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Allegany County Library, (Academy Building, Allegany Academy)

Architectural Survey File

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Allegany County Library					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Academy Building, Allegany Academy					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 31-33-37 Washington Street, Prospect Square					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object		☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both		Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☒ Educational ☐ Entertainment		☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum		☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) <u>Library</u>
☐ Comments _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Commissioners of Allegany County					
STREET AND NUMBER: Allegany County Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 76-564					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS SEE CONTINUATION SHEET					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allegany County Library building stands in the north section of Prospect Square on the northerly side of Washington Street about two blocks west of Wills Creek in Cumberland, Maryland.

The building is a mid-nineteenth century structure in the Greek Revival design, temple form with a mid-seventeenth century wing attached to the west side. The main building is a two and a half story, brick structure with a cut stone foundation, a gable roof, and a portico on the south gable side which is the facade. The exterior walls are broken into sections or bays, each with a window or door openings. There are three bays across the front with a center door and five bays along the side. A brick cornice runs around the east, north, and west sides closing the gable end on the north. The bricks of the facade are laid in Stretcher Bond and those of the other walls in Common Bond (five rows of stretchers and one row of headers). Most of the west wall is covered by the wing. The building has four tie rods with five-point-star end pieces.

The portico is of the Greek Doric order and has a brick floor with cut stone steps stretching the length of the portico. There are six wooden, fluted columns which divide the area into five sections. Only the center section corresponds to the bays of the facade of the building. The second and fifth columns covered the outer front windows. The entablature has a wide architrave, a series of triglyphs and mutules with guttae. The pediment above the entablature is plain. The back of the portico rests on square, brick pilasters with capitals.

The major windows are double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The lights measure approximately 11 3/4" x 18 3/4" and the mullions are about 3/4" broad. There is a double casement window with wooden sashes, each with six lights, in the gable on the north end. There are heavy wood entablatures above the major windows and the sills are wooden.

The front entrance has double wooden doors with several lights and a transom with three large lights. The doorway is outlined with a broad, flat trim with crossetts at the top. The trim tapers outward toward the bottom in a manner characteristic of the Egyptian style.

The internal arrangement of rooms varies on each floor. On the first floor there is a short center hall flanked by a stairhall on the west and a small room on the east. The hall opens onto a large room on the north. The large room has four windows on the east side and three along the north wall. The mail staircase is located in the southwest corner and winds up to the second floor with a curve at the bottom and a landing near the top.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1849-1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☒ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | losophy | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☐ Art | Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☐ Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allegany County Library building on Prospect Square is significant for its role in the progress of education and for its architecture. The structure was erected about 1849-1850 by Allegany County as a school. Lowdermilk records that it was opened June 8, 1850 (History of Cumberland, Maryland, P.367). The first public school in Western Maryland was built on Fayette Street, however by 1848, this building was no longer adequate for educational needs. In 1848 the County Commissioners appropriated a lot on Washington Street adjoining the jail for the site of a new school. The second academy building was used as a school until 1929.

In 1934, the Cumberland Free Library obtained a lease in perpetuity from the county for the building to use it as a library. The library opened in the new location in June, 1934. The name of the library was changed to Allegany County Library in 1960 when the library system was reorganized.

About 1965 the old jail building to the west was razed to clear the way for construction of an addition to the library. The jail building was a circa 1797 masonry structure which also served as the first courthouse of Allegany County. For a few years prior to its demolition, this building was used by the library as an annex.

Architecturally, the library building is an example of the Greek Revival style that was popular in the United States from about 1820 to about 1860. In the buildings of Western Maryland and Western Pennsylvania, the Greek influence is generally found in the decorative detailing while the building is of an earlier period, usually Georgian. The library building, however, is a Greek temple form structure. The architectural historian Talbot Hamlin found that in the middle-Atlantic states, the Greek temple form was used most frequently for public buildings such as courthouses and schools. The Allegany County Library is a formidable structure on Prospect Square and offers a sharp contrast with the late nineteenth century, Romanesque style courthouse across the street.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lowdermilk, Will H. History of Cumberland, Maryland.
Washington, D. C.: James Anglim, 1878.

Tour of Historic Homes and Places, Cumberland, Maryland.
Allegany County Historical Society, 1955.

Hamlin, Talbot. Greek Revival Architecture in America.
Dover reprint of 1944 edition.

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				
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less Than one Acre.

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for W. Md., Inc.	DATE 4/23/74
STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION FORM

CONTINUATION SHEET

ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY

#6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

1. This building is included in the Washington Street Historic District as designated by the National Register of Historic Places. The building itself, however, warrants a separate form for its historical and architectural significance.

2. Maryland Historical Trust Survey (1970)
Maryland Historical Trust
2525 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland

no. A1-33 site of first jail and courthouse now the west
wing of the library
no. A1-54 Allegany Academy building

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Allegany County Library

#7 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The balustrade has a round handrail and round balusters. There is narrow verticle board wainscoting along the stairway. The area under the steps is enclosed with a large flat paneling. The stairs to the basement are at the north end of the large room.

Most of the second floor rooms are used as administrative offices. These rooms are arranged around a center hall. The original arrangement of rooms on this floor probably was similar to that of the first floor. A large room in the south east corner is two bays deep and two bays wide and has a fireplace. This room, known as the "Maryland Room," is original to the building. Evidence indicates that this room was originally about the same size as the one below it. The walls and baseboard show signs of early partitions corresponding to those on the first floor. The fireplace is fake and the mantelpiece probably did not originate in this building. The mantel piece with its reeded columns and decoration are more characteristic of the Neo-classical period than of the Greek. It also is more sophisticated than the other trim found throughout the building.

The interior trim around the windows and doorways consists of broad, chamfined verticle and horizontal pieces with plain corner blocks (See sketch). The baseboard is low as are the plinth blocks at the doorways. The few original doors that remain have four flat panels, two large and two small, with trim on the panels on one side only. Most of the doors are recent installations.

The wing attached to the west side is one and a half stories high and of brick and stone construction. The major portion has a hip roof and the entranceway is flanked by plain columns with volute capitals. The corners of the building have stone pilusters and the windows are outlined with stone. The interior is mostly a large room used as stack and reading areas.

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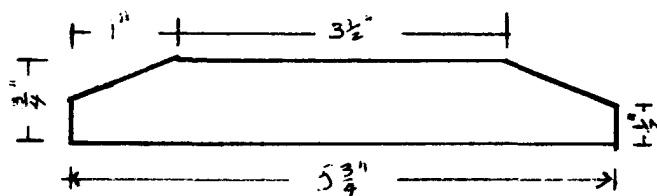
In Lowdermilk's History of Cumberland, Maryland (1878), the interior of the building is described as having a large room

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET
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#7 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

42 feet square and recitation rooms on the second floor with the lower floor having a wide hall and two large school rooms. (P.367). A sketch appearing in the same work shows an internal chimney on the east wall between the second and third bays from the front. (P.367).

profile of interior trim taken from second floor southeast room -- measurements are approximate



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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Allegany County ^{Public} Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Washington Street [at Prospect Square]

CITY OR TOWN:

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Allegany

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☒	Public ☒	Public Acquisition: ☐	Occupied ☒	Yes: ☐
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☒
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
					No: ☐

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other (Specify) ☐	
Educational ☒	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Allegany County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Cumberland

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

city lot

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☐	Good ☒	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☐			Unaltered ☒		
				Moved ☐		
				Original Site ☒		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allegany County Library is a Greek Temple form building with a hexastyle portico of the Doric order on the front. Although lacking a peripteral colonade (few American Greek Revival buildings are peripteral), the brick side and end walls carry on the entablature and the 6/6 windows (with Greek Revival caps) are set within recesses, the flanking pilasters echoing the columns. Between the second and third storey on these pilasters are four star-shaped tie rod ends. The portico is correct Doric, having full entablature (with metopes, gutae, mutules, etc.) and frieze, fluted columns without bases, and a three step stone stylobate.

A more recent one storey wing is attached to the west side. This has simplified Greek details and is, on the whole, a rather sympathetic addition which does not detract from the older building.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐architectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐townscapeArt ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Allegany County Library is a very fine example of a Greek Revival public building. The inspiration for the Doric portico is the Theseum in Athens [the Theseum was a peripteral building of approximately 46 x 105 feet and had a total of 36 columns, however, the front dimension of the Library must be close to its source and was perhaps taken directly from a book. Asher Benjamin in the 1827 edition of The American Builder's Companion illustrates the Doric order, although his specific example is the Parthenon.] and is identical [all correct uses of the orders are, for all intents and purposes, identical] to the portico which Thomas U. Walter applied to Nicholas Biddle's house, Andalusia, in 1836. The rest of the building is handled well in relation to the front portico.

The Allegany Library is the key building in the predominantly Greek Revival north side of Prospect Square, and is also a part of a Greek group starting west of the Courthouse. Besides being an excellent example of its style, this most 'civic' building is most suitable to the government square around it.

[Probably built at the same time as the second courthouse, which was 1839-41.]

[Weakly copied by the Christian Science Church across the street.]

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Talbot Hamlin Greek Revival Architecture in America
New York: (Oxford 1944, Dover 1964).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan		
ORGANIZATION Department of Art History	DATE June 8, 1970	
STREET AND NUMBER: University of Delaware		
CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE Delaware	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	AL-IT-A-001 HIS AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-334</u> 33 <u>33</u> 2. NAME <u>First Court House & Jail</u> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

(5B.) First Court House and Jail

The first Court House in Allegany County was built in 1799, and also housed the County's first jail. First court was held on April 25, 1791, at the home of John Graham on North Mechanic Street with the Honorable Andrew Bruce presiding. The second meeting of this body was in Faws' Tavern on Greene Street. The court's proceedings were handled in this manner until the first County Court House was constructed in 1799 at its present location next to the library on Prospect Square. The old building, which has recently housed the County Library Annex, is to be razed to make way for an addition to the library. It is a three-story brick affair quite significantly related to the era in which it was built, and its memory should be preserved by a suitable marker.

destroyed 1966

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Northwest corner Prospect Square and Washington Street</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Thomas Beall of Sam. (1847)</u> ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER <u>Allegany County</u> PRESENT USE <u>New Addition to Library</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>original bldg. 3 stories</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-33</u> 2. NAME <u>COURTHOUSE & JAIL</u> <u>(Allegany County Public Library)</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>1797</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE							
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>First County Courthouse and jail was built in 1797 on north-west corner of Prospect Square and Washington Street.</u> When the County outgrew the building and a larger courthouse was built, the building was used as a private home for years. After the Public Library moved into the Academy building (next-door)--then the building was used as an annex to the Library, with offices and storage rooms. This building was torn down in 1966 to make an addition to the renovated library, even though the building was structurally very sound. It proved to be quite a chore to tear up the old stone foundation(used for the old jail)-but the wreckers of 1966 accomplished the destruction of another landmark. SECOND AND THIRD COURTHOUSES--- In 1833 work was begun on the brick building south of the present building. It was enlarged in 1872 and destroyed by fire in 1893. The present brick and stone building was begun the following year. Annexes have been added on both the North and South sides. April 25, 1791--first session of Allegany County Circuit Court was held in the home of John Graham. While funds were being raised to build a Courthouse, court was held in Faw's Tavern. 1970 RUMOR has it that the plan is eventually tear down the old Academy building (library) and make an addition to the new									
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior addition.									
"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN" <table border="1"><tr><td>PROSPECT</td><td>SQUARE</td></tr><tr><td>x present Courthouse</td><td>X First Courthouse and Jail</td></tr><tr><td>Prospect Square</td><td>x Academy (now Co. Library)</td></tr></table> --over-- 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)				PROSPECT	SQUARE	x present Courthouse	X First Courthouse and Jail	Prospect Square	x Academy (now Co. Library)
PROSPECT	SQUARE								
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Prospect Square	x Academy (now Co. Library)								
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>1966 DESTRUCTION - NEWSPAPER</u>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman</u> <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u> <u>(5 yr. Trustee-History House)</u> <u>Jan. 10, 1970</u> DATE OF RECORD							

Data from paper written by Michael C. Sprigg (1791-1845) and used in Daily Times New York, Aug. 15, 1887.

"Around 1817--"

Quote: "Each morning at precisely 8:30 A.M. as the sun's rays played hide and seek through the doorless and windowless shell of the unfinished Episcopal Church an old man came from the brow of the hill, tapped his drum with the rat-tat-tat and with a loud voice proclaimed "ayez, ayez, gentlemen of the jury, attend court--gentlemen of the jury attend court ! The County Court was in session and for years the honorable bench and jurors were notified in this manner.

In 1827, the County Commissioners bought a bell which was placed in a steeple made in the shape of a lantern and built into the cone of the roof of the Courthouse. A rope was fastened to the bell, and then extended into the room below. Now, that Sheriff Beall had this convenience, it was no longer necessary to use the service of the old drummer. THIS JAIL WAS TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR A "MODERN" JAIL.

.....further, on the right side (of Washington Street) stood a one-story brick, with two rooms paved with brick--one the County Clerk (Aza Beall)'s office and the other the Register of Wills (Charles Heck) office, on the site of the present Academy.... There in an open space stood the Court house and Jail under one roof..... and today, with few alterations as it did 70 years ago (1817)" (unquote).

as typed Oct. 1970 by Hazel Groves Hansrote.

OLD COURTHOUSE & JAIL, by Michael C. Sprigg (1791-1845)

"This building stood in an open space opposite the present courthouse. The lower part--the jail, was stone. The upper part--the Courthouse was brick. The Jail consisted of four rooms, one for the criminals, one for debtors and two for the jailer. The criminal's and debtor's rooms were guarded by iron-barred windows. The doors were of heavy oak and studded with large nails. The locks and keys were so large, they would be a curiosity today. Two rooms were added for the ever increasing family of the jailer, who received \$150 a year salary. Following the escape of several prisoners, a 16 foot high fence was built around the yard. The courthouse was plain and primitive usually wide boards for desks and seats no paint...."

as typed by Hazel Groves Hansrote, Oct. 1970.

R-12-A-001

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-33</u>	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		2. NAME <u>Allegany County Public Library</u> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <u>(4B.) Allegany County Public Library</u> Both the site on which the County Library is located and the building itself have an interesting historical background. In 1798, the first public school in the County was erected on Lot #145 on the northwest corner of Washington and Fayette Streets. In 1824, the school was named Allegany County Academy and was widely known for its excellent curriculum and the fact that it drew students from all parts of the County. In the year 1850, the present brick building was constructed on the site, with its Greek architecture and massive columns. In 1929 the school was discontinued, after 131 years of service to County residents. The building's use changed to the County Library in 1934. A project has now been started to build an addition to the building and to complete its restoration in keeping with the original design. The history of this edifice and its predecessor is told by a marker on the front of the building, erected by Cumberland Sesquicentennial, Inc.			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
Source: <u>Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965</u>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	

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1. STATE Maryland		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY 53										
COUNTY Allegany		INVENTORY AL-53										
TOWN Cumberland VICINITY West-side		2. NAME ACADEMY <i>Allegany County Library</i>										
STREET NO. Washington St. at Prospect Sq.		DATE OR PERIOD 1850										
ORIGINAL OWNER Thos. Beall of Samuel		STYLE XXXXXXXXXXXX copied										
ORIGINAL USE School		ARCHITECT from the Temple of										
PRESENT OWNER Allegany County		BUILDER Theseus of Athens										
PRESENT USE Library		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE										
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick												
NO. OF STORIES 2 (new addition)												
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC YES												
On Jan. 15, 1798, the Maryland Legislature passed an act entitled "An Act to Incorporate a School in Allegany County". This first public school in Western Maryland was built on lot 145 at the Northwest corner of Fayette Street. Cumberland grew and by 1848 the original building was found inadequate. The heirs of Thomas Beall of Samuel, founder of Cumberland, Md., donated land on Washington Street at Prospect Square "to the County for Educational purposes", on lots 31 to 35 Washington Street, the Academy Trustees constructed the new Academy which was completed on June 8, 1850. The Academy closed in June 1929 ending it's scholastic career. On June 5, 1934, the Cumberland Free Public Library moved into the Academy building. It became the County Library and was restored with addition added in 1966.												
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE												
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Md. history		hazel Groves Hansrote (Mrs. Chas. J. Sr.)										
Allegany County History-J. "Thomas		519 Hill Top Drive, Cumberland, Md.										
School records		(1st. Ass't. Librarian--1924)										
Personal knowledge (Library)		Mem. Md. Hist. Trust.										
		DATE OF RECORD Oct. 17, 1969.										

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN Cumberland VICINITY West-side STREET NO. Washington Street at Prospect Square ORIGINAL OWNER (land) -Thos. Beall of Sam. ORIGINAL USE (bldg.) --County PRESENT OWNER Education-- of PRESENT USE Allegany County--Library WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 (addition--new)	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AL-33
2. NAME ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY DATE OR PERIOD 1850 STYLE (Colonial) Grecian Columns ARCHITECT BUILDER	
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC YES
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On June 5, 1934, the Cumberland Free Public Library(now called County Library) moved into the Academy building. Since then it has been officially known as the County Library.

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An addition was added to the County Library in 1966. The first County Courthouse and Jail built in 1797 (in good sound condition) was destroyed to add this addition.

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered	Interior Excellent	Exterior Restored
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PROSPECT SQUARE X -Annex (first Courthouse & Jail destroyed to build annex) X-Library (had been Academy) Parade Ground for Fort Cumberland Prospect Square	6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
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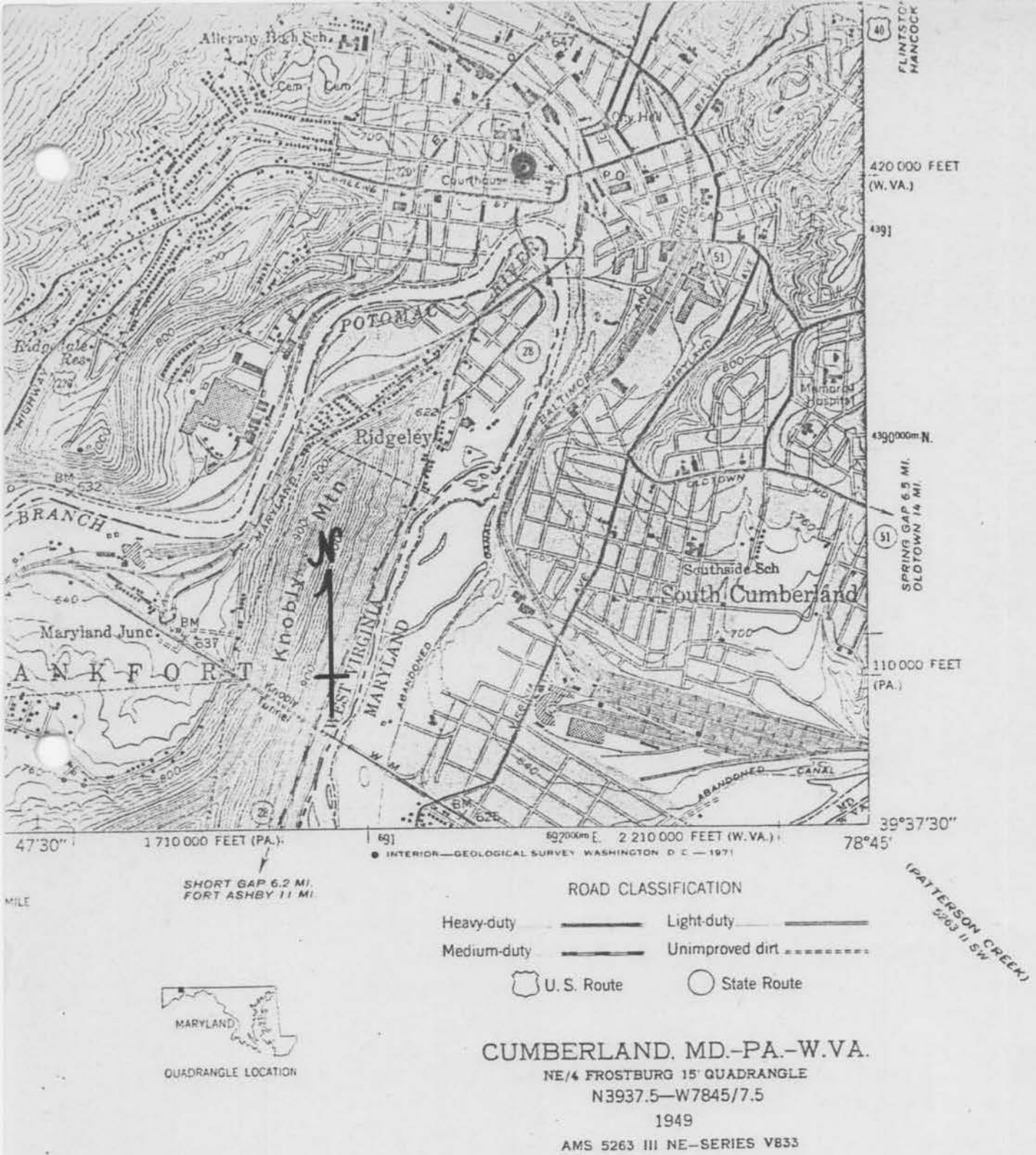
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Note: The first Cumberland Free Public Library was established at 72 Greene St., Cumberland, Md., by Miss Mary G. Walsh as the first librarian with Miss Hazel L. Groves as her assistant in March 1924. Moved to the Academy building in 1934. The building at 72 Greene Street is now used as Girl Scout Headquarters.

Hazel Groves Hansrote.



Allegany County Library
 33-37 Washington Street, Prospect Square
 Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland



Allegheny County Library
31-37 Washington Street
Prospect Square
Cumberland, Allegheny Co. Md.

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