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GIES HOUSE  
405 Main Street  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dr. Gore office  
~~405 MAIN STREET~~ (Gies House)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

405 MAIN STREET

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore Co.

**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

Mr. Joseph Hui

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

35 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore Co.

Liber #: 5504

Folio #: 411

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

405 MAIN STREET

405 Main Street is a symmetrical frame house, two storeys in height, five bays in length with a gable centered in the west or street front above the central bay and half of each flanking bay. The interior of this house was not accessible for inspection but the single-flue chimneys which rise internally at each end the 4/4 windows with louvred blinds suggest 1865-1875 as the date of construction. An arched window, with louvres, is in the west gable and the principal entrance, with transom, is in the center bay of the first storey. A one storey porch extends across the west or street front, its shed roof supported by turned columns with elaborate jig-sawn brackets.

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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**

405 MAIN STREET

\*Elizabeth Choate is entitled to a life estate in the property... which she has

The land on which this house stands was originally part of Brotherly Love and was contained in a 16 $\frac{1}{4}$  acre tract sold by John Reister, Jr. to Thomas Moale in 1812 (WG 118/43-95). The land passed through several hands until it came into the hands of Colomon Choate. Choate, a descendent of an early Baltimore County family was a merchant and a framer. He owned extensive real estate in this part of Reisters-town (Marks op. cit., p.69). When he died in 1861, his holdings were willed to his wife and two daughters. (B.C.Wills IIR 2/137) In September 1963, his wife, Elizabeth, and eldest daughter, Mary Ann Owings (m. Philip Reister Owings) devised the land under consideration here to a younger daughter, Maria Berryman (m. James Berryman)(38/434) he deed read in part; "The parties agreed to make division of the real estate of Solomon Choate... and to execute to each other deeds for their respective portions of said properties... and whereas the above mentioned agreed to release and convey for sum of \$50 to Maria Berryman quarterly... during her natural life..." Elizabeth went to live with the Berrymans who were living at #410 Main Street.(Marks op.cit p.69)

It is not clear if any building was yet on the land which was about 12 acres. In 1867, Maria Berryman sold a  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre parcel on the land to Alverda Gore (54/409) This is the parcel where the house now stands. The 1877 Atlas (Hopkins) designates the site as belonging to a Dr. Gore and it appears he had an office there. Architectual details seem to place the house's construction between 1865-1975, so it would appear that the house was built by Miss Gore or Dr. Gore. Just who Alverda Gore was and what her relationship was to Dr. Gore has not been established. The Dr. Gore was probably Dr. Albert Philip Gore (1843-1923) whose mother, Dorothy Beckley Gore was instrumental in giving land to Asbury Methodist Church(q.v.). Dr. Gore was a dentist. The 1898 Atlas (Bromley) also shows the site belonged to Alberta (sic) Gore.

In 1913 Alverda Gore (unmarried) sold off part of the land purchased in 1867 from the Berrymans to Austin Stoneburner.(422/228) Stoneburner is shown with over 7 acres in the 1915 Bromley Atlas-

In 1921 Lola A.Stoneburner, widow of Austin C. sold the land to Robert Beveridge and Rosa, his wife. (542/194) Rosa Beveridge had been married before to H. Lewis Gies. H.L.Gies had owned the lot adjoining one under discussion to the south since 1870. He had a Boot and Shoe Manufacturing establishment there. When he died, in 1912, the children deeded this land (next to #405) to their mother, Rosa (401/212) When she remarried it was to Robert Bevridge and eventually they were able to buy the house and lot next door(#405) in 1921; The two adjoining parcels approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre are joined and have remained that way to the present.(Shown on 1915 Atlas )

In 1950 Rosa L.Bevridge sold the parcel to Marion B. Gore (1830/190)

In 1953, the Gores sold to Jesse McAnally and Elma, his wife (2385/56)

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Significance cont.

Sheet #2

In 1974 Jesse F. McAnally devised the property to his son in his will. The son sold the property a short time later to its present owner.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Lillian B. Marks, Reisters Desire (Baltimore, 1975)
2. Land Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .55 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

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

NAME / TITLE Cornelia M. Ives, Coordinator

9/78

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DATE

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TELEPHONE 833-3078 (M's Ives)

CITY OR TOWN Reisterstown

STATE Md.

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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