

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

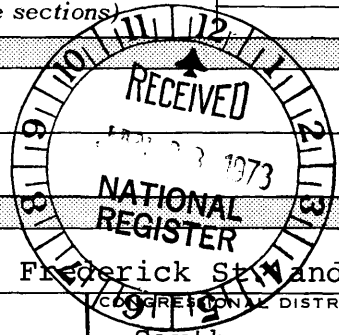
STATE:
Maryland

COUNTY:
Allegany

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ENTRY DATE
FEB 27 1973

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
City Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Center Street between Frederick St. and Bedford St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Allegany CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mayor and City Council

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, North Centre Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Allegany County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street at Prospect Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The City Hall in Cumberland, Maryland, is within a block bounded on the north by Bedford Street, on the east by Centre Street, on the south by Frederick Street and on the west by Liberty Street.

The Cumberland City Hall (c. 1911-1912) is a two-story stone-faced, neo-classical structure. A simple straight-forward block underneath (notice the almost factory-like plain windows), City Hall has a thin "veneer" of neo-classical embellishments, and it is classically composed, being made up of stylobate (base), shaft (the two main floors), and capital (cornice and roof-top balustrade). The main entrance is flanked by giant, double pilasters with fluting; the cornice and balustrade above this entrance project slightly to become part of the overall entrance-pavilion treatment. Except for this entranceway and occasional other pilasters, the major wall areas are plain, broken only by the skillful emphasis of an irregular corner, into which the architect has recessed a curving "bay" within "pilasters" formed by the exposed ends of the front and side walls. The City Hall in Cumberland provides an interesting contrast with the Old Post Office across the street; built a decade later, it shows how far the interest in historical styles may be modified by functional demands. City Hall, with its "stripped-down" quality, is reminiscent of late eighteenth-century and early nineteenth-century buildings in England by architects such as Cockerell, Dance, and Soane. Many representations of Soane's huge building complex for the Bank of England show a corner which has been rounded, somewhat in the manner of the City Hall. In this country, Latrobe used a similar design. Forming a block in itself, City Hall occupies a crucial location in downtown Cumberland, and, is an important companion and compliment to the Old Post Office.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1911-1912**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cumberland City Hall, built between 1911 and 1912, replaced an earlier structure erected 1873-1874 which burned on March 14, 1910. The firm of Holmboe and Lafferty designed the extant City Hall including its rounded corner. It was built at a cost of \$87,000. Wright Butler (1868-?1932), the architect of the 1894 Allegany County Courthouse located on the other side (west) of Wills Creek in Cumberland, was the contractor. On March 25, 1912, the City Council held its first meeting in its new quarters.

According to local Allegany countians, the City Hall is the only example of this sort of municipal architecture in Allegany County.

The mural on the interior of the rotunda dome depicts the early history of the city including representations of General Edward Braddock, and of George Washington. The artist was Gertrude du Brau.

The site has served civic functions since the 1840's at which time the city market was located there. The city rebuilt the old market house building in 1873-1874. The brick structure had housed the market on the ground floor, city offices and the Academy of Music, complete with an auditorium, on the south side of the second floor. Frank E. Davis of Baltimore had been employed as architect of the old market house building and City Hall.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: William D. Morgan, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, April 1971.

Orlando Ridout IV, Director, Maryland Historical Trust, April 1971.

(see continuation sheet 1)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 39' 10.5"	78° 45' 47"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **May 13, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date May 13, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 2/27/73

ATTEST: Wm J. Smutz
Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-23-73

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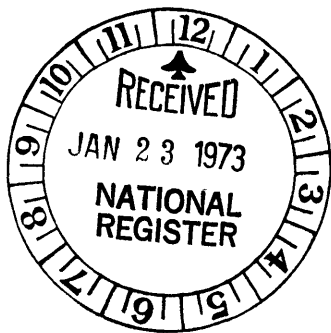
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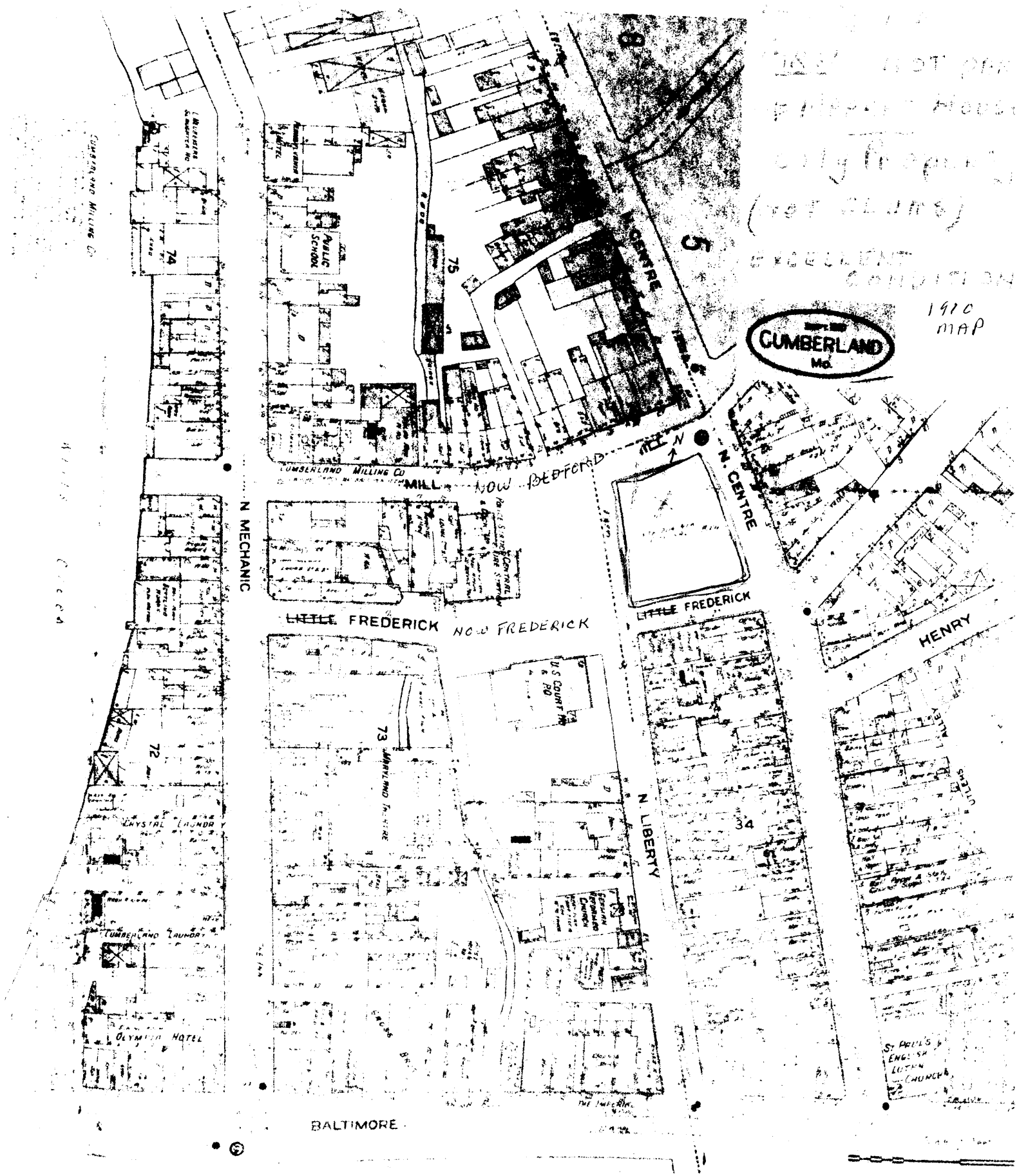
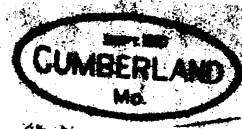
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(NOT PLANS)

EXCELLENT
CONDITION

1910
MAP



CUMBERLAND MILLING CO.

N. MECHANIC

MILL NOW BEDFORD

N. CENTRE

LITTLE FREDERICK NOW FREDERICK

LITTLE FREDERICK

HENRY

N. LIBERTY

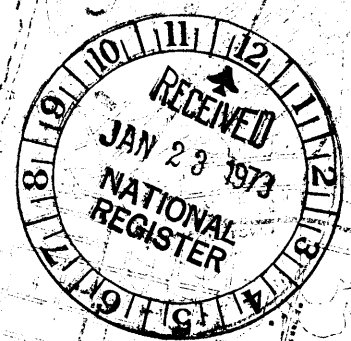
BALTIMORE

ST. PETER'S
ENGLISH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CUMBERLAND QUADRANGLE
 USGS 7.5-minute map
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 1949

CITY HALL

Lat. 39° 39' 10.5"
 Long. 78° 45' 47.0"



POTOMAC PARK 1.2 MI.
 WEYSER, W. VA. 17 MI.

47°50'

1710000 FEET (PA.)

691

5920000 E. 2 210000 FEET (W.VA.)

78°45'

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.—1927

SHORT GAP 6.2 MI
 FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty - - - - -
 Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -

1 MILE

7000 FEET