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121-123 MAIN STREET  
Reisterstown, Maryland

Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

121-123 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, c/o Rev. Dixon Yaste

Telephone #: 833-1604

STREET & NUMBER

117 Main Street

Maryland 21136

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 4904

Folio #: 243

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Maryland

STATE

**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 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

123 Main Street is a three storey brick house, three bays in length, facing the street to the west. 121 Main Street is a two storey shed-roofed brick and frame wing attached to the north end of 123. This structure appears to date from ca. 1850 and it is very similar to a double house next door to the north, 115-117 Main St. (q.v.). The interior was not accessible for inspection.

The principal entrance of 123 Main Street is in the southerly bay. 6/6 windows with narrow frames and louvred blinds are in the two bays to the north, and in the second storey. Small casement windows are in the third storey, above which is a wide frieze board and simple wood cornice. The walls are laid in common bond, every sixth or seventh course being headers. Unbonded jack arches support the masonry above openings. A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the entire west front of 123 and 121.

A lower two-storey wing extends behind the north end of the house, a one-storey shed-roofed porch sheltering its south side. The low-pitched shed roof of the wing is perpendicular to that of the main house. A second storey window is small, like those of the house's third storey. A chimney rises midway above its east wall. The rear wing is extended another bay with a wider concrete block addition of two storeys. The space between the concrete block wing and the early north addition is infilled with frame construction.

In the west front of 121 Main Street a secondary entrance with a 2/2 window above are directly against the northwest corner of 123; a 6/6 window is north of the door and another is in the north wall. The second storey of the north wall is of frame, like the wall of the infilling construction between it and the easterly concrete block wing. Two 6/6 windows are in the frame second storey wall and two 2/2 windows are in each storey of the infilling construction.

**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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The land on which this house stands was originally part of a large tract called Spring Garden. This tract, to the north of Reister's Desire, contained 140 acres. It was granted to Duncan Coleman and his wife by Charles Calvert, fifth Lord Baltimore, in 1731. Coleman, however, only held the land for two years. For the next 30 years the property passed through several hands--usually land speculators. Finally in 1767, Benedict Swope set about developing the tract. Swope was an energetic and controversial German Reformed minister. As an itinerant preacher he had visited northern Baltimore County and he foresaw a westward population trend. In his travels, then, he looked for future development sites and bought up large tracts for speculation. He subdivided the Spring Garden-Chase Tract (Chase was contiguous and had been acquired in 1745 by one of the previous owners). 300 acres and lots were laid out along the main turnpike. Here was one of the earliest planned towns. Swope called his development, New German Town. All lots were sold. Deeds were not drawn up until houses had been constructed. This was called "Reverend Swope's inducement". The settlers were principally Germans. Among the largest sales by Swope were those to: Daniel Bowers (55 acres plus some others); Barnet Holtzinger 353 acres; Harman Fisher 313/4 acres. These sales generally took place between 1768-1770.

According to Mrs. Marks, transactions regarding Spring Garden-Chase tracts become confused about 1770. Financial reversals following the Revolutionary War caused Daniel Bower and an associate, James Morgan, to dispose of their extensive holdings. (Marks op. cit., p. 35-36).

The thread for #121-123 is picked up in 1852. This was approximately when the house was built. The owner at the time was John Jolius. As of now, there is no information concerning Jolius or how he obtained the house. In December of 1852, he leased the property for 99 years to Jesse R. Yingling for \$9.00 a year. In 1873, Yingling bought the land, described as 1/2 an acre with a building and improvements, for \$150.00. (HMF 4/32 and EHA 79/23).

Between 1873 and 1890, the record is again confused. The 1877 Atlas (Hopkins) shows the site to belong to J. Blizzard. When Yingling sold it is unknown at this time. In 1890, the property was sold at public auction to George W. Miller for \$700.00. (JWS 183/302). On August 26, 1890 there had been a writ issued of feiri focias on a judgment of record at the suit of William G. Brown and George W. Shugars and Julia Shugars, said writ issued against the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of said defendants on the land described..."

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1891, George Miller sold the property to Mollie E. Brown and her husband (JWS 184/478).

William G. Brown, widower, disposed of the property in 1918 to Lottie G. Fowble (WPC 504/482).

In 1919 Lottie Fowble sold it to James Naylor. At his death the estate went to six children (WPC 520/487) and (Will JPC 39/91).

Probably it was used as income property for the next 21 years. The children eventually sold it in 1945 to Joseph and Trunda and Mary, his wife, for \$3500.00 (RJS 1378/143)

In his will (Wills 89/375) Joseph Trunda Bequeathed the property to his wife and after her death to his son, Alois (Louis) A. Trunda who was living in Sparrows Point.

In 1968, Louis Trunda sold the property to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (OTG 4904/243)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50

**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.

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 Cornelia M. Ives Project Coordinator

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DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Maryland 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.

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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