

BA 1951

RUHL STORE

1877-1896

RUHL

PRIVATE

This structure is a cross-gabled, two-story residence with an attached vernacular-style, two-story country store, a frame building with composition shingling and prominent standing-seam tin roofing. Ruhl was once a village with church, school, and sawmill. The school, probably the deteriorated one mentioned in the school commissioners' records was shown at or almost at this corner by the 1877 atlas. By 1896, as revealed by tax ledgers, there was a store owned by Charles Bradenbaugh. This store went through a considerable turnover during the 20th Century and during that period, the village shrank to two residences. The store was long ago closed. The school commissioners never owned this ground and probably kept school in rented space.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC RUHL STORE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2466 West Ruhl Road

CITY, TOWN

Ruhl

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard P. Turnbaugh

Telephone #: 357-5660

STREET & NUMBER

East Ruhl Road

CITY, TOWN

Freeland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21053

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5221

Folio #: 65

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

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 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

The Ruhl Store is a combination of a cross-gabled Victorian dwelling house with a two-story-plus attic rectangular store tacked onto its south end. The two portions have gabled roofs of standing-seam tin or aluminum. Each has a full-width front porch with a shed roof. The dwelling portion is three bays wide with a central door set under a transom. The porch roof is supported by four machine-turned posts. It is railed in by solid panels, covered with composition shingles. The five windows in this facade are double-hung sash types of 2-over-2 layout without shutters. The gable peak window is a round-topped window with square lower sash, 2-over-2 in layout.

The store porch is five steps above ground, both steps and deck of poured concrete. The entrance is in the middle, with double-paneled doors set under a rectangular transom. The two windows flanking the door are shielded by paneled shutters. The roof is supported by four machine-turned posts. The two windows facing the porch roof are shutterless, 2-over-2 double-hung sash types. The gable peak window is round-topped like the one in the dwelling.

The south wall is without fenestration.

The rear of the combined structures is irregularly fenestrated; there is a recessed back porch at the northeast corner of the dwelling portion.

The lot also contains a very primitive dwelling of mixed aluminum and rubber siding, with some as yet undecayed bits of vergeboard on the eaves. There is also a deteriorated stable a short distance northeast on East Ruhl Road.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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    1877-1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ruhl was once a crossroads with a church, school, and store. The four Ruhl Roads met here and only 0.3 mile down the Little Falls was P. A. and Samuel Small's sawmill. Today, church, sawmill, and school are gone and the frame store and its attached late Victorian dwelling are the only indications that one is in a place rather than on the way.

The 1877 atlas shows a school on the NW corner that is now occupied by the store. School Board reports show that the facility at Ruhl was originally a log building, and in 1879, a new site was acquired from Charlotte Palmer to build a brick school. Presumably, the commissioners had no title to the first school lot, since there is no deed indexed disposing of it. The store lot remained as a 12-plus acre site for over a century.

The 1876 tax ledger showed the twelve acres in the hands of Jacob S. Williams, who had a dwelling valued at \$200, but no store goods. In February 1877, Williams sold to Frank Shuchart. (1) Mary Frank purchased the place in 1878, and Albert Walker in 1885, Joseph Walker in 1887, Albert Walker again in 1891, and Charles Bradenbaugh in 1896. The 1896 tax ledger of District 6 showed Bradenbaugh with a house worth \$800, a barn (\$100), and "Average value of store goods for last year, \$800." The 1898 atlas spelled the name "Breitenbaugh" and showed it as a residence not identified as a store.

Lewis D. Bupp (also spelled Bubb) of Codorus Township, Pa., bought the tract in 1900 and in 1905 sold to Wellington G. Johns, who five years later sold to Peter R. Zimmerman, who sold in turn to Jane Hoffman. The 1918 tax ledger charged Jane Hoffman with \$600 worth of merchandise, while the real estate was charged to William H. Hoffman; dimensions of the Dwelling were given as 16 x 50.

William H. and Jane Hoffman sold in 1921 to Joseph O. Swam, who sold in 1954 to Maurice J. Roth and Edgar H. Alban, Jr., and their respective wives. Howard P. Turnbaugh

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in 1971 purchased the place from Maurice J. Roth and wife who had become sole owners. When viewed in 1979, the store was long closed, a victim of mass marketing trends and the population drain from farm districts.

NOTES:

1. B.C. Deeds, JB 11:123.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Tax Ledgers of 1876, 1896, 1911, 1918, Towson Courthouse.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.406

Map 6, P227.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

N60 °	40' 20"E	261.09 feet along East Ruhl Road
N32	40'W	53.86
S67	59' 40"W	247.93 feet to North Ruhl Road
S21	17'E	86.21 feet along North Ruhl Road

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

December 1979

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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

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U.S.G.S. QUAD 7.5 MINUTES

"NEW FREEDOM"



STICKS (JUNC. PA 216) 4.2 MI  
STILTZ 1 MI.

STICKS (JUNC. PA 216) 4.5 MI.  
STILTZ (STATE LINE) 1.3 MI.

5663 III NE  
(LINEBORO)



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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, Oct 1979

Neg. located at MHT

South facade



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South & east facades