

Milestones (16 mile ~~and 17 mile~~)

Reisterstown, Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Milestone
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER # 16 East side Reisterstown Road opposite # 342 Main Street
(337 Main Street)
17 Southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Rds 6th
 CITY, TOWN Reisterstown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Reisterstown VICINITY OF
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS <i>N/A</i>	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME N/A Telephone #: _____
 STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
 VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE _____ Liber #: _____
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. N/A Folio #: _____
 STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE _____
 DATE _____
 _____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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

These identical mileposts, one mile apart, are of sandstone with heavily weathered faces. Arched at the top, their north and south sides retain traces of a straight line tooled texture, parallel to grade. The milepost at 337 Main Street retains traces of the letter B, undoubtedly once part of an indication of miles to Baltimore. Traces of whitewash indicate an early if not original finish to improve their visibility at night.

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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 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 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

The Conewago Road, Great Road to Baltimore Town, High Street, Main Street, The Reisterstown Turnpike --- without its continued presence over 220 years, Reisterstown would not have remained as viable and active a town as it has. Its fortunes, atmosphere and character were heavily dependent upon the traffic which daily passed up and down between Baltimore and Pennsylvania. The townspeople were involved in the trades and services which bore directly upon the traveler; blacksmiths, wheelwrights, saddlers, tanners and hotel keepers. Taverns were maintained for comfort along the route. Many of the tradesmen built houses which also contained their businesses right along the road. The great era of turnpike building in Maryland 1790-1840 was the time that Reisterstown also burgeoned.

The Turnpike went from Franklin Street in Baltimore, along the present Pennsylvania Avenue and Reisterstown Road to Pennsylvania ... "It was begun in 1806 and was finished in 1815 and the turnpike company had permission to collect tolls" (Hollifield op. cit p. 32). Milestones were placed along the road during this period. Today they can still be spotted, but most have been completely effaced. There are two remaining in the Reisterstown Historic District: the 16 mile stone across from 342 Main Street and the 17 mile stone at the southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Roads.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William Hollifield, Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City & County, (Balto. Co. Historical Soc., 1978).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY N/A

16 East side Reisterstown Road. Opposite # 342 Main Street

17 Southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Roads

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Mile Marker -
Main Street

BA 1333

16 mile Milepost
on grounds # 337 Main St - Reisterstown

Carol Pollack

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~~East~~ West