

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The James W. O'Hara House

AND/OR COMMON Convent of the Sisters of Mercy

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
107 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF Texas CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd Congressional District

STATE Maryland 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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" 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 The Archdiocese of Baltimore/
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Telephone #: 666-1733 Convent Phone

STREET & NUMBER
101 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF Texas STATE, zip code Maryland # 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Court's Building Liber #: HMF 447 HMF 48
Folio #: 447 543

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Maryland

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 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

This large commodious dwelling is located on a tree shaded lot well back from the street on the south side of Church Lane in Texas. It was left to St Joseph's Church in the will of Miss Ella O'Hara and is used as a convent by "The Sisters of Mercy", who teach at St Joseph's School.

The house is in the Colonial Revival style and probably built very early in the 20th century. It is of central block design, two stories and attic with a two story extension/addition on the south. The house is frame and covered with asbestos siding, the foundations are of coursed stone with a wooden watertable. The roofs on both the main block and addition are equilateral hip, they are shingled. There are two hip dormers each on the north, west and east angles of the roof of the main block, while there is one on the south. The deep, plain cornice has a tongue in groove soffit. An interior brick chimney is located on the east of the main roof.

The dwelling has a one story, four bay porch on the north facade, which extends one bay east and west. The foundations are stone and ten wood Doric style columns support the hip roof. The south - west corner of the addition has a two bay sleeping porch on the second floor and a two bay cement porch on the first. The bulkhead entrance to the cellar is located on the west. A one bay entrance also located on the west facade of the addition has a hood supported by consoles.

All windows are 1/1 lite with the exception of a stair window on the west which is 1/1 with a plain elliptical fanlight and a centrally located oval window on the second floor of the north facade. This small window has tracery which is framed by a bulls eye with keys.

The house is three bays on the main block and two on the addition on the east facade, three bays on the main block and three on the addition on the west and two on the south. The entrance door on the north facade is half glass.

Alterations have apparently been made to the first floor service porch on the southwest corner of the addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				Street Scape Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large frame house is important as a vernacular interpretation of the Colonial Revival/Neo Georgian Style of architecture popular from about 1895 - 1930. It combines a formal arrangement with an almost symmetrical composition. It utilizes elements of the colonial, Georgian, and contemporary styles of architecture. As part of the street scape formed by the St Joseph's complex, the convent appears to be harmonious in scale, material and position with the other church buildings.

The house was built sometime between 1898 - 1911 by the O'Hara family, wealthy merchants and landowners in Texas. The 4 acre tract was acquired by Martin O'Hara from John P. Clark in 1866, but was undeveloped at O'Hara's death in 1877. The house was apparently built by O'Hara's son James W. whose daughter Ella on her death in 1931, bequeathed the house and four acres to Archbishop Curley of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Subsequently the house became a convent for "The Sister's of Mercy", who had since 1926 been responsible for St Joseph's Parochial School. The O'Hara's had been early and devoted members of St Joseph's Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Lists 1876, 1896, 1911, 1918
Baltimore County Wills J.P.C. 27 Folio 379 and J.P.C. 27 Folio 387
Baltimore County Inventories Liber 49 Folio 547; Liber 52 Folio 478
Baltimore County Land Records: JHL 48/543, JHL 44/447
"The Diamond Jubilee of St Joseph's Parish" Very Rev. Albert E. Smith
Baltimore, 1927
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion S. Anderson (student)

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

December 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

200 Brightdale Road

TELEPHONE

252-1576

CITY OR TOWN

Timonium

STATE

Maryland # 21093

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CONVENT OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

JPC 27/387 - 10 December 1924 - Will of Ella O'Hara - Codicil 2 April 1931 Will proved 2 December 1931.

Item: She revoked and devised bequest to cousin Elizabeth O'Hara and in lieu substituted the following - Four acres of land with improvements to The Most Reverend Michael J. Curley. Household furniture, silverware and all contents of dwelling on said property to cousin Elizabeth O'Hara.

No deed was found for transfer of the 4 acres to Rev Michael J. Curley, probably because it was devised by will.

JHL 48/543 - 19 May 1866 - John P. Clark deed to Martin O'Hara - 2 acres - \$ 600 Beginning for same on south side of County Road leading from Texas to the York Turnpike Road at end of first line of ground heretofore conveyed by said Clark to said O'Hara thence running with and bounding on the south side of said County Road
 North 79° west $8 \frac{8}{10}$ perches to a stake thence
 South 3° west $37 \frac{1}{2}$ perches to a stake planted twenty feet from the center of the railroad track thence
 South $73 \frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ east parallel with said railroad track and 8 and $\frac{8}{10}$ perches to the end of the second line of lot conveyed by Clark to O'Hara as aforesaid thence
 Running with and bounding on said line reversely
 North 3° east $38 \frac{1}{2}$ perches to place of beginning

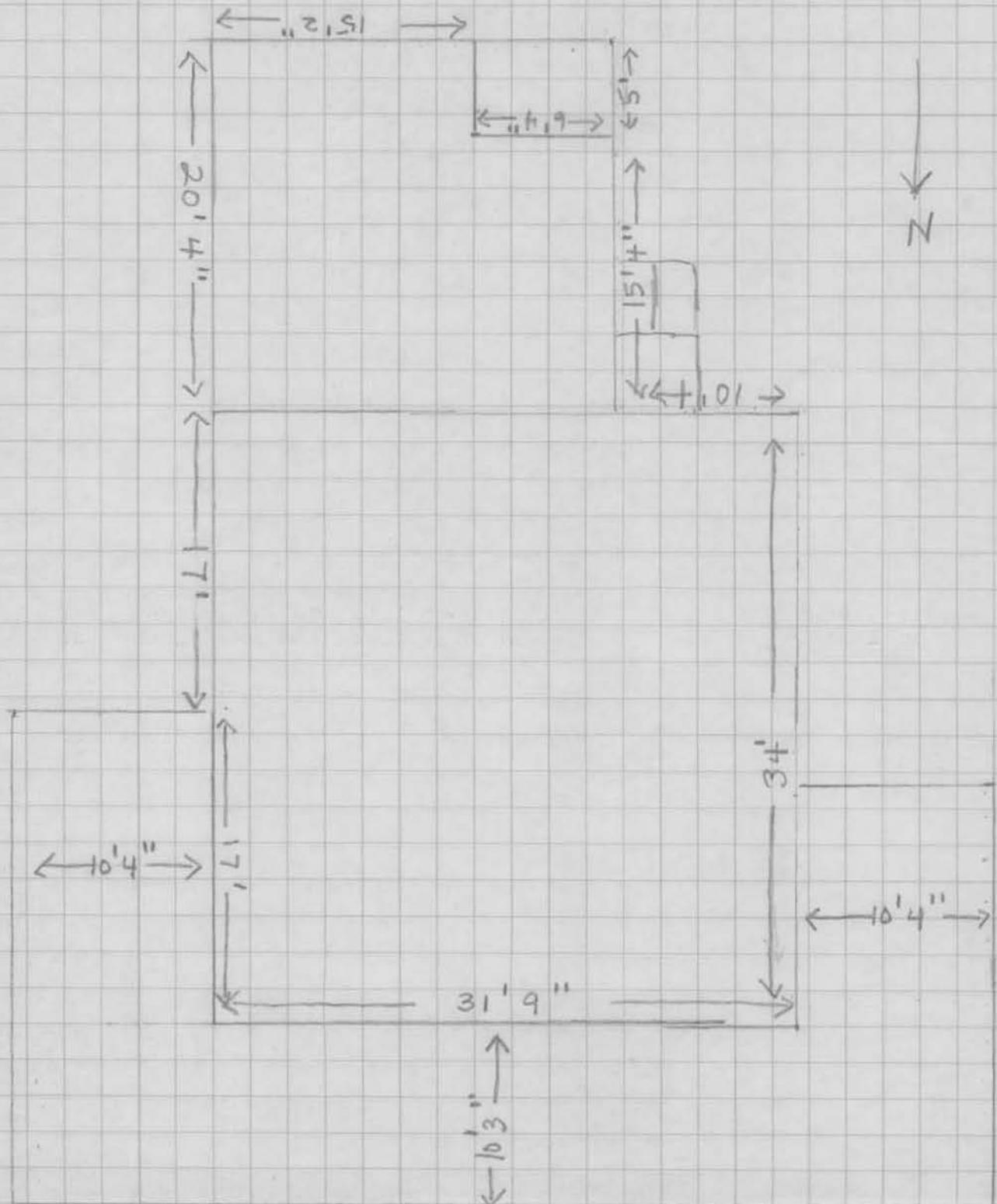
JHL 44/447 - 2 July 1864 - John P. Clark deed to Martin O'Hara - 2 acres \$ 500. Beginning on the south side of the road leading from Texas to the York Turnpike Road at the end of the first line of the land conveyed by John Clark to Francis Patrick Kendrick for a graveyard lot thence running with and bounding on the south side of said road
 North westerly 8 perches thence
 South $2 \frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ west parallel with the second line of the graveyard lot 39 perches more or less to the north side of a road thence running with and bounding on the north side of said road
 South easterly 8 perches to the end of the second line of the graveyard lot, thence running with and bounding on said second line reversely
 North $2 \frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ east $39 \frac{6}{10}$ perches to the place of beginning.

It is likely that the dwelling is built on this last mentioned lot. It is also likely that both lots are a part of the land deeded to John Clark by Charles Buchanan 4 June 1849 A.W.B. 414 folio 387. And if followed back far enough will prove to be a portion of Lot # 4 of the property of Thomas Cockey Deye belonging to Mary C. Nisbet or of Lot # 3 which was awarded to Thomas Deye Cockey.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT

107 CHURCH LANE

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1 square = 2 feet

