

**MHT #FHD-1287**

**Andrew Renner Row (107, 109, 111, 113 Water Street)**

**Built around 1894**

**Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland**

**Private dwellings**

#### **Brief Description**

The four, two-story brick dwellings at 107, 109, 111, and 113 Water Street are similar to many other nineteenth-century working-class dwellings in Frederick, and include characteristics that are prevalent in the immediate neighborhood. Each unit was originally three rooms deep, comprised of a two-story main block and a narrower, shed-roofed, two-story rear wing, often referred to locally as a back building. This wing, usually narrower than the main block, typically included a two-story side porch. Additions and alterations have been made to the rear portions of all four units. Although from the front the four units have the appearance of a block of row houses, they were designed more as two connected double houses with a passage running between.

#### **Summary Statement of Significance**

These four brick dwellings are contributing buildings in the Frederick Historic District. They were among the first dwellings erected in Mary Welty's Addition to Frederick, a small subdivision developed in the last decade of the nineteenth century on the south side of the B&O Railroad tracks. They were built by Andrew Renner in 1894 as a speculative venture. Renner made a small profit on the sale of the buildings, which were at first mainly owner-occupied, but became rental properties during the Depression years. Early occupants of the dwellings included a number of men who were employed by the railroad, and later residents were employed by the nearby businesses and industries, such as the Frederick Brick Works, located nearby on South Street.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1287

Magi No.

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### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew Renner Row

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 107, 109, 111, and 113 Water Street  not for publication

city, town Frederick  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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
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### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Please see continuation sheet

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Court House liber please see

street & number 100 West Patrick Street folio continuation sheet

city, town Frederick state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Standing Structures Report, East Street Widening and Extension in Frederick, Maryland

date May 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1 building

The four brick dwellings at 107, 109, 111, and 113 Water Street were probably the first group of dwellings built in the subdivision called Mary Welty's Addition to Frederick, Maryland. The design for the buildings mimics many other nineteenth-century working-class dwellings in Frederick, and includes many of the characteristics that are prevalent in the immediate neighborhood. Each unit was originally three rooms deep, comprised of a two-story main block and a narrower, shed-roofed, two-story rear wing, often referred to locally as a back building. This wing, usually narrower than the main block, typically included a two-story side porch. At the back of the two-story wings were one-story rear wings, although none of the four units retains its original rear wing. Similarly, only 107 Water Street retains its two-story side porch. The porches appear to have been removed from 109 and 111 Water Street, and that on 113 Water Street has been enclosed.

The configuration of doors and windows on the front elevations and the shapes of the rear wings suggest that 107 Water Street is a mirror image of 109 Water Street, and likewise, 111 Water Street is a mirror image of 113 Water Street. Although from the front the four units have the appearance of a block of row houses, they were designed more as two connected double houses with a passage running between. The covered passage between 109 and 111 Water Street permits a space between the back buildings of these two units and allows access to the back of the complex from the front. There are several of these access alleys in the neighborhood, and they are common throughout Frederick. Also, as with most of the buildings in the neighborhood, the front elevation of the row is built out to the property line. The narrow back yards accommodated later additions and outbuildings. An alley along the back of the property allowed for the servicing of privies.

The four two-bay units form a large eight-bay, two-story, nine-course American-bond brick block. The row rests on a low, parged-limestone foundation, pierced by four small, two-light, fixed windows, one in each unit. The standing-seam-metal, gabled roof that covers the four units has a cornice, corbeled with two courses of brick. Three brick flues rise from its ridge, including partial-exterior end chimneys on the north elevation of 107 Water Street and the south elevation of 113 Water Street and a central brick flue rising from the party wall between 109 and 111 Water Street.

All of the windows on the front elevation are six-over-six double sash, except the three windows in 113 Water Street which are one-over-one replacements. Similarly, 113 Water Street has a three-light replacement door, while the other three units appear to retain their original six-panel doors. All of the doors originally had one-light transoms, although those on 113 and 107 Water Street have been covered. The four first-floor windows and four front doors have molded wood cornices. The eight windows in the upper story have flat lintels. This arrangement creates a distinctive hierarchy between the more ornate first story and the plain second story. Decorative paneled shutters have been added to the three windows on the front elevation of 107 Water Street.

To accommodate the slope of the street, 107 and 109 Water Street both have three-step, poured-concrete stoops, while only two concrete steps lead up to 111 and 113 Water Street. The stoops on both 107 and 109 Water Street have wrought-iron rails. A brick-floored porch extends across the front of 113 Water Street. It is covered by a metal awning with open-work metal posts and a metal railing.

The entrance to the ground-level passage between 109 and 111 Water Street has a wood lintel, topped by a brick header course. A corbeled brick arch, spanning the interior of the passage, accommodates the flues for the two units. These flues extend up to the chimney flue above the passage.

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## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates c. 1894 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The houses were built in a small subdivision located in the center of a primarily industrial area on the south side of the B&O Railroad tracks. In 1889, George K. Birely's heirs sold an approximately three-acre tract of land to Horace Welty. Welty and John S. Ramsburg surveyed more than two acres of the tract which they divided into twenty irregularly shaped residential lots situated between the railroad tracks and South Street. These lots are illustrated in a May 23, 1891 plat, recorded in the land records of Frederick County.

Several days after the plat was recorded, Andrew P. Renner, purchased lots 8 and 9 for \$93. The lots both faced east onto the fifty-foot-wide Water Street and extended back about eighty feet to a ten-foot-wide alley. Renner appears to have begun building on the lots within the next few years, and by the middle of 1894 was assessed for property worth a total of \$800. It included four new houses worth \$175 each and two lots worth \$100 each. The footprints of the new houses were illustrated in the 1897 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map. On the map, the four dwellings are identified as 21, 23, 25, and 27 Water Street. The 1897 map shows that all of the dwellings had small square one-story privies at a rear corner of their lots, and both 25 and 27 Water Street had larger outbuildings nearer to the rear of the dwellings. The former also had a one-story addition to the rear.

Renner, who was identified in the 1880 census as a machinist and a first generation German, probably built the dwellings as a speculative venture. By 1897, he had sold all four for a total of \$2,100. He sold the first of the houses, 109 Water Street, to Thomas E. and Sarah Geisinger on April 1, 1896 for \$550. Slightly more than a year later, on April 2, 1897, James E. Poole bought the two adjacent dwellings, 111 and 113 Water Street, for a total of \$1,000. Renner sold the last of the houses on Sept 30, 1897 to John A. and Margaret E. Bair, who purchased 107 Water Street for \$550. A year later, on August 3, 1898 the Pooles, who resided in 111 Water Street, made a profit on 113 Water Street, selling it to Laura Jacobs for \$575.

When the 1900 census was taken, 109, 111, and 113 Water Street were occupied by their owners, who were comprised of nuclear-family working-class households, two headed by males who worked for the railroad, and the third by a widowed female. The household at 109 Water Street was headed by Thomas E. Geisinger, a child of German parents who was

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 5,000 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References **do NOT** complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frederick Tax Map 418 parcels 899A, 900A, 901A, and 902A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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**city or town** Alexandria **state** Virginia

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107 Water Street	Carlos D. and Evelyn Breckenridge 107 Water Street Frederick, Maryland 21701
109 Water Street	Bernard, Elverna, and Geraldine Norwood 109 Water Street Frederick, Maryland 21701
111 Water Street	James F. Albrecht 111 Water Street Frederick, Maryland 21701
113 Water Street	Mary F. and James Lee Baer 113 Water Street Frederick, Maryland 21701

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107 Water Street                      liber 1067, folio 560

109 Water Street                      liber 998, folio 135

111 Water Street                      liber 945, folio 228

113 Water Street                      liber 993, folio 106

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The north elevation of the gable end of 107 Water Street has a small, four-light, attic window asymmetrically placed below the peak of the gable. The back building of 107 Water Street is the only one of the four that is built of brick. It also retains its original two-story porch. This porch features turned posts and a balustrade of square balusters. The east end of the balcony has been enclosed with composition siding and has one, single-light, fixed window. A one-story shed-roofed porch, supported on four-by-fours, extends northward from the first-story porch. Its roof is covered with composition shingles. On the first story of the back building is a two-over-two, double sash replacement window with a plain sill and lintel. The second-story window matches those on the front.

The back building of 109 Water Street abuts that of 107 Water Street, forming a shallow, gable-ended projection from the back of the two buildings. The back buildings of 111 and 113 Water Street are similarly configured. Although the shape of the back building of 109 Water Street mirrors that of 107 Water Street, there are a number of distinct differences. The back building on 109 Water Street is frame, and it lacks the two-story porch, which appears to have been removed. It is clad with drop or German cladding with corner boards. The windows on the rear of both back buildings are six-over-six sash, except for that on the first story of 107 Water Street, which is two-over-two. On the west rear elevation of 109 Water Street is a one-story, concrete-block, shed-roofed addition. The south and west elevations of this addition each have one fixed, three-light window, and the west elevation also has a door. The north elevation has no openings.

There is an approximately ten-foot-wide space between the back buildings of 109 and 111 Water Street. Above the passage, the rear elevation of the main block is visible. It is two-bays-wide, is clad in wood siding, and has two small one-over-one double sash windows, one in each unit. The west rear elevation of 111 Water Street is a mirror image of 109 Water Street except that it has two-over-two double sash windows and lacks the one-story addition.

The back building of 113 Water Street differs from the other three in that the original two-story porch has been enclosed and is clad with vinyl siding. The one-over-one double sash replacement windows throughout this back building are smaller than the original windows. A shed-roofed porch, supported on four-by-fours, extends from the rear of the back building. Its roof is covered with standing seam metal, and its north side is enclosed with vertical boards and wood lattice. The south elevation of the gable-roofed section of 113 Water Street is the mirror image of the north elevation of 107 Water Street.

Only the interior of the first floor of 113 Water Street was accessible, but no interior photographs or measurements were permitted. It appears that all of the original interior fabric has been removed or covered with new materials. The interior has been heavily remodeled with paneling, floor coverings, and dropped ceilings. The original plan of the rooms, however, has not been changed. The unit is three rooms deep with no side hall. The stairs to the second floor are in the middle room and extend along the partition wall between the two rooms, rising from north to south. This arrangement differs from the stair placements in other buildings of the neighborhood, which are typically located in the corners of rooms or along side walls. The stair treads are all new construction, but according to the owner, the stair remains in its original place. A long, narrow room along the south side of the unit was formed from the enclosed side porch.

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described as a 43-year-old "engineer (stationary)." His 41-year-old wife, Sarah A., had given birth to five children, and the three that were still alive lived with their parents. The eldest, Clarence E., was 17 years old and worked as a farm laborer. Their daughters, 15-year-old Alla M. and 12-year-old Nellie A., were both listed as nurses, likely indicating that they were employed as babysitters or nannies in other households. In 111 Water Street, James E. Poole, also described as an "engineer (stationary)" was 44 years old, and his wife, Alice V., was 40. They lived with their 3-year-old adopted daughter, Miriam E. Next door, Laura Jacobs, a 48-year old widow, was the head of the household in 113 Water Street. She was described in the census as a housekeeper, and because this particular enumerator listed no occupations for most of the married women in the neighborhood, this description likely indicated that she was employed outside of her own home in this occupation. Only five of her nine children were still living, and all of them, ranging in age from four to seventeen, lived with her. Her only daughter, Grace, was the eldest and worked as a servant, and three of her four sons attended school. Although John Bair owned 21 Water Street, he was not enumerated in the neighborhood in the 1900 census, and no residents were listed at that address.

During the next decade, two of the four houses were sold to new owners. In 1901, James and Alice Poole sold 111 Water Street to Charles Eyer for \$515, and four years later, Eyer sold the house to Edmund E. Crawford for \$525. Then in 1906, Laura Jacobs defaulted on her mortgage payment, and John Benjamin Ford bought her house, 113 Water Street, for \$540 from her creditors.

As was quite typical of this neighborhood, the buyers included long-time residents of the neighborhood, and likewise, some of the sellers remained in the neighborhood, moving into other dwellings nearby. Edmund Crawford, who bought 111 Water Street in 1905, had been enumerated in the census five years earlier as a newlywed living at 156 B&O Avenue with his in-laws, Michael and Elizabeth Bowers. By the time of the 1910 census, he and his wife Mary had children of their own, including 7-year-old Francis, 6-year-old Sophia, and 3-year-old Margarita. Edmund Crawford, who had been employed as a gardner in 1900, was listed as a railroad track hand in 1910.

While the young Crawford couple likely moved into 111 Water Street to accommodate their growing family, the middle-aged Poole's moved from 111 Water Street into a new, larger home at 123 Water Street, which tax assessment records appear to indicate that they built around 1902.

The owners and occupants of 113 Water Street also had prior attachments to the neighborhood. John Benjamin Ford, who purchased the house from Laura Jacobs, lived at 112 Water Street and owned several other houses on the street. He made a profit when he sold Jacobs' house to Frank Sheffield in 1909 for \$700. Sheffield probably did not live in the house, but rented it to Millard Barthlow, a bartender who owned a saloon called "Old Glory." Barthlow's wife, the former Francis Elizabeth Burke, had lived nearby on B&O Avenue since 1892, when her family moved to Frederick from Staunton, Virginia, in search of work. By 1910, when she was living at 113 Water Street with her husband and children, her mother, two of her brothers, and a number of nieces and nephew all lived nearby in houses on B&O Avenue.

At the time of the 1910 census, the Barthlows rented 113 Water Street, but by the end of the year, Millard Barthlow purchased the house from the Sheffields for \$700. According to Millard and Elizabeth Barthlow's granddaughter, Bertha Kennedy, who still owns property in the neighborhood, Millard Barthlow bought 113 Water Street with gold coins which he had saved in a tin can bank nailed to the floor.

While 113 and 111 Water Street changed hands during the first decade of the twentieth century, 109 and 107

Water Street remained the property of their original purchasers. Thomas E. Geisinger still resided in 109 Water Street, but his wife had died. At 52, he was employed as a stationary fireman, and lived with his daughter Allie, who had married and had two children, 4-year-old Annie and 2-year-old John. Her husband, John Hauson, whose father was a native of Denmark, worked as a signal repairman for the railroad.

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At the end of the row, the Bair family occupied 107 Water Street. John Bair, who was 52, was a flag man on the railroad. His 49-year-old wife Margaret had given birth to two children, but only her daughter, 14-year-old Mary, was still living.

During the second decade of the twentieth century, 109 and 111 Water Street changed hands. Edmund Crawford sold 111 Water Street to George B. and Lillian F. Kehne in 1914, and Thomas Geisinger sold 109 Water Street to William and Margaret Hildebrand in 1919 for \$850. The Kehnes did not live on the street, but rented 111 Water Street to William Oden a floor manager at a flour mill his wife Kathryn and their five children, ranging in age from 2 to 12. The house changed hands three times in the 1920s and 1930s and had a number of different renters. Among them was Charles C. Crum and his wife, the former Margaret Barthlow, both of whom were longtime residents of the neighborhood. In the 1950s and 1960s, the house was rented by Addison Hoffman and his wife Marie, and was purchased by its present owner, James F. Albrecht, in 1974.

In 1920 Maggie Hildebrand, 48, was listed as the head of the household in 109 Water Street, and her husband William was a 55-year-old fireman at the brick yard. Their 15-year-old son, William, was also a brick yard employee. The Hildebrands sold the house to Vernon and Grace Rhoads in 1929, and it subsequently served as a rental dwelling. By 1935, the house was rented by Ambrose Norwood, a laborer, and his wife Lillie. His household, which numbered eight people in the 1940s, included Bernard, Geraldine, and Elverna Norwood, who finally purchased the house in 1976 and remain its owner occupants. Bernard worked as a brick layer, and Elverna was a presser for the Frederick Tailoring Company. Geraldine worked for a time as a saleswoman at McCrory's and later as a machine operator at Price Electric.

In 1920, the Bairs were still living at 107 Water Street along with their daughter and her husband, Elias Wastler, a machinist at a garage. The Wastlers inherited the house and resided in it until they sold it to Guy Wetzel in 1933. Wetzel owned several other properties in the neighborhood and maintained 107 Water Street as a rental dwelling. At least three different households occupied the house in succession until the late 1940s when brick mason Carlos D. Breckenridge moved into the house with his wife, Evelyn. In 1978, the Breckenridges bought the house they had been renting for nearly four decades, and are its current owner-occupants.

By 1920, the Barthlows in 113 Water Street had had three more children, making the family a total of eight people. They moved out of the house in the 1930s, and in 1940, Millard Barthlow and his second wife sold the property to Lillie Baer, who had grown up at 142 B&O Avenue. City Directories indicate that Lillie Baer resided in the home on B&O Avenue, and her son Franklin lived in 113 Water Street with his wife Elizabeth and their large family.

In 1940, Franklin Baer was a plumber at an establishment called Wilson's Stove House, but by 1946 he had opened his own business, Baer's Plumbing Heating and Roofing, which he operated out of the his Water Street home. In 1950, Baer purchased an advertisement in the *Polk's City Directory* stating that his business serviced all types and makes of oil burners and also performed plumbing, spouting, and roofing. Franklin's brother Ralph, who lived with their mother in 142 B&O Avenue, was listed as a co-owner of the business. Bruce Baer, who was probably Franklin's son, lived at 113 Water Street and worked as a plumber's apprentice. By 1960, Franklin Baer was still running the plumbing business, but Bruce Baer had moved to 119 Water Street and worked for a tire manufacturer. Three other members listed in the household at 113 Water Street were James Baer, a clerk; Joan Baer, a waitress at the Koffee Kup; and Mary Baer, also a waitress.

In 1960, the house was deeded from Lillie Baer to Franklin T. Baer, his wife Mary Elizabeth, and their daughter, also named Mary Elizabeth Baer. In 1976, it passed from them to Mary E. and James Lee Baer. The house is currently occupied by Bruce Baer and his wife.

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107 Water Street

Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
Nov. 2, 1978	Deed: Florence R. Wetzel to Carlos D. and Evelyn Breckenridge	Part of lot 9 on Mary Welty Plat	Deed Book 1067/560
Aug. 22, 1969	Deed: Shirley Wetzel to Florence R. and Guy Wetzel	numerous parcels, including 107 Water St.	Deed Book 810/152
Aug. 22, 1969	Deed: Florence R. and Guy Wetzel to Shirley Wetzel	numerous parcels, including 107 Water St.	Deed Book 810/150
1960	City Directory: Carlos D. Breckenridge (Evelyn) brick layer	renter of 107 Water Street	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Carlos D. Breckenridge	renter of 107 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Carlos D. Breckenridge (Evelyn) brick mason	renter of 107 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Milton E. Dixon, household of 2	renter of 107 Water Street	Polk 1945
1940-41	City Directory: Charles C. Burdette (Bertha) laborer, household of 8	renters of 107 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
1935	City Directory: Edward M. Hahn	occupant of 107 Water Street	Polk 1935
Nov. 15, 1933	Deed: Elias J. and Mary Marie Wastler (nee Bair) to Guy Wetzel	Part of lot 9 on Welty Plat	Deed Book 388/581
1928-29	City Directory: E.J. Wastler	occupant of 107 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
January 5, 1920	Census: John O. Bear, 62, flagman on railroad; Margaret, 59, wife; Clarence Waster, son-in-law, 23, machinist at garage; Marie, daughter, 23	Owner occupants of 107 Water Street	1920 census
April 20, 1910	Census: John Bear, 52, flagman on railroad; Margaret, wife, 49, housekeeper (1 surviving of 2 children); Mary, daughter, 14	Owner occupants of 107 Water Street	1910 census
June 2, 1900	[possibly Steuart Gosnell and family as renters]		1900 Census
November 1897	Tax Assessment: John A. Bair for \$275	Lot #21 and house of A.P. Renner	Tax Book 1896-1910
Sept. 30, 1897	Deed: Andrew P. and Mary E. Renner to John A. and Margaret E. Bair for \$550	21 Water Street; part of lot 9 on Welty Plat	Deed Book JLJ 16/467

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1897	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$825	Lots 21,25, and 27 at \$275 each	Tax Book 1896-1910
1897	Fire Insurance Map	property shown as 2-story dwelling with 2-story rear addition with a 2-story side porch and 1-story rear addition; 21 Water St. in row of four	Sanborn Map
June 4, 1894	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$800	for four new houses at \$175 each and two lots at \$100	Tax Book 1896-1910
April 19, 1892	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$100	two lots from H.G. Welty	Tax Book 1896-1910
April 19, 1892	Tax Assessment: Horace G. Welty for - \$100	two lots to Andrew P. Renner	Tax Book 1896-1910
May 29, 1891	Deed: Horace G. and Mary Alice Welty to Andrew P. Renner for \$93	Lots 8 and 9 on Welty Plat	Deed Book WIP 13/656
May 23, 1891	Map:	Plat of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick City Maryland; plat showing 20 variously shaped lots fronting on Water and South streets and B&O Avenue	Deed Book WIP 13/376
May 25, 1891	Deed: Joseph and Adeline Welty (of Tuscarora Ohio) to their daughter-in-law Mary A. Welty for \$1 and natural love and affection	2 acres, 1 rood and 11½ perches	Deed Book WIP 13/372
Jan. 18, 1890	Deed: Horace G. and Mary A. Welty to Joseph Welty for \$500	2 acres, 1 rood and 11½ perches	Deed Book WIP 9/667
April 8, 1890	Tax Assessment: George K. Birely heirs -\$462	3 acres, 3 roods and 16 perches of land to H.G. Welty	Tax Book 1876-1896
Nov. 26, 1889	Deed: Lewis Birely heirs to Horace G. Welty for \$1,000	Tract containing 3 acres, 3 roods and 16 perches	Deed Book WIP 9/597
April 8, 1867	Tax Assessment: George K. Birely heirs for \$3,375	for 15 acres of vacant lots near B&O railroad	Tax Book 1866-1876
July 22, 1840	Deed: Joshua Dill to Lewis Birely for \$475.70	Part of Resurvey on Meadow containing 3 acres, 3 roods and 29 perches	Deed Book HS 11/292

109 Water Street

Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
Sept. 10, 1976	Deed: Darlene Brunner (personal rep. of Grayson P. Wachter, sole heir of Helen Rhoads Wachter) to Bernard, Elverna and Geraldine Norwood for \$7,400	109 Water Street, half of double brick dwelling	Deed Book 998/135
1960	City Directory: Mrs. Lillie Norwood, widow of Ambrose; Bernard Norwood, bricklayer; Elverna Norwood, presser Frederick Tailoring; Geraldine Norwood, machine operator, Price Electric	renters of 109 Water Street	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Ambrose M. Norwood	renters of 109 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Ambrose M. Norwood (Lillie) laborer Park Department; Bernard Norwood, bricklayer; Elverna Norwood, presser; Geraldine Norwood, saleswoman at McCrory's	renters of 109 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Ambrose M. Norwood, household of 8	renters of 109 Water Street	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Ambrose M. Norwood (Lillie) laborer, household of 8	renters of 109 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
1935	City Directory: Ambrose M. Norwood	occupant of 109 Water Street	Polk 1935
March 28, 1929	Deed: William H. Hildebrand to Vernon M. and Grace Rhoads	109 Water St. on 15' x 80' lot	Deed Book 370/141
1928-29	City Directory: W. H. Hilderbrand	occupant of 109 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
January 6, 1920	Census: Maggie Hildebrand, 48; William, husband, 55, fireman at brick yard; William, son, 15, reels brick at brick yard	Owner occupants of 113 Water Street (most likely an error)	1920 census
April 24, 1919	Deed: Thomas E. and Bessie V. Geisinger to William H. and Margaret J. Hildebrand for \$850	109 Water St. on 15' x 80' lot	Deed Book 328/218

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April 20, 1910	Census: John Hauson, 28, (father b. in Denmark) signal repairman; Allie, wife, 29 (2 surviving children) housekeeper; Annie, 4; John, 2; Thomas E. Geisinger, father-in-law, 52, widower (both parents born in Germany, stationary fireman	Renters of 109 Water Street	1910 census
June 2, 1900	Census: Thomas E. Geisinger, 43, Engineer (stationary); Sarah A, wife, 41, (mother of 5, 3 still living); Clarence E., son, 17, farm laborer; Alla M., daughter, 15, nurse and; Nellie A., daughter, 12, nurse	23 Water Street	1900 Census
1897	Tax Assessment: Thomas E. Geisinger for \$175	lot on Water St. with 2-story brick house, \$50 of furniture	Tax Book 1896-1910
1897	Fire Insurance Map	2-story dwelling w/ 2-story rear addition w/ 2-story side porch and 1-story rear wing; 23 Water St. in row of four	Sanborn Map
April 1, 1896	Deed: Andrew P. and Mary Renner to Thomas E. and Sarah Geisinger for \$550	23 Water Street	Deed Book JLJ 11/701
April 1, 1896	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner	25'-lot and one of four houses to Thomas E. Geisinger	Tax Book 1896-1910
June 4, 1894	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$800	for four new houses at \$175 each and two lots at \$100	Tax Book 1896-1910
April 19, 1892	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$100	two lots from H.G. Welty	Tax Book 1896-1910
Prior to 1892	see 107 Water Street		

111 Water Street

Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
Aug. 6, 1974	Deed: Grayson P. Wachter to James F. Albrecht	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat, 111 S. Water St.	Deed Book 945/228
1960	City Directory: Addison L. Hoffman (Marie)	renters of 111 Water Street	Polk 1960

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1955	City Directory: Addison L. Hoffman	renters of 111 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Addison L. Hoffman (Marie); Ida Hoffman, sales clerk at McCrory's	renters of 111 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: George F. Rays, household of 10	renters of 111 Water Street	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Lewis Hurst (Mary E.) driver, household of 6	renters of 111 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
Feb. 27, 1936	Deed: Matilda V. and Foster H. Blickenstaff to Grayson P. and Helen Rhoads Wachter	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat, 111 S. Water St.	Deed Book 406/376
1935	City Directory: Roy E. Rippeon	renter of 111 Water Street	Polk 1935
June 4, 1934	Deed: Joseph A. House, widower, to Matilda V. Blickenstaff	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat	Deed Book 395/4
1928-29	City Directory: C.C. Crum	renter of 111 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
April 2, 1924	Deed: John A. and Robert V. Harris to Joseph A. House	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat	Deed Book 348/156
Mar. 31, 1923	Deed: George B. and Lillian F. Kehne to John and Roberta V. Harris	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat	Deed Book 342/578
January 5, 1920	William Oden, 31, floor manager at flour mill; Kathryn, wife, 29; George, 12; [son], 12; Margaret, 7; William, 4; Earl, 2	Renters of 111 Water Street	1920 census
May 8, 1914	Deed: Edmund E. Crawford to George B. Kehne	Part of lot 8 on Mary Welty Plat	Deed Book HWB 308/532
April 20, 1910	Census: Edmond E. Crawford, 31, B&O track hand; Mary A. wife, 29, (3 surviving children), housekeeper; Francis B, 7; Sophia E. 6; Margaret M. 3	Renters of 111 Water Street	1910 census
June 15, 1905	Tax Assessment: Edmund Crawford for \$350	Lot and house at 111 Water Street from Charles Eyer, \$50 of furniture	Tax Book 1895-1910

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June 9, 1905	Deed: Charles E. and Laura B. Eyler to Edmund E. Crawford for \$525	Part of lot 8 on Welty Plat with half of 2-story brick and frame double house, 25 Water St.	Deed Book STH 271/25
Dec. 17, 1901	Tax Assessment: Charles E. Eyler for \$350	Lot and house #25 Water Street from James Poole plus \$50 of furniture	Tax Book 1895-1910
Dec. 2, 1901	Deed: James E. and Alice V. Poole to Charles E. Eyler for \$515	25 Water Street	Deed Book DHH 13/11
June 2, 1900	Census: James E. Poole, 44, Engineer (stationary); Alice V., 40, wife; Miriam E. 3, adopted daughter	25 Water Street	1900 Census
April 10, 1897	Tax Assessment: James E. Poole for \$550	2 lots and 2 houses, 25 and 27 Water Street from A.P. Renner	Tax Book 1896-1910
April 2, 1897	Deed: Andrew P. and Mary E. Renner to James E. Poole for \$1,000	Lot 8 and 8' of lot 9 with 2-story brick and frame double house, 25 and 27 Water St.	Deed Book JLJ 16/82
1897	Tax Assessment: Andrew P. Renner for \$825	Lots 21, 25, and 27 at \$275 each	Tax Book 1896-1910
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113 Water Street

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July 20, 1976	Deed: Franklin Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Baer and Mary Elizabeth Baer O'Hara to Mary E. and James Lee Baer	113 Water Street, fronting 18' on Water Street	Deed Book 993/106
Nov. 22, 1960	Deed: Lillie M. Baer (widow) to Franklin Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Baer and Mary Elizabeth Baer (daughter)	113 Water Street	Deed Book 645/519
1960	City Directory: Baer's Plumbing & Heating; Franklin T. Baer (Mary E.); James Baer, clerk; Joan Baer, waitress at Koffee Kup; Mary, waitress	Owner occupants 113 Water Street	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Baer's Plumbing & Heating; Franklin T. Baer	Owner occupants 113 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Baer's Plumbing Heating and Roofing; Franklin T. Baer (Elizabeth); Lillie Baer, widow of William; Bruce O. Baer, apprentice plumber	Owner occupants 113 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Baer's Plumbing Heating and Roofing, Franklin T. Baer, household of 14	Owner occupants 113 Water Street	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Franklin T. Baer (Elizabeth), plumber, Wilson's Stove House, household of 10	Owner occupants 113 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
Feb. 26, 1940	Deed: Millard E. and Sara Edna Barthlow [nee Swope- 2nd wife] to Lillie M. Baer	113 Water Street, fronting 18' on Water Street	Deed Book 423/151
1935	City Directory: Mrs. Ruth C. Bowers	occupant of 113 Water Street	Polk 1935
1928-29	City Directory: M.E. Barthlow	occupant of 113 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
January 5, 1920	Census: Millard Barthlow, 42, restaurant proprietor; Elizabeth, wife, 41 (b. Virginia); Margaret, 17; Gertrude, 13; Millard, 10; Madeline, 8; Russell, 5; Kathryn, 3	owner occupants of 113 Water Street	1920 census

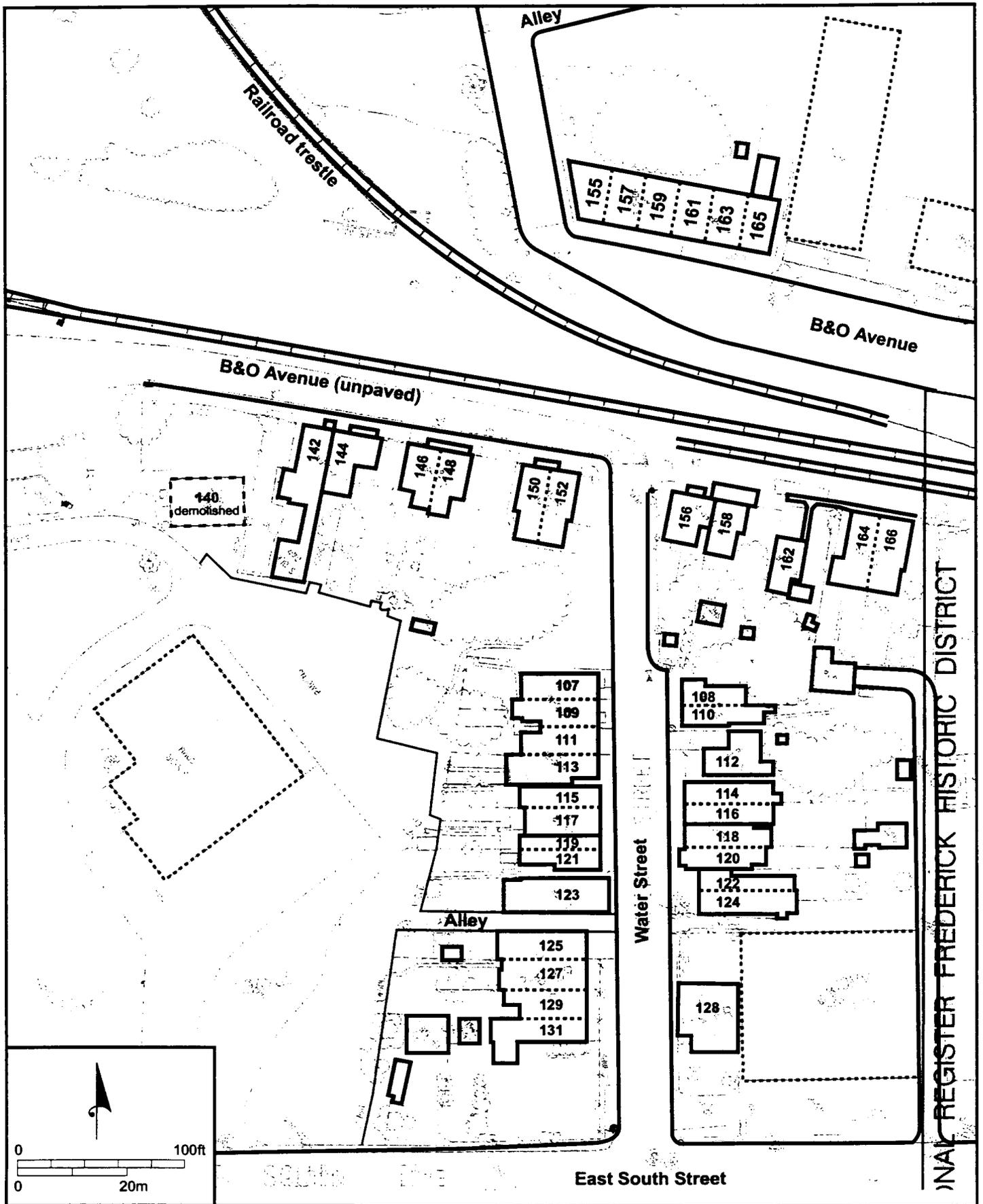
Nov. 30, 1910	Deed: Frank E. and Annie Sheffield to Millard E. Barthlow [his wife was Francis Elizabeth Burke, daughter of Emily Caroline Burke] for \$700	property fronting 18' on Water Street	Deed Book HWB 294/259
April 20, 1910	Census: Millard Barthlow, 33, bartender; Elizabeth, wife, 32 (3 surviving children of 4, b. Virginia) housekeeper; Margaret, 9; Emily H., 4; Millard E., 1	Renters of 113 Water Street	1910 census
May 15, 1909	Deed: John Benjamin and Annie S. Ford to Frank Sheffield for \$700	previous deed cited	Deed Book HWB 294/258
May 25, 1906	Deed: Jesse F.R. Heagy (Laura A. and Denton E. Jacobs defaulted on loan) to John Benjamin Ford for \$540	previous deed cited	Deed Book STH 274/505
June 2, 1900	Census: Laura Jacobs, 48 widow, with 5 surviving children of nine, housekeeper; Grace W., 17, daughter, servant; Elmer, 13, son, at school; Albert A, 11, son, at school; Roy F., 7 son, at school; Keefer, 4, son	Owner occupants of 27 Water Street	1900 census
1898	Tax Assessment: Laura Jacobs (widow) for \$350	Lot and house #27 of James E. Poole	Tax Book 1896-1910
Aug. 3, 1898	Deed: James E. and Alice V. Poole to Laura Jacobs for \$575	Southern portion of lot 8, 15' fronting on Water St. with south half of double dwelling	Deed Book DHH 1/713
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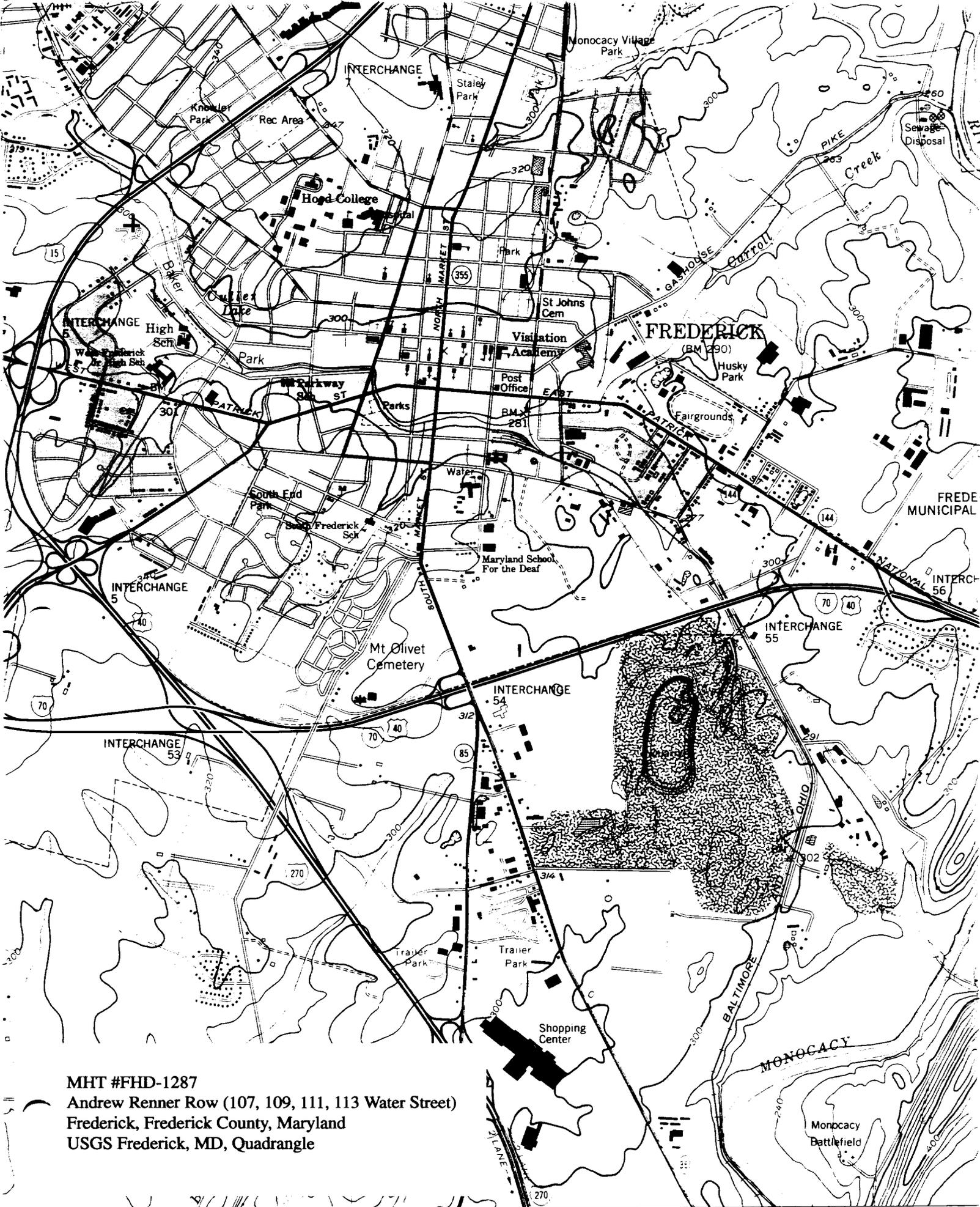
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107 & 109 EAST (FRONT) ELEVATION. Looking West

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107 NORTH Elevation, Looking SW

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