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HO*HO RESTAURANT
35 Main Street
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Public

35 Main Street was a modest, traditional dwelling dating from the end of the nineteenth century, its steep front gable identifying it with the Gothic revival style. It is among the few remaining early structures in its immediate neighborhood.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ho-Ho Restaurant

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

35 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Neil J. Lewis

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Lewis Investment Co.
Equitable Building

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County

Liber #: 5565

Folio #: 133

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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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

35 Main Street is a two storey frame structure three bays in length facing the street to the west. A steep gable is centered in the front roof slope. Extending to the east or rear behind the entire structure is a two storey rear wing three bays in length, its gabled roof perpendicular to that of the front section. All roofs project beyond the walls with wide plain eave and rake cornices. A single flue chimney formerly rose within the south gable and a similar chimney rises from the middle of the rear wing. This structure appears to date from the ca. 1885-1900 period. A one storey twentieth century extension with a low-pitched shed roof extends across the east facade.

Windows are 4/4 with narrow frames, a few retaining louvred blinds. An arched 2/2 window is in the front gable. The entire first storey front wall is removed and brick walls enclose the space formerly occupied by a porch across the street front. The entrance was probably in the northerly bay as only the south gable had a chimney.

The entire first floor is remodeled as a restaurant, with no old finishes or details in evidence. The second floor is let as an apartment, not accessible for inspection.

A cellar is beneath the rear wing, partially extended into the front section.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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

Probably an investment and commercial property throughout its history. Part of the Spring Garden tract. This house was probably built by Henry Emich. Emich and his wife, Mary, took out a mortgage on the property in 1887. (JWS 127/232). They had leased the property from 1871 from T. Flory (EHA 71/202). Flory held the property next to this to the south and had a flourishing Carriage Manufacturing firm there. H. F. Emich was a Saddlery and Harness maker. Both these enterprises were indicative of the influence of the Turnpike on the economy of Reisterstown. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County indicates that Emich both lived and had his shop at this location.

For some reason Emich defaulted in the mortgage payments and in November 1888, the property was sold at auction to John W. Hitshue, Sr. for \$1900. (Judicial Liber JWS 119/75) and (163/500). Hitshue (or Hitchue) had a successful hotel at the intersection of the Turnpike and the Westminster Pike and apparently was doing some other investing at this time. He died in 1895, and his son, John W. Hitshue, Jr., the surviving administrator of his father's estate and several other children deeded the property to Sallie K. Hitshue, wife of John W. in 1899. (238/104). J. Hitshue is shown as the owner on the 1898-1915 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County.

In 1920, Sall(y) K. Hitshue sold the property to George and Laura Akehurst. In 1944, the Akehurst children, C. Spencer Akehurst, Beulah L. Grimes, and Lydia V. Grimes sold the property (by now with Ground Rent) to Elsie E. Demmes. (523/169 and 915/217). This was a "straw" transaction for Demmes immediately turned the property over to Harmon O. Grimes and Lydia. Three years later in 1948, the Grimes sold the property to John Czerwinski and wife, Anna. (1703/450)

Czerwinski sold to Eugene Will in 1967 (4749/53).

Will sold to John A. Schmidt in 1968 (4898/220).

In 1972, the Lewis Investment Company bought the property from Schmidt (5306/871).

In 1975, Herbert Lewis deeded the property to Neil J. Lewis, the current owner. Currently a Chinese restaurant is housed in the building.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Md.
 Judicial Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 27.43' x 289' (with #31-33 Main Street)

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 Ives, Project Coordinator

September, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & 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.

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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Carol Pollack

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