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322 MAIN STREET
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

322 Main Street is a small mid-nineteenth century house, having but a single parlor in the front, together with an entrance and stair hall, and a single room, the kitchen, in the rear wing. This form is characteristic of Reisterstown, this example being rendered substantially in brick. Remarkably, the brick has never been painted.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

322 MAIN STREET

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore Co.

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. William H. Gill

Telephone #: 833-6507

STREET & NUMBER

322 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21136

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 4334

Folio #: 196

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Md.

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

322 MAIN STREET

322 Main Street is a brick house, two storeys in height, three bays in length, closely oriented to the street to the east, dating from ca. 1850. It has a rear wing two bays in length, and of identical height, extending behind its north end; north walls of both sections are flush and of continuous construction. A one storey shed-roofed porch extends across the street or east facade sheltering a projecting glazed display window which extends in front of the first storey windows, unaltered in size but without their sash. A two storey porch shelters the south side of the rear wing; the first storey is enclosed with modern framed walls.

Brickwork is laid in common bond, every seventh or eighth course being headers. Jack arches support the masonry above openings and the cornice is of plain corbeled brick. Flush chimneys rise above the north and west gables. Two dormers are in the southerly slope of the wing roof and one is in the northerly slope. All windows are 6/6. set in narrow frames, flanked with louvred blinds. The principal entrance is in the south bay and it has a three-light transom.

Within, a stair hall is in the southerly bay, its west door giving access to the rear porch; a single room is to the north and a single room is in the rear wing. The second floor and attic were inaccessible for inspection.

The staircase rises straight, against the south wall, with a quarter turn of winders at the top. The rounded rail is supported by a turned newel of moderate proportions and plain rectangular balusters. The front door has four panels below a large pane of glass, which undoubtedly replaces two tall original upper panels. The mouldings are loose and the panels are raised. Interior doors, void of mouldings, have four raised panels. The plain beaded trim is raked at the head. The mantel in the east parlor has plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. A fireplace is in the wing, not inspected, and a secondary stair, enclosed and winding, ascends to the upper floor north of the chimney.

A cellar is beneath the front part of this house only. First floor joists and floorboards are circular sawn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION		
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE		
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE		
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION		
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		—INVENTION			local history	

SPECIFIC DATES 1850's BUILDER/ARCHITECT ?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

322 MAIN STREET

Land at this location, the west side of Main Street in Reisterstown, was first sold as building lots from the estate of John Reister, Sr., by his executor and son-in-law Henry Wiest in 1805.

Lots #9 and #10, one acre more or less, of the tract "Brotherly Love" and "Philip's Desire" (resurvey of "Reister's Desire") were conveyed by Henry Wiest (Wiest) to Charles Worthington 16 March 1805 for \$131.00 (Balto. Co. Deeds, Lib. WG #85 fols. 192-93)

On 12 October 1805 Charles Worthington conveyed unimproved half acre Lot #9 (the southernmost) to Nathan Hutson for thirty four pounds, 13 shillings. In 1807 the pound was valued at \$2.56 making price approximately \$77.08. (Balto. Co. Deeds, Lib. WG #88, fols 621-23)

Sale of Lot #10 by Charles Worthington does not appear in Grantors Index for periods 1804-09 and 1809-1813.

There were no further deeds until May 1857 when William Pole, Sheriff of Baltimore Co., conveyed the apparently still unimproved property to Samuel W. Storm, the highest bidder at a Public Auction, for \$33.00. The lot was sold pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of Md. passed in 1854 which enabled the Sheriff to dispose of property for tax arrears.

The property did not appear on the 1813 Tax Assessment of Soldiers' Delight Hundred. It did appear, however, on the following lists;

- 1835 Assessment for Seventh Collection District (Reisterstown Area)
heirs of Nathaniel Hudson \$1.00
- 1853 Assessment for Fourth Collection District (Reisterstown)
Nathan Hudson heirs \$.50
- 1855 Assessment for Fourth Collection District (Reisterstown)
Nathan Hudson heirs \$.50

(Baltimore Co. Tax Assessments, Alphabetical Lists of Persons Assessed in Baltimore Co., #12502, #8306, #8333, #8335, Hall of Records)
Baltimore Co. Administration Accounts show that Nathan Hutson died Intestate in 1807.

On 19 August 1807 William Hutson, Administrator of Nathan Hutson, filed his first and only account, giving deceased's Inventory \$178.14-1/2 As father of the deceased he retained this amount.
(Balto. Co. Admin. Accounts, Lib. 17, 1807, fol. 225-26.)

A house at this location was probably built after 1857. Whether Storm built it hasn't been determined.

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Significance sheet #2

Storm held the acreage only about a year, selling it to John S. Fisher in April of 1858 (GHC 21/479/) Fisher retained the property until his death in 1891. His will describes the improvement to be a "two story and attic dwelling", which coincides with the present structure. After his death, a court case ensued over the disposition of the property (LMB 143/326) Oliver E. Fisher et al vs Ernest M. Fisher et al. It was declared that the land was not susceptible of division without loss to the heirs so it was decided to sell it and divide the proceeds. Accordingly court trustees were appointed. Lemuel D. Offutt and T. Howard Isaac subsequently sold the property to Irene E. Pfeffer in 1893 (GHC 21/479) Mrs. Pfeffer was a Fisher.

The Pfeffer family remained in the house until 1940 when she sold the property to Harvey Gill and his wife, Sarah. (CWB, Jr 1117/66) Harvey Gill as a widower in 1964 sold the property to his son William H. Gill and Catherine. (4334/196) Mrs. Gill is still in the house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Md.
2. Balto. Co. Tax Assessments Hall of Records Annapolis, Md.
3. Balto. Co. Deeds Hall of Records Annapolis, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md.

STATE

21136

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.

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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Reist. Md.

Carol Pollack
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East.