

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC JONATHAN SMITH BRICK TAVERN AND SPRING HOUSE  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side JARRETTSVILLE Pike, approx. 1 mile north of Loch Raven Res.  
CITY, TOWN Towson VICINITY OF 2  
STATE Maryland COUNTY

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER Tawes State Office Building  
CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21401

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Registry of Deeds, etc. Folio #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN STATE

## 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 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		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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The Brick Tavern consists of two sections, the major brick portion, facing south with long axis running east-west, of two storeys under a gable roof ridge on axis with central cross-gable; and a wing at the east end, north wall of the main block, of two storeys of rubble stone under a shallow gable roof with ridge perpendicular to the main axis (north-south, i.e.). The main elevation (south) reflects the double-house of the interior. There are six bays, the central two having the entrances to the respective parts of the house. All other openings contain 2/2 windows, taller on the first storey than on the second. The cross gable contains a central round-arched opening not in line with the bays, which in turn contains a pair of round-headed 1/1 windows with a wooden panel above. The gable end walls reflect a depth of two rooms and have two windows on each floor with two small square windows in the attic. There is an entrance to a partial basement (possibly a former root-cellar or dairy) at the east end. This is a stone projection from the basement with a small gable roof. The brick wall of the main block has a round relieving arch on the interior. The brick work of this main block is Flemish bond. All window and door openings have brick splayed flat arch lintels, except in the cross gable. The eaves are deep with a small finial at the tip of the cross gable and returns at the gable ends of the main roof. The stone wing extends north for three regular bays with an entrance in the central bay of the first storey on both the east and west elevations. A one storey addition at the extreme north extends the first floor under a shed roof and is built into the rising grade. Another addition was made west of this almost entirely below grade, with a flat roof which serves as a porch at the rear. These two northern additions are about the same depth as the wing, two rooms, and are offset slightly to the east. There is an entrance into the shed addition in the offset part of the wall.

The interior of the house has been carved into apartments for a number of years, and there is little interior fabric which is original. Furthermore, there are some structural problems, including a severe termite infestation which makes doubtful the future of such original interior as remains.

There is a small, simple, stone spring house north of the tavern. It has a gable roof running north-south (long axis) with a board door in the east wall.

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**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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1st half 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house has been traditionally known as the "toll house" by area residents and is still so called today. The suggestion of a connection with the old Jarrettsville Pike (Meredith's Ford and Jarrettsville Turnpike) on which the house is located, is born out by the fact that the 1858 Map of Baltimore County locates the building with the legend "Jonathon Smith Brick Tavern". The appearance of the present structure is sufficient to date it to about that period. The use of the word "Brick" in the legend further suggests that there was a need to differentiate it from another, probably earlier structure, which may have been the stone "wing" that exists today.

The Flemish bond and splayed flat-arches of the brick part of the house indicates the age of the house is greater than that presented by the details and general appearance of the house, which is vaguely Victorian (cross gable, round arch windows, 2/2 sash and panel doors).

The general evidence, then, is sufficient to propose that this house is at least old enough to be that tavern noted on the pre-Civil War map. If so, it is the only surviving aspect of the old turnpike\* and one of the few of the once extensive turnpike system of Central Maryland.

\*In the early twentieth century, the turnpike company was compensated by the City of Baltimore for its loss of revenue when the Loch Raven Reservoir inundated the Meredith's Ford (1915); the remainder was shortly purchased by the city of Baltimore (1918).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"Difficult is Made Easy", a history of turnpikes in Baltimore County

County historical maps and atlases.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

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

STATE	COUNTY
N/A	
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
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STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	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.

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  
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Jonathan Smith Brick Tavern  
Recommendations

The house is probably not eligible for the National Register in its present interior condition, but is highly significant to local, regional and state history, nonetheless. The structure should be retained, as a shell, if need be. In this last case, it can be adapted to any number of uses, including that of apartments which it serves today.

As with all structures included in this survey, routine maintenance is essential to prevent loss through neglect. Beyond that, any exterior changes which are proposed should not be attempted without the assistance of the Maryland Historical Trust. If in the end it is deemed desirable to return the structure to private hands, its location on a main road and at the far edge of significant park lands would make this easily possible.

