

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 650

Owings Mills Tavern

10425 Reisterstown Road

Owings Mills, Baltimore County

1850 ca.

Private

Although prior documentation of the property suggests that the extant resource was constructed in 1860, exterior architectural evidence indicates that the building dates to an earlier period of history in the Fourth District town of Owings Mills. Additionally, it is presently believed that the building, rather than originally serving as the Owings Mills Station, was constructed circa 1850 as the Owings Mills Tavern. An intensive-level survey accompanied by deed research would aid in determining the building's construction date and original use. Sited at the terminus of the Green Spring Branch of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, the Owings Mills tavern would have been an important focal point in the mid-19th century community. By 1850, the town was comprised of only a few buildings that included—in addition to the tavern--dwellings, a church, and the Owings family flour mills. In 1857, the Baltimore and Susquehanna conveyed the Green Spring Branch to the Western Maryland Railroad. It is believed that the Owings Mills Tavern was depicted in the 1877 county atlas as the Hotel operated by L. Buffington. In 1906, after using the Northern Central Railroad right-of-way, the older line was converted into a freight spur, while a new line was established to the north of the hotel. The building was converted into a commercial building in the early 20th century. In 1981, a fire decimated much of the interior. After renovation, the Owings Mills Tavern continues to serve as a commercial structure.

This hotel fronts southeast along the railroad tracks that intersect with Reisterstown Road. However, the building has been so altered that the only elevation with exposed historic structure is the northwest elevation. The main block of this vernacular dwelling stands three stories tall and three bays wide. A vinyl-sided mansard roof rests on the main block constructed with random rubble stone. The entry is located in the central bay of the first story and consists of a vertical board, single leaf door with strap hinges. There is evidence in the stone masonry that this entry was protected by some sort of structure. Also on the first story are a double-leaf wood door that is paneled and a 6/6 window. On the second story, two windows have been enclosed with vinyl siding and one has been partially replaced with a 9/9 vinyl window. All the windows and the doors on the main block have stone lintels. Projecting from the mansard roof are three gabled dormers with that have been enclosed with vinyl siding. A three-story wing projects to the northeast and the southwest with mansard roofs. An interior end brick chimney rises above the central dormer on the main block.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Owings Mills Tavern (preferred)

other Old Owings Mills Station

2. Location

street and number 10425 Reisterstown Road __ not for publication

city, town Owings Mills __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name B & G Investors

street and number 10435 Reisterstown Road telephone Not Available

city, town Owings Mills state MD zip code 21117

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13184 folio 619

city, town Towson tax map 58 tax parcel 372 tax ID number 1900007299

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

This hotel, constructed circa 1850, fronts southeast along the railroad tracks that intersect with Reisterstown Road. However, the building has been so altered that the only elevation with exposed historic structure is the northwest elevation. Therefore, the structure has been surveyed from the northwest elevation. The main block of this vernacular dwelling stands three stories tall and three bays wide. A vinyl-sided mansard roof rests on the main block constructed with random rubble stone. The entry is located in the central bay of the first story and consists of a vertical board, single leaf door with strap hinges. There is evidence in the stone masonry that this entry was protected by some sort of structure. Also on the first story are a double-leaf wood door that is paneled and a 6/6 window. On the second story, two windows have been enclosed with vinyl siding and one has been partially replaced with a 9/9 vinyl window. All the windows and the doors on the main block have stone lintels. Projecting from the mansard roof are three gabled dormers with that have been enclosed with vinyl siding. A three-story wing projects to the northeast and the southwest with mansard roofs. The northeast wing has a 2/2 window, two 6/6 vinyl windows, and a sliding 6/6 vinyl window. Three gabled dormers and another window opening in the façade have been enclosed with vinyl siding. The wing has a flush wood single-leaf door. The southeast wing is pierced with a 6/6 vinyl window and a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. The mansard roof over this wing has been partially removed to create an inset porch. An interior end brick chimney rises above the central dormer on the main block.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1850 ca.-1981 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca., 1981

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1850, the Owings Mills Tavern has been associated with the 1.07 acres of land known as tax parcel 372 of map 58 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

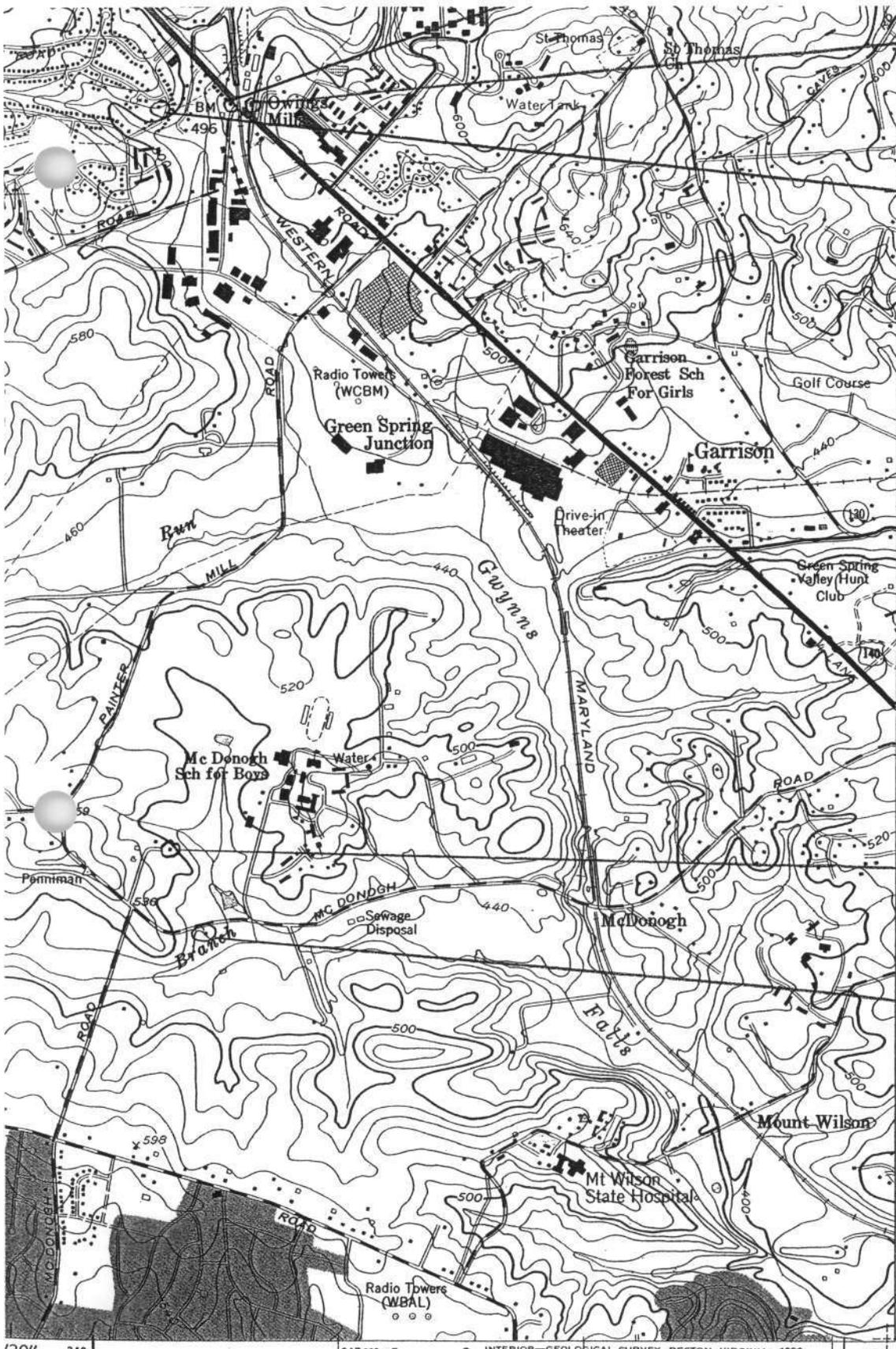
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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10425 REISTERSTOWN RD
OWINGS MILLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

25'
BA-0651
24 LASTGATE ROAD
OWINGS MILLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

1.3 MI. TO MD. 129
5.2 MI. TO MD. 25
PIKESVILLE 2 MI.
BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S. 1) 8.5 MI.

BA-2493
9000 MCDONOGH ROAD
OWINGS MILLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0685
8815 MCDONOGH ROAD
OWINGS MILLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

30" 346

347 000m. E.

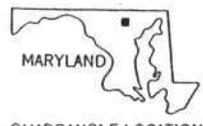
INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1969

39°22'30"
76°45'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Light-duty
- Medium-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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TRACELLES

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NW ELEVATION

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OWINGS MILLS

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

RACERIES

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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S CORNER

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Old Owings Mills Station
10425 Reisterstown Road
Owings Mills

c. 1860

This large stone and frame combined store, station, and dwelling fronts on the track of the 1859 main line, now a siding. The station was mentioned in an ad to sell the Groff Mill (Baltimore County Advocate, March 21, 1863). It was also shown in the 1866 Martenet State atlas. The station was never owned by the Western Maryland Railroad, but held under a lease from the Painter family. It was also mentioned as the "station house" in the county's 1886 transfer book. After the mainline tracks were shifted to the north in 1907, the "depot property" became Garner's store; the top floor with the wide porch were added to provide a living area for Garner's store manager. The hardware business was conducted in this store through the 1970s. The store was damaged by a two-alarm fire on Sunday, September 14, 1981; the damage was largely repaired and the store reopened after the blaze.