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430 Main Street  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

430 Main Street is one of several small traditional nineteenth century houses with a front parlor facing the street and a kitchen behind in the rear wing. This example dates from ca. 1865-1875. Although adapted internally as offices, its exterior is maintained in the manner compatible with its historical significance.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

430 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

Brightwell-Troxell, Inc.

Telephone #: 833-4695

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 5347

Folio #: 479

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

BA-1245

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

430 Main Street is a traditional three bay, two storey, gable roofed frame house dating from ca. 1865-1875, facing the street to the east. A two bay, two storey, gable roofed kitchen wing extends behind the northerly end. A one storey hipped roof porch extends across the principal or east front and south end. A one storey shed-roofed porch extends across the south side of the rear wing and a low shed-roofed one storey wing extends behind the two storey wing.

Most exterior walls are covered with German siding and roofs extend over all walls in a wide plain overhang. The south wall is sheathed with heavy overlapped weatherboards. Single flue brick chimneys rise internally above the north and west gables. The principal entrance is in the southerly bay and typical windows are 2/2 with louvered blinds.

Internally, a stair hall is in the southerly bay, its rounded rail supported by simple chamfered newels and rectangular balusters. A single room is to the north, its mantel having applied panels on the pilasters and in the frieze. The single room of the rear wing was the kitchen and an enclosed back stair is in the northwest corner. The second storey plan is similar.

The roof rafters are slim logs, mitered at the ridge and the first floor joists are logs, visible in the cellar which extends under the rear wing and its south porch; the cellar beneath the front room was dug later.

The easterly portion of the south wall is nogged with brick, visible in the attic stairway.

This dwelling has been adapted as offices and walls and ceilings are largely refinished in modern materials; the entire south wall of the kitchen wing has been removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Solomon Choate was a descendant of an early Baltimore County family and the husband of Elizabeth Beckley. He had purchased in 1830, 11 acres of "Brotherly Love", the former Wiest property, including the Wiest house (#410). Retaining the house, in 1831 he resold 9 acres of land to his brother-in-law, John Beckley, Jr. These lay to the south of the house where he lived (#410). (Marks op. cit., p. 69) (WG 210/363-66)

John Beckley, Jr., who was running the blacksmithing operation on Cockeys Mill Road conveyed acreage to his son-in-law, John P. Dean, in 1865 (JHL 44/469). Dean was from Southern Maryland, and was a teacher by profession although he had entered the Methodist ministry. (Marks op. cit., p. 67)

In 1874 Dean leased the land on which #430 eventually stood to John Yingling for \$18/year for 99 years. Yingling agreed to build a dwelling house on this lot within two years and keep up in good repair the division fence between him and the rest of Dean's property. (Dean was living in #202 Main Street). This dwelling house is the present structure. (JB 88/518)

On his death, his widow, Alydia Tingling, eventually conveyed the property to William Shriver and his wife in 1906. This transaction was through the authority of Orphans Court.

William L. Shriver sold the property shortly to Walter Spurrier and wife (WPC 310/344).

In 1908, Spurrier and wife sold the property to Samuel J. Vondersmith and his wife. Both had died by 1959 and the property was devised to a daughter, Fannie W. Benson (Wills JPC 60/131).

In 1959, the Bensons sold the house to the Pat Holding Company. The Pat Holding Company acting as a straw person in this transaction transferred the property back to the Bensons. In 1965 Fannie Benson sold the property to Gerry and Loretta Gobrecht. (OTH 4526/586).

In 1973, the property came into the possession of the present owner.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Marks, Lillian Bayley Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)  
 Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Maryland  
 Wills Baltimore County Court House Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 acre

**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

Cornelia M. Ives Project Coordinator

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md. 21136

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.

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