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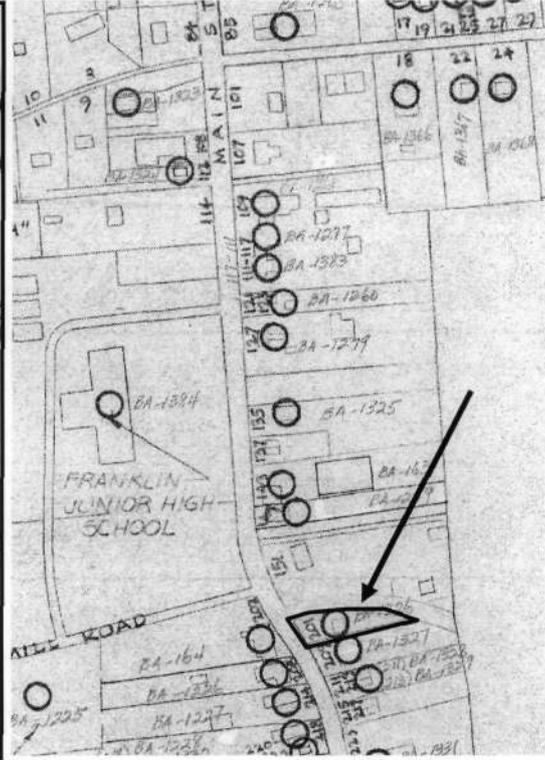
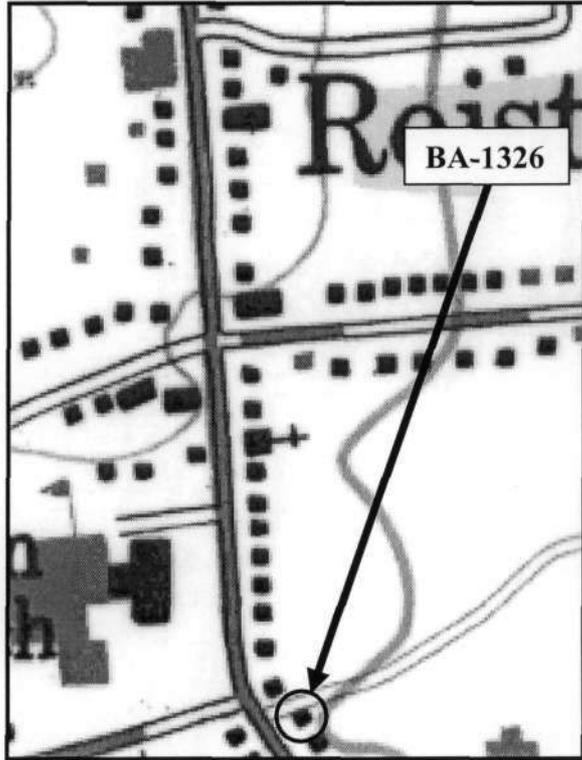
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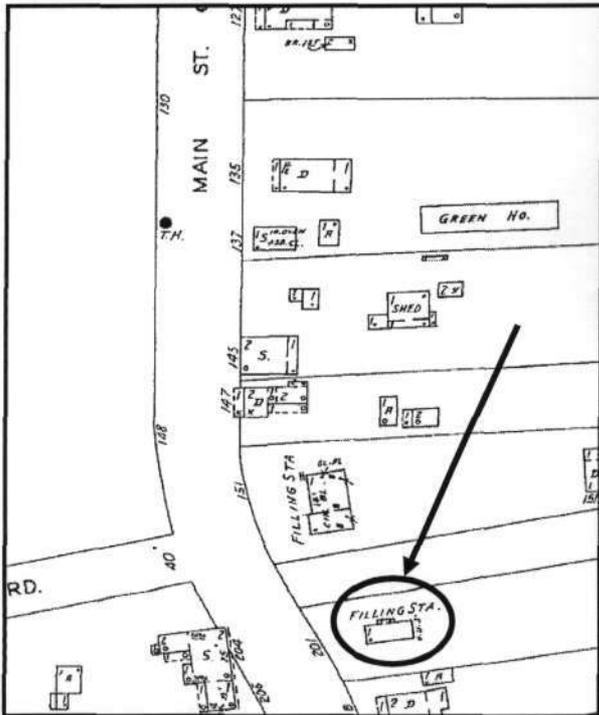
Reisterstown Quadrangle

1977 district detail map

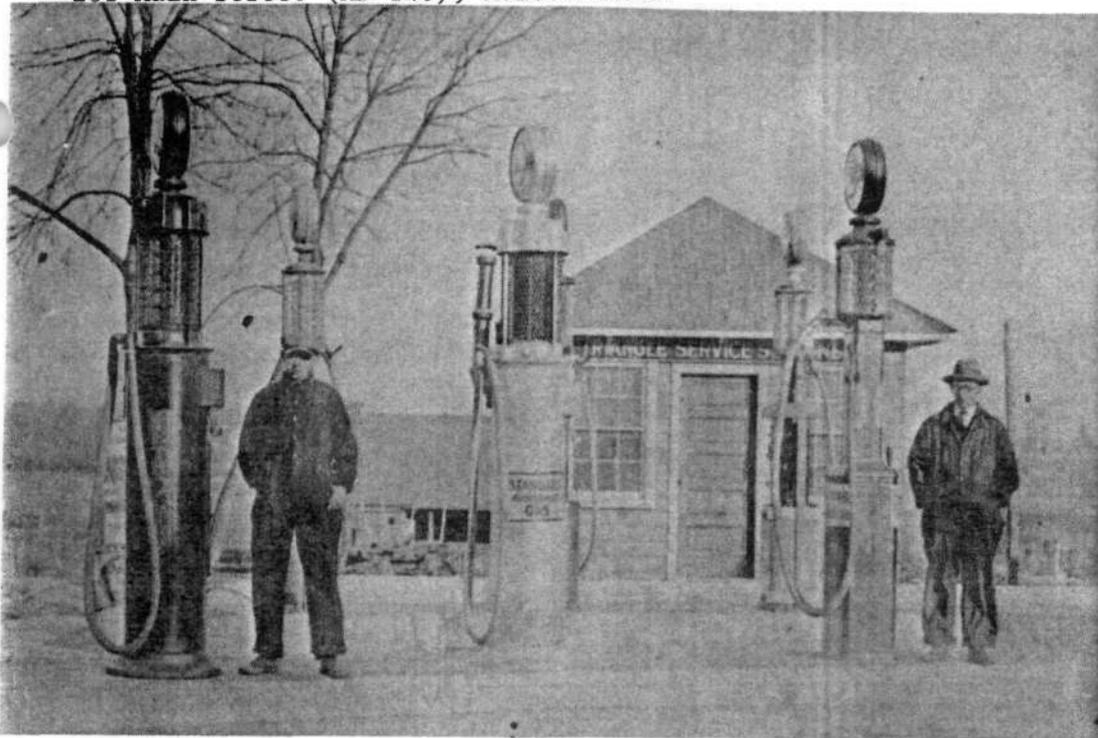


Sanborn Map, 1950

Aerial Photo



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EARLY VIEWS OF FIRST GAS/HORSE STATION

Gasoline from crank up pumps!



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Across from the Beckley home on Main Street is a small building where Smith, Darr & Metzler opened the first gas station in town. The gasoline business grew from, and was only incidental then, to the main trade, a blacksmith shop which flourished at the side of the station. Horse drawn and horse powered vehicles were both serviced at one stop. One stop shopping continued with the next owner, Mr. Pete Berryman, who offered many different brands of gas at this one little station. The next and last owner was Mr. Walter Leaf who stoically operated the little station, independently, closing this past year after almost a quarter of a century, during the energy crisis and gas shortage. Wheels replaced hoofs, cars replaced carriages and what will replace this original blacksmith shop and first gas station is most uncertain. Like many other landmarks, it stands today almost as it did at the turn of the century.



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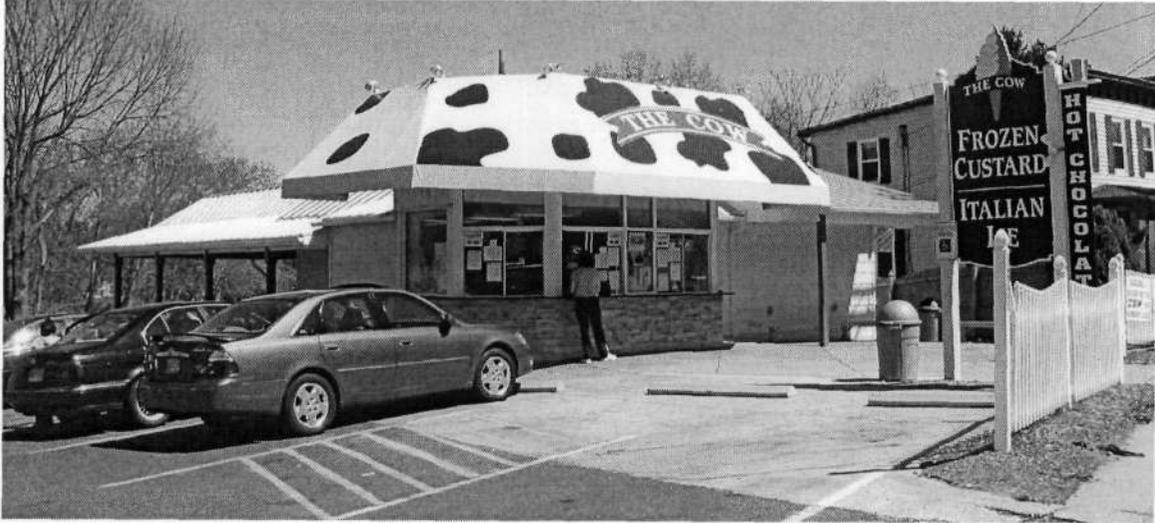


The FIRST
GAS STATION--
Future ?



Yellow Tavern, later known as Hobbs' Hotel, once stood next to this station. Best known because it was built by John Medairy in 1779 to prevent the Pack Horse Road (Reisterstown Road) from going to Pennsylvania, thus preventing the Pennsylvanians from coming through Maryland to use Baltimore harbor. This explains the present day "S" curve in Main Street. It was here that the first meeting of the first Masonic Lodge was held, one of the oldest civic organizations in the community. The Tavern was noted for its excellent wines and helped spread the fame of Reisterstown hostelries and hospitality. The old wooden pump in front of the Tavern served the neighborhood during that time as well as when it became Hobbs' Hotel and is even remembered by some of our present day neighbors.

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Northwest elevation



West facade

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South elevation