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Reisterstown, Md
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Knatz Realty Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

227 Main St.

4th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

227 Main Street

Maryland 21136

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5363

Folio #: 590

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

227 MAIN STREET is a two and one-half storey brick house, three bays in length, facing the street to the west, with a one-storey shed-roofed kitchen wing extending behind the two northerly bays; the shed roof is perpendicular to the main house. This house dates from ca. 1830-1845. The street-front is laid in Flemish bond without queen closers; other walls are of common bond, every eighth course headers. Jack arches four courses in height support the masonry above the openings. The principal entrance is in the northerly bay, now enframed with a modern wooden surround; originally it was unembellished and it had a transom, now covered by the modern pediment. Two windows are in each storey of the south end, close to the corners and small four-light casements flank the chimney in the attic storey. Windows are 6/6, flanked by modern shutters; the originals were probably louvred. Two dormers are in each roof slope and a small chimney now rises flush with the south gable; originally it was wider. The chimney is missing from the kitchen wing and that wing is surrounded by later one-storey frame additions.

The interior has been extensively remodeled and refinished but the original plan remains as does the staircase, some doors and most architraves. A side hall extends through the northerly bay, containing the open staircase which rises with intermediate landings to the third floor. The round rail is supported by a turned newel of moderate proportions and plain rectangular balusters. Architraves have corner blocks and the few remaining original doors have six partially-raised panels. Two doors installed in the third storey, apparently out-of-context, appear to be the original exterior doors. Mantels are missing and fireplaces are closed; chimneys rise centered in the south end of each room, joining in the third storey to rise as a single wide chimney. Lathe, visible in the stairway to the cellar, is handsplit.

The unfinished cellar extends beneath the main house. The joists are straight-sawn and the original floorboards remain above, relieved over joists. A door leads into the cellar of 225 Main Street, the shop adjacent to the north, suggesting that a shop wing may have been contemporary with the house.

225 MAIN STREET is a one-storey frame shop attached to the north side of 227 Main Street. Its shed roof, falling to the north, is screened from the street by a frame parapet wall, capped with a cornice supported by scrolled brackets. Exterior walls are sheathed with German siding and two wooden display windows flank the centered entrance in the street front. The interior was not inspected.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1830-45

BUILDER/ARCHITECT probably James Thomas

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

225-227 MAIN STREET

This is a house of traditional design, its form dating from the eighteenth century, its details indicating its second-quarter nineteenth century construction. Now adapted as offices, and partially remodeled, the plan and many original details remain. 225 is an early shop attached, and undoubtedly related to 227, typical of many indigenous to Reisterstown indicative of the period when shops were closely associated with the proprietor's dwelling.

The lot on which this building stands was sold by John Reister, Jr. to his son-in-law William Dean in 1811. (WG133/201-03) He was a saddler and harnessmaker by trade and probably established a shop on this land even though he sold it the same year to his neighbor, Ephraim Igo, another son-in-law of John Reister, Jr. who was a blacksmith. (WG 115/416)

When Igo went out west several years later, he sold the two properties to Samuel Clark in 1815. Clark mortgaged the property, but the deed was never recorded. Litigation over the title resulted in the property having to be sold in 1815. The buyer was William Jameson. It was Jameson who sold the property in 1833 to Igo's son-in-law James Thomas. (WG 117/613; 133/364-65) 134/619 & Chancery Recs. No.95: 120-35) (Marks, op cit., p. 191-192)

Thomas had been conducting a successful store in town next to the Methodist Church. In 1833 he moved (and enlarged his operation) to this property on the east side of the turnpike. He occupied buildings where #237-239 now stand. Possibly he rented out the buildings on the site under investigation here. (Marks op cit. p86)

Thomas and his family were soon to go out west also. In 1838 he sold his property to Daniel Banks, the prosperous Baltimore City merchant for \$2600.00. (TK 226/37 and 277/513) At this time the property and business was described as 1 acre & 74 sq. poles with 1 frame and 2 two story brick dwelling houses and all improvements. (Marks op cit., p 192)

The Banks family held the property until 1890. Then due to the insolvency of Andrew Banks, the lands were sold off. This property was divided at this time. The 225-227 property was sold to Emily Henderson in 1891. (JWS 184/309)

Emily Henderson only kept the property three years. In 1894 she sold to Miranda Stocksdales. (LMB 208/469)

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Significance, continued

In 1899 M.Stocksdale, widow, sold to David L.Slade & wife for \$1300.00.
(LMB 208/469)

In 1901 the Slades deeded it to Alice H. Henderson for \$1450.00

In 1903 the property entered the hands of J.Leonidas Gies for \$1900 (NBM261/521)
He ran a store there.

The Gies sold the property to August and Clara Heise in 1909.

The Heise Store was conducted on the site for many years (WPC 339/569)
One of its most popular commodities was ice cream. In 1913, one of Reisterstown's
more serious fires destroyed a double stable and other outbuildings belonging
to the Heisse's and the Curries's next door. It was this fire and two others
within the year which spurred the founding of the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire
company in 1913. Mr. Heise was a charter member of this Company.

The Heise family sold the property in 1965 to Donald Watts and wife.
RRG 4445/94)

The present owners acquired the property in 1973 (5363/590) A real estate
office is conducted in the house and a jeweler rents the store.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100' x 201'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

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

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CITY OR TOWN Reisterstown

STATE Maryland

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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