

White Horse Antiques  
Reisterstown, Maryland  
Private Access

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

"White Horse Antiques "

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

238 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Reisterstown

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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

R. J. Kelly / V. L. Isaacs

Telephone #: 833-1606

STREET & NUMBER

238 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Reisterstown

— VICINITY OF

MD 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 2918

Folio #: 490

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Towson, Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historic Sites Survey: Baltimore County

DATE

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— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle

STATE

Annapolis

Md 21401

# 7 DESCRIPTION

BA-165

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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

238 MAIN STREET is a two storey brick house five bays in length, facing the street to the east. The earliest section of this house is the southerly two bays but the entire facade is of Flemish bond. An unbroken vertical joint marks the division between the two sections. Unbonded jack arches are above each opening and the cornice over the entire facade is of corbeled brick. Other walls are of common bond, every sixth course headers. Windows are 6/6 except those of the original structure's first storey which are 8/8. Neither window in the earliest section was a door, suggesting that the very small earliest remaining section was actually an addition to an even earlier house. All windows have narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds. Flush end chimneys rise above each gable end, the southerly with one flue, the northerly with two.

The earliest section of the dwelling measures approximately 16 by 18 feet and it probably dates from the 1820's; the north addition occurred very shortly after the initial construction.

A lower two-storey, brick, gable-roof kitchen wing extends behind the north end and a one storey shed-roofed porch along its south side is now enclosed.

A center hall extends through the middle bay, immediately north of the earliest section and the stair rises to the second floor with a high intermediate landing. Most of the original details remain throughout, including the plain beaded trim, the doors with six partially-raised panels and the northerly mantels which have plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. The mantel of the southerly room is removed and the fireplace is closed; the second storey southerly room has never had a fireplace. In that room's floor, along the north wall, is a patch suggesting the location of a stair.

In the kitchen is a large fireplace fitted with a crane; an enclosed winding back stair is to its north.

The attic is accessible by a fixed diagonal enclosed ladder above the staircase; its treads are rebated into its stringers and beaded boards are applied to its soffit to close it from below. Rafters are covered with modern sheet material. Flooring is all fastened with cut nails. The brick wall in the attic stairway (the original exterior north wall) is unpainted.

A cellar extends only beneath the south room and the first floor joists there are modern but the original log joists remain to the north above the unexcavated area.

Immediately west of the kitchen wing is a brick smoke house with a corbeled brick cornice. Its log rafters are mortised and tenoned at the ridge and numerous wrought iron hooks remain as do the blackened surfaces and aroma indicating its former use.

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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 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 house stands on land once owned by John Reister, Sr. and was part of the Brotherly Love and Reister's Desire tracts. His youngest daughter Mary was deeded a small house and lot south of the Inn at the corner of Church Street in 1781(WG No.G, 1781-82: 101-02) Shortly she married John Beckley, a skilled blacksmith in 1783. He apparently took over operation of the blacksmith shop established by his father-in-law prior to 1775 near Cockey's Mill Road. Eventually the Beckleys were deeded more land and another house on the corner of Cockey's Mill and the turnpike in 1786 and moved there.(WG No.2, 1786-87:369-70)(Marks, op.cit.,p.65)

The Federal Assessment of 1798 lists a property on the site: No.3323. Owner, John Beckley, Occupant, Christian Weaver. Part of Phillip's Desire (re-survey of Reister's Desire in 1773). One hew'd Log Dwelling House one Storey, 24x16. Brick Smith Shop one Storey, 24x18. Hew'd Log Stable, one Storey, 20x18. One exemption, \$50.00 60 perches. Valuation \$61.25.

(Dr. Dickson in his account says that Christian Weaver was a tailor. Dickson, op. cit. p.6)

John died in 1806 and Mary in 1813. The property was passed to the children. There were six. In 1827, 5 of the children conveyed their interests in the property to their unmarried sister Juliett(WG 185/410-411) It is she, possibly, who added a brick wing to the log house and eventually the present front hall and north room. She died in 1854, so that the property reverted back to her brothers and sisters.

The heirs sold the property, then, to John Beckley, Jr. and their sister Dorothy Gore (54 $\frac{1}{2}$  to the north went to John; 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  to the south went to Dorothy(HMF 11/332 & 336)

Both John and Dorothy apparently were active in the affairs of the Methodist church. John in 1848 was named in the will of John Sumwalt as a trustee of the "Preacher's House"(Methodist Parsonage). In 1868, he sold his sister, Dorothy, his portion of the lot nr Church Street.(EHA 60/232) She in turn, deeded part of the

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Sources: Marks, Lillian B. Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)  
 Dickson, Isaac N. Early Days of Reisterstown & Vicinity (Kiwanis, Reisterstown, 1947)  
 Land 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY James T Wollon, A.I.A. and**

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M Ives, Project Coordinator  
 Mrs George Cosman, Volunteer Researcher

September, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md

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  
 (301) 267-1438

Continuation Sheet

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8 Significance Continued

lot (with House) to the Methodist Church as a new building site, naming John a trustee, (EHA 61/81). She died in 1869. (Marks op. cit. p.67) The house and lot was leased by her heirs to Albert L. Whiting whose name appears on the property in the 1877 Atlas. Whiting was a merchant in town.

Finally, in 1879, the lot was purchased by Rebecca J. Stocksdale (JB 98/543 & 112/96-7) who apparently rented it out. It was reportedly rented for many years by Henry DeMoss who farmed the acreage. Miss Jane Stocksdale held the property until her death (she lived next door in #234). Her estate was willed to her heirs. In 1942, Henry M. Whalen sold the property to George Beltz (GHK 1236/363)

George and Mary Beltz deeded the property to Paul Wixon in 1945 (RJS 1422/377)

The Wixons sold to Charles and Susannah Baldwin in 1952 (GLB 2184/440)

The Baldwins deeded the property to the present owners in 1956. (GLB 2918/490)

<p>1. STATE Maryland          COUNTY Baltimore          TOWN          STREET NO. * VICINITY Dist. IV            ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE          PRESENT OWNER          PRESENT USE          WALL CONSTRUCTION          NO. OF STORIES</p>	<p>2. NAME #238 Main Street          DATE OR PERIOD 1786          STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER          3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

\*#238 Main Street -- W.S. Reisterstown Road & S. of Cockey's Mill Road.

Brick dwelling built by John Reister, Sr. Conveyed by him to his son-in-law, Peter Trine. Presently used as an antique shop called the "White Horse."

(second HABS report)  
 E. Frances Offutt  
 HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 March 20, 1968

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore Co. TOWN Reisterstown VICINITY Dist. IV STREET NO. 238 Main Street W,S, Reisterstown R & S of Cockey ORIGINAL OWNER John Reister, Sr. ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Antique Shop WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA <del>164</del> 165	
	2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD 1786 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER John Reister, Sr.	
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Conveyed by John Reister to his son-in-law Peter Trine.  
 "White Horse" Antique Shop is located there now.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior

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 Agriculture Bldg.  
 Texas, Md.  
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