

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 27 South Main Street Inventory Number: WA-II-763

Address: 27 South Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: William & Janet Kaye Tritapoe

Tax Parcel Number: 793 Tax Map Number: 601

Project: Boonsboro Streetscape - WA960A21 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff: no  yes

Name: Kerri Culhane and Rachel Mancini Date: June 1999

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: Town of Boonsboro

Is district listed?  no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Boonsboro Streetscape, Alternate US 40: MD 68 to East of Mousetown Road, Washington County, Maryland, SHA Report 215 (JMA 1999) and Final Report: Architectural and Cultural Survey of Boonsboro and Clear Spring, MD (Mueller 1992).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

No. 27 S. Main Street is known as the town clock. It was built in 1852 as the Odd Fellows Hall. The foundation of this brick building is coursed limestone blocks on the west elevation with rubblestone sides and rear. The gable roof sits behind a parapet wall; a square clock tower with pyramidal roof sits directly behind the parapet wall. Marble steps lead up to a series of double-leaf, half-glass doors across facade at the first floor level (one set remains intact; two half-sets also remain). The basement was formerly occupied by shops, and the north side of the basement (on the facade) still exhibits a vertically-sliding single-leaf shop door. The building is laid in a Flemish bond across the facade with six-course American bond sides. The four-bay-wide by four-bay-deep two-story building has 9/6 wood sash windows with wooden lintels (these appear to be replacement sashes). The marble cornerstone is dated 1852. An addition to the rear consists of a one-story, one-bay, brick and concrete-block structure with terra-cotta coping. The roof is clad in patterned tin or steel roofing tiles. The Odd Fellows Hall was reportedly used as a hospital for wounded soldiers after the battles of South Mountain and Antietam in 1862. This institutional building is a landmark in Boonsboro and is a contributing resource to the Town of Boonsboro Historic District.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, John Milner Associates, Inc., VA

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*11/20/99*  
Date

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Reviewer, NR program

*10/12/00*  
Date

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period ( prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

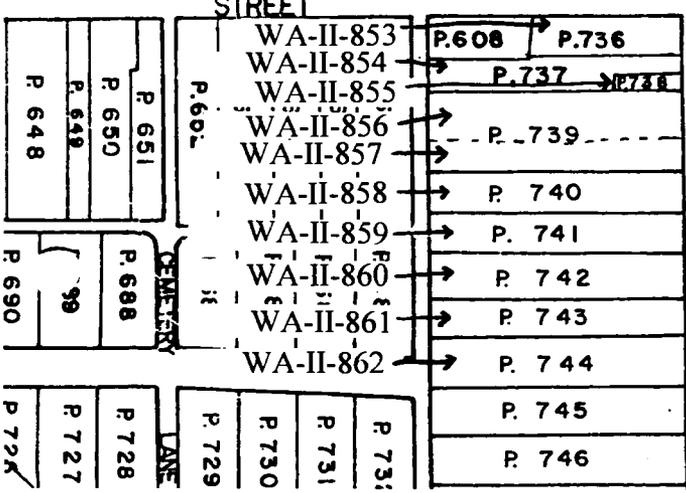
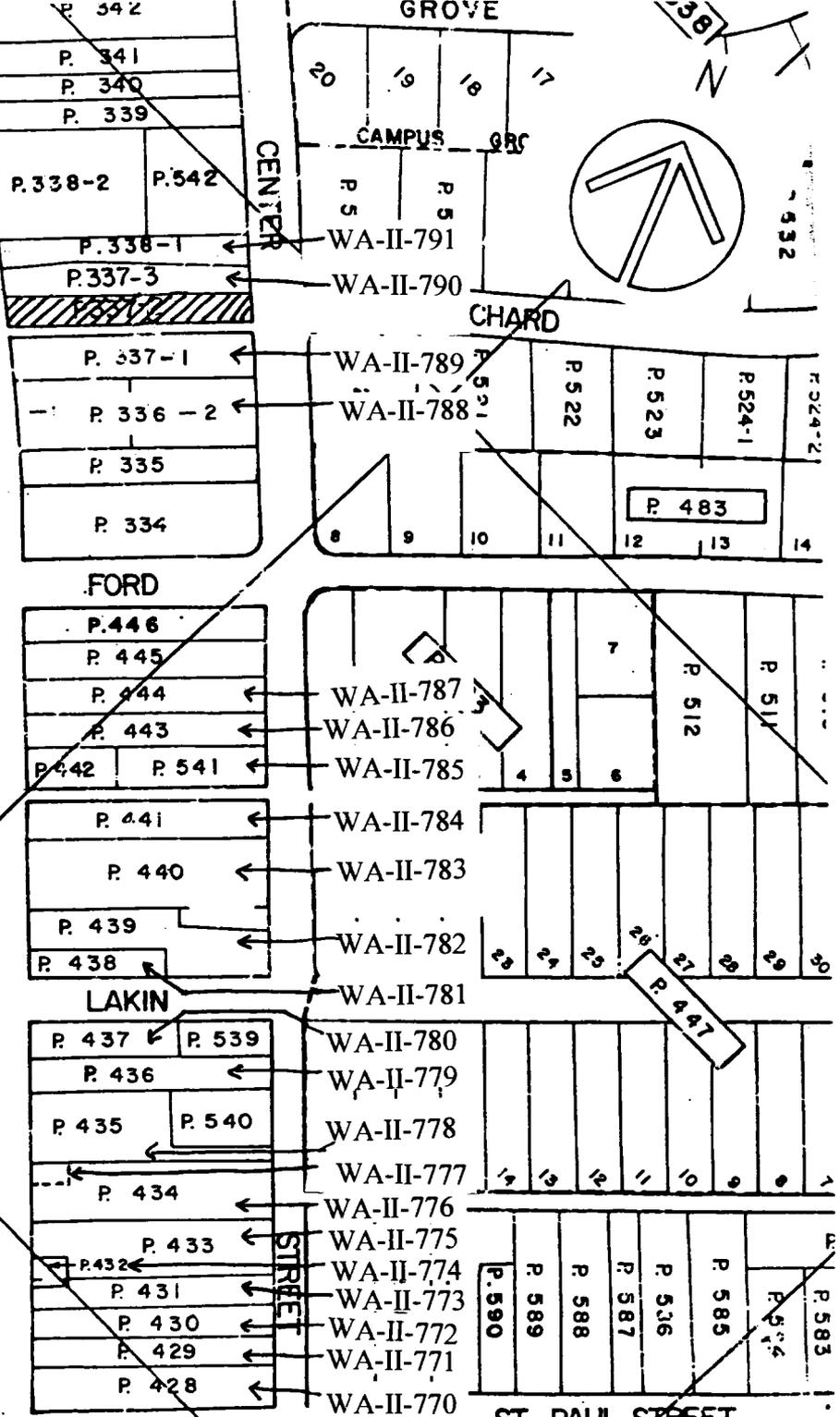
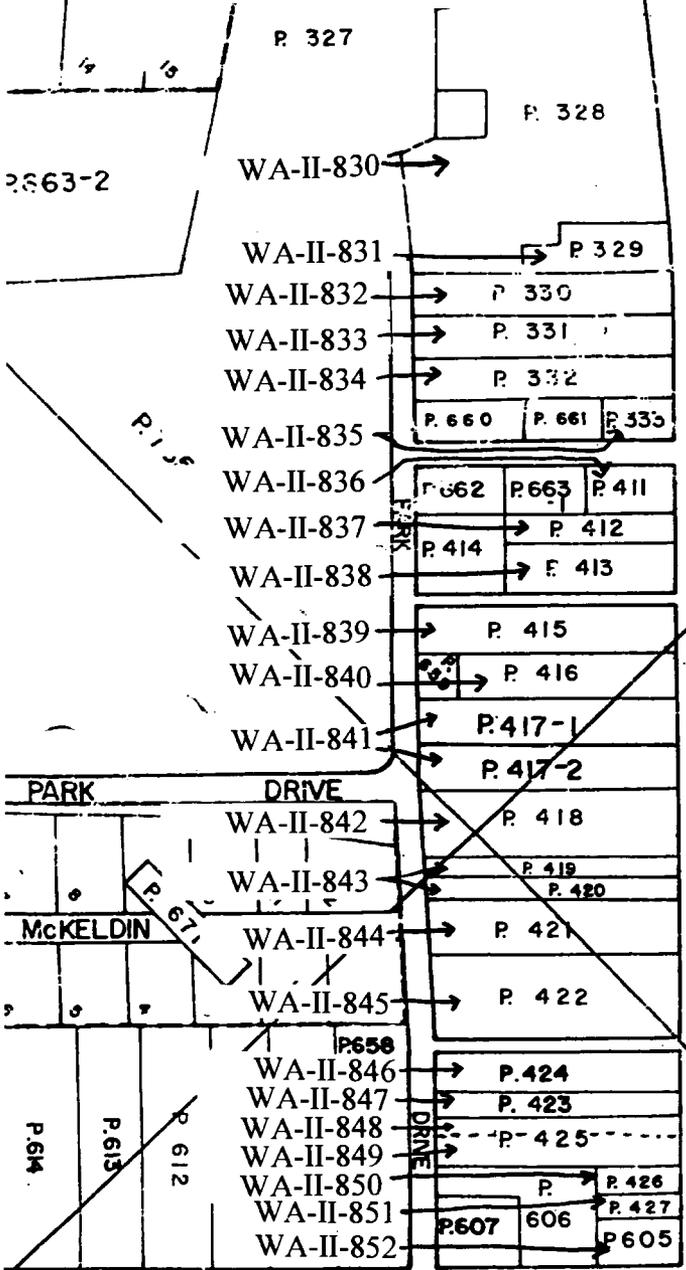
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): COMMERCE/TRADE/business; SOCIAL/meeting hall; HEALTH CARE/hospital (Civil War)

Known Design Source: none

STOUFFER AVE.

Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-763 (Parcel 793), 27 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD





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27 S. Main St.

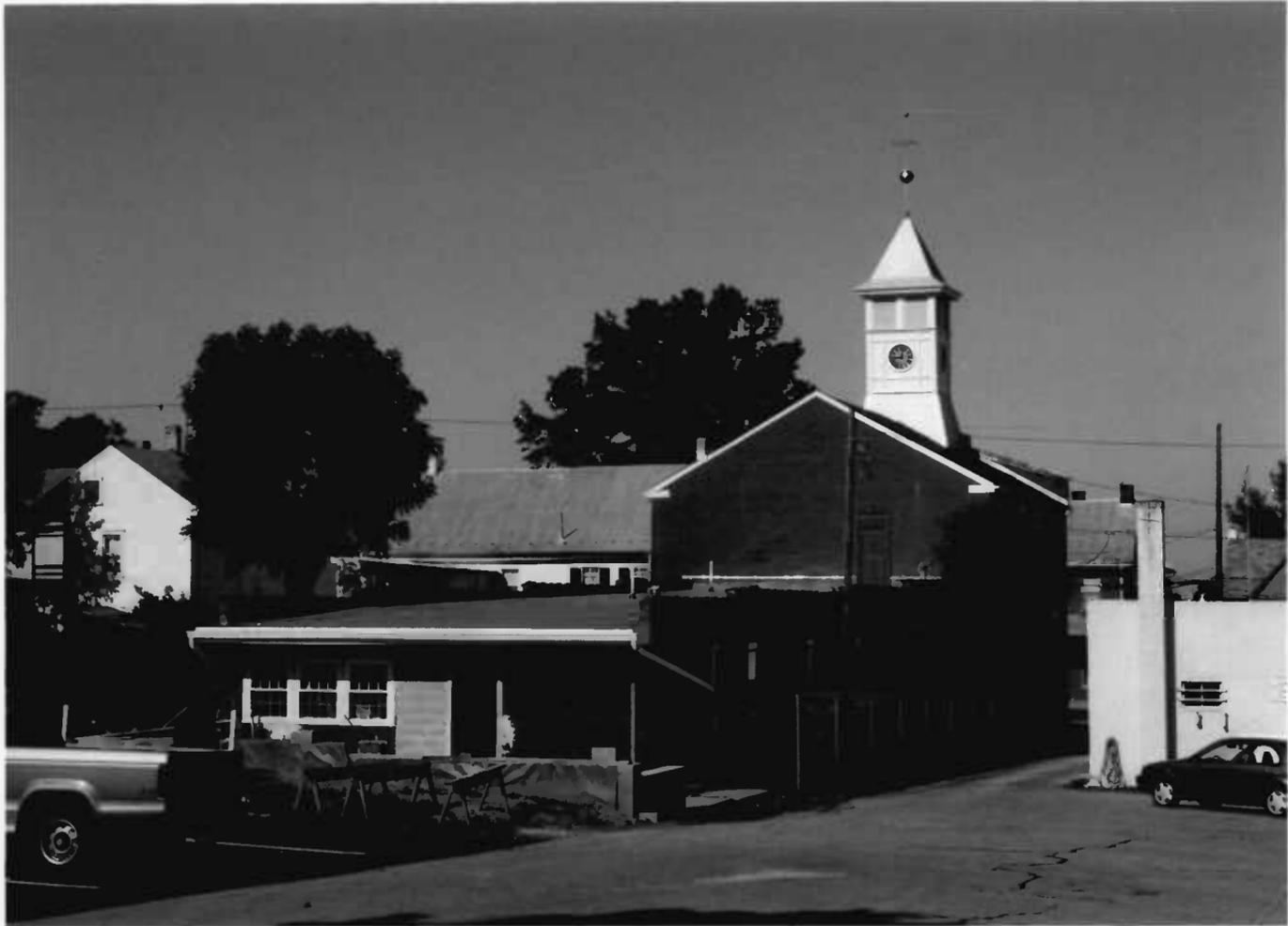
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neg: MD SHPO

looking NW, main building



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looking SW, main building



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27 S. Main St.

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neg: MDSHPD

west elevation, main building



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27 S Main St

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negs. MD SHPO

looking SE. main building

View to Front St

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-763

ADDRESS: 27 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Antiques Store, open during business hours

BUILDING DATE: 1852

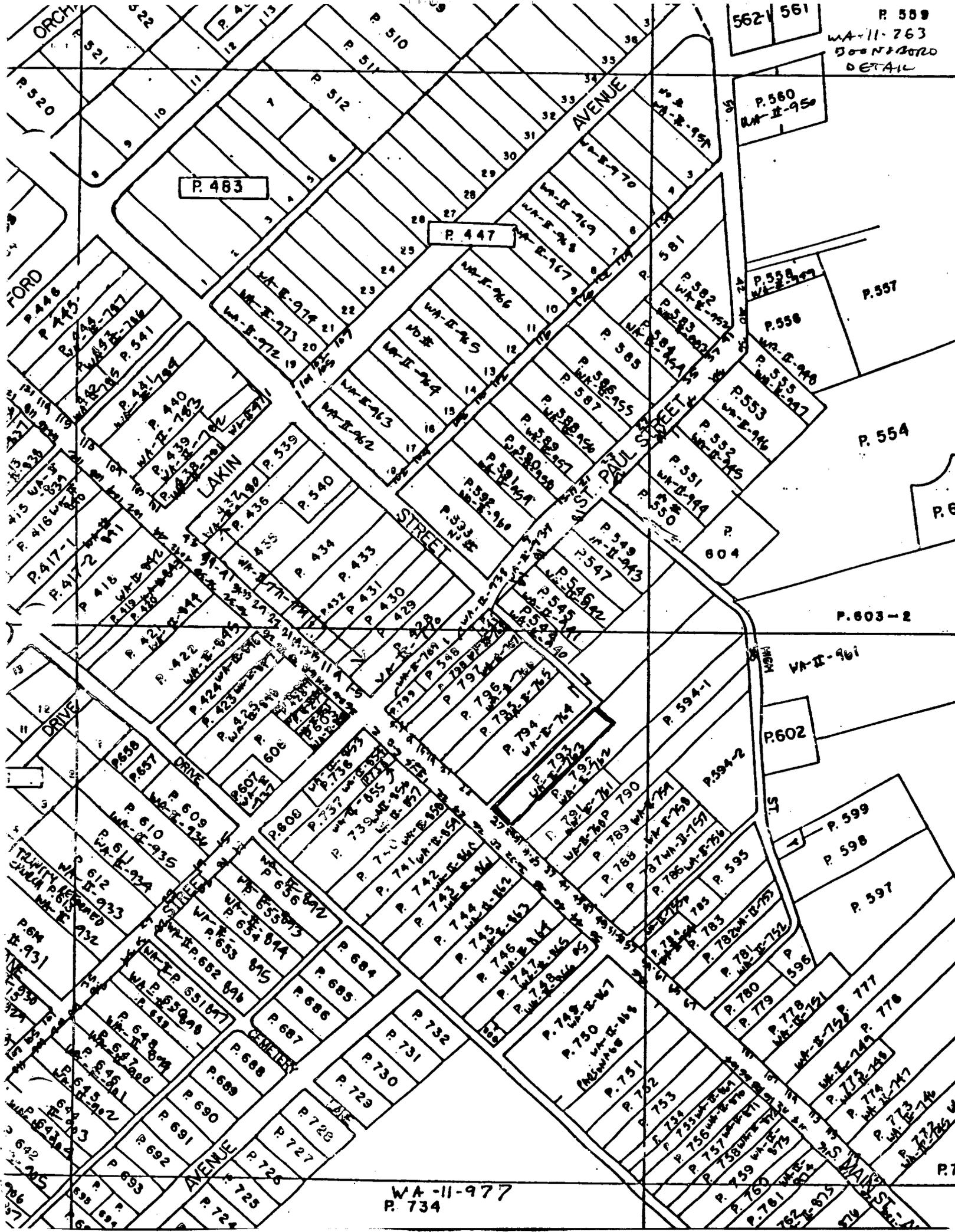
27 South Main Street is a west-facing, vertically massed, two-story, four-bay, brick, freestanding, institutional structure. The building, which is set directly at the southeast corner of Main Street and the first alley south of St. Paul Street, rests at the public-right-of-way on a dressed stone foundation. The brick is laid in common bond and is painted red. The building rises significantly above many of Boonsboro's buildings and is topped by a substantial, square, frame steeple which holds a town landmark--working clocks in several of its faces. The steeple is topped with a fish weathervane. The front-gable roof is covered with artificial roll and has one chimney. The roofline is obscured on the facade of the building by a decorative parapet wall. The first floor of the front of the building was restored to its 1910s appearance (based on historic photographs) after the photograph which accompanies this form was taken. Fenestration includes double-hung, nine-over-six sash windows with shutters and wood sills and lintels.

A cornerstone on the building is carved with the construction date of 1852. The structure was erected by the International Order of Odd Fellows. During the Civil War, it served as a hospital for the Battles of Antietam and South Mountain. The 1877 map of the town shows that the building had returned to its original use by that time. The 1897 and 1904 Sanborns also note the building's use as the IOOF Hall (numbered 265 Main Street). Notations on the 1910 and 1924 Sanborns show that an opera house occupied the first floor

of the front of the building, the IOOF occupied the second floor of that portion, and that a stage and scenery were located on the second floor of the rear portion of the building. By 1940, however, only the IOOF use is noted. According to a walking tour brochure of the town, the main floor and basement of the building also housed businesses at various times with the IOOF meeting on the second floor. The structure was renovated in 1992 and currently serves as an antique shop.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Social/Educational/Cultural; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, July 1992



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