WO-85 1902
Old Paran Lodge, I.O.O.F
Berlin
private

The two-story, four-bay brick structure that marks the corner of South Main and Jefferson streets was erected by the local order of Odd Fellows with their meeting hall located on the second floor. The first floor was for many years the location of Joe Boston's general store. Now housing an antique shop on the first floor and an art studio on the second, the hip roofed building structure has had few changes since 1902. The intact Victorian storefront is marked by recessed entrances and flanking plate glass display windows. One of the most unusual features are the carved wooden letters and the three interlocking links marking the entrance to the fraternal lodge's meeting room. Significant to the interior is the intact pressed metal ceiling on the second floor.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: PARAN LODGE, I.O.O.F

MHT Inventory Number: WO-85

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 URBAN-INDUSTRIAL DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. COMMERCIAL BUILDING

b. former meeting hall

Survey No. WO-85

Magi No. 2400855711

DOE ___yes ___no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic PARAN LODGE, I.O.O.F

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2 South Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Berlin ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	x commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward H. and Page Hammond, Jr.

street & number 313 South Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 ___ federal x state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
x good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Paran Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of South Main Street and Jefferson Street in the heart of the Berlin business district in Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay pressed brick structure faces northeast with the hip roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1902, the stretcher and common bond brick structure, four bays across by four bays deep, is covered by a slate hip roof with cross gables marking the street elevations.

The northeast (main) facade is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation with brick pilasters defining each bay. The first floor commercial front has been largely preserved with a recessed double door entrance flanked by large plate glass display windows. The paneled knee walls rest on granite sills. To the south is a separate recessed entrance with an adjacent display window and paneled knee wall. Stretching across above the display windows is an elaborate bracketed cornice that is now sheltered by a metal awning. The second floor, marked by four recessed bays, is lighted by large four-over-one sash windows with segmental arched headers. The arches consist of triple rows of rollocks and the windows are fitted with rusticated granite sills. Fixed in the center of the front wall beneath the bracketed metal cornice is a marble date plaque inscribed, I.O.O.F Hall, Paran Lodge, 1902. Atop the slate roof is a cross gable finished with a bracketed metal cornice and decorative slate shingles within the tympanum. A protective metal ridge finishes the top of the cross gable.

The north side of the building is marked by four recessed bays as well. The southernmost bay is filled with two glazed door openings surmounted by segmental triple rollock arches. Fixed above door to the second floor are letters carved of wood, I, O, O, F, as well as a wooden symbol of three interlocking links. The second floor is lighted by four four-over-one sash windows also fitted with segmental arches and granite sills. The bracketed cornice is the same as the front wall and a cross gable marks the roof. Piercing the cross gable roof is a narrow brick stove stack.

The rear and south side seven course common bond walls are less elaborately finished. The rear wall is an asymmetrical facade with a side four-panel rear door in the westernmost bay. The door is topped by a single-pane transom and it is flanked by a single-pane sash window. Piercing the second floor are three window openings. The south side, on the other hand, is an asymmetrical four bays with three single-pane sash windows on the first floor topped by double row arches. An interior side brick stack protrudes through the roof.

Perhaps the most distinctive interior feature is the pressed metal ceiling that survives on the second floor.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	_x_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	_x_ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
_x_ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B _x_C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state _x_local

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

The Paran Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows in a prominent two-story, four-bay brick structure that defines the center of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The pressed brick exterior has had few changes since the early twentieth century and retains an intact Victorian storefront of recessed entrances and plate glass display windows. Fixed at the top of the front wall is a marble date plaque inscribed, I. O. O. F. Hall, Paran Lodge, 1902. Extant above the northern rear entrance are wooden letters and three interlocking wooden links that represent the fraternal order. Also noteworthy is the slate hip roof, cross gables, and metal cornice that trims the perimeter of the roof. Inside, the second floor pressed metal ceiling is perhaps the most significant feature.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WC-85

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization P. O. Box 5 date 7/22/88

street & number Westover telephone

city or town state MD 21871

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8-28-74 FWH 448/357 Ellen Whaley Patton personal representative for estate of Addie Byrd Henry Carey

4-6-20 ACR 1/231 described in will of Adeline Henry Byrd

5-29-02 FHP 17/42 a 99 yr. lease to Paron Lodge No. 64 of I.O.O.F. from Adeline H. Byrd.

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PARAN LODGE, I.O.O.F.
Berlin, MD Quadrangle
1967

FHR-8-253 (10-78)

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Form Approved
OMB No. 42-R1765

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D.C. 20243

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: *Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.*

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: Odd Fellows building

Address of property: Street Corner Jefferson and South Main Street

City Berlin County Worcester State MD Zip Code 21811

Name of historic district in which property is located: Berlin Commercial District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

This turn of the century structure is brick with two stories and an attic, slate roof and gable fronts and galvanized roof cornice. On the Main street side a metal awning is suspended over two wood storefronts with a wooden cornice and large display windows, transoms and recessed entries with granite stoops. (see reverse side)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

Town records indicate that there has been a meeting hall on this site since 1853. From that date until the destruction of the original structure by fire in 1902, the site was used as a gaathering place for the militia. The current building (see reverse side)

Date of construction (if known): 1902 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): Minor

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Edward H. Hammond, Jr. and Thomas J. Patton Tenants in Partnership

Street 313 South Main Street

City Berlin State MD Zip Code 21811

Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (301) 289-3553

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Edward H. Hammond Date 4/10/84

SSN Masked

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☐ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature _____ Date _____
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,
☐ is hereby certified a historic structure.
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE CONT'D

Entry to the second floor is from the outside on the Jefferson streetside. A wide stained and varnished pine stairwell leads from the ground floor landing to a second floor ante~~outer~~room. The building is in excellent physical condition with most original elements intact. The only significant alterations have been partitions installed to create bathrooms and storage space. These partitions have not altered the character of the major 1st and 2nd floor spaces.

STATEMENT OF SIG~~GIS~~NIFICANCE CONT'D

was constructed in 1902 by the International Order of Oddfellows. Its most recent owner before its sale to the applicant was the Brotherhood of Redmen and their Sisterhood Auxilliary.

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~~Cat#~~ Date:

Building Name: Paron Lodge #64, L.O.O.F. Bldg.

Public/Private Access

Description:

The Paron Lodge is located on the south west corner of the intersection of So. Main and Jefferson Streets. The lodge is a rectangular 2-story with attic red brick building with walls laid in stretcher bond. All facades except the commercial level of the principal east facade are articulated into four bays by colossal brick pilasters.

The commercial portion of the building retains the original wood framed plate glass windows and doors. The windows of the second floor are 4/1 sash with segmental arches. The hipped roof is slate covered and has gabled pediments sheathed with polychromed scalloped slate on the principal (east) and north facades.

A continuous stamped sheet iron cornice decorates the building and roof pediments, cresting and finials of the same material embellish the roof. On the So. Main St. facade a wooden bracketed modillion cornice delineates the line between the first and second floors. From this cornice delineates the line between the first and second floors. From this cornice a standing seam sheet metal awning is suspended on a metal pipe frame. The building is presently in good condition.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Paron Lodge #64, I.O.O.F. Bldg.

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

No. 2 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Worcester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
_DISTRICT	_PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	_AGRICULTURE	_MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	_PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	_PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	_ENTERTAINMENT	_RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	_GOVERNMENT	_SCIENTIFIC
	_BEING CONSIDERED	_YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
		_NO	_MILITARY	_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paron Lodge #64, I.O.O.F.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4 Jefferson St.

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21811

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

State Of Maryland Historic Sites Invemtory WO# 85

DATE

_FEDERAL X STATE X COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	__ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is of pivotal significance to the Berlin Commercial District. By its location on South Main it is a point of reference and also helps to frame the streetscape. It is related by scale, design quality and materials to the core buildings of the district. It is significant furthermore as a unique architectural expression in Berlin, is one of the few detached early buildings and retains its original design integrity.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 85 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant

DATE
August 1979

ORGANIZATION
Mayor and Council

STREET & NUMBER
10 Williams Street

TELEPHONE
301-641-2770

CITY OR TOWN
Berlin

STATE
MD

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Worcester
TOWN Berlin VICINITY
STREET NO. Main Street

ORIGINAL OWNER I.O.O.F.
ORIGINAL USE Lodge
PRESENT OWNER I.O.O.F
PRESENT USE Lodge + gift shop
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY WO-85

2. NAME Paran Lodge, I.O.O.F

DATE OR PERIOD 1902
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

Although the Paran Lodge of the I.O.O.F. is a late building, it is a good example of late Victorian architecture. It is a two-story, all stretcher bond brick building with hipped slate roof, four bays long and four bays deep.

The first story of the Main Street facade is used for shop windows. Apparently it was built for two shops, the one on north having two large plate glass windows flanking a double door and the other with a door on the extreme south end of the facade with a single large window next to it.

The upper story is divided into four equal areas by pilaster strips, each area having a window with segmental arch and a vertically divided upper sash. Beneath the cornice in the center of the building is a limestone plaque inscribed

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior good

with PARAN LODGE, I.O.O.F., 1902.

The main cornice is made of tin and has egg and dart moldings between brackets. On each slope of the hipped roof is a pediment faced with decorative slate and having a tin

(see reverse side)

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD Aug, 1969

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

bracket cornice.

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RLIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WO # 85

Building ~~Paran Lodge~~, I.O.O.F.

Address 2 South Main St.

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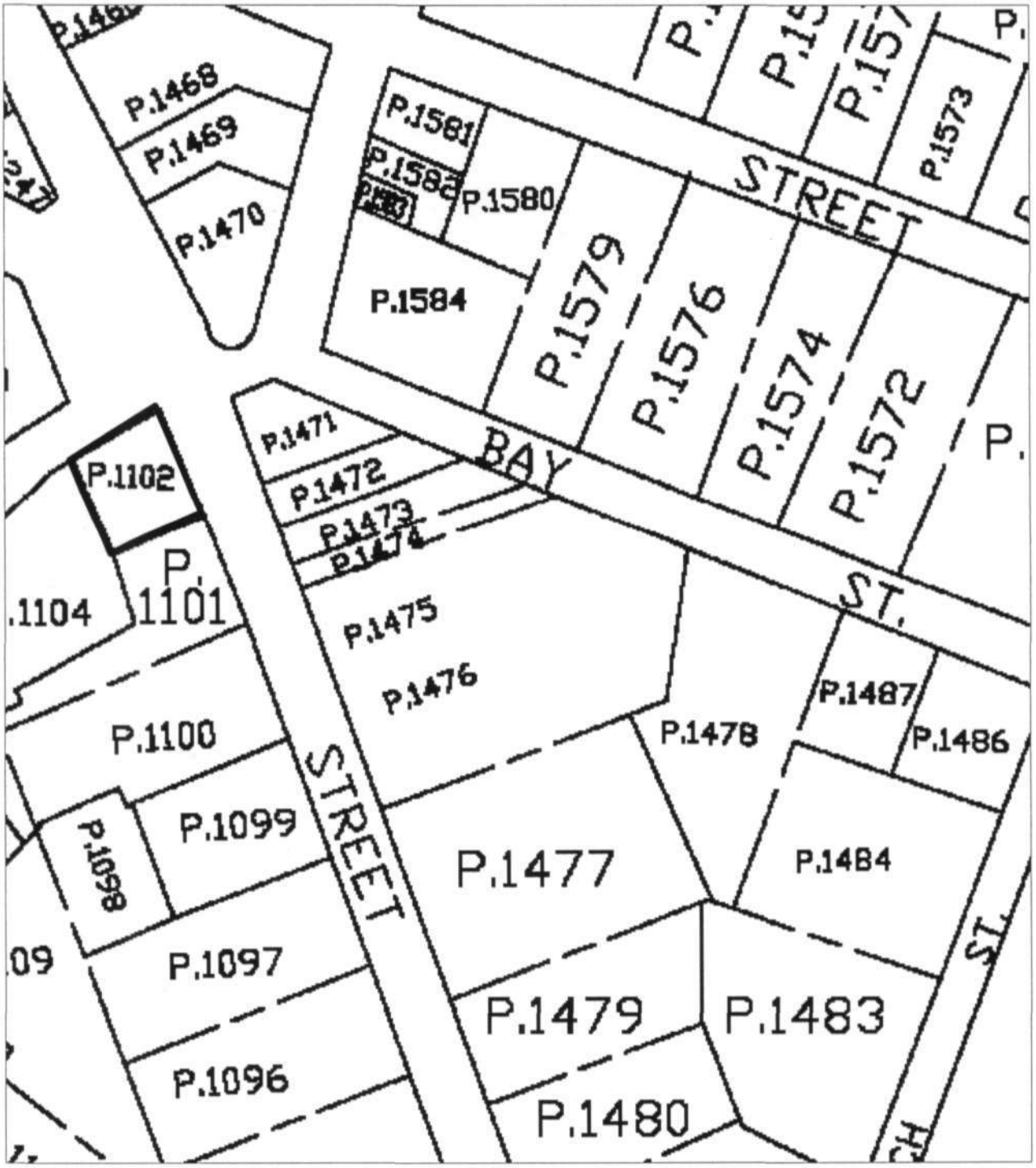
Paran Lodge #64, I.O.O.F. Building
2 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin
Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1102



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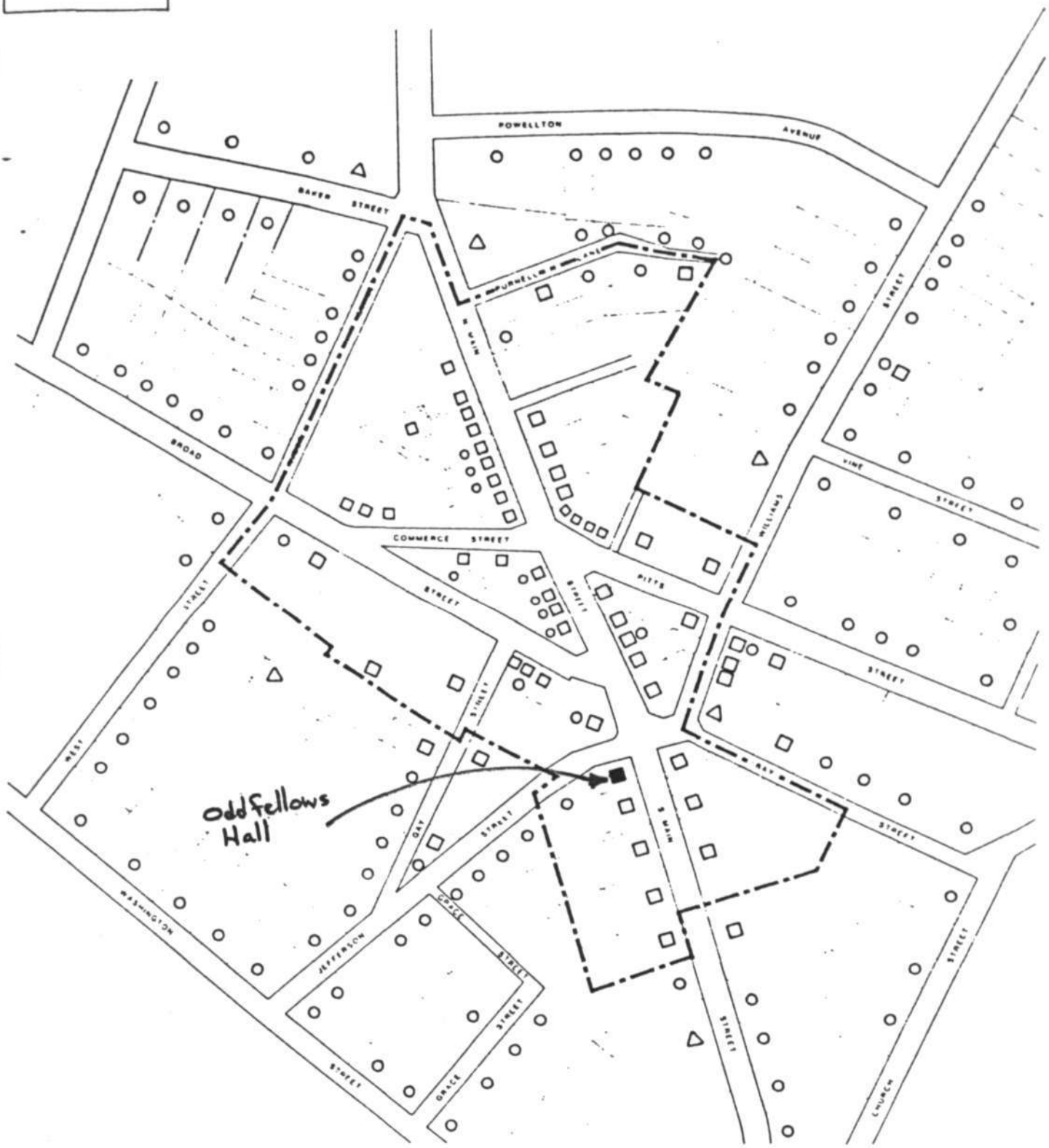
MAP D

EXISTING LAND USE



BERLIN TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

RESIDENTIAL	○
COMMERCIAL	□
PUBLIC/QUASI PUBLIC	△
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL	○□
NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC AREA	—·—·—

TOWN OF BERLIN

WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

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