

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Mary E. Neel House Inventory Number: BA-2980

Address: 7 Butler Road City: Reisterstown Zip Code: 21136

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Reisterstown

Owner: Margaret Coe Pumphrey c/o Robert Leslie Stoll

Tax Parcel Number: 766 Tax Map Number: 48 Tax Account ID Number: 04 2300001273

Project: MD 30: I-795 and MD 128 Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  Yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  No  yes Determined eligible?  No  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

The Mary E. Neel House is a 5-bay, double pile, brick building which was constructed in 1842. It belonged to a prosperous Reisterstown farmer, Hugh Neel and his wife, Mary, who farmed the 25 acre farm behind the house. The building has interior chimneys, the brick is laid in common (American) bond, and the windows are 6 over 6 double hung sash. The single family dwelling is in good condition. Based on the information provided, the Mary E. Neel House is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture, as an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, M.Arch.H., SHA

Date Prepared: March 19, 2002

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Comments: _____	
<u>Andrew Hevner</u>	<u>04/02/02</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Elvira</u>	<u>4/9/02</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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BA-2980

## 1. Name of Property (Indicate preferred name)

historic Mary E. Neel House  
 other Margaret Coe Pumphrey House

## 2. Location

street and number 7 Butler Road not for publication  
 city, town Reisterstown vicinity  
 county Baltimore

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Margaret Coe Pumphrey c/o Robert Leslie Stoll  
 street and number 252 Hammarlee Road telephone  
 city, town Glen Burnie state MD zip code 21060-6639

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber folio  
 city, town Towson tax map 48 tax parcel 766 tax ID number 04 2300001273

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
buildings				
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	
structures				
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mary E. Neel House is a 5 bay, double pile, brick building which was constructed in 1842. It faces the Hanover Turnpike and was the home of a well-to-do Reisterstown farmer, Hugh Neel and his family, including his wife Mary.

The Neel house is constructed of brick, in American bond, with 6 over 6 windows in the first and second stories, and in the attic gable there are 2 square windows with six lights each. There are two interior chimneys and front and rear porches. The front porch has a brick foundation (as does the rest of the building), a flat roof supported by Doric columns and a decorative wooden porch railing. A low brick wall encloses the rear porch and screening and it too has a flat roof.

The building has a side gable roof of slate and a center hall plan. The building is similar to other late Federal-style buildings found in the Reisterstown area and exhibits some Greek Revival style elements, such as the porch supports.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance			Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1842-1920

**Architect/Builder**

**Construction dates**

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Mary E. Neel House is significant as an example of a late Federal/Greek Revival temple style building, used as a single family dwelling, from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Once the home of a well-to-do Reisterstown farming family, it retains the exterior elements of the important architectural styles of the period, and thus is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (Architecture).

Although the Federal architectural style began to be popular in the 1780s following the founding of the United States, in the rural areas, the style continued to be built through the 1840s. The incorporation of a temple style building into the domestic architectural forms throughout the country resulted in several variations. In New England, the house is frequently a front gable building, with as many as four Doric columns across the front supporting the porch roof. In the Mid-Atlantic Region, the side gable type is found, frequently as is the case at the Neel House, the porch does not cover the entire front façade of the building, but acts as a portico.

Reisterstown began in 1758 following John Reister's purchase of 20 acres on the Conewago Road. He and his family built an inn south of Westminster Road intersection. The town became a turnpike stop, as travelers headed west towards Westminster or north towards Pennsylvania. Farmers who lived near the town provided supplies for the travelers stopping at the town's inns. While the turnpike remained a major transportation route for horse drawn vehicles, the town was known for its travel related services. However, with the advent of first the railroad, Western Maryland Railroad, and then the trolley, United Electric Railway, in the 1890s, Reisterstown shifted its orientation to become the market center in the central northwest part of Baltimore County. The railroad and the trolley expanded the access to such villages and sites as Glyndon and Emory Grove, which in the twentieth century caused further development in and around Reisterstown. Reisterstown (BA-2212) has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1978, and the town's architecture includes numerous excellent examples of mid-nineteenth century houses such as the Neel House.

Hugh Neel © 1800 and Mary E. Neel © 1810 were both born in Pennsylvania and Hugh farmed the land in the northeast quadrant of the Hanover Turnpike and Dover (now Butler) Road intersection. The census taker valued the 25+-acre farm in 1860 at \$20,000. Also in the 1860 U.S. Census, Neel (also spelled Neal and Neil) is listed as age 60, Mary is listed as age 50, and they had five children living at home: James, Martha, Rebecca,

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John and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Neel were not literate, which explains the different spellings of the surname over the years. The various County Atlases depict the development of the northeast quadrant.

In the 1850 J.C. Sidney map, Hugh Neel is identified as owning a house near the present intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Neel Avenue, although the house at 7 Butler Road is not identified. On the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, Mary Neel is identified as residing at 7 Butler Road, and the original farmhouse is also listed as her property. In the 1915 Bromley Atlas, the Neels' youngest son, Joseph is identified as the owner of 7 Butler Road and no one is identified as living in the other house.<sup>1</sup>

Beginning in 1909, the Neels began to subdivide their property along Dover (now Butler) Road, and in 1912 and 1911 respectively, two more houses were constructed: 103 and 203 Butler Road.

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<sup>1</sup> J. C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County, published Baltimore, MD 1850; Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, published Philadelphia, PA, 1877, Bromley Map of Baltimore County, published Baltimore, MD 1915; Sanborn Insurance Company map, 1950.

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.731 AC

Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is confined to the tax parcel as established with the Maryland State Highway Administration in 1983 (Plaat No. 48307).

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Anne E. Bruder		
organization	Maryland State Highway Administration	date	March 15, 2002
street & number	707 North Calvert St.	telephone	410-545-8559
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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:

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

### 9. Bibliographical References (continued)

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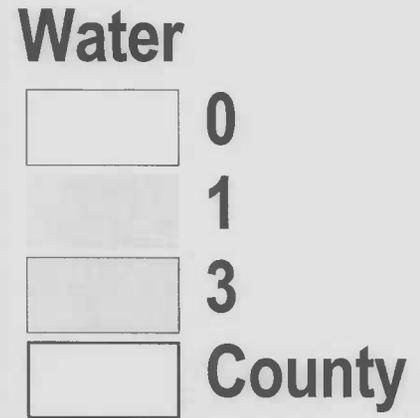
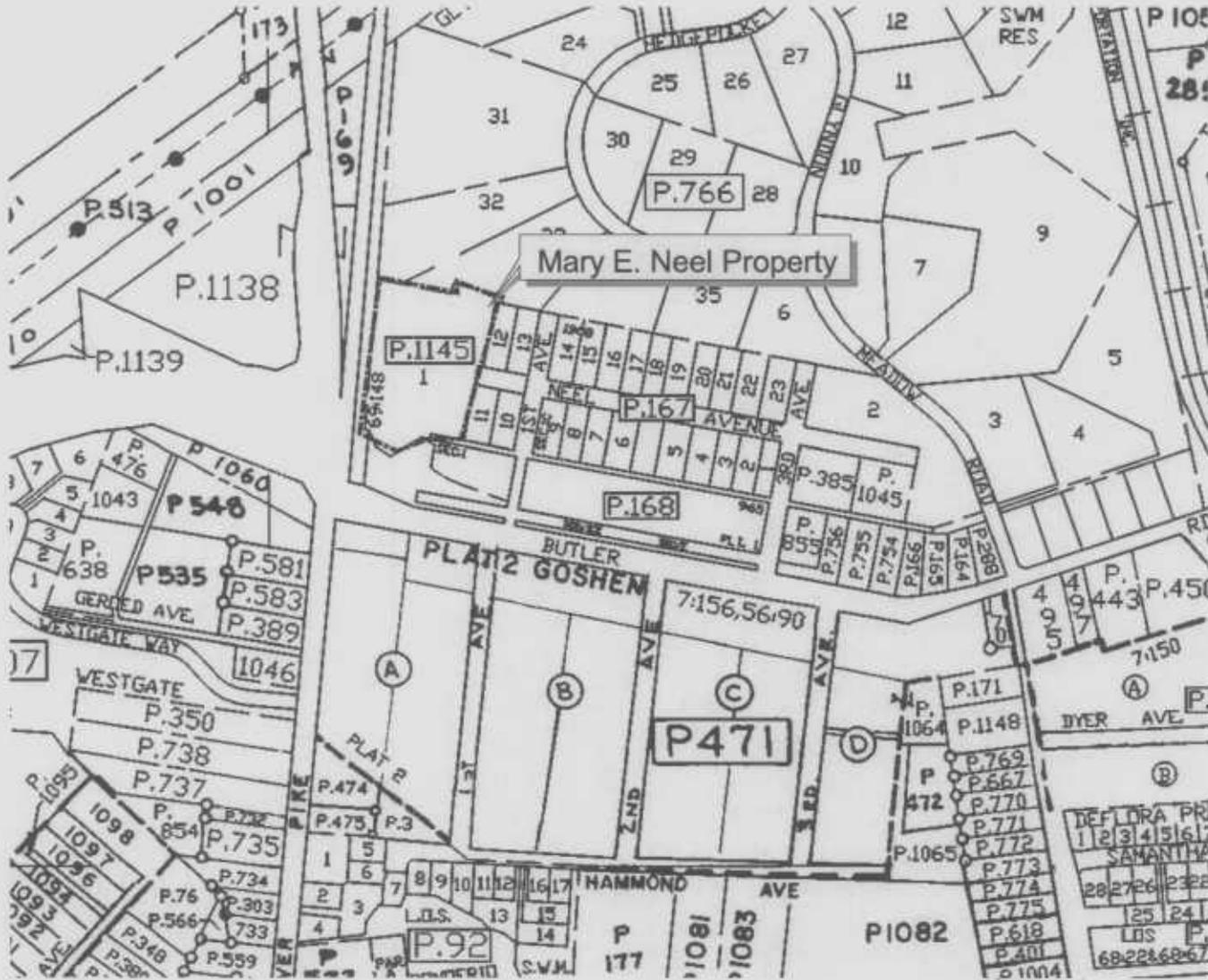
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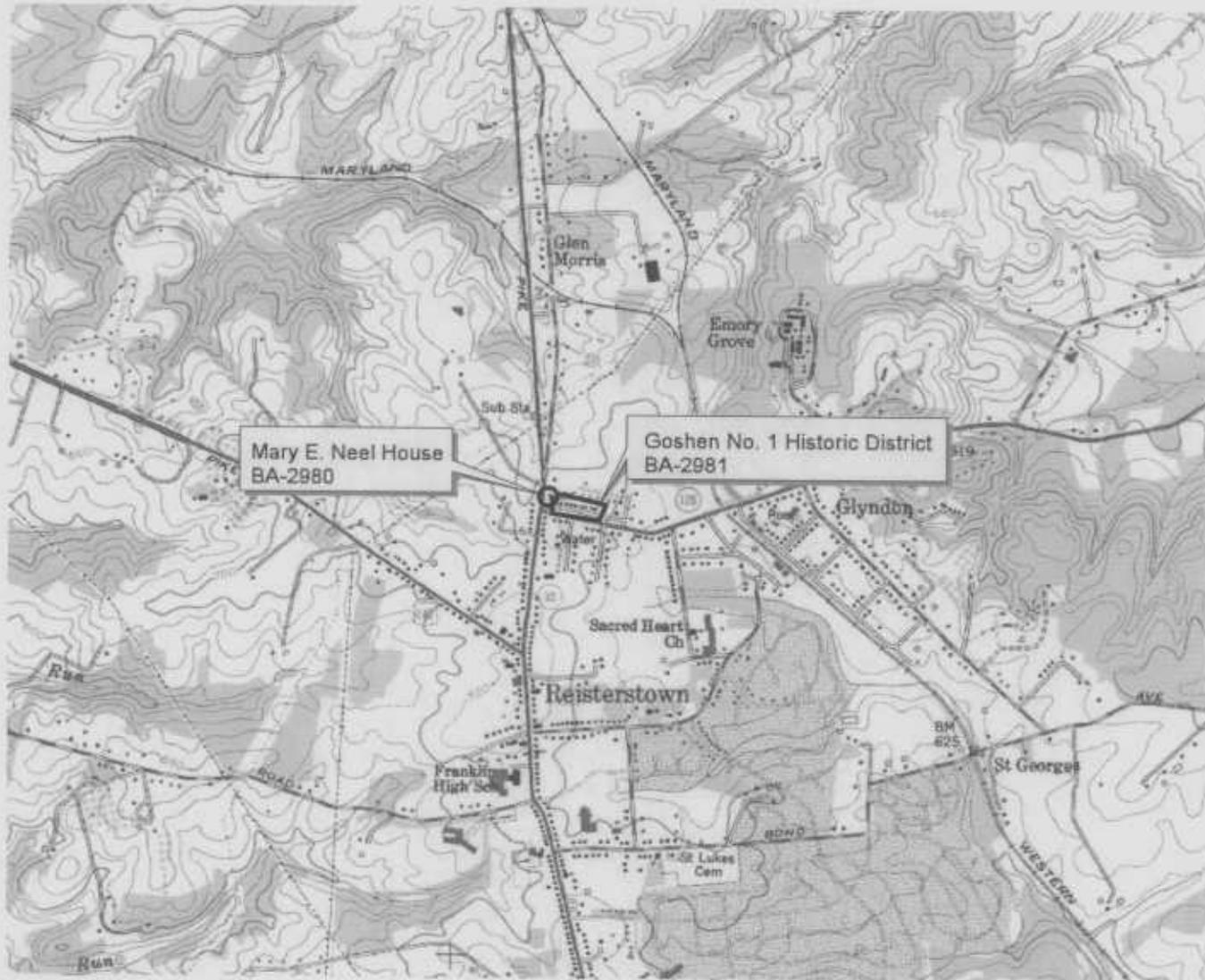
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# Mary E. Neel Property Tax Map



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# Reisterstown USGS Quad, 1:24,000





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7 BANTON ROAD REISTERSTOWN

Patterson MM

Boulder

July 9

P.L. #100

View of South Elevation

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7 BUTLER RD. REISTERSTOWN

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