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ORWIG HOUSE

1932

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This very large, 2-½ story Colonial Revival house has only had one set of owners, Spurgeon J. Orwig and wife, who had it built in 1932. The house is square, with a side-hall plan, full-width front porch, large, single-sheet sash windows, hip roof, and a dormer facing the York Road. The house is prominently located on the watershed line between two streams and is a prominent feature of the town. Outer wall covering is pebble-studded stucco.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC *ORWIG HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

*Orwig House***2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

21,501 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***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

Spurgeon J. Orwig et ux.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

21,501 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.*County Courts Building*Liber #: *LMCLM 839*Folio #: *332*

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Orwig House is a square, hip-roofed, 2½ story, Colonial Revival house perched prominently on the watershed line along which the turnpike road was laid out. The house is typical of its period, with side-hall floor plan, the main entrance on the left (north).

The house is stucco covered in a pebble-studded grey color, and the porch posts, post supports, and porch railings are also stucco covered. The porch is hip-roofed, full width, with an additional set of full-width awnings (of metal) across the front. The posts are square, of very solid appearance. The porch deck is one step above grade.

The house is two bays wide; on the first story, there is an entrance door with rectangular transom and storm door. A pair of double-hung, 1-over-1 sash windows lights the living room. There are two similar windows, widely spaced, at the second-story level of this main (or west) facade.

The northside is three bays deep, with a side door at ground level and a small stairway landing window in the center bay. The rear bay is fitted with twin, or paired, windows; all sash windows being double-hung, 1-over-1 types as is the case in front. The south facade is two bays deep and contains four single sash windows, similar to all the others. In the southeast corner of the house, facing the rear yard, is a double-decker, recessed porch, sheltered by the main house roof, fitted with railings. A plain narrow cornice runs around all facades.

The hip roof overhangs about one foot beyond the cornice on all sides of the house. A single dormer with twin double-hung, 1-over-1 sash windows faces the street. The stuccoed chimney rises through the rear surface of the hip roof.

The foundation is poured concrete and it becomes more exposed from the street facade to the rear or east of the house. On the north facade, there is a three-light rectangular basement window nearest the street, a six-light basement window under the paired windows at the rear. On the south facade, there are two rectangular basement windows, each with three lights, spaced under the main bays. There is a very prominent and well maintained house. A large metal television receiving mast is located close to the south wall about halfway between street facade and the back of the house.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1932

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This very large, colonial revival house has almost no history, having but one ownership since its construction. The grounds were part of the parsonage property from 1914 to 1921, and after that the short-lived parsonage became home of Mrs. Lizzie Thompson. In December, 1929, Mrs. Thompson, listed as a widow, conveyed a tract on the southside of her large residential lot for \$500 to Spurgeon J. Orwig and wife. (1) In that deed, the York Road was called the Susquehanna Trail, a name that the State Roads Commission had coined for the former pay-road or York and Baltimore Turnpike. The neighbor to the south was Louisa Rosier. Tax ledgers show that a House was added to the Spurgeon assessment account as "New 1932." Assessment was \$1600. (2) This generously proportioned dwelling looks at first glance as if it might be the parsonage for the church across the road, but is entirely private.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, LMCLM 839:332.
2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1928-1940, f. 959.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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B.C. Deeds, WPC 542:174; also LMCLM 839:332.
Tax Ledger, District 7, 1928-1940, f. 959.
Tax Ledger, District 7, 1940-1946, f. 281.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 78.38 sq. perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N61½E 390 feet
N19½W 55 feet
S61½W 386 feet

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

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ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

January 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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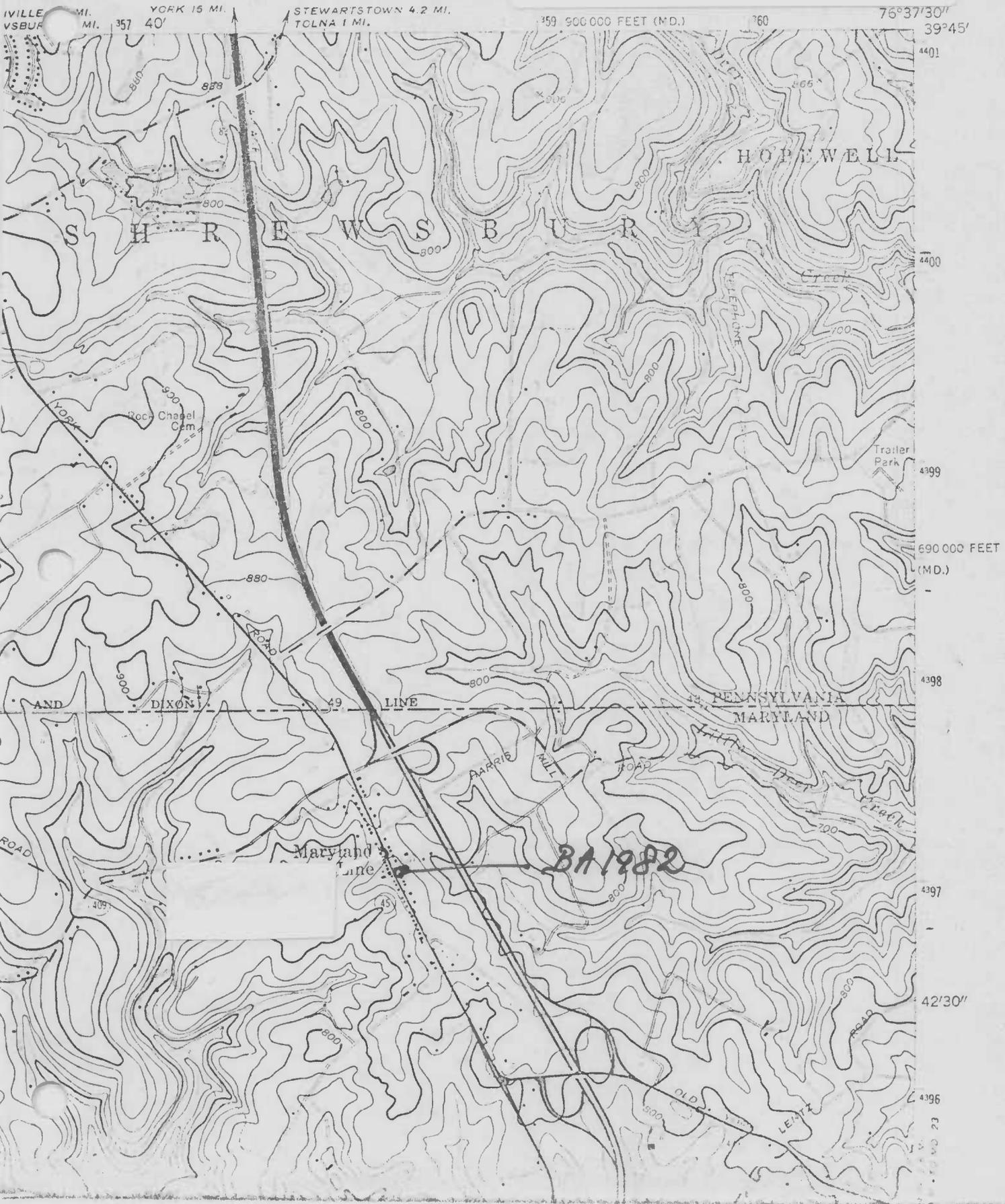
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. Q 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM

5663 / SE
(STEWARTSTOWN)



359 900 000 FEET (M.D.)

760

76°37'30"

39°45'

4401

4400

4400

4399

690 000 FEET
(M.D.)

4398

4397

42'30"

4396

NO 23

17/10

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Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (W) & north facades



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North facade & main (W) facade