

Reisterstown Savings Bank

Reisterstown, Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Reisterstown Savings Bank

AND/OR COMMON Union Trust

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
50 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN
Reisterstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY
Baltimore

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Union Trust Company

Telephone #: 332-5000 (Info)

STREET & NUMBER
1 North Charles St

CITY, TOWN
Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County

Liber #: 3441
Folio #: 395

STREET & NUMBER
Towson

CITY, TOWN

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built as a bank early in the Twentieth Century, 50 MAIN STREET is still a bank. Of brick construction (with mid-twentieth century symmetrical flanking wings and an Indiana limestone facade) the central section is the original, a small rectangular structure, its short or gable end to the street, one tall storey in height with a low-pitched gabled roof. Its brick walls, laid in common bond, every sixth course headers, rise above a double ledge water-table. Original windows had jack arches 1½ bricks in height; one, reduced in height, remains in the north wall west of the north wing. In the mid-twentieth century, narrow flat-roofed wings were added on either side and the tripartite street facade was refaced in Indiana limestone recalling eighteenth century English pattern book design. The principal entrance is centered, embellished with a stone architrave, and carved stone consoles supporting a shallow stone pediment. A window is on either side of the entrance in the central (the original) block and a single window is in the front facade of each narrow wing. Shallow panels are above the windows of the central block and that portion of the structure is finished with a stone architrave, frieze, dentiled cornice and finally a stepped parapet in lieu of a pediment.

Internally the entire structure is a single space, the principal banking room being in the original portion with officers' desks in the wings. A small second floor is in the rear or westerly bay of the original section. An access panel opens to space above the present ceiling of the banking room, several feet below the original ceiling, of plaster on circular-sawn lathe fastened with wire nails.

The attic was not accessible for inspection.

A cellar is beneath a small twentieth century one storey addition at the west end of the original structure.

A curved retaining wall with pedestals supporting spheres flank steps -- all of cut limestone -- leading from the street to the front entrance.

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		<i>local history</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This building was built as a bank to serve Reisterstown when it was a small rural community, not a part of the suburbs of a major city, its present position. Remarkably it still serves as a bank, albeit with modest but distinctive additions, built to convey the dignity and solidity of the bank.

In March 1901, several of the town fathers of means decided that a community as vital and forward looking as was Reisterstown could support a bank and make good use of all its services. They formed and incorporated the Reisterstown Savings Bank of Baltimore County. The five original Directors were:

- George W. Albaugh of Carroll County
- Reister Russell School Commissioner for Baltimore County
- Frank H. Zouck Chairman of the States Roads Commission
- Dr. James Gore
- William L. Shriver

This corporation was formed for the purpose of conducting the business of a savings institution and of receiving from any person or persons or bodies corporate, or politic any deposit of money or other securities for loan or investment... (Corporation Records *NBM 4/22*)

The building was built on land acquired from said Reister Russel in 1901 (NBM 255/547 Confirmatory Deed). The building, according to a student paper written shortly afterwards and now in the possession of Mrs. Louise Goodwin of Reisterstown, was "two rooms originally, then they added another room and fixed the front and back."

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8. Significance, continued

In 1952, there was a merger between the Reisterstown Savings Bank and the Glyndon Bank (State Tax Commission Charter Records 386/97)

In June 1953, more acreage was added. This was conveyed to the bank by Carroll Saumenig and wife, Helen (GLB 2307/314).

In June 1958 the Reisterstown-Glyndon Bank deeded all its acreage and merged with Union Trust Bank (3441/395).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Balto. County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland
Corporation Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

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ORGANIZATION Historic Reisterstown, Inc

DATE August 1978

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CITY OR TOWN Reisterstown, Md

STATE 21136

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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50 Main St - Reisterstown

Carol Pollack

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