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316 MAIN STREET  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

316 Main Street is a very simple traditional house probably dating from the early nineteenth century, one of the older houses in the town. Well maintained, it has been adapted to commercial use without destroying its historic exterior character.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

316 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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

Walter J. Ballesteros

Telephone #: 833-7188

STREET & NUMBER

c/o 316 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 5011

Folio #: 350

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Md.

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

316 Main Street is a frame house, two storeys in height, four unequal bays in length, facing the street to the east. The interior of this house was not accessible for inspection but it appears to date from the early nineteenth century. The very wide northerly bay, contrasting with the three typical bays to its south, indicates two periods of construction but an internal inspection is required to identify the original section. The weatherboards are modern.

The entrance is in the second bay from the north, the northerly of the three narrow southerly bays; it is enframed with a modern surround. Windows throughout are 6/6 with narrow frames and louvred blinds. A brick chimney rises internally at the south gable.

A two storey shed-roofed addition extends behind the north end of the house, its roof a continuation of the roof of the main house, but at a lower pitch; its walls are covered with wood shingles.

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which this house was eventually built was part of the Brotherly Love tract belonging to John Reister's estate. It was divided at his death into building lots by his son-in-law, Henry Wiest. Charles Worthington purchased the land in 1805, approximately an acre for \$131.00 (Lots #9 and #10) (WG 85/192-3). It was he, probably, who built the house. (Marks, op. cit. p. 183).

In 1816, Worthington conveyed the land to Joshua Cockey (WG 189/48). Cockey's heirs, Ellen Cockey, Henrietta Cockey, Francis Mathias and wife, Joshua Cockey and wife, Richard Cockey, John Cockey and wife sold the property to Sarah M. Brown in 1855. (HMF 13/400). The 1877 Hopkins Atlas shows Miss S. Brown.

Sarah Brown died and willed the property to her niece Henrietta Galloway (BC Wills 8/278).

H. Galloway who resided in Harford County, sold the property in 1888 to Mary E. Jessop (JWS 166/483). Mary Jessop conveyed title to Beal Owings in 1892 (LMB 227/44). Five years later, B. Owings conveyed a life estate to the property to Sarah E. Jessop and Henrietta J. Jessop (LMB 227/49). The 1898 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County shows the property in the name of S. E. Jessop. Actually, in his will, Beal Owings devised his real estate to Annie Owings, subject, however, to the life estate of Henrietta and Sarah Jessop. (BC Wills JEB 14?/313)

Henrietta Jessop died in 1911, leaving Sarah Jessop surviving. Sarah agreed to release her life estate to the property and it was sold to Anne Owings in 1911 (WPC 386/152).

In 1918, Richard H. Owings, trustee et al sold the property to the Reisterstown Savings Bank. (WPG 502/564). This transaction was the result of an Equity Court decision involving Samuel Owings et al and Clara V. Owings. The Court decreed the property be sold to William Fondroy Owings for \$1200. Then William sold his interest to Reisterstown Savings Bank and asked Richard Owings to unite with him in this execution.

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Maryland

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Reisterstown Savings Bank then sold the property to William F. Owings and his wife in 1920. (WPC 530/416). The wife died in 1955 and William in 1968.

The property was willed to a son, Maurice R. Owings (BC Wills JLD 107/211). Maurice died in 1969 and the property was devised to his wife, Jessie. (BC Wills JLD 111/68).

Jessie S. Owings sold the property to Walter J. Ballesteros and wife, Lucille, in 1969. (5011/350).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lillian B. Marks Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)  
 Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.  
 Wills Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .39 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY** James T. Wollom A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives, Project Coordinator

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md.

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.

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BUCKINGHAM  
CERAMICS

BA 1232

316 Main St  
Reist, Md

Carol Pollack  
4/77

West