

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daily Mail, Hagerstown, Md. (15 July 1975).

Washington County Historical Society, files. Miller House, Hagerstown, Md.

Williams, Harold A. The Western Maryland Railway Story. Baltimore: Western Maryland Railway Co., 1952.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 126' x 489'

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>118</u>	<u>266070</u>	<u>4391760</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property measures approximately 126' x 489' and occupies the entire block formed by Burhans Boulevard on the west, McPherson Street on the east, West Washington Street on the south, and West Franklin Street on the north.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

SWO

NAME / TITLE

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

(301) 731-3200, ext. 6885 235

DATE

29 August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce 12/22/75

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/22/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4-12-76

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1913	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Western Maryland Railway Station in Hagerstown is a 1913 structure which is significant for its history and architecture. Erected as a part of the railway's 1912 Improvement Program, the station is monumental in scale and expresses the functionalist concepts which influenced American architecture at the turn of the twentieth century.

By 1912, the Western Maryland Railroad had become a busy trunk line linking the Great Lakes, the Midwest, and the coal fields of West Virginia with the eastern seaboard, (Williams, p. 89.) The railroad was chartered in 1852 and was acquired in 1902 by the Fuller Syndicate, an affiliate of the Gould railroad interests. In 1906, the Western Maryland reached Cumberland, Allegany County. Within the decade the road stretched to Connellsville, near Pittsburgh, where it connected with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, tying it into the big eastern and western systems.

The forty-fourth annual report, issued in 1906, announced plans to relocate the Maryland division shops in Hagerstown because of the city's geographically central location in the division. The old division shops at Union Bridge were antiquated and no longer adequate to handle the repairs.

Opening the line to Connellsville and the consequent increase in business necessitated the rehabilitation of the tracks and terminals. The work was known as the 1912 Improvement Program and consisted of new yards and buildings, passenger and freight terminals, and bridges and sidings. (Williams, p. 102.)

Another station which was built as a part of the 1912 Improvement Program is located in Cumberland. The Cumberland station, listed on the National Register, is architecturally similar to the Hagerstown station although the latter is larger by two bays, built of a different color brick, and has slightly different windows in the bays.

The Hagerstown station is presently used for storage and offices. The tracks, originally located to the west of the station, were removed in the late 1950's when Burhans Boulevard was built. The City of Hagerstown is negotiating to purchase the Western Maryland Railway Station for conversion to police department offices.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Western Maryland Railway Station in Hagerstown, Washington County, stands on the easterly side of Burhans Boulevard and the westerly side of McPherson Street, approximately five blocks west of Public Square, between West Washington Street (U.S. Route 40) and West Franklin Street.

The station is a straightforward, commercial style structure built in 1913. It is two and a half stories in height and has a hip roof with dormers. Brick in construction with a stone base, the building is eleven bays long and three bays wide and measures approximately 156 feet by 39 feet. A massive, modillioned cornice with stone disks defining each bay encircles the structure. The building is also encircled by a one story porch that has a cantilevered roof on the south, east, and north sides and round metal columns on the west side (now Burhans Boulevard) where the trains originally unloaded.

The roof is pierced by twelve dormers with brick facing and four tall chimneys. The end facades of three bays have one dormer over the central bay. On the longer or east and west facades, three dormers are located directly over the three central bays. There are also single dormers above the bays located second in from the outer edges of the building. Two chimneys are situated on each of the long facades flanking the three central dormers.

The bays are defined by segmentally arched recessed panels which extend from the first to the second story. Within each panel on the first floor are double windows with double-hung wooden sashes. The second story has tripartite windows with transoms which follow the segmentally arched panels.

The station is structurally sound and basically unaltered in its exterior appearance. The building is now being used for offices and storage. The railroad tracks presently run along the east side of McPherson Street.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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RECEIVED JAN 30 1976

DATE ENTERED APR 22 1976

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC



AND/OR COMMON

Western Maryland Railway Station

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Burhans Boulevard, between Washington and Franklin Streets

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 006

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

034043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Offices & Storage

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Chessie System, Real Estate and Industrial Development Department

STREET & NUMBER

2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE