

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: 1 South Main Street Inventory Number: WA-II-769

Address: 1 South Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: Beth Lowry

Tax Parcel Number: 799 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 (WA-II-981)

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. 1 South Main Street is a two-and-one-half-story, three-bay-wide by six-bay-deep, attached, brick, corner commercial building. The brickwork is laid in a six-course American bond. The first floor has been remodeled with modern brickwork, small plate glass windows and a corner entrance. The hip roofline includes gable dormers on the north and west elevations and an interior chimney. The cornice features brackets; there is also a cornice above the first floor. The second floor has 2/2 wood sash windows surmounted by brick jack arches. The upper panes are segmentally arched. As an example of the late-nineteenth-century commercial style of architecture in Boonsboro, this building 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: _____   |   |
| _____   |   |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services   | Date  |
| Reviewer, NR program  | Date  |

**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

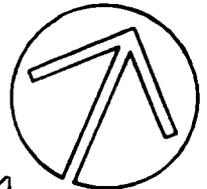
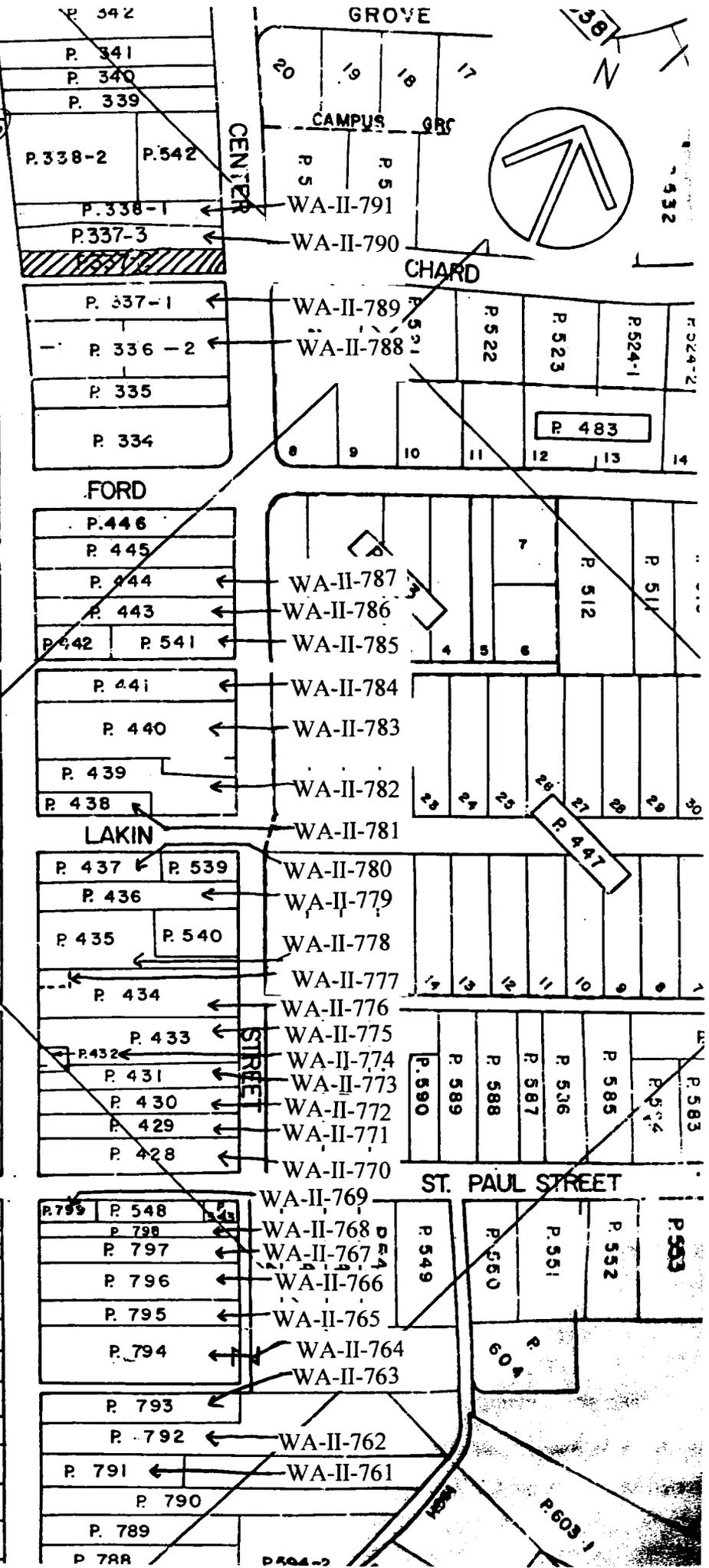
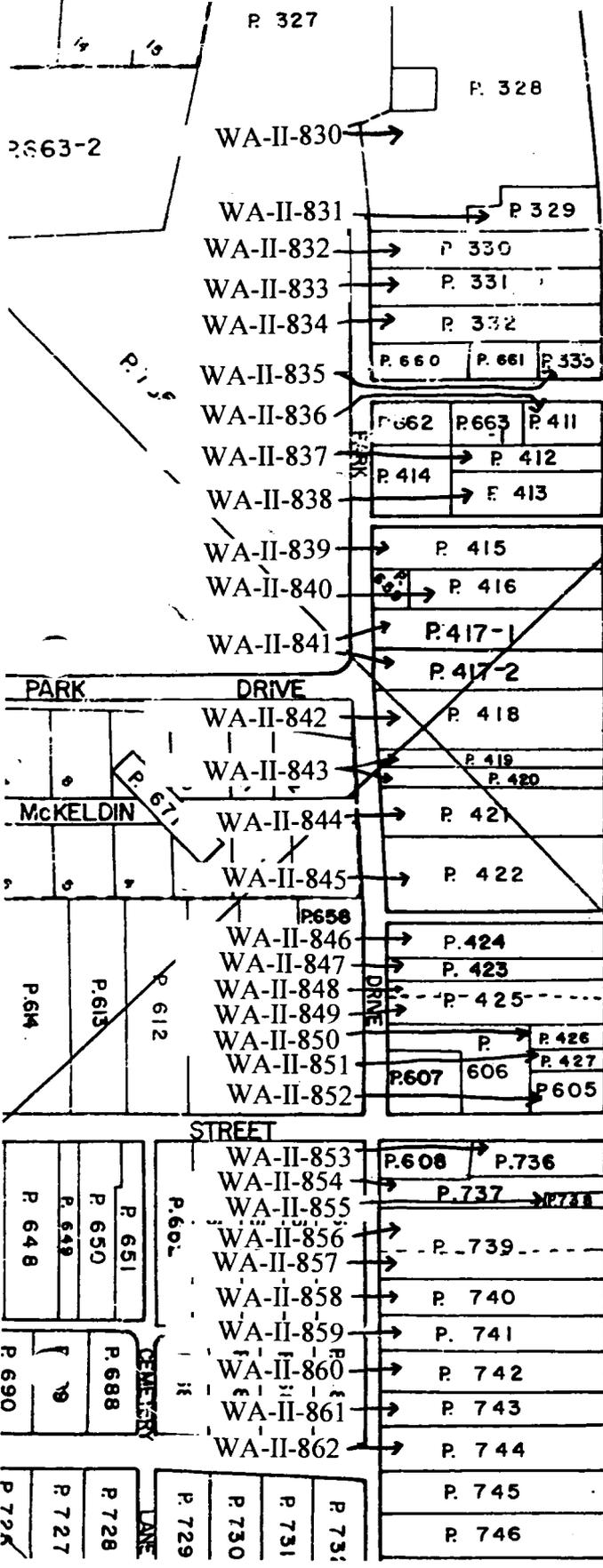
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store; GOVERNMENT/post office

Known Design Source: none

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Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-769 (Parcel 799), 1 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD





WA-11-769

1 S. Main St.

Portland, ME 04101

Portland, ME

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neg. 100 3472

looking SE, main building

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-769

ADDRESS: 1 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: McHenry's; The Hatch, open during business hours

BUILDING DATE: mid 19th century, pre-1877

1 South Main Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, three-bay, brick, attached, residential and commercial structure. The building is set directly at the public-right-of-way at the southeast corner of Main and St. Paul Streets. The brick is laid in a common bond and has been sandblasted. The roof is hipped and is sheathed with tin. There are two dormers facing St. Paul Street and one chimney. The projecting eaves are supported by brackets. The building has undergone extensive alterations on the first floor: all of the storefront windows have been partially bricked in such that there is no view into the building. A door has been cut into the corner of the structure. Windows consist of double-hung, two-over-two sash on the second floor and one-over-one sash in the dormers. The upper panes of the second floor windows are arched. There is an open balcony on the second floor of the building, facing St. Paul Street.

According to Doug Bast, this building stands on original lot 32 that was purchased by John Bronton in 1793 (Liber H, Folio 157). A building is noted on the 1877 map of the town, however, it is unclear whether it is the extant structure. The structure is noted on the 1897 and 1904 Sanborns. At that time, the interior was partitioned into two sections: the northern half (numbered 355 Main) served as a hardware store, the southern half was occupied by a harness shop and was numbered 334. Other notations indicate that the balcony was in place and had an exterior staircase leading up

to it. The building is also noted as being of frame construction with a brick veneer. The 1910 Sanborn indicates that the harness shop had been replaced by an office. By 1924, the interior partition had been removed, creating a single interior space that is labeled on the Sanborn as a store. Historic photographs of the building from the 1910s show that the corner of the building was not chamfered--the entrance was from Main Street and that there was a dormer facing Main Street. Another photograph from the same period shows that the Boonsboro post office was located in the southern portion of the building and that there were no dormers on the structure. This photo also indicates that the storefront windows matched the extant second-floor windows--the top panes were round-arched. Today the first floor is occupied by a bar and the second floor is residential.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, July 1992





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