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RUSSELL HOUSE
19 Hanover Road
Reisterstown, Md.

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC RUSSELL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19 Hanover Road

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore Co.

STATE

Maryland

21136

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Raymond Russell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

% Zelma B. Ensor, Realtor

CITY, TOWN

357 Main St. Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21136

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore Co. Courthouse

Liber #: Will

Folio #: 22/271

STREET & NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

19 HANOVER ROAD

19 Hanover Road is a brick house two storeys in height, five bays in length, facing the street to the east. It probably dates from ca. 1865-1880. A large gable in the roof is centered on the east front. Small shed-roofed wings extend behind the northerly and the second-from-the-southerly bays, the former of brick, the latter of frame; their roofs are continuations of the main roof at a lower pitch. A one-storey porch with a low hipped roof extends across the east front, scrolled brackets with turned drop finials projecting forward from each column to support the wide cornice, arched braces springing from the columns to a drop finial in the middle of each bay. High in the front gable and in the end gables of the roof under the wide overhangs; is a simulated king post truss, its bottom chord "supported" by arched braces springing from the rake cornice soffit, the king post terminated below with a drop finial and extending above the roof with a turned spire. The panels of these "trusses" are filled with elaborately jig-sawn frets. Drop finials extend from each eave at its lowest point flanking the gables.

The principal entrance with its sidelights and transom is centered in the east front. First storey windows are long 2/4. extending to the floor; second storey windows are 2/2 and all have louvred blinds with operable louvres. Single-flue brick chimneys rise through the ridge approximately midway between the center point of the roof and the north and south end gables.

The interior of this house was not accessible for inspection.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

EX-106

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		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This is a large house of basic, traditional form with touches of picturesque mid-to-late nineteenth century ornamentation. Externally, it appears to be in nearly unaltered condition.

The builder, Reister Russell, was inseperable from Reisterstown's business interests. He was one of the town's upstanding citizens. Born in 1844 in Pennsylvania, he moved with his family to Reisterstown when he was 10. He attended Franklin Academy. At the age of 16, he became a clerk for four years in a local store. (possibly the Ducker concern) He also tried farming for two years. Apparently he found storekeeping more to his liking, for in 1867, he and his brother, William, (three years younger) opened their own store, a large general store stocked with a full line of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc. The store was called Russell Brothers and it was located up town on the site of a now vacant lot. It was not long before this store began receiving a "liberal share of the public patronage", probably because of Reister Russell reputation for fair dealing and good goods" (Leading Families op cit p.432.)

Reister Russell was active in his community as well. Beginning in 1865, he was a leader in the Lutheran Church and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years. He was on the Church Council from 1866-1922 (except one year). He was also a member of the Henry Clay Lodge and later became Treasurer and collector of the Order of the Golden Chain in Reisterstown. (Leading Families op cit., p.432-3. Old pictures of the Russell Brothers Store show that the Ionic Lodge was housed there for a while.

In 1857, he leased some land along the Hanover Turnpike from John W. Hitshue for \$30.00 a year (JB 92/392) This was to be the site of his residence for the rest of his life. He eventually built the fine house which stands there to-day. In 1878 he was able to purchase the property from the Hitshues for \$500.00 (JB 110/103)

In 1871 at the age of 29, he had married Julia C. Ducker and soon the large house was filled with activities of a large family. They had eight Children, although at least two died in infancy.

In 1896 Russell was elected a member of the County School Board For Baltimore County, a distinguished honor for this Reisterstown resident. "A man of known reliability and excellent business judgement, Mr. Russell had been called upon to settle a number of estates, including those of Ducker, Kephart and Forney families.. (Leading Families op cit., p. 432.

Russell died in 1922. In his will he devised the house to a son, Raymond and his wife. Raymond died and his widow lived in the house until the late 1970's. (BC Wills 22/271)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Land Records, Baltimore County Court House, Towson, D.
2. Wills, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.
3. Leading Families of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County, Md. (N.Y. Chapman Publishing Co. 1897)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____ ? _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main St.

TELEPHONE

833-3078 (M's Ives)

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md. 21136

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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