

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McDermott's Tavern

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

163 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jason McDermott

Telephone #: 666-1461

STREET & NUMBER

163 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 2310

Folio #: 557

STREET & NUMBER

York Road

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

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 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

The tavern is located directly on the northwest corner of Church Lane and Railroad Avenue. It is set close to the street, and the main entrance door faces north on Church Lane yet at the same time the entrance portico is at the west side of the building. It is a two story building with a gable-end roof. The structure is mostly covered with white asbestos shingle.

The west facade of the tavern faces the railroad and consists of two parts, the main tavern and the adjoining dwelling which connects directly with 9937 Railroad Avenue. The main section of the tavern is two bays wide. The first story is covered with red board and batten siding. A projecting shed roof covers the enclosed entrance porch. Behind the entrance, in the southwest corner of the building, there is a small six light window. The second story which is covered with white asbestos shingle has two, six over six double hung sash windows. The connecting building also has two stories and is covered with asbestos shingle. There are two openings on the first floor, the entrance door and a small window. Steps lead up to the small landing in front of the plain wooden door. A two over two double hung sash window is found in the southwest corner of the building. The second story has four openings. In the center of the facade there are two, six over six double hung sash windows. In the northwest corner, over the door, there are two knee windows with three lights.

The north facade of McDermott's faces Church Lane. The red board and batten siding continues around on the first story of this side. The first section projects out slightly from the main section of the building and is covered by a hip roof. There is a small entrance door at the northeast corner. On the second story there is a six over six double hung sash window.

The back or east facade of the tavern has two small vents at the second story. It continues the pattern of white shingles on the second story and the board and batten siding on the first level. It is possible that the siding covers white stucco.

*stone portion?*

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MANUSCRIPT ARCHIVAL REFERENCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS            | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)                |
|                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tavern is an integral part of the Texas community as a local gathering place. Although it has not always been called McDermott's, it has been the site for other taverns. The idea of the local tavern was present in Ireland and still exists today in an Irish settled community.

\* stone & frame construct.  
19th. C. bldg over 125 yrs old

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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**

NAME / TITLE

Byrd Oliver

ORGANIZATION

DATE

December 14, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Goucher College

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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

Chain of title

163 Church Lane McDermott's Tavern

Plat no. 205

Reference

Deed Book 2310/557	June 22, 1953 - Albert P. Caslin and Anna Caslin, wife, to James B. McDermott except part of lot from Albert Caslin to John E. Concannon deed book 1636/531 March 18, 1948
Deed Book 1409/532	October 23, 1945 - Mary Kearns to Albert Caslin deed of assignation
Deed Book 1279/182	February 20, 1943 - Sarah Kenny to Frank Kearns (died october 10, 1944)
Deed Book 923/461	March 22, 1934 - G. William Parker to James F. Kenny, Sarah Kenny and Elizabeth Kenny
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Deed Book 13/529	December 13, 1855 - Joseph Burrough to Thomas Cockey same lot description as above
Deed Book 10/2127	November 27, 1854 - Paul Griscom to John Burrough deed of trust

Notes

The 1852 map indicates a building on the corner of Church Lane and Railroad Avenue. The name given is Cockey and it indicates there was a tavern there. The 1877 Hopkins map also shows a structure on the corner. ~~There~~

The plat of Griscom vs. Griscom shows that there used to be a road running behind the tavern property. The road ran south off of Church Lane.

The size of the lot is about 47'x 108'x 95'x 100'

BA-1833

