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Methodist Parsonage
Reisterstown, Maryland
Private access

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

METHODIST PARSONAGE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

406 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Michael Lambros

Telephone #: 666-2200

STREET & NUMBER

9900 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore Co.

Liber #: 174

Folio #: 246

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

406 MAIN STREET

406 Main Street is a three bay, two storey, gable roofed brick house facing the street to the east. It has a two bay, two storey gable roofed brick and frame kitchen wing extending behind its north end. A vertical joint in the common-bond brickwork of the street or east facade indicates that the two narrower northerly bays and the wider southerly bay were constructed at different times. The brick wall through the house behind this joint has been removed in its entirety but remaining portions of its foundation in the cellar indicate that that the northerly bays are the original. The northerly half of the rear wing is of brick, the southerly of frame. The absence of a vertical joint between the main house and the rear wing indicates that the brick portion of the wing is part of the original house, dating from ca. 1850; the south wing probably was added within twenty years.

All windows are 6/6, set into narrow frames and flanked by louvred blinds. Exposed wood lintels support the masonry above. The recessed entrance in the middle bay of the east front has a modern wooden surround of the Tuscan order. The cornice is of corbeled brick and flush chimneys rise above each gable; the chimney of the rear wing has been removed.

Within, a stair hall extends through the central bay and a single room is on either side. The stair has paneled newels, moulded rail and square balusters, all dating from the early twentieth century. Door and window trim is plain, with raked heads. The south mantel has plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze; the north mantel is missing and the fireplace is closed. The second storey is similar and the two original doors remain, each with two tall, full-length panels and BALDWIN PATENT hinges.

In the cellar the original kitchen fireplace remains in the rear wing as does the hearth framing for one above, now removed. A stairwell is framed in the northeast corner of the rear wing, perhaps the only original stair.

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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 checked="" 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

John Sumwalt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house is built on land which John Reister I deeded to his eldest daughter, Catherine in 1793 (WG No.LL:216). Her first husband was Roland Smith, Jr. a merchant who conducted the first store in Reisterstown on his father-in-law's property south of the Reister Inn. He died very shortly in 1781. In 1783, Catherine was married a second time to Francis Mayberry. (Marks op cit., p. 53-54) Dr. Dickson, in his account, says that "Mr. Mayberry continued the store, but did not live many years, and also died on this place..." (Dickson, op cit., p.7) After the death of her second husband, Catherine managed the store, perhaps assisted by her son, John Smith. In 1793, John Reister deeded her the two acres on which the shop was located, the property to descend to her daughters. (WG No.LL;216) The property is described in the Federal Assessment of 1798 (No.3215) but is no longer standing. (Marks, op cit p54)

Catherine carried on her shop in Reisterstown on this site for many years. Dr. Dickson mentions that "The lot on which Mrs. Katy Mayberry resided and died, contained from 1/2 to 3/4 acre of land and finally fell into the hands of Mr. John Sumwalt, who afterwards built a fine brick house on the same lot, and then deeded it to the Methodist Episcopal Church as a Parsonage". (Dickson, op cit., p. 6) Prior to this, her store was described in a magazine article as "an old tottering shamble where Aunt Kitty Mayberry peddled cakes, candy and mead to the children.." According to a local tradition, she became very nearsighted in her later life and was teased by village children who attempted to pass off bogus money for her penny candies" (Md. Monthly Magazine, op. cit., p. 9-13 and Marks, op cit., p. 54)

After Catherine's death her property was divided among her three daughters. In 1841, one of these, Elizabeth Mayberry DeCoursey, deeded her share to John Sumwalt (TK 314/419-21) He had married her sister, Margaret Smith. A tanner, by trade, Sumwalt was prosperous. By 1808 he owned most of Reister's Desire on the west side of the turnpike. He eventually became one of the "largest land owners in the area". (Marks op cit., p.55) He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1820.

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Statement of Significance

He subscribed to the building fund of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Worthington Valley and in 1824 he deeded a piece of his property to the trustees of the High German Lutheran Church. In 1824, he deeded the trustees of the school house in Reisterstown a lot on Cockeys Mill Road as a school site, and in 1826 was appointed a member of the Board of trustees for the newly created Franklin Academy built there. (Marks op cit., p. 55-56)

After purchasing his sister-in-law's share of the Mayberry lot in 1841, he built the "fine brick house" on it- the present structure. He died in 1847, and the house and lot were conveyed to the Methodist as a parsonage (B.C.Wills DMP No.21, 1845-47;481-85)

The Methodist Church has maintained this parsonage until July, 1978. It was recently auctioned off to a private individual.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1. Wills- Land Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.
- 2. Lillian B. Marks's 'Reisters Desire' (Baltimore, Md.)
- 3. "Stores" Maryland Monthly Magazine August, 1906 (Reisterstown 1906-7)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

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ORGANIZATION Historic Reisterstown, Inc
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9/78

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER
Reisterstown, Md

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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