the rail lines on the west side of Hagerstown in the early 20th century. Sandwiched between the Cumberland Valley Railroad and Western Maryland Railway, this industry's inter-relationship with the

railroads and the transportation network they offered is clear. This is also one of several industries clustered around the Cumberland Valley Railroad's freight depot and roundhouse area.

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Historic Context:

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic/Social/Cultural
Architecture

Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

Category: Industrial

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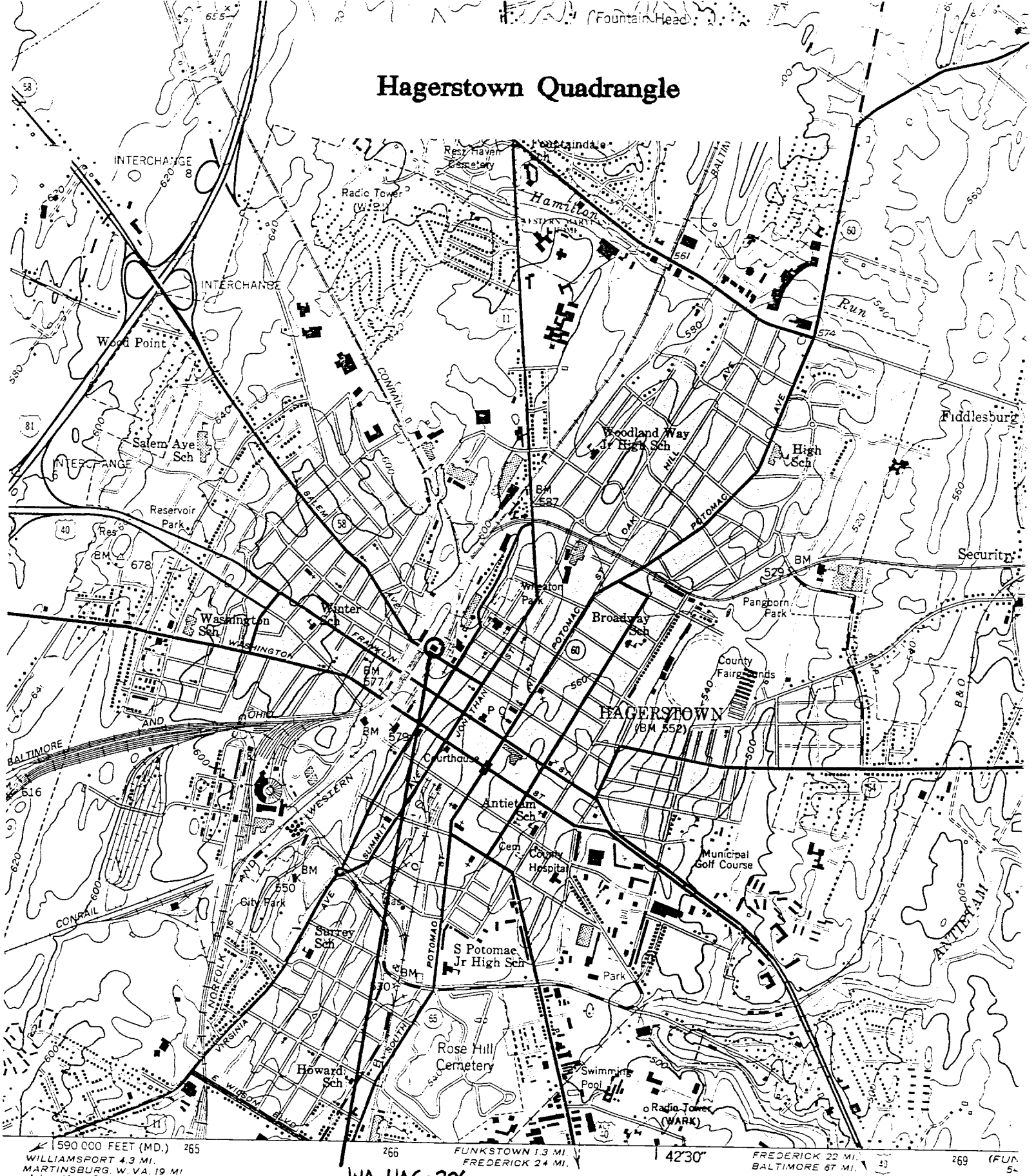
Hagerstown Quadrangle



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