

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: House, 159 Church Lane

Inventory Number: BA-1829

Address: 159 Church Lane, Texas, Maryland

Owner: Mary E. Cole

Tax Parcel Number: 207

Tax Map Number: 51

Project: Central Light Rail Double Track-North Line

Agency: Mass Transit Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Staff: no yes

Name: Kerri Culhane

Date: August 1999

Eligibility recommended

Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D

Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? no yes

Is district listed? no yes

Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Cultural Resources Investigations for the Proposed Construction of Double Track for the North Half of Central Light Rail, City of Baltimore and Baltimore County, Maryland (John Milner Associates 1999).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The house at 159 Church Lane is a two-and-one-half-story, four-bay-wide side-gabled masonry double house that has been converted to a single-family dwelling. The exterior has been stuccoed, masking what is probably a limestone structure. The house has 6/6 wood sash windows and 3/3 sashes in the half story. Sills and lintels are all of wood. The entry is a single-leaf, half-glass door. The asphalt-shingled roof is interrupted by a central chimney, and a dentil cornice extends across the facade elevation. A bulkhead is located on the west side of the house. A one-story shed-roof addition to the rear has a corrugated metal roof and exterior concrete block chimney. Windows in the addition are 3/1 wood sashes, indicating that it was probably added during the 1920s or 30s. South of the house is a modern concrete block garage.

This house appears to date to the mid-nineteenth-century, possibly ca. 1840. It bears the some remnant characteristics of the late Greek Revival, such as its form and fenestration, which once predominated in the Texas community. It was considered a contributing resource to the once proposed Texas Historic District. It is one of only a handful of buildings that have survived late-twentieth-century commercial development in the Texas vicinity. This house has been altered and does not appear to meet the criteria for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, Project Architectural Historian, John Milner Associates, Inc.

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Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, NR program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period ( prehistoric; historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic: multiple dwelling

Known Design Source: none





# Cockeysville

Portion of the USGS Cockeysville, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1986) showing the location of BA-1829, John Landragon House, 159 Church Ln., Texas, MD.



BA-28740

BA-1829

BA-1832

BA-1791

BA-2875

BA-2874N

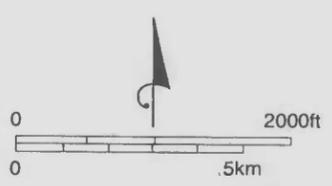
BA-2874M

BA-2211

Project Area

Area of Potential Effect

- ▲ Resource previously listed on National Register
- △ Resource determined potentially eligible for National Register
- Resource previously surveyed
- Resource surveyed by JMA



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HOUSE, 159 CHURCH LANE, TEXAS

BALTIMORE CO, MD

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FACADE (N) ELEVATION VIEW TO SOUTH



BA-1829

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3/4 VIEW E. ELEVATION AND FACADE. VIEW TO SW.



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HOUSE, 159 CHURCH LANE, TEXAS  
BALTIMORE CO, MD  
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REAR(S) ELEVATION AND MODERN GARAGE. VIEW TO NORTH



BA-1829

HOUSE, 159 CHURCH LANE, TEXAS

BALTIMORE CO, MD

K. CULLANE

8/1999

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MODERN GARAGE SW OF MAIN HOUSE. VIEW TO SOUTH.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

159 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

2

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

Joseph Cole

Telephone #: 666-0910

STREET &amp; NUMBER

159 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 1543

Folio #: 264

STREET &amp; NUMBER

York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY 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**

This stone house, now covered with white stucco, sits back about ten feet from Church Lane facing north. It is rectangular with an end hallway plan. There is a one story wing on the south extending the full width of the house. The structure is two and a half stories tall and four bays wide. It has a gable roof with a central chimney at the ridge dividing the house bilaterally. The house rests on a stone foundation.

The main entrance door is located at the northwest corner of the house. It is a wooden door surrounded by plain green trim. The windows on the first and second floor are six over six double hung sash windows. There is regular fenestration. Beveled openings provide for windows set back into the facade. In the attic story there are four knee windows which are three over three double hung sash windows. Directly above the windows there is a denticled cornice which does not quite extend the full four bays.

On the west half of the house there is a one story, two bay entrance porch. It has a shed roof supported by plain wooden columns. There is a concrete floor enclosed by a simple wooden railing. The porch is a recent addition within the last thirty or forty years since the present owner's son remembers helping to build it.

The house is about two bays deep although there are no windows on either end of the building. A cellar entrance is found on the west side. The back wing, which is not part of the original house, is covered with aluminum siding. The back or south facade of the building is four bays wide with six over six double hung sash windows. There are also knee windows like the ones on the north facade.

Several alterations have taken place since the house was first built. It was originally stone which is now covered by white stucco. The house was built as a duplex and had two entrance doors in the outside bays of the front facade. The eastern door was changed into a window. A wooden porch used to be in front of the eastern half of the duplex.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *between 1850 and 1877* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the earlier buildings in Texas, this stone house is typical of Maryland architecture found in small towns and rural areas. The builders made use of natural materials from the area, building with stone possibly from one of the local quarries. It was originally built as a duplex which has proven to be <sup>2</sup> typical of the settlement patterns in Texas. *plan*

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Byrd Oliver

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

Goucher College

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

DATE

December 9, 1978

TELEPHONE

825-3300

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Line of Title 159 Church Lane

Plat # 207

Reference

Deed Book March 8, 1947- Virginia and William Pitcher and  
1543/264 Charles and Jean Stein to Joseph Cole

Deed Book ( bounds tract of land leased by John Clark and  
John Landragan February 1, 1855 10/470 also land  
from Charles Buchanan to John Clark June 4, 1849  
414/387)

Will Book January 9, 1940 Ella Stein died heirs Virginia  
?? Pitcher and Charles Stein

