

B.A. 1236

350 MAIN STREET  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private.

350 MAIN STREET was a very small house, substantially built of brick construction, very traditional in form, its details reflecting its period. Its modest additions have extended and respected the original form.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

350 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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

c/o Temple Smith

Telephone #: 833-1221

STREET & NUMBER

143 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5400

Folio #: 706

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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**

350 Main Street is a two story brick house four bays in length, closely oriented to the street, facing east; it has a two story brick rear wing. A one-story hipped roof porch extends across the principal facade and a one-story shed-roofed porch extends along the south side of the rear wing.

The two southerly bays facing the street and the adjacent or easterly portion of the rear wing comprise the original house, dating from the mid-nineteenth century. The principal entrance was in the southerly bay of the east front. The westerly bay (a single room) of the rear wing was added at a very early date. The rear wing originally had a shed roof falling to the south, perpendicular to the main house. In the mid-twentieth century, the two northerly bays of the front portion was added, the rear wing roof was raised to its present gabled form, a small one-story frame addition was added to the south side of the rear wing and another small one-story frame addition was added at the west end.

Brickwork is laid in common bond, every sixth course headers. Windows are 6/6 and some retain plain wooden lintels exposed externally. The original chimney rises at the north end of the original house, and a false one is flush above the later north gable. A modern exterior chimney is against the south gable. The chimneys of the rear wing have been removed.

The original house was but two rooms, one in each section. The front room of each story has a fireplace, and the mantels have pilasters of architrave material supporting a paneled frieze with plain end blocks. A large fireplace (now removed) is said to have been at the west end of the west room. The original stair (now removed) was against the north wall of the rear wing, rising to the east. In the unfinished attic, the straight-sawn oak rafters are half-lapped at the ridge and pegged. A cellar extends beneath the original house.

The north addition, doubling the length of the main house, consists of an entrance and stair hall, the open staircase of modern elements traditionally designed.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<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
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located on the major portion of Lot #4 which Henry Weist administered upon John Reister's death. All in all, there were about 30 acres of land in Reister's estate. Weist divided it into 19 building lots and sold them all off between 1805-1811. (Marks, op.cit., 182).

The Lot #4 sold the lot originally to John Beckley (WG 113/243) in 1811. Between that date and 1842, the lot was divided and resold, but deeds have not been found to document these transactions. In 1842, Amy Choate sold the northern part of Lot #4 to Solomon Choate (TK 320/253-54). (Marks, op. cit., p. 182). The price was \$100.00, so it is probable that no improvement was yet on the parcel.

When Solomon Choate died in 1861, this land was deeded by his wife, Elizabeth and daughter Maria R. Berryman (M. James Berryman) to the eldest daughter Mary Ann Owings. This occurred in 1863 (GHC 38/430). The property passed down through the Owings family. Francis O. Owings received it from his mother and then passed to his sister, Alice Elizabeth Owings (Wills WJP 27/342). The present owner purchased the house from Alice Owings (5400/706).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records  
Baltimore County Probate Records  
Marks, Lillian B. Reisters Desire (Baltimore, 1975)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60' x 330'

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. Wollon, A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vincent

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown

STATE

Maryland 21136

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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350 Main St  
Reist. Md

Carol Pollack

4/77

East